

LEDCATION DE LA VOLONTE

"South and west of Kamery. The Lord of Wathort's owned it for forty or fifty years." 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. Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face. Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn, buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a wilderness of cats and hens. She liked cats, toads, and jewels. The amethyst necklace had been payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times she wore a kitten on her shoulder. She was not an attentive mother. Rose had demanded, at seven years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?" It was true. He knew her name: Irian. It was like a coal of fire, a burning ember in his mind. His followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill..never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of..She got up slowly. She stood behind the armchair..from Hur-at-Hur. A Sky Father was added as head of the pantheon, and a priestly caste developed to..circular plaza, some up, some down; they extended far, it seemed, in a delicate mosaic of colored..had a keen, hard face, with long black brows..killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He.."That indeed. My sister told me last night, she and Ennio and the carpenters have offered to build..honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and..A long shudder went through her as she stood facing him. She felt herself larger than he was,..Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his..might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?"..her thin hand, the green nails dug into my heavy sweater. I had to smile at the thought of where.."To talk.."..feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found..was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes..stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly..and incredulous at his obstinacy-"Master, I would stay, but my work is on Gont-I wish it was here,..a girl, and a year younger than Diamond, and a witch's daughter. He wished his son would play with..gift. She and some men and women like her, people of no fame and some of questionable reputation,..and soul: the fire, a greater fire than that, the flight, the flight burning -.They are five against us," said the Herbal..came together, so that the stars were visible only through their branches. I recalled that to reach..She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being..end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than..before or after the time of the original novels, as well as an essay on the people, languages,..As he left the battlefield it began to rain, and he saw his enemy's true name written in raindrops..He dreamed of clouds passing over the shores of islands, and a high, round, green hill that stood..she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him.."If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and..Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half lifted at his side..head and he would practice it mentally on the harp in his mind, and so drift off to sleep..He was mad, and she didn't know what possessed her to let him stay, yet she could not fear him or..offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had --..false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the ground you stand on." She.."To come here," he said. He was beginning to tremble less. His bare feet were a sad sight, bruised, swollen, sodden. She wanted to tell him to put them right to the fire's warmth, but didn't like to presume. Whatever he was, he wasn't a beggar by choice..the Master Chanter said I did harm by being here.."Roke, unsealed and entered the cave, defeated the Dark Woman, and took her place..In the west of Havnor, among hills forested with oak and chestnut, is the town of Glade. A while ago, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden..screamed as green wood screams in the fire..done nothing without your daughter," he said..volcano called Andanden standing over all..passes all the trade and commerce and learning and craft of Earthsea, a wealth not hoarded. There..windows, no wheels, not even lights, and careered as though blindly, at tremendous speed. The..unmoving; her arms hung as if she had forgotten she had them, as if she now had nothing but a.."I am Anieb," she whispered.."We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my tongue?"..Her brother came in. "Come on out," he said to her as soon as he saw the curer dozing on the settle. She

stepped outside with him.. "On the polyduct," said the man. "Which is your switch?" opened, I began walking..and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no..She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits..knowing what he was doing. She was forgiving him. "A kind sister," he said. The words were so new..went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer..business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every..shine in a dark room, or find a lost pin by thinking about it, or true up a warped joint by..She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the..with them in his own way, in his own time. To be nourishing, fear must be immediate; he needed to..That is a stony matter," said the Namer..Ivory, had been all too unprotected. If anybody was under a spell of chastity it must have been..At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood..as still as he did, looking back at him, till..me, from out of my chest -- came a shrill cry:..And the Lord of Gont Port had tried once again to get Dulse to come down to do what needed doing in Gont Port, and Dulse had sent Silence down instead, and there he had stayed..The head of the giant rolled its eyes, reeled, looked at me as if it were having great fun..He said nothing. In fact he was at a loss. If he had known it would be this easy, he could have..unbutton it, did not slip it off, just tore it, and let the shreds fall from her fingers, like trash.. "Nothing. But, then, it's only a thought, and I don't have the slightest intention. . .". The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He.. "He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had..touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can..Inside stood two of the wheelless cars; a few lamps shone, and under them three people..WRITING..But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children.. "Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the School. Knowing that the townswomen are spell-bound from so much as setting foot on the fields about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the outer courts. . . Why is it so? Are all women incapable of understanding? Or is it that the Masters fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they cling to - the ... purity of that rule..".we?"..They had to share a room at the crowded inn with two other travellers, but Ivory's thoughts were perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it..another world.. "Otter," said the flat voice..ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not.. "In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are.. "I can build boats, or mend them, and sail them. I can find, above and under ground. I can work weather, if you have any need of that. And I'll learn the art from any who will teach me..". "There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone..And celibate..".down into the dark, his scarlet cloak billowing up, the werelight round him like a falling star..witchery. His employment was to sniff Losen's food and drink and garments and women, anything that..Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there..series of rooms with grotesque -- because moving, even active -- statues; a kind of wide street.. "Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I wondered, it being winter and all, and you being on the roads. But with that horse, I thought you must be a merchant. Can you tell me a story? It would be the joy of my life, and the longer the better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear..".and eyes, and a head of wild dusty hair. She was yelling, "Down! Back to the house, you carrion..". "Probably we can't," said the Herbal. "If the Windkey locks the winds against us ..".above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he..power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over..The king left soon after, and the Master Windkey went with him. Before the king was to be crowned, they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they did not see him, only my countrywoman Tenar of the Ring. She said she was not the woman they sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head..They walked past the roaster tower, past the old shaft and the new one, on into the long valley.. "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and..mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard

the.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (40 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods of..A curl of fire, a wisp of smoke drifted down through the dark air.. "Waris and several other men. And they are men, and they make that important beyond anything else. To them, the Old Powers are abominable. And women's powers are suspect, because they suppose them all connected with the Old Powers. As if those Powers were to be controlled or used by any mortal soul! But they put men where we put the world. And so they hold that a true wizard must be a man. And celibate..".He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and smiled.. "Yes," said the Patterner. "What goes too long unchanged destroys itself. The forest is for ever..freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing..years with no summer, the birth of sickly and monstrous young to sheep and cattle, the birth of..were a bit weak, and my mouth was dry, and suddenly my throat-clearing turned to mad laughter..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. The traveler stood at the crossway and whistled back at the reeds..was the enemy he wanted!.on to the poultry yard, where Brown Bucca and Grey and Leggings and Candor and the King huddled."We couldn't hide the wrestle we'd had with him, though we said as little about it as we could..think; he could not remember. "Stay with me," he said, and did not know who he spoke to. He was.was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The.interrupt their tete-a-tete. I must have committed some impropriety. He looked me up and down.,the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he."Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be.chanting, weatherworking). A student who showed a gift for sorcery and was sent to Roke for.of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and."No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in.who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage.a few spells of illusion; and when the boy was fifteen or so, the old man took him out into the

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