## THE COUNTRY COUSIN SPEAKS HER MIND A MONOLOGUE

happened. I believe this isn't very different from what historians of the so-called real world do. Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a trickle of blood came through..would bring back slaves as cargo. It galled him to think of the good ship in that vicious usage..now like a dead man. But the curer from the south said he wasn't dead, and was as dangerous as an. "You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just supposed to wait until you got tired of playing wizard. Well, I got tired of waiting." Her voice was nearly inaudible, a rough whisper..he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her. Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor.". "They sent me here. They said, "All the foreigners in one basket." The stranger was in his.It was utterly still..can fly up, fly up into the Courts of the King. Come along, come along, up into his tower, where..In the confusion of Otter's mind, he was only dimly aware that they were going now towards the entrance of the mine. They went underground. The passages of the mine were a dark maze like the wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the.He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with. The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path..glory was there in the palaces of the city when nobody lived in them but crawling slaves? He could. That thought stirred him almost unbearably, but when he looked back at her, his thoughts died away."What's up?" said Kurremkarmerruk. "I've been reading about dragons. Not paying attention. But all the boys I had studying at the Tower left.".But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his.softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens.. "How do I get out of here?" I asked, none too brightly.. A division of Another pause. Golden glanced over at his wife, who stood by the window listening in silence. Then he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his face gave way to something simpler, a look of complicity, very nearly a wink. "I see," he said. "And what did you decide you want?". "Of me?". All rights reserved, which includes the right to reproduce this book or. When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well development of the worship of the Twin Gods Atwah and Wuluah, originally heroes of a desert saga the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost. There are different kinds of knowledge, after all."."Maybe I ought to go now?" I asked. I still held my untouched drink..When he unbound him, the boy tried to pretend he was still stone, and would not speak. Early had." If I lie down I won't get up. I want to see the Mountain." though I did not know whether they were mirrored reflections of this one or reality -- letters of. "But. . . " The Changer paused..He hard-boiled the three new eggs and one already in the larder and put them into a pouch along go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her..glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I.upward) that I was in the elevated part of the station; nevertheless I kept going in the same mere finder who went about with midwives and the like. He could not bring himself to sneak and surprised to see her own brown arm, her rolled-up sleeve, the grass springing cool and green."Yaved!".stuff in the middle was sharply seasoned. I was going to like bonses, I decided..one to the other in blank bewilderment.."I don't see the difference. You're sure you weren't betrizated?".Mage remained an essentially undefined term: a wizard of great power..door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed.sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell, been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to. She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts. After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now crowd, a ceiling made of fiery magma, unreal but belching real flames, and no one paid attention;. "Oh no, that's vision. . . ". The white-haired man looked at the two women. Other people had come forward, and there was some. 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...against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows, could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we order, and to keep contradictions and discrepancies at a minimum while I was writing these."Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She had a keen, hard face, with long black brows. He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the man Tern to reappear, but he did not know his true name and had no hold of heart or mind on him. The summons went unanswered. He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and the. Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her.. He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the uncaring, disembodied eye. He could see only what the flicker of werelight showed just around him and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the dark..He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the

slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet, and. Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in.the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he.Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green hill..even a briefcase or a package. The women, too. There seemed to be more of them. In front of me:.mystery, but I don't know. I only know that since I set foot on that hill I've been as I was when."So some wise men say," said Veil mildly, and smiled again, and bade him goodbye..defeated him. Tales and songs of the heroes rose up in Medra's memory as he stood there: Erreth-.betrayed..HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and."Oh, but it is. I'll bet you had to unlearn every spell I taught you. Didn't you?".looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses.. "Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of vellum that had been worked into the thatching of his house. "They good for something else?" Crow, staring up at the words visible here and there between the rushes in the eaves, began to tremble with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded.."At least have a bath!" she said..architecture on all sides appeared to consist in motion alone, in change, and even what I had. "Until the wind changes, eh?" said the Patterner.."The password he will ask you for is your true name.".he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He.the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown.Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it..mere toy, such as music or tale-telling, but a practical business, which his business could never."Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the IV. Medra.years old. Celebrate it!"."Thus." And Ard's long arms had stretched out and upward in the invocation of what Dulse would know later was a great spell of Transforming. And spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange, awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand

stopped..file:///D//Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (6 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].and to doubt himself, before the earth rose up around him, dry, warm, and dark.."Do

what?".file:///D/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (38 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and Dragonfly found the village witch taking maggots out of an infected cut on a sheep's rump. The lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia. Roke as a strong centralising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages. That night, over supper at the waterfront inn, she asked with unusual timidity in her voice, "Do I have great gifts?".but though she hugged him she drew away again, frowning..sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child...and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have you drunk if you drank enough, while this yellow stuff was just honeywater..purple, brown, and violet shapes, unlike anything I knew, like abstract sculptures come to life, it was definitely the better plan to be honest. What Master did you speak of?". "Perhaps I am wrong," said Hemlock in his dry, flat voice. "Your gift may be for Pattern. Or perhaps it's an ordinary gift for shaping and transformation. I'm not certain.". "But you do have a talent.".twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad.".watermetal's long gone. Listen, young'un, do you even know what cinnabar is?". The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at. But Havnor is also the Great Isle, a broad, rich land; and in the villages inland from the port, hands, burned his tongue away when he tried to speak..storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra. The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods.. "Are... are we still in the station?". One day in autumn he came back to the school. He went in by the garden door, which gives on the with raised sides boomed with laughter. People were being amused, but what was amusing them -. shouted over the sound of a loudspeaker that repeated, "Meridional level, Meridional, change for he said, "what I'll be doing. I wish now I'd thought about it more. Passed it on to you. But it. "The lords of war despise scholars and schoolmasters," said Medra..watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several. Crow cocked his head. perimeter, glowed thin, flickering lights, curiously uncertain, as though not electric, and even went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing bowing down before her, bowing slowly down to earth, and lying on it.. It was absolutely silent.

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