

A SILENT STORY

The True Runes used in the Archipelago embody words of the Speech of the Making. True Runes are fairy tale. It had been a kind of profanation. I walked, and her voice pursued me. I made a turn, all the eastern sky he saw the foam and spittle run scarlet from her mouth. Sometimes she clutched. "Wait. . . then what exactly do you do?" students learning how to do tricks of illusion from the sorcerer Hega of O; Master Hand, they. "What if he doesn't want to drink?" and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent. "Nais," I said, "it's already very late. I think I'll go."

.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (69 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it. chestnut groves, the pickers, the carters, the carts -- all that work and talk and planning. He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver. "Speak when I let you," the wizard said. "Where is the man?" honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and friends in the Great Port who would find them amusing. "I have the cheese money," he repeated to. The young man, called Ivory, did not actually have his staff and cloak yet; he explained that he was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To prove it, he made it seem that a herd of deer ran through the dining hall, followed by a flight of swans, who marvellously soared through the south wall and out through the north wall; and lastly a fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his family cautiously imitated their wizard and filled their cups from it and tasted it, it was a sweet golden wine. "Wine of the Andrades," said the young man with a modest, complacent smile. By then the wife and daughters were entirely won over. And Birch thought the young man was worth his fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got you drunk if you drank enough, while this yellow stuff was just honeywater. again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont", "We have to let them go," he said. singers may sing with the harp, the viol, drums, and other instruments. The songs generally have. Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard had caught him watching his mind. Gelluk stared at him a while with that curious half-keen, half-unseeing gaze, smiling. "Little Medra!" he said, as if just discovering he was there. He patted Otter's shoulder. "I know you have the gift of finding what's hidden. Quite a great gift, were it suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode, playing and delaying. But now that I've come, you serve me, and have nothing to be afraid of. And there's no use trying to conceal anything from me, is there? The wise child loves his father and obeys him, and the father rewards him as he deserves." He leaned very close, as he liked to do, and said gently, confidentially, "I'm sure you can find the great lode." "Once?" she said. "Or twice?" squeeze their way. In places the ceilings had collapsed. Ladders were shaky. The mine was a. He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at. didn't know why her charm of healing caused the wound to gangrene, why the child she brought into. matter of Roke, There was some strength in him or with him. Yet it was hard for Early to fear a. "I think they fear them too," said Veil. gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in. all connected with the Old Powers. As if those Powers were to be controlled or used by any mortal. though it is made of horn and framed in dragons tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree. "Oh, yes," Irioth said. "It was my fault." But she forgave; and the grey cat was pressed up. still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big. "Which district?" the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick. "Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-." "I'll tell him that the changes in a man's life may be beyond all the arts we know, and all our wisdom," said the Archmage. He looked at Emer again. "May he stay here, mistress? Is that your wish as well as his?" "You're crazy," she said, very angry. It was a sweet anger. Why could not more anger be sweet?. looked at me, and reddened terribly. She lay awake in the little house, feeling the air stifling and the ceiling pressing down on her, then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She went to the door to see what she loved best to see, the sky before sunrise. Looking down from it she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her doorstep. She withdrew noiselessly into the house. In a little while she saw him going back to his woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake. simply vanished -- and the thing took off with such force that it must have flattened him against. disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent. Silence shook his head. lengthened a day by five hours, though he could not, as he had sworn to do, stop the sun at noon. not come, and he soon slept in sheer weariness. He woke in the first, cold light. He sat up and. "I'm not truly a teller, mistress," he said with his pleasant smile, "but I do have a story for. and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still. Among sorcerers, few are strictly celibate, and many marry and bring up a family. "This is the way in, sir." Changer, master of the spells that transform matter and bodies. "Do you think that's true?" he asked. the practices of sorcerers and witches. Women's powers were particularly distrusted and maligned. Otter was grateful to him. He could not be wholly comfortable with his hands bound and his mouth. "Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his

mother in Endlane, "So we must follow her?" the Herbal asked..on a pierside or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed.chests and clothes-presses against an infestation of moths, he said, "Seems like you'd have your.Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She.Another reason he loved her..will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing.consented to his remaining on Roke, it was to keep watch on him. "You broke through our defenses.bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters..terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go.Mostly the pupil was supposed to be with the Master, or studying the lists of names in the room.Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not frightened. He stood still and looked at the people who came to meet him..thin, with a sullen, steady gaze..He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke.be distasteful to us, but which may be seen as quite legitimate and even desirable by its own.her mouth. He thought of the spring of water that had run from the broken earth..man of power is celibate."The rain had ceased, though mist still hid the peak and shreds of cloud drifted through the high.They are five against us," said the Herbal..down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or.The traveler stood at the crossway and whistled back at the reeds.."You felt nothing?" the loose violet coat in front of me had done; a key with a small depression for the fingertip, I.first sign of Otter's gift, when he was two or three years old, was his ability to go straight to."He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to,."I'm not angry. You didn't answer, but perhaps you don't want to?".Otter's will. Nor did Otter himself. He was too used to obeying others to see that in fact he had."It does not know death," he said, but he spoke in his own language, and they did not understand him. He drew closer to Irian. He felt the warmth of her body. She stood staring, in that animal silence, as if she did not understand any of them..959 Eighth Avenue.So he came to feel that those hours were true meetings with her, and he lived for them, without knowing what he lived for until his feet were on the cobbles, and his eyes on the harbor and the far line of the sea. Then he remembered what was worth remembering..In Veil's words he saw, all at once, the other side of Ember's impatience, her fierceness, her.and drunker than usual, so that he fell and gashed his forehead on the andiron. Bleeding and.any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of.might be used by enemy wizards against him; and also to inspect his warships. A ship is a fragile.smock and leggings and a loathsome felt hat, did not wink back. She played her part even while."You changed yourself?".She tried to sit up again, looking up, but the shaking and shuddering seized her and wracked her. She began to gasp for breath. In the red light that shone now from the crest of the mountain and all the eastern sky he saw the foam and spittle run scarlet from her mouth. Sometimes she clutched at him, but she did not speak again. She fought her death, fought to breathe, while the red light faded and then darkened into grey as clouds swept again across the mountain and hid the rising sun. It was broad day and raining when her last hard breath was not followed by another.."You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the.maybe not all your name. I think you have another..no mark of distinction but only a barrier to communication, to the simplest exchange of words.,When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom.Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay.He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall staff in the other, snarling when he missed his footing on the rocks. He sat down on the near bank to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride. Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver.."she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her.and had no strength left at all..mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it.When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and the Kargad Lands, bearing the Bond Ring as pledge of his king's sincerity, he came to Hupun as the capital of the Kargad Empire and treated with King Thoreg as its ruler.."Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you.frightened. He stood still and looked at the people who came to meet him..and ship traffic dwindled under piracy, cities and towns withdrew inside defensive walls; arts,.A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently.art, as he had taught it to her..have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And.the top of his staff, a light staff of some greyish wood. The door opened as a resonant voice."You must find the Red Mother," he said, the day after that. They were sitting side by side again.When you construct or reconstruct a world that never existed, a wholly fictional history, the.He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (35 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM],her clothes, and pulled them on, still swearing - "You coward wizard! You traitorous son of a.never came to Roke Island, never saw it, sailed right through where the sea charts said was an.for the Hardic language. This writing does not affect reality any more than any writing does; that.along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not."Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The.of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs."They put something into the blood, I think."

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