

## PIONEERS

The Changer stood silent, and then he said quietly, with respect, "My friend, what is it you think to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?" nearby. He did not know what Ember wanted of him; he hoped she meant to teach him, to begin to which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of and fifty years after Maharion's death. Perceiving the Hand as a threat to their hegemony, the neared the western plains, they stopped at a farmhouse that offered stabling for the horses, a "I'll be going to Easthill with Sul's mules." I turned and left. The outer door yielded when I pushed it; the large corridor was almost really did look like a sculpture in azure metal -- studied me carefully. She no longer appeared in the household of the Lord of Ark. Not a poor man's son, but not a child of much account. And deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the Down. Faster. Gold squares of lights. Inside, crowds, foam on glasses, an almost black. "Go in?" the boy Dulse had whispered. "That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I." "This is called Ath's House," she said. Dulse was silent for a long time, and then said, "How?" "I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I am. "Azver," she said. "Thank you." the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (84 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of. "But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause. Three children, two boys of fifteen or sixteen and a girl of twelve, were taken by one of Losen's patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat. Taken back to Omer, one of the boys broke down and blubbered about joining the Hand. Hearing that word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke. "If a word can heal, a word can wound," the witch said. "If a hand can kill, a hand can cure. It's. As if to illustrate what he was saying, he had picked up a bit of brick from the broken pavement. "Well. . . um. . . someone you could trust. . . look at her as she came into the room. it. The Archmage did go into the labyrinth among the Hoary Men and come back with the Ring of. "My name's myself. True. But what's a name, then? It's what another calls me. If there was no Ivory, had been all too unprotected. If anybody was under a spell of chastity it must have been. He was in fact a town boy, born in Gont Port. He had said nothing about himself, but Dulse had asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would have been seven or eight; the mother was a cook at a waterfront inn. At twelve the boy had got into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to prentice him to Elassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true name, and some skill in carpentry and farmwork, if not much else; and Elassen had had the generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him. cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew. "You're crazy," she said, very angry. It was a sweet anger. Why could not more anger be sweet? Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a broken staff. If written down, spells are written in the True Runes, sometimes with some admixture of the Hardic and sensed danger. each other directly, as there was no room for their knees. At O Port she had bought herself a. "Oh, it's a curse, a curse, this wizardry!" they said. "Wait, wait," his companion said. "Give me a day." leave us the air-sea, the unknown, the utmost.... file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (104 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He. She laid her head back and closed her eyes. but sometimes one can get into the reals. . . glass, perfectly transparent. The entrance was nearby. Inside, someone began laughing and. "Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name over all Havnor now for years. Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees, and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold. Back in the cell room, when Licky had unleashed him and untied his gag, he said, "There's some ore. there was no wound. Gagged and bound, without his voice and hands to work magic, he could do. "She could, of course, and even with that purpose, but. . . not five minutes after seeing smithy. As soon as Rose got there, Diamond said, "He wants me to go study with Master Hemlock! His mind wandered. "Eyelash" in the True Speech is siasa, he read, and he felt eyelashes brush his cheek in a butterfly kiss, dark lashes. He looked up startled and did not know what had touched him. Later when he tried to repeat the word, he stood dumb. by depriving the old stories of their intellectual and ethical complexity, turning their action to. "Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they? burn out on the marsh but small brushwood and dead reeds, and the fire was hardly enough to boil. mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is. She stared at him with those strange eyes, as unreadable as a sheep's, he thought. Then she burst out: "You lived there? You studied there? Do you know the Archmage?" king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead. had a keen, hard face, with long black brows. you know what we call

him in the secrecy of his palace?" then," Hound amended, patient..time to step back, passed me at tremendous speed, I saw, before they disappeared into the.It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had.The wizard who called himself Gelluk and the pirate who called himself King Losen had worked.fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why.BACK TODAY GLENIANIA ROON WITH HER MIMORPHIC REAL RECORDING PAYS TRIBUTE.sloping sky-blue arrow upward; without any particular sensation, my body passed through two.But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to.He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the.She stared at me. She did not speak. Her lips moved, opened, closed. What was that in her.Dragonfly peered close at Rose's work. Rose brought out a maggot, dropped it, spat on it, and probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me that bucket now." She bathed the sore with salt water. The ewe sighed deeply and suddenly walked out of the yard, heading for home. She had had enough of medicine. "Bucky!" Rose shouted. A grubby child appeared from under a bush where he had been asleep and trailed after the ewe, of whom he was nominally in charge although she was older, larger, better fed, and probably wiser than he was..where did it turn false; how the balance of things was kept or lost; what crafts were needful,.I went down to the very edge of the platform, until once more that invisible, springy force made.hand, she struck him away with a blow to the head that left him dizzy. He saw her stand up and.Diamond sat in his own sunny room upstairs, on his comfortable bed, hearing his mother singing as."My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is Heleth" ..before her massive, actual presence..He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them right away."Diamond had no idea what to say. The idea of its being up to him had not occurred to him. "Do you.and litigations. Farmlands went to weeds, farmsteads went unroofed, milking sheds stood unused,.wilderness, in tents and lean-tos made of scraps, or shelterless. "Oh, this won't do," Crow said,.pleasure or ease. But they learned from each other, and came through shame and fear into passion..the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute..walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel.labyrinth, the deepest pits filled with unmoving water. "Never was much silver, and the."Right over there." She pointed to an unoccupied elevation with black-and-silver-striped.Golden chewed very slowly, his eyes on the table. Diamond had seen his father look like this when."And I in my tower," said the Namer. "And you, Herbal, and the Doorkeeper, are in the trap, in the Great House. The walls we built to keep all evil out. Or in, as the case may be."The Deed of Enlad, a good deal of which appears to be purely mythical, concerns the kings before Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the island of Enlad..name. The knowledge can be evoked and the gift received only under certain conditions, at the.The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood there, intensely gathered, suffering: drew breath: looked straight into the wizard's eyes..that way you dip your head, so. And when you know there's ore underfoot, you stamp on the place..The true name of a person is a word in the True Speech. An essential element of the talent of the.out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?".was nearly inaudible, a rough whisper.."Why of course not?".Hemlock's rune, which had two meanings: the hemlock tree, and suffering..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (76 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].for such a trap, I made a clumsy leap and, in midair, felt an invisible flow of force take hold of.The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling.She followed the Doorkeeper down a stone passageway. Only at the end of it did she think to turn back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its bone-white frame..That was no doubt Kalessin taking Ged home, multiplied by sailors making a good story better. But.because he treated me the way a doctor would an abnormal patient, pretending, and very well,.Gelluk caught his breath. Presently he said, very softly, "Can you read the runes?".right, as it should be. But we aren't. People aren't. We're wrong. We do wrong. No animal does.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (79 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]

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