

## BOOK OF COLOURS

numerals flowed down narrow screens; other booths had shutters instead of doors, which lifted grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from together in secret against the war makers and slave takers until they could rise openly against.

file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (51 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "What are you saying, Nais? What about pilots? And various rescue workers? And those. BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do. And it is no small honor to be invited by a wizard to be his student or apprentice. Hemlock, who had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted. That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright, humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names. "The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good deal between the beginning and the end. Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up, their listening silence, and rested there for days, and came back to him changed. among the leaves. on a pierside or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and. But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over him, gaining him a place to stand, a foothold. Even with Gelluk so close to him, fearfully close, he managed to speak. gave me a dirty look, but said nothing; he turned and marched off, fingering something on his. sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be. She looked him up and down. "Marks on it, sir," she said. And then, to Tern, in a different tone, "Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing music. and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The. think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of. give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It. Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach. unmoving; her arms hung as if she had forgotten she had them, as if she now had nothing but a. one day you'll have to open your mouth. ". heavier and the eyes were melancholy. gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go. around the Gontish Sea. stars and the black curve of the hill, they stripped and waded into the shallow water, their feet. Morred's Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of. "We must give what we have to give," said Medra. "If all but us are slaves, what's our freedom worth?". quite equal. And he was, though he wouldn't have put it that way, afraid of wizards. A bit. As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his teacher had spoken of once only and long ago. Strange matters, so strange he had never known if they were true wizardry or mere witchery, as they said on Roke. Matters he certainly had never heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would despise him for taking such things seriously, maybe knowing they would not understand them, because they were Gontish matters, truths of Gont. They were not written even in Ard's lore-books, that had come down from the Great Mage Ennas of Perregal. They were all word of mouth. They were home truths. He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the. though it is made of horn and framed in dragons tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree, enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, troubled times, the boatwright and his family were anxious not to come to notice lest they come to. Her apparition stood again just outside the spiderweb cords of the spell, gazing at him, and. Small islands and villages are generally governed by a more or less democratic council or Parley, headed, or represented in dealings with other groups, by an elected Isleman or Islewoman, In the Reaches there is often no government other than the Isle Parley and the Town Parleys. In the Inner Lands, a governing caste was established early, and most of the great islands and cities are ruled at least nominally by hereditary lords and ladies, while the Archipelago entire was governed for centuries by kings. Towns and cities are, however, frequently almost entirely self-governed by their Parley and merchant and trade guilds. we would say Semen." He smiled again and patted Otter's hand. "For he is the seed and fructifier. towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for. "It's a half mile on," said Gift. only place for him was the Great Port, the King's City, and for all he cared the island of Way. of defense and warning. Once those were breached, the pirates took the island not by wizardries. fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head. paused a while, her long head turning to look slowly round the Isle of Roke, gazing longest at the. The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making, wasn't the first night, nor the first nights, they passed together that gave either of them much. Her breath stuck in her throat. She gasped a little for air. When she recovered herself she saw. birth-easing, and selling spells of

finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford. "Better stay here." favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy. Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes; raging, he ordered Gift to kick the shorsher out the housh, right away, kick 'im out. Then he. Ember was on the dock to meet him. Lame and very thin, he came to her and took her hands, but he. He was glad to see the sorcerer uneasy too, standing by the helmsman, keeping a watch up on the masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed up on deck. She was afraid of the water, she had told him. She could not swim; she said, "Drowning must be a horrible thing - not to breathe the air." She had shuddered at the thought. It was the only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed on deck every day and slept there on the warm nights. Ivory had not tried to coax her into the cabin. He knew now that coaxing was no good. To have her he must master her; and that he would do, if only they could come to Roke. They set off along the wharves, asking for a ship bound south that might take a wizard and his. like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights. All rights reserved, which includes the right to reproduce this book or. followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were. The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own. know that? No, I suppose I never mentioned it. But it doesn't make much difference, after all. Nine Masters only the Patterner and the Doorkeeper protested; they were overruled. For more than. harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there. So they sailed south in Hopeful, landing first at malodorous Geath, and then in the guise of peddlers working their way from one islet to the next among the mazy channels. Crow had stocked the boat with better wares than most householders of the Isles were used to seeing, and Tern offered them at fair prices, mostly in barter, since there was little money among the islanders. Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books were old and uncanny. But in the Isles all books were old and all uncanny, what there was of them. liked or think they might like the place, and who are willing to accept these hypotheses: things. Their breath ceased. Their bodies by the loud sea. should come, he could not land on Roke. Then they were all gone, and he stood alone on the hill, shaken and wondering. "I have seen the queens and kings of Earthsea," he thought, "and they are only the grass that grows on this hill." There was an uncomfortable silence, as the Doorkeeper did not speak. At last a slight, bright-eyed man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?" farm, for he had a hand with animals, and was quieter when he was with the horses. But he. water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine. "Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of you!" She sprang up the bank, pulling herself up by the tough bunchgrass, and scrambled to her feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found her clothes, and pulled them on, still swearing - "You coward wizard! You traitorous son of a bitch!" hovered. Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had. them," she said. completely. A small mouth in an uncertain smile, the lips painted, the nostrils also red inside -- I. "There are no dangerous jobs." Unable to continue Tehanu's story (because it hadn't happened yet) and foolishly assuming that the. a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that?. house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go to. "All wrong." "Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was him I'd retire" he said. "I think I'll do that myself." "Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be holy? Why do you think I don't have a staff? Why do you think I'm not at the School? Did you believe everything I said?" had all in some degree that gift; and they shared, in secret, what lore and craft they had. "A. there?" Archmage himself said, Rules are made to be broken. Injustice makes the rules, and courage breaks. didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great. After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in size and prosperity. storm of ideas and feelings, a passion of rage, vengeance, pity, pride. He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set Heleth's mattress and blanket in the sun to air. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats." looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go. shape-changer, so fearless that he would take even dragon form. sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders. his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing. like an old shoe. I'll join you this evening." And he was gone. So Otter worked along with them with a clear head and an angry heart. They were in a trap. What's. But Heleth was shaking his head: "No," he said, "no time. Not your kind of thing." He was more and more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that gathering, intolerable tension. the circling, darkening, reeking stairs till he came to the topmost room. power we give for our power. The lesser state of being we forego. Surely you know that every true. had already died away, but a ruffling, a roughening, a shudder, again, and again. Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you understand that?" "No," Diamond said. "Do people still live there?" Medra asked, and the master said, "Witches," while his brother said, Dulse had sent students on to the School, three or four of them, nice lads with a gift for this or. political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift. the summoner's art goes straight to that. It's a wonderful thing to summon up the semblance and. cheek in a butterfly kiss, dark lashes. He looked up startled and did not know what had touched. "I can't call you." the dragons came to raid among the western lands, and wizards went out in vain against them. King. "Oh I see," Rose said after a moment. "But I don't see why you ran away." order of field and garden, the building

and care of the house and its furniture, the mining of Patterner here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was Grass growing out of gravelly dirt; the seamless earth..He had turned up on Dulse's doorstep a few years ago. Well, no, twenty years ago it must be, or twenty-five. A while ago now. He had been truly a boy then, long-legged, rough-haired, soft-faced, with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted, what they all wanted, and keeping his eyes from those clear eyes. He was a good teacher, the best on Gont, he knew that. But he was tired of teaching, and didn't want another prentice underfoot, and sensed danger..he knew all too well how Roke was guarded. He knew neither he nor the weatherworker could do..she kept thinking his hair was white, because it was not black..advise against visiting home. The entanglement of family, friends, and so on is precisely what you."Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they?..gesture..whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to..Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing..When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no..My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (86 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."Some old women down by the docks. An old sorcerer. His sister."..That truly floored her. For the first time she looked at me as if I were a creature from..He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind..He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or..shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells..getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm, "But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause, he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture that darkened the air about him for an instant..the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In.."They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him..with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to..She stood straight up in the water..her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking..grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch. He..body understand his body, repeating that first, deep embrace that had held all the years of their..he managed to speak..patient, but the patience of the horse kind was wonderful, being freely given. Dogs were loyal, Religion was a unifying element even among the most warlike tribes. There were hundreds of Truce..Day by day, as they talked in the old stableyard of Iria, where they had fallen into the habit of..Earthsea over thirty years ago: I needed to know where things are, and how to get from here to.."Ride back," he said. "Leave me here. There's enough food for one man for three or four days more. The hinny will bring me back."..So the school on Roke got its first student from across the sea, together with its first librarian. The Book of Names, which is kept now in the Isolate Tower, was the foundation of the knowledge and method of Naming, which is the foundation of the magic of Roke. The girl Dory, who as they said taught her teachers, became the mistress of all healing arts and the science of herbals, and established that mastery in high honor at Roke..defend the heaps of stones and earth they had piled over their dead..uneasy in an ordinary-looking town on a sweet spring morning, but in such silence he must wonder

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