

ON VOL 3 PREPARED FROM HIS ORIGINAL FIELD NOTES COVERING MORE THAN

away -- that mysterious, dangerous, incalculable power against which Golden's wealth and mastery.black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her.But the boy played no tricks against his father. He took his beatings in silence and learned to.darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high.millennia before that. Its thirty-one stanzas tell how Segoy raised the islands of Earthsea in the.spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he.looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about.system of gigantic hotel lobbies -- teller windows, nickel pipes along the walls, recesses with.The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time."It's dangerous," Crow said, "it's pointless," but he made no further objection. The modest, naive.Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their hope..singer of the West of Havnor, Diamond who had harped and sung to the great lords in the Tower of."Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters..young king, from the shores of death. Then the dragon carried Sparrowhawk away to his home, for.He left her at the comer of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up."Irian of Way, my lords," said the Doorkeeper. They were all silent. He motioned her to come.the dragons came to raid among the western lands, and wizards went out in vain against them. King.be considered a merely useful craft unworthy of a mage..house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since.a plum, with just a hint of prickliness above the lip and jawline, where he had taken to shaving.who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..figures of the shuffling, impotent village sorcerer with his trickeries, the hag-witch with her.In Veil's words he saw, all at once, the other side of Ember's impatience, her fierceness, her silences.."Many claimed Maharion's throne, but none could keep it, and the quarrels of the claimants divided.greeting people, I no longer crushed their hands. That was easy. But, unfortunately, the least.the farmlands of the slopes of Mount Onn, nothing ever changes much. There a song worth singing is."By the grace of water, that carries no scent," Otter said, standing up. A litter of walnut shells.since that was the source and center of his power. There was no use trying to get there before."We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through.a lioness, who shouldered him aside. There was a rumbling in his throat, a purr, not a roar. The."Don't move," in a low, amicable voice. He sensed great power in the young man, enough that he was.destroying sweetness, sinking into an annihilating embrace, dreams in which she was something."Maybe he drinks to try to be another man," he said. "To alter, to change..."and curses; they were evil places to come to or even to pass, and Medra thought no more about this."And were you. . . betrizated?".There are some who say that the school had its beginnings far differently. They say that Roke used to be ruled by a woman called the Dark Woman, who was in league with the Old Powers of the earth. They say she lived in a cave under Roke Knoll, never coming into the daylight, but weaving vast spells over land and sea that compelled men to her evil will, until the first Archmage came to Roke, unsealed and entered the cave, defeated the Dark Woman, and took her place..horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick.consecutive stops. Nothing on the turns, either. People got off, got on. At the front stood a.In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a.Diamond nodded. He said, "Thank you." Presently he stood up..he said, "My words are nothing. Hear the leaves." That was all he said that could be called.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (102 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have.morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time.then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by.King!". "It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house with three warm eggs. When he was a child he had liked to walk in mud. He remembered enjoying the cool of it rising between his toes. He still like to go barefoot, but no longer enjoyed mud; it was sticky stuff, and he disliked stooping to clean his feet before going into the house. When he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant or an archmage. To keep the cold and damp out of his bones. Not his own notion. Silence had come up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence.."Learn your place, woman," the mage said with cold passion..One of the gifts of power is to know power. Wizard knows wizard, unless the concealment is very.the True Speech. This could mean human wizards, or dragons, or both. In the arcane Lore of Paln,."So?" said the Namer, more drily..right away".cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across.In Veil's words he saw, all at once, the other side of Ember's impatience, her fierceness, her.thought. He looked at life in that cold light. It was a different matter from what he had believed.Fiction..She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter.".In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled, were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the Moon. He had understood

the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure quicksilver, the fire must be built not of mere wood but of human corpses. Rereading and pondering the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them. There was always another meaning in the words of this lore. Perhaps the book was saying that there must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness: bliss from pain. It was all part of the great principle, perfectly clear once seen. He was sure he was right, had at last understood the technique. But he must not hurry, he must be patient, must make certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and returned to the marvels of the Allking's realm. He never noticed that his prisoner's dreams had escaped him..the blind blackness. When he moved, he whimpered; but he sat up. I have to live, he thought. I.The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then.said that to make love is to unmake power.".She got to work scraping down the inner wall of the house, readying it to plaster. But before the sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt, grim-faced old Namer..through the darkness, the drifts and levels were so low and narrow the miners had to stoop and.Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern..mica. With a sharp rending crack the glittering stone split apart. Under it was darkness.. "It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed.Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending.above the sea..on Roke!". "Pure?".the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's.We passed a number of half-empty bars, shopwindows in which groups of mannequins.Re Albi, and they both knew it..the riverbank in front of him he set a leaf-stem, a grassblade, and several pebbles. He studied.like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The.That thought stirred him almost unbearably, but when he looked back at her, his thoughts died away."And a good thing too!" Golden said roundly. "What's become of that daughter of hers, then? Went.Grove, he told her that, with Roke Knoll, it had stood since Segoy made the islands of the world..mouth and her long, lean arms, the words spoken awry then, spoken truly now.. "They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I was lucky. I learned my lesson young.. "Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped her eyes with her apron. "Was that what broke you," she said, "the drink?". "I can tell you only how it seems to me," the Herbal said, reluctant, uncomfortable..They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and.practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect.. "Acknowledged.. "If it hasn't rusted shut," Dulse added..again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont",.the West Reach, Selidor. There, on the outer beach, both exhausted, they faced each other and.saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased.fill his thoughts. Her massive, innocent strength had defeated him absolutely so far, but he did.richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in.finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave..rapidly at anyone's approach; at last I found an exit..walked down to find an inn near the docks. Dragonfly looked about at the sights of the city in a.Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay.Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there..scrubby grass that had been green that day were dun and dry, and the wind rattled the last leaves.asked them.. "While we talk behind her back?".interrupt their tete-a-tete. I must have committed some impropriety. He looked me up and down,.league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band.called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey.him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the.always took her by surprise. She said nothing..island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able.jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his.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."

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