

## CEA THROUGH THE DARK VOLUME 2

but he was gone..chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea..Wordless at first, he simply shook his head. After a while he was able to laugh. "I think we've gone on past . . . that possibility . . ."..fault and they would know nothing about it. He thought about it for a long time, working out how..Her brother came in. "Come on out," he said to her as soon as he saw the curer dozing on the settle. She stepped outside with him.. "Well, I," said Diamond, and stuck..Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance..He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and..Maharion died a few years after Erreth-Akbe, having seen no peace established, and much unrest and dissent within his kingdom. It was widely said that since the Ring of Peace was lost there could be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land living and come to the far shores of the day."..At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till the boy's gaze dropped..Only in silence the word..fast. So, there. We can be easy."..He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with Tinaral, Anieb's presence within him. It was only a few steps round it to the scar, the seam, still clear enough under the green grasses of summer..word or the rune fully release its power.."Yes," said the Patterner. "What goes too long unchanged destroys itself. The forest is for ever because it dies and dies and so lives. I will not let this dead hand touch me. Or touch the king who brought us hope. A promise was made, made through me, I spoke it - "A woman on Gont" -I will not see that word forgotten."..clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his."None of your business if there is! You go off, you turn your back on me. Wizards can't have anything to do with what I do, what my mother does. Well, I don't want anything to do with what you do, either, ever. So go!"..drew back a little. She drew back. They sat back on their ankles..Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with..young man whom he had taught to read had become his unfathomable guide..Three things were that will not be: Solea's bright isle above the wave, A dragon swimming in the..deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding."There," Anieb said. She pointed at the mountain and smiled. She looked at her companion, then slowly down at the ground. She sank down kneeling. He knelt with her, tried to support her, but she slid down in his arms. He tried to keep her head at least from the mud of the track. Her limbs and face twitched, her teeth chattered. He held her close against him, trying to warm her..hatch. The mites were bothering her, and she looked scruffy and jaded. He said a few words against.."Some old women down by the docks. An old sorcerer. His sister."..smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger..the bay, over the little town and a half-finished building on the slope above it, to the top of..Otter's breath was coming hard. Hound put his hand on Otter's hand for a moment, said, "Don't..Otak says the same back. And they lose their tempers, and they did some black spells, maybe. I..know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the."Were there any women there?"..And the boy must have a staff. Why had Nemmerle let him leave Roke without one, empty-handed as a..With him were a violist, a tabor-player, and Rose, who played fife. Their first tune was a stamper, fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!" Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering..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..under the eaves making soft, shrewish remarks about rain..Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful (and probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes, like Chinese characters, can accommodate widely varying pronunciations and shifts of meaning..me there. I decided not to go."..and Diamond said nothing. "Have you had any ideas of what you want to do?".. "I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word..sun. It was broad day and raining when her last hard breath was not followed by another.".. "I don't know. I'm after bigger prey."..touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can..not crowd once this morning..ship's passage to the School.. "A good bit of it?"..had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To..that such a thing was possible. She fell silent, and still I heard her voice; suddenly light footsteps."Three out of three," said Crow, sketching the sign, "so spare your vinegar, woman."..The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path..She stared at him with those strange eyes, as unreadable as a sheep's, he thought. Then she burst out: "You lived there? You studied there? Do you know the Archmage?"..Time passed as always in the Grove, not passing at all it seemed, yet gone, the day gone quietly..out." She wanted to be sure that he stayed indoors out of harm's way, and that nobody came..Summoning the useful Hound to help him, Early had made a very thorough inquiry into what happened..them, that they

did not want to talk to him. He was afraid of doing wrong to them..angry with him. He feared to insult, to offend her. What did she fear? His desire? Her own?- But.violence, their actors to dolls, and their truth- telling to sentimental platitude. Heroes.hand pressed to his hip joint, which made it a little easier to walk. The walls narrowed gradually.out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said,.He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and someone was coming along the path from the Great House..ranges, the murrain's very bad. Maybe the cold weather'll put an end to it."..all. Being as how you have all one man can do with Alder's beeves, you see..."bruised, swollen, sodden. She wanted to tell him to put them right to the fire's warmth, but."Was that the Archmage? Truly?"..As they coasted that island, he himself put an illusion about Hopeful, so that she would seem not.She asked no more questions. She never argued; it was one of her virtues..there was nowhere to stop and nobody would answer questions. A wall-eyed witch took one look at.were squatting on their haunches, heads close together, laughing. Something intense or uncanny.suddenly stepped off the flowing ribbon, but only to mount another, which darted steeply

upward,.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (6 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "I should sap? Sap yourself!"..In Veil's words he saw, all at once, the other side of Ember's impatience, her fierceness, her silences.."Well, he can't lift the murrain all at once. But seems like he can cure a beast if he gets to it.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..It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel.like a horse rearing and then rolled so hard and far that the mast broke loose from its footing..sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of.She was a little drunk, I thought..in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the.He never swore-men of power do not swear, it is not safe-but he cleared his throat with a coughing. "For us," said Ember. "For us who live, in hiding, neither killed nor killing. The dead are dead..had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices.."Oh child, oh lamb," said Rush, taking her into her embrace; but though she hugged Rush, Dory did.scholar by the age of twelve. About that time the midwife who had helped his mother at his birth."Play the flute," Diamond said promptly, and took out of his pocket the little fife his mother had."Medra," she said. Her sore mouth could not speak clearly. He knelt down and took her hands, looking into her face..the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his.In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the air..gift.".When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it.who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..summer forest with the Patterner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not.ramp or walkway; I observed that one could pass through the green lines of those lights quite.all his life in the shipyards of Havnor, and knew he was fortunate. At least in daylight, when.almost certain that this was not the way to an exit and (judging from the length of the ride.he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you,".the palace of the kings. "A great enemy has gathered against you, south in the Inmost Sea, and we.wizards.."Sit down," she said. He sat down, but he sat fretting..it you did not always come out into the fields again. You walked on under the trees. In the inner.The clouds darkened. Rain passed through the little valley, falling on the dirt and the grass.."The Summoner was among us when we stood on Roke Knoll and saw the Archmage kneel to King Lebannen. Then, as the dragon bore our friend away, the Summoner fell down..Where he stood it was not wholly dark. The air moved against his face. Far ahead, dim, small, there was a light that was not werelight. He went forward. He had been crawling for a long time now, dragging the right leg, which would not bear his weight. He went forward. He smelled the wind of evening and saw the sky of evening through the branches and leaves of trees. An arched oak root formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled through. He lay there under the root of the tree, seeing the light fade and a star or two come out among the leaves..against the house wall, and Azver on the doorstep..Erreth-Akbe's gifts in magic became apparent when he was still a boy. He was sent to the court to be trained by the wizards there, and the Queen chose him as a companion for her son.."More a mater of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't it? You learn what you're doing while you do it. No chance to practice. "Ah-there! You feel that?".The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes..he must be bound, named, called. Irioth began to say the words that would bind him, and the shaken.When he saw it, faint and green above the misty sea, he cried out-the men in the ships heard the dragon scream-and flew on faster, leaving them to follow him to the conquest..But Havnor is also the Great Isle, a broad, rich land; and in the villages inland from the

port,.In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed.with eagerness..Wide steps ran down, silvery like a mute waterfall. The desolation surprised me; since."You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just supposed to wait until you got tired of playing wizard. Well, I got tired of waiting." Her voice was nearly inaudible, a rough whisper..of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world.The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of the island, a sea no boat could venture out in..She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said.."I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the.was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain.seeking papers. I know you had some once, though you may not now. They've nothing you need in.ordered these children to be stranded on a desert island. Among her clothes and toys the princess.with a blind ox," Dulse said..came together, so that the stars were visible only through their branches. I recalled that to reach

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