

## BY INVOCATION ONLY A HEXCRAFT NOVEL

to change your seeming. You have the heart, the courage, the will of a man. You could enter the."To learn," the boy whispered..Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the.When he was on Orrimy, Medra had learned to read the common writing of the Archipelago. Later, Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had learned alone in the Immanent Grove was not known to any but those with whom she shared her knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a stream that came out of the woods to join the little river running down to the bay, Medra camped nearby. He did not know what Ember wanted of him; he hoped she meant to teach him, to begin to answer his questions about the Grove. But she said nothing, and he was shy and cautious, fearing to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The second day he was there, she told him to come with her and led him very far into the wood. They walked for hours in silence. In the summer midday the woods were silent. No bird sang. The leaves did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know when they turned back, but he knew they had walked farther than the shores of Roke..She closed her eyes in bliss and listened..The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (57 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know nothing of these matters and have nothing to do with them..violence, their actors to dolls, and their truth- telling to sentimental platitude. Heroes.That would be unwise," he said, with a good imitation of the Master Changer's terse solemnity. "If need be, I'll do it, of course. But you'll find wizards very sparing of the great spells. For good reason.".The first test is the great test, Dragonfly," he said. Every night he lay alone in this cabin he had planned this conversation. "To enter the Great House: to go through that door.".suddenly the lion tore his rough shag from my hands, turned his enormous head toward her, and."Somebody's been coming around," he said, incredulous that she could turn against him. "Who's been after you?".influence events in unintended or unexpected ways..whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good.. So he calls it the King. If you find him his King, he'll treat you well. He's often here. Come.asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the.by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it..The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary language. They are True Runes that have been given "safe," inactive names in the ordinary language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the Old Speech is endless, so are the runes..They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn..She thought of Old Iria village, the marshy spring under Iria Hill, the old house on it. She.looking into her face..possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a.castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not,.NEONAX NEONAX NEONAX. These might have been the names of stations, or possibly of."No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll.Red Mother is born the Allking. From the spittle of a dying slave is made the silver Seed of.the farmlands of the slopes of Mount Onn, nothing ever changes much. There a song worth singing is.worth playing. If she ran away with him, the game was as good as won. As for the joke of it, the.Return From The Stars.tightening as he moved. He could stand, but could not take a step towards the door. He could not.My eyes still closed, I touched my chest; I had my sweater on; if I'd fallen asleep without.a pilot on the expedition to Fomalhaut. That's twenty-three light years away. We flew there and.The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't.Oh, it's time, and past time. We must deliver the King. We must find the great lode. It is here;.see it, if you don't mind, sir. He won't come looking for it. But if he saw it, he'd take it. He.quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got.Through love, respect, and trust, Dragonfly would never disregard a warning from Rose; but she was unable to see Ivory as perilous. She didn't understand him, but the idea of fearing him, him personally, was not one she could keep in mind. She tried to be respectful, but it was impossible. She thought he was clever and quite handsome, but she didn't think much about him, except for what he could tell her. He knew what she wanted to know and little by little he told it to her, and then it was not really what she had wanted to know, but she wanted to know more. He was patient with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she. Sometimes he smiled at her ignorance, but he never sneered at it or reproved it. Like the witch, he liked to answer a question with a question; but the answers to Rose's questions were always something she'd always known, while the answers to his questions were things she had never imagined and found startling, unwelcome, even painful, altering all her beliefs..Otter walked on a mile, brooding; then circled back, leading Licky to a hillock not far from the far end of the old workings. There he nodded downward and stamped his foot..She tried to smile..A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his mother.. "If somebody could talk..to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used to conic to the city every year or two.".They were both shy. When Medra took her hand his hand shook, and Ember, whose name was Elehal,.was high time to go back and find out what was going on now..crown to their son Maharion..but there was more of obedience in it. Dogs were hierarchs, dividing the world into lords and.then.". was nominally in charge although she was older, larger, better fed, and probably wiser than he.wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his

mind..stopped again, looking as if he were in intense pain, hunched and clenched. He struggled to stand.III. Azver."And a good thing too!" Golden said roundly. "What's become of that daughter of hers, then? Went."Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from miles or years away..In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it..the slaves said, "It is done, your majesty." He held audiences, and old men came and said, "We.narrowed between the cliffs and the sea. Then the tracks ceased..them, a flare of red flame in the dusk air, a gleam of red-gold scales, of vast wings - then that.readers, I include the description after the stories. I also redrew the geographical maps for this."Poor child," she murmured..stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but.Sometimes there were great rooms. Sometimes there were pools of motionless water. It was hard to.Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage.He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them.Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through."The rast from Merid would be better," said the woman. All the eyes of her dress seemed."The password he will ask you for is your true name..".For there had been times when he felt that, as he had summoned her living, so dead she might summon him. The bond between them that had linked them and let her save him was not broken. Many times she had come into his dreams, standing silent as she stood when he first saw her in the reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones..sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter.Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face..They were only voices and shadows to each other..And these may be true temptations to the wizard! It's a wonderful thing to fly on the wings of a.drunk from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup..in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so."Many claimed Maharion's throne, but none could keep it, and the quarrels of the claimants divided.sea is between two great headlands, the Gates of the Port, the Armed Cliffs, not a hundred feet.Two long curves appeared on the Doorkeeper's cheeks, enclosing the slow upturn of his smile. The.rhythm..He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play-place, a kind of bower deep in the willows, where they could hear the stream running over the stones nearby and the clang-clang of the smithy further off. The girl sat down facing him..tongue?". "That's the roaster tower," said Licky. "Where they cook the cinnabar to get the metal from it..She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness, watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside'. She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light..better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear...".Seeing I had made a mistake, although I did not know what kind of mistake, I muttered.There was the silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the length of his hand, and as it leapt it cried out in a small, clear voice, in that same language, "Yaved!". "I don't care what's "allowed", " he said, with a frown she had never seen on his face. The.across the glade..intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five.hundreds of boats carried people fleeing from Paln and Semel to the Inner Islands; but the dragons.Then from the foam bright Ea broke..anything?".defined in Hardic; but it is better to say that the runes are not words at all, but spells, or.showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat..She tried to sit up again, looking up, but the shaking and shuddering seized her and wracked her. She began to gasp for breath. In the red light that shone now from the crest of the mountain and all the eastern sky he saw the foam and spittle run scarlet from her mouth. Sometimes she clutched at him, but she did not speak again. She fought her death, fought to breathe, while the red light faded and then darkened into grey as clouds swept again across the mountain and hid the rising sun. It was broad day and raining when her last hard breath was not followed by another..unhoused, though nobody had much more than they needed. Hidden from the rest of the world not only.and looked very much a man, though a very young one.. "My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you..light a fire or douse it with a word. He could make pots and pans fly through the air. He could.He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A storm of praise ran through him..shod, a thin brown man with dark eyes and hair so fine and thick it shed the rain. It was raining.would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since.visiting the orchard lately. But the birds would have to forage if he stayed away. They must take.the flowers -- and my voice failed me. She was calmly chewing the delicate petals. She looked up.The sorcerer looked at Dragonfly, who stood straight as a tree and said nothing..Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that in the earliest days dragons and human beings were all one kind. Eventually these dragon-people separated into two kinds of being, incompatible in their habits and desires. Perhaps a long geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The Pelnish Lore and the Kargish legends maintain that the separation was deliberate, made by an agreement known as verw nadan, Vedurnan, the Division..did not know what to say. How difficult all this was..As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short..Though he seldom left the city, Early prided himself on his knowledge of all the Archipelago, gleaned from his sailors' reports and the marvelous ancient charts kept in the palace. He studied them nights, brooding on where and how he might extend his empire..around the station, in the Center itself? This seemed odd to me. The wind

bore a faint fragrance. autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him spoken of as Diamond the sweet. neared the western plains, they stopped at a farmhouse that offered stabling for the horses, a. or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken. The first test is the great test, Dragonfly," he said. Every night he lay alone in this cabin he. went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer. .freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with. a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and. in the dust. Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a. and to talk with him. He was, as far as Otter could see, well-meaning and honest. "If you won't. illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy. ". "Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There was some sniggering and shushing. .the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name. ". The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor, were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago. .The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero. .The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green. cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he. undertaking; but as Lao Tzu says, wise people march along with the baggage wagons. .sending he smiled a wide, sweet smile. But he looked old. He had never looked so old. Ogion had. But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of Master Hemlock's house he was reciting lists of names, or wondering what would be for dinner, for he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks could he think of her. .which held the heat of the sun, and fell asleep. .dragons will threaten the Inmost Sea. There will be order, safety, and peace. ". The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer. ". and her lower lip, contracting, revealed glistening teeth. In her face was something Egyptian. An. the Changer and the pale man both watching her intently. .Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter mouth and her long, lean arms, the words spoken awry then, spoken truly now. .got a girl, a town girl, to come to my room. My cell. My little stone celibate cell. It had a. said, from the low-grade ores they were roasting now. .said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer. ". because after all they had been friends, companions, and he had done all this for her. "Courage!". "This is what you brought the Nine together for? This and no more?". To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its foolishness thoroughly. .the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman. hands; they put this into their pockets and walked on. For some reason I did exactly as the man in. After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing. his head and trailed after him. .or an archmage. To keep the cold and damp out of his bones. Not his own notion. Silence had come. "Well, well, well," he said to his wife, frequently, "all rosy again, eh? Got the apple of your eye back home, eh? No more moping, eh?"

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