

## UNMET NEEDS

"I guess he did. Another curer came up this way, a fellow that's been by here before. Doesn't amount to much that I can see. He did no good to my cow with the caked bag, two years ago. And his balm's just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe Otak says the same back. And they lose their tempers, and they did some black spells, maybe. I guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain, touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can you wonder he was a little rageous? But I don't say..." She checked herself and then went on, "I don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe they have to be, dealing with such powers and evils as they do. But he is a true man, and kind." .fought them like an animal till they knocked him on the head. They broke Otter's father's jaw and.Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village the flames died down, and children cried, and women shouted curses after the eagle..from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of.He had always remembered that. He remembered it now, when he looked across the hearth, winter evenings, at the dark face bent above a lore-book or a shirt that needed mending. The eyes cast down, the mouth closed, the spirit listening..they have to be, dealing with such powers and evils as they do. But he is a true man, and kind." .Forms of fiefdom, vassalage, and slavery have existed at times in some areas, but not under the rule of the Havnorian Kings..window, its door was cross-grained oak barred with iron, and spells had been laid on that door.and Diamond said nothing. "Have you had any ideas of what you want to do?" . "What did you mean, Master Hemlock, in saying that you had protected me here?" .want to know it..The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods. Thoreg's high priest, Intathin, opposing any truce or settlement, challenged Erreth-Akbe to a duel in magic. Since the Kargs did not practice wizardry as the Hardic peoples understood it, Intathin must have inveigled Erreth-Akbe into a place where the Old Powers of the earth would nullify his powers. The Hardic Deed of Erreth-Akbe speaks only of the hero and the high priest "wrestling,"

until:.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (73 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].done. But the fire burned in Irioth's hands, burned his eyes when he tried to hide his eyes in his. "Ah, ah, ah," said the old wizard..above the sea..Erreth-Akbe's sword and set it atop the highest tower of his palace..contemptuous of sorcerers, with their sleights and illusions and gibble-gabble, but afraid of. "Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of. "Go on now," said Mead. "Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves.he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom.then it was not really what she had wanted to know, but she wanted to know more. He was patient.She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his.rooted to the spot, but the other person, a stout individual in orange, fell down, and something.lenses?) -- suddenly disappeared; his seat expanded at the sides, which rose and joined to form a.Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years, like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights and treasures and children..He changed his shape, he changed his name,,stacked by the roaster tower bringing him a memory of the work yards at home, the fragrance of new.routing out his heavy cloak, setting water to boil on the small fire he had lighted earlier, he.On the Isle of the Wise." .shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly. "So we must follow her?" the Herbal asked..Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in Havnor Great Port, Roke has remained without an archmage. It appears that this office, not originally part of the governance of the school or of the Archipelago, is no longer useful or appropriate, and that Ged, whom many call the greatest of the arch-mages, may have been the

last..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (104 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].All the thoughts he had not been able to think for days and weeks were racing through his head, a storm of ideas and feelings, a passion of rage, vengeance, pity, pride..Next morning he picked a sprig of herb from the kitchen-garden of the inn and spelled it into the semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed too..out, past the Armed Cliffs! Good luck to you." And he turned and ran back up the street, a tall,,opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands.. "You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just.say. But you should know that leaving Roke may be even harder than coming to it. Prison within.Three of them came forward: an old man, big and broad-chested, with bright white hair, and two women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power.. "You ought to have your proper name day, your feast and dancing, like any young 'un," the witch.Of innumerable sacred groves, caves, mountains, hills, springs, and stones on the Four Lands, the holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun maintained a hostel there for all

who came to worship..What they had they shared. In that it was indeed Morred's Isle. Nobody on Roke starved or went unhoused, though nobody had much more than they needed. Hidden from the rest of the world not only by sea and storm but by their defenses that disguised the island and sent ships astray, they worked and talked and sang the songs, The Winter Carol and The Deed of the Young King. And they had books, the Chronicles of Enlad and the History of the Wise Heroes. From these precious books the old men and women would read aloud in a hall down by the wharf where the fisherwomen made and mended their nets. There was a hearth there, and they would light the fire. People came even from farms across the island to hear the histories read, listening in silence, intent. "Our souls are hungry," Ember said..One of the gifts of power is to know power. Wizard knows wizard, unless the concealment is very.His conscience as a craftsman would not let him fault the carpentry of the ship in any way; but.straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to.How the man had escaped him, Early did not know, but two things were certain: that he was a far.round, strong arms, her hard, red hands. The cattleman Alder expected him to stay out in these.everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it.and in its walls were thin, crimson, crumbling beds of cinnabar... He made no sign. He thought.me was a wall-sized television screen. The volume was off. Now, from a sitting position, I saw an.Otter's will. Nor did Otter himself. He was too used to obeying others to see that in fact he had."I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in. And when they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name."The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or.him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes..learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows.clouds, filled with alternating concave and convex lenses. They must have been incredibly high;.To bring the past along with us through time in the hold-alls of myth and history is a heavy.the prenticing-fee. With the packet, which was delivered by one of Golden's carters who had taken.He looked over at her..strange, weak noise. I looked around at the motionless faces and left. Not until I was out on the.windows, no wheels, not even lights, and careered as though blindly, at tremendous speed. The.edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream..As she went about her work in the kitchen, Hawk lent her a hand now and then in the most natural way, so that she began to wonder if men from foreign parts were all so much handier about the house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since there was nothing much to say about herself.."I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the ground glistened faintly before their feet..anything here can be wrong or go wrong, but I have to... I'll go this time, and I will go north..The people of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and."I'm tired of teaching and talking," he said. "I need silence. Is that enough for you?".mouth, turning blue, and collapsing in a heap..A flicker of complacency showed in Otters tired, battered young face. "No," he said. "I don't.After the first outcries and embraces, the servants and his mother sat him right down to breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he faced his father, who had been out before breakfast seeing off a string of timber-carts to the Great Port..know. In the distance the surrounding space kept being pierced by streaks of vehicles unknown to.crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria', or, "as.mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did.Morred and Elfarran married, and the poem describes their reign as a brief golden age, the.could and burning what they left. Then the great fleet turned west, heading for the one harbor of.They can, and will. And if you reveal yourself, they will punish you. And me." He put a ponderous."Well, to my story. Forty years and more ago, there was a child born on the Isle of Ark, a rich.but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a.yellowing, no flowers in it but the little white heads of the lacefoam. A woman came walking up.frightened..out: "You lived there? You studied there? Do you know the Archmage?".aggrandize himself..and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth..He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it.."You talk in a strange way. Where are you from?". "And what would I do there?". "That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I am."the mountain, all the sweep and cresting of it, over the calm waters where he used to try to raise.The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of.of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds."He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door."..suddenly the lion tore his rough shag from my hands, turned his enormous head toward her, and.They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind them the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before them now. She saw oak and willow, chestnut and ash, and tall evergreens. From the dense, sun-shot darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?".So the pattern of the years was set for Tern. In the late spring he would go out in Hopeful, seeking and finding people for the school on Roke-children and young people, mostly, who had a gift of magic, and sometimes grown men or women. Most of the children were poor, and though he took none against their will, their parents or masters seldom knew the truth: Tern was a fisherman wanting a boy to work on his boat, or a girl to train in the weaving sheds, or he was buying slaves for his lord on another island. If they sent a child with him to give it opportunity, or sold a child out of poverty to work for him, he paid them in true ivory; if they sold a child to him as a slave, he paid them in gold, and was gone by

the next day, when the gold turned back into cow dung..You don't care, eh? Stay a while. You can see," And he set off down the path between the parsley.an interior filled with people both standing and seated; a multitude of tiny flashes surrounded.upward) that I was in the elevated part of the station; nevertheless I kept going in the same.Diamond" might take place at any time during the last couple of hundred years in Earthsea; after.piratic warlords, all trying to increase their wealth and extend or defend their borders. Trade.three centuries, no woman taught or studied at the school on Roke. During those centuries,.wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter..purple, brown, and violet shapes, unlike anything I knew, like abstract sculptures come to life..Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm.. "But -" Irian said, and stopped.. "Three out of three," said Crow, sketching the sign, "so spare your vinegar, woman."..all. Being as how you have all one man can do with Alder's beeves, you see...".wooden clogs; and old Coney in the vineyards with his razor-edge knife, showing her how to prune.all the Archipelago and Reaches," never letting him come to land, but driving him always over the.He finished his soup, and she took the bowl. She sat down in her place, the stool by the oil lamp to the right of the hearth, and took up her mending. "Get warm through, and then I'll show you your bed," she said. "There's no fire in that room. Did you meet weather, up on the mountain? They say there's been snow."..met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not.Otter avoided them. Where they were was plain enough: the dusty pathways bent to miss them..expression. "Emer," he said, and closed his eyes again..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.. "Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of.and lead the wizard to defeat himself..When she laughed, her thin face got bright, her thin mouth got wide, and her eyes disappeared.

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