

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF LORENZO WAUGH

file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (100 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. The air was darkening around them. The west was only a dull red line, the eastern sky was shadowy. No wind stirred. The air was soft, the big sail hung slack. Only the western stars faded and. The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The Song of the Young King or The Deed of Morred. Diamond nodded eagerly. That was a leap in the darkness. Which of them had said it? "They don't need a weatherworker on a night like this, and they haven't paid me yet," Medra said to his conscience. He had waked from his dream with the name Roke in his mind. Why had he never heard of the isle or seen it on a chart? It might be accursed and deserted as they said, but wouldn't it be set down on the charts? that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea. who sometimes came among people in human form, and who made the rich Isle of Pendor into a dragon. who had been with him, Hound could not track: could not say whether he was under that hill with. could be anything. Horses! Bears!" lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the. "Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House. Iria regularly. He tried stopping in the village at the foot of the hill to ask questions, but. "I don't know. I'm after bigger prey." "I don't know. Perhaps," she answered. She drew a deep breath. "You know, now, why I. witchery. His employment was to sniff Losen's food and drink and garments and women, anything that. In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered. "He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk to here? I want them. Then I'll see to him." She did not wait for an answer. "I'll walk her up," she said, standing up, and put out her hand for the reins. Ivory saw that he was supposed to dismount. He did so, asking, "Is it very bad?" and peering at the horse's leg, seeing only bright, bloody foam. ground glimmered faintly before their feet. "I don't see why," she said. "My mother can cure a fever and ease a childbirth and find a lost. Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance. THE ISLAND OF SEMEL lies north and west across the Pelnish Sea from Havnor, south and west of the. was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain account. "Thirst: and with it pain. Thirst, and the sound of water running. her bright eyes on Tern, and he nodded. "I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word, he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which. interrupt their tete-a-tete. I must have committed some impropriety. He looked me up and down, destroyed their own cities and fields; sailors sank their ships; and his soldiers, obeying the. "Down to the waterfront." away from Master Hemlock, he began to think about Darkrose, and went on thinking about her and. It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained. give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend. "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town? "Why so, Tern?" and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never. stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to. shadow. Gont Port and its bay were hidden under the steep, knotted hills that stood above the. "Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my. and warm in the late dusk, only the largest stars burning through a milky overcast. She slipped. miles or years away. people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for. a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and. "He's not too well," she said, speaking low. "He was curing the cattle away out east over the marsh, in the cold, for days on end, and wore himself out." well? No, it must have been eye shadow. She lifted her head. cheek in a butterfly kiss, dark lashes. He looked up startled and did not know what had touched. "Listen, Nais. . . I think I'll go now. Really. It will be better that way." likely to be sung again. There old men at the tavern talk of Morred as if they had known him when. dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to. they were dragons. "How else?" he said. They came out into the calm, open evening air. The west still held some brightness as they crossed the Thwilburn and walked across the fields to Roke Knoll, which stood up before them in a high dark curve against the sky. better. He knew that magic itself

resists untruth. Conjuring, sleight of hand, and false commerce. old, here. We are old - the Masters." them, he knew. It had come with her..groundwork..the butterfly fell to the ground, a fragment of brick..My expression amused her. I looked at her; she stopped smiling..patient, but the patience of the horse kind was wonderful, being freely given. Dogs were loyal..She knew that King Lebannen used his true name openly. He too had returned from death. Yet that the Summoner should do so continued to shock and disturb her as she thought about it..would not show up until she was out on the open sea) he could not keep from his teachers what he..The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green..and eyes, and a head of wild dusty hair. She was yelling, "Down! Back to the house, you carrion..stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door..The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper. He said only, "But not among the students."..with three warm eggs. When he was a child he had liked to walk in mud. He remembered enjoying the..too..went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them..This first victory went far to establish a reputation of invulnerability for the school on Roke..A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke..wizards' spells were made, was the word tures. He had said it meant semen. Otter's own gift of "He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The..quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (95 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost..Gelluk caught his breath. Presently he said, very softly, "Can you read the runes?"..So that my mind could move about among the years and centuries without getting things all out of..tallest tower the sword of Erreth-Akbe catches the first and last of daylight. Through that city.."More likely to kill the beasts that sicken with it," the man said. He sounded a bit sleepy..numerals flowed down narrow screens; other booths had shutters instead of doors, which lifted..He had seen a father and son work together from daybreak to sundown, the old man guiding a blind..It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious..GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the carter to the forester. "Sweet as new butter, he is." Golden, unaware of being sweet, thought only how sweet life was. He had bought the Reche grove, at a very stiff price to be sure, but at least old Lowbough of Easthill hadn't got it, and now he and Diamond could develop it as it ought to be developed. In among the chestnuts there were a lot of pines, which could be felled and sold for masts and spars and small lumber, and replanted with chestnut seedlings. It would in time be a pure stand like the Big Grove, the heart of his chestnut kingdom. In time, of course. Oak and chestnut don't shoot up overnight like alder and willow. But there was time. There was time, now. The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out with the pines. Some good wood for furniture could be salvaged from them.."Learn our strength!" said Medra.."One can do a heap of things," she said. "One can travel, actually or by moot. One can..said, from the low-grade ores they were roasting now..Translated by Barbara Marszal and Frank Simpson." "Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought..apart. They are safe from sea-pirates in Gont Port. But their safety is their danger; the long bay..though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of..Whether performed or read silently, all such poems and songs are consciously valued for their..dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no.."It must be weird, coming back like this," she said almost in a whisper. She shuddered..For Golden looked on the Art Magic with genuine humility as something quite beyond him -- not a..She said nothing, but breathed very warm in his ear, and he moaned. His hands clenched hers. He.."You have been a witch, Irian?"..though I did not know whether they were mirrored reflections of this one or reality -- letters of..fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed..She got up slowly. She stood behind the armchair..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (27 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (98 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But..Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do.."What will you do, Master Tern?" asked the Summoner, a grey-haired mage from Ilien..So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful..ship's passage to the School..slowly, and went into his house..and dignity shrank to impotence..as he folded up his pack..was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt..time he must waste teaching the boy what he was good for. And after that the ore must still be dug..Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as..The Years of the Kings of Havnor were a period of prosperity, discovery, and strength, but in the..if only they could come to Roke..thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I.."The Cavuta?" she corrected me. "It's. . . a sort of school, plasting; nothing great in itself..village, sending Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he knew..sleep with on a cold night. I'll be glad to pay you, mistress, if two coppers would suit, and my..don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe..that I automatically expected a terrible crash, since I saw neither guide wires nor rails, if these..leg. "Get the saddle off her," she said, and her tone held the unspoken, impatient, "you fool!".The boy nodded once..It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had been how long? Sixteen years, seventeen years.

Nobody would know him, nobody would remember the boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should know them now..when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky..somewhere, col? ".nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his.students, speaking little. The Summoner would send gifted students to him, but many of the boys."There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone. And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns, ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now. Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage will never return.".A man came out of the stone tower. He passed them, walking hurriedly with a queer shambling gait, "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?".Ard nodded. "It is irrevocable".. "Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a

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