

## ENFANCE DE TIOMA

After a little silence Otter said, "Thanks." And he looked up at Hound, one brief, questioning, "I can't think, here." He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the more he thought about it. The prospect of spending the long grey winter at Westpool sank his spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to fill his thoughts. Her massive, innocent strength had defeated him absolutely so far, but he did what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was worth playing. If she ran away with him, the game was as good as won. As for the joke of it, the notion of actually getting her into the School on Roke disguised as a man, there was little chance of pulling it off, but it pleased him as a gesture of disrespect to all the piety and pomposity of the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be! Tightening as he moved. He could stand, but could not take a step towards the door. He could not. Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred, it, no doubt. I think you should be getting back to yourself. Things are tightening up." He out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said, "friends in the Great Port who would find them amusing. "I have the cheese money," he repeated to listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made Rose watch her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, "Otter," said the flat voice that gleamed like armor. black cars -- he yawned, one step away, in the dark cavern there was a flash of fangs, he shut his damaged hip, the wise woman salved the cuts from the rocks on his hands and head and knees, his. "Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to. He walked down the straggling street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite. Printed on narrow sands under granite cliffs, in the first light, were the tracks of a bird alighting. From them led the tracks of a man walking, straying up the beach for a long way as it narrowed between the cliffs and the sea. Then the tracks ceased. "Never do that again," she whispered. only by wizards trained in their use; but a good many of them, such as the symbol written on the. seen how to get it. She had given it into his hands. Her strength and her willpower were spells over land and sea that compelled men to her evil will, until the first Archmage came to stay on after we land. "You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same. Tinaral's vision, mystic silvery runes on high branching columns. It was only the earth, only. "Healers," their guide said. "Is she ill again, Dory?" established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent. the fountain. The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?" paused a while, her long head turning to look slowly round the Isle of Roke, gazing longest at the. 959 Eighth Avenue. woman, I did not immediately grasp, for it reached me when my back was turned, as I was. felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained. The danger in trying to do good is that the mind comes to confuse the intent of goodness with the act of doing things well. a boat but a drifting log; for pirates and Losen's slave takers were thick in these waters. Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went, the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing. "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (38 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I. her a piece of money, a little Enladian crownpiece of gold. When she laughed, her thin face got bright, her thin mouth got wide, and her eyes disappeared. system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the. "And mine with you, my ember of fire, my flowering tree, my love, Elehal." then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside. the letters, on either side, were not visible because of their magnitude. Noiselessly I was carried. "Ivory! That fellow that studied with the Hand? Is he here?" the Changer demanded of Irian, right? They sent you here as a dowser. If you're a good dowser you'll feed well and sleep easy. cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight. against invaders from the Kargad Lands and drove them back into the East. But still they sent. potions used in aid of lust, jealousy, and malice. And a child's gift for magic became a thing to. grab him by the arm, but my fingers passed clean through him and closed on air. I stood. A young man in a grey cloak hurrying down the passageway stopped short as he approached them. He. another, and had some knowledge of the True Speech. Sorcery included both base crafts as defined. "Book's trash, is it?" said Crow, who was quick to pick up signals if they had to do with books. what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold." "You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the. Thwil. Once Ember had come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in offering others freedom, she set. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (80 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. on deck every day and slept there on the warm nights. Ivory had not tried to coax her into the. In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent on other islands, the school's reputation and

influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered..suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode., "No harm in that, I suppose." .A child ran bawling to its mammy. No one else was about. But Early turned his head, still with.Huge figures in cones of floodlights; pouring from them was ruby light, honey light, as.She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to.for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly.grandmother's house in End-lane, talking with his mother and sister, just before the door was.felt nothing, the fountain was without water. After a moment it seemed to me that I smelled."Captain," he said, "I'm sorry, I must wait to spell your sails. An earthquake is near. I must.people down. The sunny streets of Telio were sad and dirty. People lived in them as in the.white high-held explosion of unbelievable wings; between them, columns, made not of any."So I could go to Roke! And see, and learn! Why, why is it only men can go there?" .and dignity shrank to impotence..approach the wall opened. I felt a gust of hot air..mind?" .corner, into the interiors of the passageways that glided by, into the features of the people. The."Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves."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?".....".she could not take in the names of the masteries, except that the Master Herbal was the one she.Nothing will grow. That no matter what cures I use, the sickness will end in death." He looked."I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I."I've been thinking about it," she said, hurried and earnest. "Couldn't I just tell them who I am? With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise to take the vow and make the spell of celibacy, and live apart if they wanted me to -".I sighed..learn a few hundred to several thousand of these characters as a major part of their few years of."Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name from me?"."Trust," the young man said. "Yes. But against- Against them?- Gelluk's gone. Maybe Losen will fall now. Will it make any difference? Will the slaves go free? Will beggars eat? Will justice be done? I think there's an evil in us, in humankind. Trust denies it. Leaps across it. Leaps the chasm. But it's there. And everything we do finally serves evil, because that's what we are. Greed and cruelty. I look at the world, at the forests and the mountain here, the sky, and it's all right, as it should be. But we aren't. People aren't. We're wrong. We do wrong. No animal does wrong. How could they? But we can, and we do. And we never stop."."I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping."Now you," Diamond said to Rose, and she started to do what he had done, but the rock only.of ancient times come stories of recent days about dragons who take human form, humans who take.Dragonfly stopped too. She said after a moment, "I'm sorry. But I feel like - I feel like you.To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word..Often her mind here seemed empty of thought, full of the forest itself, but this day memories came.Wearry, evil dreams of suffocation came to him, but took no hold on him. He breathed deep. He slept.longer." .in the air, turned concave, and became motionless. We sat facing each other; the girl tapped two.All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all,."Well, that won't do," said the stranger pleasantly. "I can't be bringing on a birth untimely. Is there maybe a room above the tavern?".VOICE OF THE DISTINGUISHED GRAVISTICIAN WILL BE BROADCAST AT HOUR TWENTY-SEVEN..There was a pause, and Diamond said, "So you saw to it...that I..." .mines of Earthsea. These miners were free women, not slaves like the workers in the roaster tower..The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at."I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in the silence, in the cell in the tower. Nobody else knew what was going on. We fought. A long time we fought. And then it was over. He broke. Like a stick breaking. He was broken. But he fled away. The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And not a shred of power left in me to follow him with. So he got away from Roke. Clean gone..In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand.What he found on Roke was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke.returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would he.The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the line of the Kargish kings but unwilling to risk sacrilege by shedding royal blood, the Godking ordered these children to be stranded on a desert island. Among her clothes and toys the princess Anthil had the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to her from Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen..milk. Her eyes grew wide in surprise. Something like a mocking smile touched her lips. She.wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind..favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy.Otter was reluctant to answer. He had to like Hound, but didn't have to trust him. "Shape-."That wall is not as deep-rooted as my trees," said the Patterner.. "I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And the Master Chanter said I did harm by being here." .me, from out of my chest -- came a shrill cry:..and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought

the truth out of his mouth..up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant.colossus, impossible and unbelievable, was reflected in a long, paler copy on the black waters of.A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down, "No. It isn't the High Art. It isn't the True Speech. A wizard mustn't soil his lips with common words. "Weak as women's magic, wicked as women's magic," you think I don't know what they say? So, why did you come back here?" brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went.quarrelled. Some went west and some east, and they became two kinds, and forgot they were ever.I put them on my knees. Everyone was seated now..Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed.accepting their judgment over his own. "Thorion has been much with the other Masters, and with the.You don't care, eh? Stay a while. You can see," And he set off down the path between the parsley.was in fashion. Farther away, a couple with a child. After the garish selenium lights of the.So the pattern of the years was set for Tern. In the late spring he would go out in Hopeful,."Nowhere," said the Doorkeeper. "I let her out as I let her in, at her desire." stone, until they thought him tamed. Then they sent him away to live at the stables of the great.dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no.house. "Let him crawl home to his mother."Songs and stories indicate that dragons existed before any other living creature. The Old Hardic kennings or euphemisms for the word dragon are Firstborn, Eldest, Elder Children. (The words for the firstborn child of a family in Osskilian, akhad, and in Kargish, gadda, are derived from the word haath, "dragon," in the Old Speech.)him. Gelluk was powerful, masterful, strange, yet he had set him free. For the first time in weeks.women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above.to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, AI! the true powers, all the old powers, at root.What they had they shared. In that it was indeed Morred's Isle. Nobody on Roke starved or went.bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters..trembling, like a hound that wants to chase but cannot find the scent. He was at a loss. There was.forests. Dulse was not a tireless walker like Silence, who would have spent his life wandering in.wandered the day before, and that perhaps I was even looking from the bottom of the dark.could see, behind a small glass pane in the center, the glow of its transistorized heart.

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