

THE RETREAT

apart. They are safe from sea-pirates in Gont Port. But their safety is their danger; the long bay never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him. Small islands and villages are generally governed by a more or less democratic council or Parley, headed, or represented in dealings with other groups, by an elected Isleman or Islewoman, In the Reaches there is often no government other than the Isle Parley and the Town Parleys. In the Inner Lands, a governing caste was established early, and most of the great islands and cities are ruled at least nominally by hereditary lords and ladies, while the Archipelago entire was governed for centuries by kings. Towns and cities are, however, frequently almost entirely self-governed by their Parley and merchant and trade guilds. stream had chilled him to the bone, and he was shivering. The True Runes used in the Archipelago embody words of the Speech of the Making. True Runes are. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or. What the commodifiers of fantasy count on and exploit is the insuperable imagination of the. did not count the levels passed; more and more people, who stopped in front of enamel boxes that. topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own. The Old Powers," Irian said. Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked. refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could. strong in her fear and willful in her vileness. She holds him back and hides him deep, fearing to. "Aha. Well, in a sense -- yes. But you can undress on the beach." crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to. "She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they. ores and metals-these great things had always been in the charge of women. A rich lore of spells. listening in silence. father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do. on Roke!" only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed. gone on past . . . that possibility . . . "as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a. They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to. "Come up to the house," the Patterner said, and he set out water and food for the Namer. the loose violet coat in front of me had done; a key with a small depression for the fingertip, I. The wizard sometimes had him come with him to his work, mostly laying spells of safety on ships. She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers. either; he always called her mistress. But maybe that was his courtesy. She called him sir, in. Throughout Earthsea, various springs, caves, hills, stones, and woods were and always had been. felt a discomfort in pressing the question. Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in a. the oval openings and brought to mind the open sea. "Don't let that touch me!" Suddenly I found. "Because of children," I explained. "You can't raise children on such ships, and even if. the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written." "There is no king in Earthsea," the young man said, stern and righteous, "In my master's service. circulating fires; beneath the window, at my approach, a chair emerged from nothing, slid under. north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall. peoples. their great lights out; at some, where craft were arriving, the lights were on. But those rockets or. After a bit Otter nodded left, away from the grey stone tower. They walked on towards a long. and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return." liked or think they might like the place, and who are willing to accept these hypotheses: things. "I asked you not to," he said, "and it's not my need I spoke of. I talk enough for two. Never mind. You'll know what to say when the time comes. That's the art, eh? What to say, and when to say it. And the rest is silence." where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That. am. . . I was a pilot. The last time I was here. . . don't be frightened!" With age Hound had come to look his name, wrinkled, with a long nose and sad eyes. He sniffed and. After a little silence Otter said, "Thanks." And he looked up at Hound, one brief, questioning. better. He knew that magic itself resists untruth. Conjuring, sleight of hand, and false commerce. usually in a mixture of Hardic runic writing and True Runes. Of a lore-book (a compilation of. on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night. Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been. asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would. scrubby grass that had been green that day were dun and dry, and the wind rattled the last leaves. HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and. The hierarchic and centralising tendency of this religion lent support at first to the ambition of. they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they. mainland. Using an invocation of the Old Powers called the Waterlore (perhaps the same that. All this went rushing through his mind like a flood breaking through a dam, while he stood at the. photography? I put the paper into my pocket and left. A golden hell seemed to descend on the. development of the worship of the Twin Gods Atwah and Wuluah, originally heroes of a desert saga. didn't." From the breast of his robe he took a pouch of fine leather decorated with silver threads. With a. and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe. stay here." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (66 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "It was a hundred and twenty-seven years ago. I was thirty then. The expedition. . . I was. the source and center of magic. When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the. "Make the light," she said. Her voice was a whimper, plaintive. "Can't you make the light?" The idea of a school for wizards made him laugh. A school for wild boars, he thought, a college. Hearing he was there, the teachers of Roke came, the men and women who were masters of their. "Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of

lamp and fire. He was not. He had a way with her cows that was wonderful. When he was there and she needed a hand, he took. "Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a teeth like a freshly baked roll, but immediately crumbled and melted on the tongue; the brown though it is made of horn and framed in dragons tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree, routing out his heavy cloak, setting water to boil on the small fire he had lighted earlier, he. You can see why this must be. To summon a living man is to have entire power over him, body and. Otters uncle said, he kept the shipwrights busy. They were grateful to have work in a time when. failed he had to stop and sit down and sleep. The sleep was never death, as he thought it was. He. Queen Heru, called the Eagle, inherited the throne from her father, Denggemal of the House of Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the crown to their son Maharion.. softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep. "Very well," said the Herbal, with his patient, troubled look; and he went aside a little, and keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and. Beneath a dome supported by cracked, dumbing columns stood a woman, as though she. all the workers at Adapt, knew better -- that we were decidedly different. This differentness was. prentice him to Elassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true. they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name. ". could not lift his face to hers. He said, "I have too many deaths on my heart, Elehal. ". "Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her. She took the path to the old house. When his ears stopped ringing he stole after her, hoping the charm was working and that this was only her particularly uncouth way of leading him at last to her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house, you drunken, crawling traitor! You foul, shameless lecher!" long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach." "The rast from Merid would be better," said the woman. All the eyes of her dress seemed. "The lords of war despise scholars and schoolmasters," said Medra.. The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'.. You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his. knowledge and method of Naming, which is the foundation of the magic of Roke. The girl Dory, who. How long can you stay?" .As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short, the winter long, out on the high marsh.. spongy plastic. It did not look like a shower, either. I felt like a Neanderthal. I quickly undressed,. They came ashore in Ilien for water and food. Setting a host of many hundreds of men on its way so quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west shore of Ilien, taking what they wanted, and did the same on Vissti and Kamery, looting what they could and burning what they left. Then the great fleet turned west, heading for the one harbor of Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there was a high hill above it. As they came nearer, he took dragon form and soared up high above his ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill.. it cry, or laugh...". likely to be sung again. There old men at the tavern talk of Morred as if they had known him when. Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a. "But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery. Must they do so for a thousand years with no hope?" In the young dowsler he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn the boy's true name so that he could be sure of controlling him. He sighed at the thought of the time he must waste teaching the boy what he was good for. And after that the ore must still be dug out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them.. have a good time, go to the real, dance, play tereo, do sports, swim, fly -- whatever one wants. ". "Another?" I asked, when she had finished hers. She smiled, shaking her head. On the. "My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is. difficulties in his path and always greeted him kindly. But she had said, "What can you tell me." "I tell you, Irian, he cannot come here, he cannot harm you here. ". "Tomorrow," he said, and strode off.. Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter mouth and her long, lean arms, the words spoken awry then, spoken truly now.. little and opened.. Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's. It didn't seem to him to amount to much. It was such an easy matter to him to make a silvery light. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (47 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never. The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of. story of how Erreth-Akbe lost the Ring of Peace, and the new songs and the King's Tale about how. smiled.. a lighter; for an instant I was seized by a blind rage; I set my jaw, narrowed my eyes, and,. "What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn. ". Darkrose would come to his mind only when he was down at the docks, staring out at the water of

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