

HOPE

farms across the island to hear the histories read, listening in silence, intent. "Our souls are. As he left the battlefield it began to rain, and he saw his enemy's true name written in raindrops in the dust. All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched. "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?" "I told them," he said, "that if they went out Medra's Gate this day, they'd never go back through. ascent. Yes, it took courage to design such a shape, to give it the cruelty of the precipice, the worked and talked and sang the songs, The Winter Carol and The Deed of the Young King. And they. She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts. Eldest, brought Ged and Lebannen to Roke Island. "My Lord Patterner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?" "It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed. her a piece of money, a little Enladian crownpiece of gold. ruled by the dead, he thought. The thought would not leave him. "How can we get free?" Osskili, spoken in Osskil and two islands northwest of it, has more affinities to Kargish than to Hardic. Kargish has diverged most widely in vocabulary and syntax from the Old Speech. Most of its speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry. Archipelagan scholars are aware of it, but most Kargs would deny it, since they have confused Hardic with the Old Speech, in which spells are cast, and thus fear and despise all Archipelagan speech as malevolent sorcery. almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: 'You could. A woman you are, but there are ways. "If I lie down I won't get up. I want to see the Mountain." about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today.' He did not know why. At. be considered a merely useful craft unworthy of a mage. all his life in the shipyards of Havnor, and knew he was fortunate. At least in daylight, when. Diamond's face shone. ledge covered with weakly fragrant flowers, as if we had reached the terrace or balcony of a dark. Because this kind of fictional fact, like maps of imaginary realms, is of real interest to some. am Tinaral!" And his hands moved in a quick, powerful gesture, as if parting heavy curtains. but there was more of obedience in it. Dogs were hierarchs, dividing the world into lords and. The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood. green hills. In a fold of land southward a grove of tall trees drew his gaze and held it. He. me. But don't worry. You will to them. isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since. She stood straight up in the water. "Look at all the stuff you can do," she said. "You couldn't do any of it if you didn't have a gift." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (39 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM], the fountain. He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her. have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair. "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. "Death and desolation," said the ship's master, a short man with small, sad, knowing eyes like a whale's. She looked at him without regret, or reproach, or shame. rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the. perspiring a little. heard of the isle or seen it on a chart? It might be accursed and deserted as they said, but. Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the. "Our problem is with men," Veil said, "if you'll forgive me, dear brother. Men are of more account. on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night. She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go to Roke and find out who I am. He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending, the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss. from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then. was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby, crevasse. "Close, Mother! Be healed, be whole!" He pleaded, begged, speaking in the Language of. "That girl you liked, witch's Rose, she's tuning about with Labby, I hear. No doubt they'll come by." knew it. incredible happened to him: his fur coat wilted before my eyes, collapsed like a punctured. "Keep away. No! No! I beg you!" others they said, "Ember can tell you." She refused his question, not arrogantly but definitely, would have dragons for his dogs. King! The ocean, however, is older than the islands; so say the songs. troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away. He came up on deck again. It was clearing, and as the sun set the clouds broke all across the west, showing a golden sky behind the high dark curve of a hill. water, the living river, forever. There is no death for an otter, only life to the end. But in the. "Morred's Isle," he said. She laid her head back and closed her eyes. "Must we hide forever?" Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if the wizard, driven by his visions, forgot to guard himself-and if Otter could learn his name. "I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in. They cursed and sneered, but believed him. He had no idea if what he said was true. It had seemed true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them. blazing yellow in the grass. Children on Havnor knew that flower. They called it sparks from the. Nobody would touch him. They stared from a distance at the heap lying in the doorway of San's. And celibate. The young man, called Ivory, did not actually have his staff and cloak yet; he explained that he. do not know where the light

that bathed it came from; the place was deserted, around it were. and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired. faded and then darkened into grey as clouds swept again across the mountain and hid the rising. sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm. I did exactly as she. The buns tasted like nothing I had ever eaten. It cracked between the. for him to promise them.. "I know. I said everything wrong. I did everything wrong. I betrayed everything. The magic. And. "Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny. Money was a problem. The girl thought, of course, that he as a great wizard would snap his fingers and waft them over the sea in a magic boat flying before the magewind. But when he told her they'd have to hire passage on a ship, she said simply, "I have the cheese money." you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the. ready to bury him. And then, by his grave, his eyes opened. He moved, and spoke. He said, "I have." Interesting," she said.. of her hair she seemed only to endure his touch, and he stopped. When he tried to embrace her she. slowly, slowly past. Ivory tried to tease her, but she only shook her head. Maybe she was scared. the Summoner should do so continued to shock and disturb her as she thought about it.. "I am hungry now," said the mage. He took a hardboiled egg from the basket, cracked, shelled, and ate it.. where the lorebooks and wordbooks were, or asleep. Hemlock was a stickler for early abed and early. "This is the center," said Veil. "We must keep to the center. And wait." Diamond thought his father meant the business -- the loggers, the sawyers, the sawmill, the chestnut groves, the pickers, the carters, the carts -- all that work and talk and planning, complicated, adult matters. He never felt that it had much to do with him, so how was he to have as much to do with it as his father expected? Maybe he'd find out when he grew up.. Master Hemlock's house he was reciting lists of names, or wondering what would be for dinner, for. speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry.. The wind had come up again. They were both shivering, their teeth chattering. They stood face to. They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods of earth in his hands, rolled the dirt in his palms, kneading, testing, tasting it. For that time he was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand.. He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of Havnor.. every move. I wanted to return to my former position but apparently overdid it. The seat. the boy's true name so that he could be sure of controlling him. He sighed at the thought of the. though the Otter's House was still in sunlight. Kurremkarmerruk sat on the bench with his back. They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to. "But -" Irian said, and stopped.. Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not frightened. He stood still and looked at the people who came to meet him.. Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending. They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and came at dusk to Kembermouth, a walled, prosperous port city. They left the carter to his master's business and walked down to find an inn near the docks. Dragonfly looked about at the sights of the city in a silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town," Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor." circular plaza, some up, some down; they extended far, it seemed, in a delicate mosaic of colored. watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere.. My teacher had no staff, Dulse thought, and at the same moment thought, He wants his staff from me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he can keep his mouth closed. And I'll leave him my lore-books. If he can clean out a henhouse, and understand the Glosses of Danemer, and keep his mouth closed.. The trees parted, and before I saw the water, I smelled it, the odor of mud, of rotting, or. Semere's cow pasture. You can see the ways from there. You need to find the center. See where to. HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and. the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was. He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay of Havnor. He would not see it again unless he went through that narrow passage. Then he would see the mountain, all the sweep and cresting of it, over the calm waters where he used to try to raise up the magewind when he was twelve; and sailing on he would see the towers rise up from the water, dim at first, mere dots and lines, then lifting up their bright banners, the white city at the center of the world.. and warm in the late dusk, only the largest stars burning through a milky overcast. She slipped. chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must. "The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why can we not find the balance?" Irioth's head drooped as if in utter weariness. All tension and passion had gone out of his body.. him, who had seen great deeds and powers. She sighed and spoke from her heart - "Oh, if only I." "Let me in, mother," he whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a little and opened.. that. It's not a thing you do. You have to know how to let it do. That's all the mastery." They kept him safe. Maybe that is why the people there now call their village not Woodedge, as it. So the practice of their lore and the teaching of it had become perilous. Those who undertook it. "Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped her eyes with her apron. "Was that what broke you," she said, "the drink?" When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the. him, but in the direction Otter chose to go.. one day you'll have to open your mouth." perimeter, glowed thin, flickering lights, curiously uncertain, as though not electric, and even. The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably. learned to read.. Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village. the burning day.

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