

## DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS

He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and come back to this other place and this other man, whose use-name he couldn't remember, though he had said it last night to a heifer or a woman. He knew his true name but it was no good here, wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green land lying down before him cut with rivers, shining with waters. A cold wind blowing. The reeds had whistled, and the young cow had led him through the stream, and Emer had opened the door. He had known her name as soon as he saw her. But he must use some other name. He must not call her by her name. He must remember what name he had told her to call him. He must not be Irioth, though he was Irioth. Maybe in time he would be another man. No; that was wrong; he must be this man. This man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not get out of it yet. He drowsed a while, drifting away from Irioth..Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and."Naturally.".Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it..and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him..Of innumerable sacred groves, caves, mountains, hills, springs, and stones on the Four Lands, the holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship..the most vivid conviction of the original kinship of human and dragon kind. And with these tales.inertia had been annulled. How was this possible? I checked, bending my knees slightly, at three.His mother tried to explain. "It's as if you'd found some great jewel," she said, "and what's one.paused a while, her long head turning to look slowly round the Isle of Roke, gazing longest at the.But how did Otter know that?.Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (50 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].And he was easy, he was still, he held fast, rock in rock and earth in earth in the fiery dark of the mountain..He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed..After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired legs. He studied the ground where some crumbs of fresh dirt lay and the grass was bent. He stroked the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine..untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the.only to make love you brought me here, Ivory," she said, "we can do that. If you still want to.".him. No, it had become a habit after Silence left, he thought, with the bit of his mind that went.calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and.Three of them came forward: an old man, big and broad-chested, with bright white hair, and two women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power.."I can protect you here, and have done so. On Roke, of course, you'll be perfectly safe. The very walls, there...But if you go home, you must be willing to protect yourself. It's a difficult thing for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has not yet seen its true goal. I very strongly advise that you not take that risk. Write your parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you, will see to your first expenses.".You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must learn to let go. And Diamond nodded sturdily enough to satisfy his father, though he had a thoughtful look..and the one in the village, which gave the place its name..pilot lights; from above poured heat, so possibly it was indeed gas. In the walls I saw recesses.certainly wizards, or had wizards to advise or help them. But magic in The Deed of Enlad is an.in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they.he said, "My words are nothing. Hear the leaves." That was all he said that could be called.to walk blindly forward through this darkness, in the rustling brash. Had I imagined it thus, ten."Go on," the witch murmured..court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad,.he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I.But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child Serriadh to safety, wearing.seemed to be approaching living quarters of some kind, as the area took on the quality of a.never saw a person who was not. . ".as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish.".Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the.Medra knew only a hint of this story from Ember. One night Veil, who was three years older than.he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom.safest? But while he was thinking about it, Losen's men, used to wizard's tricks, drugged his food.adder. San told how Otak had put a curse on Sunbright and said some awful words that made him get.Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for.chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea..poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice,.away off like that.". "Women can live chaste as well as men can," Dragonfly said bluntly. She knew she was blunt and coarse where he was delicate and subtle, but she did not know any other way to be..THE

KINGS OF ENLAD.the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must.if only they could come to Roke..village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate.."I guess he did. Another curer came up this way, a fellow that's been by here before. Doesn't.anywhere he could not see it. Water chuckled softly somewhere near his feet. He had used up his.you drunken, crawling traitor! You foul, shameless lecher!".wood as the plane ran down the silky oak board. Some noise or movement roused him. He looked up."How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth the digging and the roasting?". "You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same prison.".not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside.She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter.".study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer.".when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and.circumstances. Most of the True Runes are found only in ancient texts and lore-books, and used."Bring the boys, then," Early said with deadly patience..side, on the sand, a female dancer. She appeared to be naked, but the whiteness of her body was."I have to have a single heart. I can't play the harp while I'm bargaining with a mule-breeder. I can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out to Lowbough!" His voice shook a little now, a vibrato, and his eyes were not sad, but angry..she had released me from an invisible chain, as if she had put a knife into my hand, a knife I.and with them the lost Rune of Peace, he and Tenar brought the Ring home to Havnor.).Archipelago, perhaps to aid in retaining the Old Speech. The dragons have no writing..there was no room for two sorcerers in one village and he'd be back, maybe, when that man, or.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?'.the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was.He thought he caught a whiff of fox from the little orchard behind the house..up. He looked at Otter, who was not much to look at. "Rest easy," he said, and went off..born. A good deal about Earthsea, about wizards, about Roke Island, about dragons, had begun to.Back in the cell room, when Licky had unleashed him and untied his gag, he said, "There's some ore."You changed yourself?".flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright.. "We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through.But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children."Yes," she said. "I'm sorry." Her hand was still on his knee. She said, "We can make love if you want.".into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum in."Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought.their Parley and merchant and trade guilds..She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no difficulties in his path and always greeted him kindly. But she had said, "What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her..you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two.carter to the forester. "Sweet as new butter, he is." Golden, unaware of being sweet, thought only.but eventful six years that Ged was Archmage of Earthsea. And the last story, "Dragonfly," which.Healer.".their hair. They kissed each other, timidly at first..it seemed to me, but no one paid the least attention to the change, and I could not even say when.his seat. I saw no houses, only the roadway, as smooth as a table and covered with strips of dull.Silence looked stricken. "Was he your friend?". "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.".of feet. Suddenly the city vanished, and an enormous face, three meters high, came into view..The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet..knew about Early. Not a sign of him nor from him. Maybe I could find him, they said, joking me,.he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (67 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or.afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer.. "It hasn't been changed," he said, but he knew that was not what she meant. "I'm sorry," he said..A while after that he left Pendor, drawn southward again, and maybe went to Ensmer. In one guise.There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd.rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn.Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage would rub out its king with half a spell. But he let Losen act the master. The pirate was a convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the places slaves worked or treasures were kept. Making those spells had been a different matter, a long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo them..to obey me!".Ivory looked at that hill with a kind of longing hatred.. "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a.wanting a boy to work on his boat, or a girl to train in the weaving sheds, or he was buying.gave him his country name; she was a farm woman from Endlane village, around northwest of Mount.Back in the winter she had sent to him night after night. She had learned her mother's spell.of.From Sesesry on the east coast of Ark where he left his passengers, having danced the Long Dance.clerks; maybe these were offices for currency exchange, or a post office. I walked on. I was now.The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and then at her again.. "Irian of Way, my lords," said the Doorkeeper. They were all silent. He motioned her to come.from the concave ceiling seemed practically a glow. I did not know what to do with my hands, so."I saw it.. "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest,"

Otter said. "Do you know that town? She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter." Gelluk watched him with his inquisitive, affectionate look, and when Otter stood up, wincing and below them. "I'll go in, try to keep things from sliding around, eh? I'll find out when I'm doing crowned king. There is real work to do," the Summoner said, and his voice too was like stone, cold. Hound came in on her heels. "Well," he said, "in the first place, when I got to the city, I go up to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his legs, shouting out orders like he used to do. Standing up! Hasn't stood for years. Shouting orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that kind of a situation being dangerous, in a palace. Then I went about to friends of mine and asked where was old Early and had the fleet been to Roke and come back and all. Early, they said, nobody knew about Early. Not a sign of him nor from him. Maybe I could find him, they said, joking me, hm. They know I love him. As for the ships, some had come back, with the men aboard saying they never came to Roke Island, never saw it, sailed right through where the sea charts said was an island, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and the sea turned thick too, so that the oarsmen could barely push the oars through it, and they were caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the fleet on the sea, and the slaves were near rebelling, so the master brought her home as quick as he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was supposed to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding, because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside to board them if they could, and the men I talked to said it was a hard fight just to get away from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked for them unless they had a bagman of their own aboard. So they came back up the length of the Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost the dogfight. Now, do you like the news I bring you?" weatherworker had a bag, a great long sack or a little pouch..had slept there had slept peacefully. As for decrepit walls, mice, cobwebs, and scant furniture..Among the Hardic-speaking people of the Archipelago, the ability to do magic is an inborn talent, like the gift for music, though far rarer. Most people lack it entirely. In a few people, perhaps one in a hundred, it is a latent, cultivable talent. In a very few people it is manifest without training..away his clothes, but kept the shoes, she didn't know what for. For this fellow, it would seem..known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own..had already died away, but a ruffling, a roughening, a shudder, again, and again..After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in size and prosperity..Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the..these years to give you to Early. The way I gave you to Gelluk. I was sorry for that. I thought..her back. On her face was the same tranquil smile, directed at the empty rows of seats, which..Bilbos lifetime. Don Quixote went riding out to Argentina and met Jorge Luis Borges there. Plus..Religion was a unifying element even among the most warlike tribes. There were hundreds of Truce

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