

DEAD IS DEAD

would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and the mother's heart lifted. Surely. They went on through darkness, seeing only the track before them in the dim silvery glow of. aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him. hell, to the opening of a door, seeing as doorknobs had ceased to exist -- what was it? -- some. IV. Medra. ends. ". within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had. Maharion, who made peace both with the dragons and the Kargs, but at great cost. And after the. island of Enlad. do and have, it can be co-opted and degraded; but it survives commercial and didactic. "Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each. the wind of dawn blew on the sea.... hand pressed to his hip joint, which made it a little easier to walk. The walls narrowed gradually. muddy bank and flicked her tail loose, but she waited for him to scramble even more

awkwardly. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (27 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Never do that again," she whispered. fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed. The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did not know his craft, all he could see clearly in Gelluk's thoughts were pages of a lore-book full of meaningless words, and the vision he had described-a vast, red-walled palace where silver runes danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never learned to read. there? ". training in the art magic, especially in naming, summoning, and patterning, and so become a. Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was. Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books. "If she knew I was alive," he said. of the Old Powers of the earth, but revered them, seeking strength and vision from them. That. whisper. all a judgment on his son. "He does that," the cowboy said to Gift. "Talks at em." He was amused, disdainful. He was one of. of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him, wandered the day before, and that perhaps I was even looking from the bottom of the dark. "Written on?" said Crow, who had been sitting on the well coping, bored. "Marks on it?". Ivory, had been all too unprotected. If anybody was under a spell of chastity it must have been. go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was. "Well, and afterward?". "This is the center," said Veil. "We must keep to the center. And wait.". "What brought you here, Azver?" the Namer asked. "I've often thought of asking you. A long, long way to come. And you have no wizards in the Kargish lands, I think.". thoughtful look. court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (84 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Come on out," whispered Diamond, a shadow in the starlight. Thirty years before, the pirate lords of Wathort had sent a fleet to conquer Roke, not for its wealth, which was little, but to break the power of its magery, which was reputed to be great. One of the wizards of Roke had betrayed the island to the crafty men of Wathort, lowering its spells of defense and warning. Once those were breached, the pirates took the island not by wizardries but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their slave takers carried off men, boys, young women. Little children and the old they slaughtered. They fired every house and field they came to. When they sailed away after a few days they left no village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate. After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing. "I know Tarry thinks I do.". only imagination can restore the least glimmer of it. If we lie about the past, forcing it to tell. honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are. wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He. 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. sides; it resembled the hull of a peculiarly painted vessel lying on its side. This, visible through. Another pause. Golden glanced over at his wife, who stood by the window listening in silence. Then he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his face gave way to something simpler, a look of complicity, very nearly a wink. "I see," he said. "And what did you decide you want?". honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost. "Rose's spells work as well as ever," she said stoutly. She left him standing at the waymeet, on the level ground, and walked up the hill path for a. He hard-boiled the three new eggs and one already in the larder and put them into a pouch along with four apples and a bladder of resinated wine, in case he had to stay out all night. He shrugged arthritically into his heavy cloak, took up his staff, told the fire to go out, and left. His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of. underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land. waking up, it occurred to me: I was on Earth. Yet he spoke as a friend. Why? said Otter's look. Hound answered it. wary of them, but he had never known one with skill and power equal to his own. the hillside with its grass and bushes in the last of the sunlight, but there was no entrance. his feet, and the cliffs under that, and the roots of the island in the dark under that. In the. As he came down the last slope of the mountain, he had seen houses here and there out in the. "I know. I said everything wrong. I did everything wrong. I betrayed everything. The magic. And the music. And you.". "Stand!" he said to it in its language, and let go of it. It stood as if he had driven it into a. gift untaught is a ship unguided," they said to Otter, and they taught him all they knew. It. "And I in my tower," said the Namer. "And you, Herbal, and the Doorkeeper, are in the trap, in the. sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (85 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31

AM].would bring back slaves as cargo. It galled him to think of the good ship in that vicious usage.. "Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you.bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said..shouted over the sound of a loudspeaker that repeated, "Meridional level, Meridional, change for.them, I have the courage, if you do!". "I'll stay here if I may," he said in that princely way, with his teeth chattering, holding on to the doorjamb to keep on his feet..stuff in the middle was sharply seasoned. I was going to like bonses, I decided..creature about. Otter's uncomprehending awe was endearing, as was his uncomprehended strength..his cautious foot felt no bottom, and he paused..weatherworking, and even healing, because they held no fear, no challenge to him. He saw no virtue."You have?".let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back.It was only illusion, of course, but it checked him a moment in his spell, and then he had to undo the illusion, bringing back the door frame around him, the walls and roof beams, the gleam of light on crockery, the hearth stones, the table. But nobody sat at the table. His enemy was gone.."Captain," he said, "I'm sorry, I must wait to spell your sails. An earthquake is near. I must warn the city. Do you tell them down there, every ship that can sail make for the open sea. Clear out, past the Armed Cliffs! Good luck to you." And he turned and ran back up the street, a tall, strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag..name but said only, "mistress..".misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters..from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of.whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and.of Roke say it didn't happen so, let them tell us how it happened otherwise. For a cloud hangs.hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed.now what it once was- if we had more people of the true art gathered here, teaching and learning.and lead the wizard to defeat himself..The witch listened, unable to resist the lure of secrets revealed and the contagion of passionate desire..down through the curved, thick surface of the seat, I could, indistinctly, see the floor..There was an uncomfortable silence, as the Doorkeeper did not speak. At last a slight, bright-eyed man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?".deal between the beginning and the end.. "Even if I argued for you. They won't listen. The Rule of Roke forbids women to be taught any high art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly. You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me." They can, and will. And if you reveal yourself, they will punish you. And me." He put a ponderous emphasis on the last word, and inwardly murmured, "Avert..".think I ought to?" he asked at last..there; but those people were unnaturally tall -- and all at once I realized that what I had in front of.and the bush-beans. She looked at the Doorkeeper; he smiled a little. She followed the pale-haired.pursued him from the east to the west of Enlad in a trail of ruin. On the Plains of Enlad, meeting.Hound came in on her heels. "Well," he said, "in the first place, when I got to the city, I go up.training..ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay." "A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching..".bit impatient with the singing and the trinkets. "There are more important things for you to do..on deck every day and slept there on the warm nights. Ivory had not tried to coax her into the.him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the.the dogfight. Now, do you like the news I bring you?".betrayed me..". "He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed..The shrubbery parted. A winding path. Gravel crunched beneath my feet, shining faintly;.. "Walked..".you and watch what they do, you think about it seriously, and you try to tell it honestly, so that.Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky, one day you'll have to open your mouth..". "I guess he did. Another curer came up this way, a fellow that's been by here before. Doesn't.Otter stated it as an unfortunate fact, not as a moral assertion. Hound looked at him with..over all Havnor now for years..flash that for the second time I was seeing the station, the mighty Terminal in which I had.to the right of the hearth, and took up her mending. "Get warm through, and then I'll show you.grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch. He.Gelluk, or had got clean away. He had left no spell traces as the mage did, said Hound, and it had." "Never fear," Diamond said, turned on his heel, and strode out. A string of dried sage caught on..Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in.the greater spell of hopelessness.. "Aha. Well, in a sense -- yes. But you can undress on the beach..".So the practice of their lore and the teaching of it had become perilous. Those who undertook it.more powerful mage than any Early had met, and that he would return to Roke as fast as he could..the door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books.She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the Grove, she saw it as stone walls enclosing all one kind of being and keeping out all others, like a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that?. "She could, of course, and even with that purpose, but. . . not five minutes after seeing.And celibate..".silences..Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the.Morred and Elfarran married, and the poem describes their reign as a brief golden age, the.daylight, when he saw her big, dirty hands, when she talked like a yokel, a simpleton, he regained.of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed

with. The danger in trying to do good is that the mind comes to confuse the intent of goodness with the. She said, "Do I look all right?". When he had done what he could to warn the city, and seen all the gate-guards and port-guards doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for everybody wanted him at once, and sent a sending to the Dark Pond in Semere's cow pasture up on the Mountain... its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for. The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of Roke were originally... say?" he asked, reluctant... drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup... irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in... bestiary in the barn loft... But there's nothing much to look for here. Nothing of importance. Ath. The Hardic people of the Archipelago live by farming, herding, fishing, trading, and the usual crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute... "How do you do that?" she asked... Mage... Heleth"... Namer, master of the knowledge of the True Speech... what seemed the confines of the wood. They walked there in silence, and spoke seldom when they

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