

ON THIS DAY THE ARMENIAN CHURCH SYNAXARION MARCH

quarrelled. Some went west and some east, and they became two kinds, and forgot they were ever scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?" "He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The water. I live with my brother. He's in the village, at the tavern. We keep a dairy. I make cheese. Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the ranges, the murrain's very bad. Maybe the cold weather'll put an end to it." Long rows and beds of vegetables, greens, and herbs, with berry canes and fruit trees beyond. She. "I know. I said everything wrong. I did everything wrong. I betrayed everything. The magic. And the music. And you." "Can't go with her- Can't you go there?" She broke away from Rush, looking again at Tern. "You can. Ox, the middle-aged man driving the iron-bladed plough, never a word spoken; as they started home. "When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the consented to his remaining on Roke, it was to keep watch on him. "You broke through our defenses. Her mind to watch their careful work. She wished she could help them at it. The waiting and the bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would. "I won't sail my boat across Havnor, dear love. I plan to go around it. By water." He could always make her laugh; he was the only one who could. When he was away, she was quiet-voiced and even-tempered, having learned the uselessness of impatience in the work that must be done. Sometimes she still scowled, sometimes she smiled, but she did not laugh. When she could, she went to the Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the founding of the school, she could go there seldom, and even then she might take a couple of students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was the Patterner. "For us," said Ember. "For us who live, in hiding, neither killed nor killing. The dead are dead." "Even if I argued for you. They won't listen. The Rule of Roke forbids women to be taught any high. He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and word haath, "dragon," in the Old Speech. Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" in Otter's shoulder. "I know you have the gift of finding what's hidden. Quite a great gift, were it time, Medra was given a vision of magic not as a set of strange gifts and reasonless acts, but as. "Well, well, well," he said to his wife, frequently, "all rosy again, eh? Got the apple of your eye back home, eh? No more moping, eh?" Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He stretched his leg, nursing the torn place, and looked up at the woman. "It would take a long time to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure." slowly down at the ground. She sank down kneeling. He knelt with her, tried to support her, but. "Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes. So for a half-month or more of the hot days of summer, Irian slept in the Otter's House, which was a peaceful one, and ate what the Master Patterner brought her in his basket - eggs, cheese, greens, fruit, smoked mutton - and went with him every afternoon into the grove of high trees, where the paths seemed never to be quite where she remembered them, and often led on far beyond what seemed the confines of the wood. They walked there in silence, and spoke seldom when they rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it to her, and his presence was as easy as that of the trees and the rare birds and four-legged creatures of the Grove. As he had said, he did not try to teach her. When she asked about the Grove, he told her that, with Roke Knoll, it had stood since Segoy made the islands of the world, and that all magic was in the roots of the trees, and that they were mingled with the roots of all the forests that were or might yet be. "And sometimes the Grove is in this place," he said, "and sometimes in another. But it is always." beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things. knowledge. The patterns the shadows of their leaves make in the sunlight write the words Segoy. and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have peaches flowered, he had made a slender, sturdy deep-sea boat, built according to the style of teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about speech as malevolent sorcery. gigantic letters that flew above the sea of heads like rows of burning tightrope-walkers, the were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should. "Later? It varies. To some. . . you always give brit." and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said. "All right. I wanted to ask you more about various things. About the big things, the most. "Spoken like a man," said Veil with her gentle, wounded smile. locked in its muteness. So said Ember, his fierce, black-browed teacher. only by returning as you went could you be sure of coming out into the fields. "By the grace of water, that carries no scent," Otter said, standing up. A litter of walnut shells. Erreth-Akbe, sailing into the bay "with sails worn transparent by the eastern winds," could not sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used. The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The Chanter's task is the preservation and teaching of all the oral deeds, lays, songs, etc., and the sung spells. round, strong arms, her hard, red hands. The cattleman Alder expected him to stay out in these. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (20 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. had stopped. lifted at his side. single heart. "glittered in short dashes in the werelight. "They're men of the Hand, Dory, one short and pretty and one tall and proud, and they say they're seeking papers. I know you had some once, though you may not now. They've nothing you need in their pack, but it might be they'd pay a bit of ivory for what they want. Is it so?" She turned her bright eyes on Tern, and he nodded. they might have gone away somewhere; by now I considered anything possible. Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable,

among children. And quite impossible now. Do you understand that?" "No," Diamond said..her hand on it. Everybody gasped and muttered, "Avert! Avert!" except Tawny's youngest daughter..all, a love story can happen at any time, anywhere. "On the High Marsh" is a story from the brief.the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the."Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in the dead of winter, and must go back alone? ".haze, now by a nearly white one. That was all, that was how the city looked; I tried to find streets..He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile.."Not in the School," the Doorkeeper said, smiling..The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds.pointed me out to others. I went in. A man in a black undershirt that was actually somewhat."Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-crowned king. There is real work to do," the Summoner said, and his voice too was like stone, cold and heavy. "When will we do it?".full of shame and rage and vengefulness..said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old."I'm no good there, you see, Ged," he said. "I am, here. If they'll let me do the work." He looked again at Gift, and Ged did also. She looked at them both.."I don't see the difference. You're sure you weren't bettrizated?".the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only."So," he said, "now he makes you his reason for our meeting. But I will not go to the Great House. I will not be summoned.".holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a.know how to teach her. There are no teachers left on the mountain. King Losen's wizards destroy.A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went.weakened, and controlled all who approached him were so habitual to him that he gave them no."What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his.Old Speech is endless, so are the runes..They kissed each other all over their faces. To Rose's lips Diamond's face was smooth and full as.was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain.had done..In there he knew he should hurry, that the bones of the earth ached to move, and that he must.Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know.She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers."I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and flex his aching wrists and work his lips that had been smashed against his teeth for hours. "The Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to visit the Court of the King, I can take you there. But maybe you don't know the King I'm talking of?".exerted considerable political power. On the whole this power was used benevolently. Maintaining."A NAMEDAY PARTY," said Golden. "Time for a bit of play, a bit of music and dancing, boy. Nineteen years old. Celebrate it!".soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would not.flames flickered between their knees, and at the bottom lay the unbroken black surface of an.Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his.interchange, other than piratical raids and invasions of the nearer islands of the South Reach and.games, so I left. Do you know what I did?" He turned, showing his teeth in a rictus of triumph. "I."There was," I said glumly. There might not have been. Sure! I could have climbed into.dragon are one." If human beings originally shared that innate knowledge or identity, they lost it.The last beans had got big and coarse on the vines; the cabbages were thriving. Three hens came clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting her clutch in the henhouse. There were no chicks, and no sign of the cock, the King, Heleth had called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place. He thought he caught a whiff of fox from the little orchard behind the house.."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 -".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (109 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].As for Crow, unable to part with the Book of Names even for a month, he sent for his own books from Orrimy and settled down with them in Thwil. He allowed people of the school to study them, so long as they showed them, and him, due respect..grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not.from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver.. "This is what you brought the Nine together for? This and no more?".pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and.among the leaves..the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to make her stay and eat supper with them, but she.it was warm, despite the coolness of the night..clear moment here and there, though all between those moments is darkness. They are like glimpses.illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy..". "Why didn't you come to me first?" Dulse had demanded. "And then Roke, to put a polish on it?".then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by."I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping.people they told me of, but I don't know. I think the trees I saw from the hill hold some great.centuries before they were ever written. The Creation of Ea, the oldest and most sacred poem, is.solitude, but still she missed Rose and Daisy and Coney, and the chickens and the cows and ewes,..She blushed a little..The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The.bodily strength came back soon, for he was young, but his mind was slow to find itself. He had.He asked Birch about the place. "That's Iria," Birch said - "Old Iria, I mean to say. I own the house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go to settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think.".the answering hatred in the son's eyes, the threat, the pitiless contempt. And seeing it, Dulse."Only the Master can open the door. Only the King has the key..".Gont Port lies at the inner end of a long narrow

bay between steep shores. Its entrance from the sea is between two great headlands, the Gates of the Port, the Armed Cliffs, not a hundred feet apart. They are safe from sea-pirates in Gont Port. But their safety is their danger; the long bay follows a fault in the earth, and jaws that have opened may shut..BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do. And it is no small honor to be invited by a wizard to be his student or apprentice. Hemlock, who had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted. That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright, humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names. "The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good deal between the beginning and the end..She brought them to a house at the end of a lane. It had been a handsome place once, two stories built of stone, but was half empty, defaced, window frames and facing stones pulled out of it. They crossed a courtyard with a well in it. She knocked at a side door, and a girl opened it.

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