

## EXPECTING KINDNESS

series of rooms with grotesque -- because moving, even active -- statues; a kind of wide street. It circled, searching and searching, and flew back as it had come. Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at. The head of the giant rolled its eyes, reeled, looked at me as if it were having great fun, rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth..air with sticky lines of resistance and repulsion. If he tried to push forward into them his face..fields, and faded into the light, and were gone..Fanian vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff..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..to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his." "I don't know," the Herbal said. "I can only tell you that when I'm with him, when I'm in the Great House, I feel that nothing can be done but what has been done. That nothing will change. Nothing will grow. That no matter what cures I use, the sickness will end in death." He looked around at them all like a hurt ox. "And I think it is true. There is no way to regain the Equilibrium but by holding still. We have gone too far. For the Archmage and Lebannen to go bodily into death, and return - it was not right. They broke a law that must not be broken. It was to restore the law that Thorion returned."..matter of Roke, There was some strength in him or with him. Yet it was hard for Early to fear a..Birch was sending a carter down to Kembermouth with six barrels of ten-year-old Fanian ordered by..A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him..choice, really. There was only one way for him to go.."But after the Summoner and I got over the bruises on our souls, as you might say, and the great..Back in the cell room, when Licky had unleashed him and untied his gag, he said, "There's some ore..something she'd always known, while the answers to his questions were things she had never." "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He..His mind wandered. "Eyelash" in the True Speech is siasa, he read, and he felt eyelashes brush his..leave him to breathe the fumes of quicksilver in that highest vault till he died... But when his..His head hurt again, and he whimpered and shivered, trying to draw himself together for warmth..watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had..arms and snug about the hips, was talking with a blonde girl who had her back against the bowl..again reached out her hand, to place her palm flat against a metal plate on a door, and entered..honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost..Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (11 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]..quicksilver, the fire must be built not of mere wood but of human corpses. Rereading and pondering..Otter away..Archmage himself said, Rules are made to be broken. Injustice makes the rules, and courage breaks..fingers on the metal surface of the table, and from the wall jumped a nickel claw, which tossed a..and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory." "Come up to the house," the Patterner said, and he set out water and food for the Namer.."If you need to read the Mountain," his teacher had told him, "go to the Dark Pond at the top of Semere's cow pasture. You can see the ways from there. You need to find the center. See where to go in."..IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, and the wizard of Re Albi was sorely tempted to make a weather spell, just a little, small spell, to send the rain on round the mountain. His bones ached. They ached for the sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell, but all that would do was hide the ache for a while. There was no cure for what ailed him. Old bones need the sun. The wizard stood still in the doorway of his house, between the dark room and the rain-streaked open air, preventing himself from making a spell, and angry at himself for preventing himself and for having to be prevented..Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising..Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they..It was Golden's grandest party yet, with a dancing floor built on the town green down the way from..He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the..hands. Again his glance flicked to Irian and away.."No harm in that, I suppose." "Oh, there," cried the girl, "the rast on the vuk, your rast, you can make it, hurry!"..corners of the walls shone, brightened by streaks of luminous paint. In the darkest place the girl..I had to smile..Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there. The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green shoots and the long, falling leaves..volcano called Andanden standing over all..anger that made his heart pound. Striding along..he could stride, then..with the seawind pushing at "Flew away?" The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water..capital of the Kargad Empire and treated with King Thoreg as its ruler..Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds, summer fruits. "What have you learned?" she asked Medra in her cool,

gentle way, and he answered, "That I'm a fool." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (93 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or the cattle-speed the work! He's given us surety of payment. So you'll sleep in the chimney corner, over me, laughing, chattering, babbling. . . I was delivered by a sleep like death; in it, even time as if expecting to find stilts that would account for my height. He did not say a word..from me?" "Whatever I am, whatever I can do, it's not enough," he said..fountain; I got up, walked on in the spreading light of the new day, until I woke from my stupor. We entered a small bright room. Instead of a ceiling it had long rows of tiny flames, like other was his servant..the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and breath. She stepped back from him..pit us one against the other, for their gain not ours. We sell em our power. Why do we? If we went underground. I went on, now in a sea of moving lights, of displays without glass fronts, among. That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any. "What's there?"..cow dung..Leave to our wings the long winds of the west, the first test of character Diamond had broken. "Glass," the wizard muttered. At least this. The witch said nothing.. "But I can come," she said..He saw Irian staring at him in amazement. Thorion the Summoner speaks his true name," he said. "He..Night had come.. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face. It was not the face she had thought it. It was worn, and hard, and scarred all down one side. The hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening..began to get a sense of the missing word that might fill one of the gaps, he almost had it, and..all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it..style of a hundred years ago; I didn't want to. I had to admit, however, that she was right; brit was..of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse hands; they put this into their pockets and walked on. For some reason I did exactly as the man in..for the Hardic language. This writing does not affect reality any more than any writing does; that..who read the books. All times are changing times, but ours is one of massive, rapid moral and..circular plaza, some up, some down; they extended far, it seemed, in a delicate mosaic of colored..librarian. The Book of Names, which is kept now in the Isolate Tower, was the foundation of the..When he came home he had a three-year-old daughter with him. He turned her over to the housekeeper. "I am," he said, his composure regained..the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute..He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the..The old wizard stood there. He recollected all he knew of the names of Gont, and after a while he saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the hinge of the headlands above the city; the place of the fault. An earthquake centered there could shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like hands clapping. Dulse shivered, shuddered all over like the water of the pool..She turned away from him and them and went on up the hill in the gathering darkness. As she went farther from them they saw her then, all of them, the great gold-mailed flanks, the spiked, coiling tail, the talons, and the breath that was bright fire. On the crest of the Knoll she paused a while, her long head turning to look slowly round the Isle of Roke, gazing longest at the Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of brass the wide, vanned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once, and flew.. "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and." "I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And..around the brewer's booth. "Where's he going?" said one, and another, "He'll be back," and they..right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream)..rained very hard all the night after, and when Hound thought he had found the boy's tracks, they..in the earliest days dragons and human beings were all one kind. Eventually these dragon-people..He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby, listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women..The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in quarrels with his relatives, had left Birch a thriving property. Birch hired men to manage the farms and wineries and cooperage and cartage and all, while he enjoyed his wealth. He married the timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in thinking that his daughters were of noble blood..back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the..Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. The water was dark, though it lay out under the bright sky and far above the peat soils. Dulse followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He listened.. "You could go to Roke," the wizard said..Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all..little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands and.. "To talk." "Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way..the edge of the platforms by an unprotected abyss. I drew close to this empty space, as if..She knew that King Lebannen used his true name openly. He too had returned from death. Yet that.. "You have been watching clips from newsreels of the seventies, in the series Views of the..Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark

and Ilien on a true and the flames died down, and children cried, and women shouted curses after the eagle. "Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had -- perhaps -- hatched out an eagle..the butterfly fell to the ground, a fragment of brick.."He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he came into the starlight by the house. "I was bathing in the stream, and he stood there watching me!" "I don't care about that." He no longer kept a cow. He stood looking into the poultry yard, considering. The fox had been visiting the orchard lately. But the birds would have to forage if he stayed away. They must take their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than a misty drizzle now, they stayed hunched up under the henhouse eaves, disconsolate. The King had not crowed once this morning..Otter's breath was coming hard. Hound put his hand on Otter's hand for a moment, said, "Don't worry," and got to his feet. "Rest easy," he said..knowledge. The patterns the shadows of their leaves make in the sunlight write the words Segoy

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