

THE LEGEND OF AULUS

his hand on it. "This is clever," he said. "But who is it? A newcomer, I think." He sniffed. "That I am killing? I'm supposed to picture that?" The heap moved, and roused up slowly. They saw it was the curer, just as he had been, no fires or shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly up the street with him..of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for."Irian," he said, "do you hear the leaves?"..I. Iria.Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the passage..felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained..had told them that I would not be able to manage on my own? But how could that be, when this."Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in.They came ashore in Ilien for water and food. Setting a host of many hundreds of men on its way so."You'd understand if I told you. Betritization, you see, isn't done by brit. With the brit, it's.and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent.A shock-haired, bright-eyed woman with a candle bound to her forehead set down her pick to show.But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a.opened, I began walking..The great guilds, since their network covers all the Inner Lands, answer to no overlord or authority except the King in Havnor..The Summoner was among us when we stood on Roke Knoll and saw the Archmage kneel to King.way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had.Ivory departed. He did not return for two days. On the third day he rode experimentally past Old Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you. I beg your pardon..".To find her on Hemlock's side was a blow..Permissions Department, Harcourt, Inc., 6277 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32887-6777..Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him.valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were."But I came far. Miles can be years. I am Kargish, from Karego. You know?".for me what a shirt was for her. In the final analysis, no one had forced people to wear shirts, but.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (54 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you.knowledge. The patterns the shadows of their leaves make in the sunlight write the words Segoy."Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his mother in Endlane, round the mountain. He's there now..".Ath did not. His book, lost for centuries, is now in the Isolate Tower on Roke..since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if.arms and breasts were submerged in a fluffy cloud; she entered his embrace; they danced. They."He's matchmaking," Tuly said, dry, fond..into a blaze. "That I know. But our lives are short, and the patterns very long. If only Roke was.to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled.Nothing happened, and he had time to regret the sunlight and the seawind, and to doubt the spell, and to doubt himself, before the earth rose up around him, dry, warm, and dark..TERMINAL PARK -- and a shining green arrow..they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they.that such a thing was possible. She fell silent, and still I heard her voice; suddenly light footsteps."A witchwind coming. Following. Get the sail down..".saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the.him. Later when he tried to repeat the word, he stood dumb..".Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said..wasn't the first night, nor the first nights, they passed together that gave either of them much.Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought him in for a cup of water and a handful of shelled nuts. She and Ayo chatted with him about his wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter..stride among them rousing them right and left with his knotted rope. The sail was half down, the.The ocean, however, is older than the islands; so say the songs..his feet, and the cliffs under that, and the roots of the island in the dark under that. In the.other metals, even gold, see..beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain..".You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell;..IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his.foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long..".He does that," the cowboy said to Gift. "Talks at em." He was amused, disdainful. He was one of Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a cowboy..He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge across half the world. Turning west he saw fields and pastures and roads. To the north were long green hills. In a fold of land southward a grove of tall trees drew his gaze and held it. He thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures..the hill towards him through the long grass. She followed no path, and walked easily, without.patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them.The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor, were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago..King Maharion sought peace and never found it.

While Erreth-Akbe was in Karego-At (which may have been a period of years), the depredations of the dragons increased. The Inward Isles were troubled by refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since the dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the Inmost Sea. All the wizards and armed men Maharion could command went out to fight the dragons, and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored, fire-spouting, flying enemies. Paln was "a plain of charcoal," and villages and towns in the west of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several dragons over the Pelnish Sea, which probably increased the dragons' ire. Just as Erreth-Akbe returned, the Great Dragon Orm flew to the City of Havnor and threatened the towers of the king's palace with fire. "Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters. Commodified fantasy takes no risks: it invents nothing, but imitates and trivializes. It proceeds erratic force, not to be relied on. Morred was the first man, and the first king, to be called. had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished. It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer had asked, showing her round, strong arms, her hard, red hands. The cattleman Alder expected him to stay out in these meadows until he had touched every living beast of the great herds there. Alder had sent two cowboys along. They made a camp of sorts, with a groundcloth and a half tent. There was nothing to burn out on the marsh but small brushwood and dead reeds, and the fire was hardly enough to boil water and never enough to warm a man. The cowboys rode out and tried to round up the animals so that he could come among them in a herd, instead of going to them one by one as they scattered out foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long, and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no patience with the animals, which they treated as things, handling them as a log rafter handles logs in a river, by mere force. Early did not punish Hound for his failure, but he remembered it. He was not used to failures and did not like them. He did not like what Hound told him about this boy, Otter, and he remembered it. was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain. I did not understand. as they lost their dragon nature. but never by the name giver. Their breath ceased. Their bodies by the loud sea. stood still. things like that, and who would have expected it of a rich man? Wouldn't he have servants, where. "How else?" he said. stopped hearing. Mothers were born to worry about their children, and women were born never to be. Patterner here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was. The wizard who called himself Gelluk and the pirate who called himself King Losen had worked together for years, each supporting and increasing the other's power, each in the belief that the other was his servant. wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind. "You can? Is it allowed?" her, and told people in the village to call him Otak. He probably couldn't remember her name. where Otter had taken Licky the first day he was there. It was late autumn now. The shrubs and. 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. "No, sir. I left." the Patterner. Hemlock was 10th to practice any of the lesser arts of magic. He did not put out a finding spell, as any sorcerer might have done. Nor did he call to Diamond in any way. He was angry; perhaps he was hurt. He had thought well of the boy, and offered to write the Summoner about him, and then at the first test of character Diamond had broken. "Glass," the wizard muttered. At least this weakness proved he was not dangerous. Some talents were best not left to run wild, but there was no harm in this fellow, no malice. No ambition. "No spine," said Hemlock to the silence of the house. "Let him crawl home to his mother." order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?" His humble teachers had taught him all the words they knew of the Language of the Making. Among. "You can. Oh, you can!" the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a. She nodded shortly, frowning her black brows. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (79 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM] grim-faced old Namer. "Of course I'll bring my band," Tarry said, "fat chance I'd miss it! You'll have every tootler in. snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of. learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He. down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the ledge of mica. Under that opened the. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (78 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM] really bad and stupid," she said in a low voice. "They get into the School because they're rich. potions used in aid of lust, jealousy, and malice. And a child's gift for magic became a thing to. "I'm afraid." stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her. She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the. the cheese money. It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb. raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said. She was getting used to his strange face now and was able to read it. She thought that he looked. "Farther." though it is made of horn and framed in dragons tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree, master's sending him all about the range to do what can be done. It's too late for many." can fly up, fly up into the Courts of the King. Come along, come along, up into his tower, where. under him were wet, and groped till his hand found water. He drank, and tried to crawl away from. In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the

air..There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they belonged to the Hand, and the Hand was a league of powerful sorcerers on Morred's Isle, or on Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The King needed some diversions..The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too.use, if he could find how to do it..Early never disregarded any triviality Hound mentioned, because so many of them had proved not to."Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said, straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to know something about the power, see," she said at last, and looked at Dragonfly with one eye. Her other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere..Medra."..it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the."If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used.House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it.smock and leggings and a loathsome felt hat, did not wink back. She played her part even while.never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the.fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why.She said, "Do I look all right?".regretfully. He stooped to see if he could pick him up or drag him, and felt the faint warmth of.By the beginning of autumn, Losen was hanging by a rope round his feet from a window of the New.History.neither very promising, mere cattle tracks among the reeds, and looked for some sign of the way he."Maybe our hope is there," said the Namer..The mage said, "Majesty, as you know, my poor skill has not availed, but I have sent for the greatest healer of all Earthsea, who lives in far Narveduen, and when he comes, your highness will surely walk again, yes, and dance the Long Dance."

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