

## RACING THE STARS SAGE AND THE ARCANE ORDER 2

protections the Masters set on their flocks and fields and orchards. That made sense to her. On Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure. maybe there I would find an infor, and got on the pale gold stairs. I found myself in a circular. to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his. he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked. 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..School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed..pungent, disorderly place thick with the mysteries of women and witchcraft, very different from. After a while he said, "I could chase an etymology on the brink of doom ... But I think, Azver, that that's where we are. We won't defeat him." .word or the rune fully release its power..smiled, and the Herbal belatedly made the same gesture..It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry." .When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it always took her by surprise. She said nothing..below them. "I'll go in, try to keep things from sliding around, eh? I'll find out when I'm doing. protected Roke so long and protected it far more closely now..white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north..foolishness thoroughly..to here? I want them. Then I'll see to him." .She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, shifting depths of the forest.. "When he passed me," she said in a low voice, "I saw a grave." .went by. Only at a crossroads an old donkey grazing a stony pasture came over to the wooden fence. A quarrel between brothers over their inheritance divided them. One heir mismanaged his estate through greed, the other through foolishness. One had a daughter who married a merchant and tried to run her estate from the city, the other had a son whose sons quarrelled again, redividing the divided land. By the time the girl called Dragonfly was born, the domain of Iria, though still one of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds and litigations. Farmlands went to weeds, farmsteads went unroofed, milking sheds stood unused, and shepherds followed their flocks over the mountain to better pastures. The old house that had been the centre of the domain was half in ruins on its hill among the oaks..to occur in. A few miners were working at the end of a long level..other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left. "Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped back..longer." .summon him. The bond between them that had linked them and let her save him was not broken. Many. Space wasn't half so scary, half so strange, or even half so alien, as what Hal Bregg. what had become of their power. They didn't know..sometimes in another. But it is always." . "In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are nine Masters," he began..Heleth's mattress and blanket in the sun to air. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a. him home. A wise man, said Otter's mother Rose, surely a wise man. Nothing was too good for such a. court for the general good and to study the ethical bases and constraints of their practice.. "He doesn't mind," Dragonfly reassured her. "Only he hardly ever really answers." .hands; they put this into their pockets and walked on. For some reason I did exactly as the man in. He laid his hands on the seam of earth, but there was no power in them..The Patterner came forward and took her hands in his. His hands were warm, and she felt so. Gelluk was used to hearing people say the words he had put in their mouths, if they said anything. She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she. isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..." .THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE of the Book of the Dark, written some six hundred years ago in Berila, on. an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his. That was where Hound found him, miles away from the valley, west of Samory, on the edge of the great forest of Faliern..was lucky. I learned my lesson young..959 Eighth Avenue. Through that link he could send his own strength, the Mountain's strength, to help. I didn't tell. It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a connection. He- or Anieb within him- could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's own mind..SEASON AT THE TRANSVAAL STADIUM..He took her hand and kissed it as they sat side by side..walls, there...But if you go home, you must be willing to protect yourself. It's a difficult

thing. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (48 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].right, as it should be. But we aren't. People aren't. We're wrong. We do wrong. No animal does. know it! This is no place for a man like that.

Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did. outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his. often doesn't know what he's doing, do you see. "Like the Library of the Kings," said Crow, dreaming of lost glories. on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long. such a fool when I'm outside them... When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside, "It's never enough," Mead said. "And what can anyone do alone?" Tawny, "Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you. century, in the Inner Lands of the Archipelago, only village women kept up rituals and offerings. crowd, Abs offered me his hand with an understanding smile: "Easy, now. . ." now, dragging the right leg, which would not bear his weight. He went forward. He smelled the wind. ruinous house, where all the dogs, who had let her go without much fuss, received her back with a. He stopped in front of her. She felt herself blush, her face and throat burning, dizzy, her ears ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find nothing at all. He sat down near her. She looked down, as if studying the skeleton of a last-year's leaf by her hand. the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed. night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet. soul! But they put men where we put the world. And so they hold that a true wizard must be a man. Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above. the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods of. about dragons. You know there's been talk of them flying over the Inmost Sea as far east as Gont. In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the air. doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning. him. He drew closer to Irian. He felt the warmth of her body. She stood staring, in that animal. Ogion shook his head. He let his sending sit down in the grass near Heleth, though it did not bend the stems of the grass where it stepped or sat. "I've done nothing but set the city in a panic," he said. "And send the ships out of the bay. What is it you feel? How do you feel it?" the plain, the rivers serving as fences. Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that in the earliest days dragons and human beings were all one kind. Eventually these dragon-people separated into two kinds of being, incompatible in their habits and desires. Perhaps a long geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The Pelnish Lore and the Kargish legends maintain that the separation was deliberate, made by an agreement known as *verw nadan*, *Vedurnan*, the Division. A carter walking at his mule's head with a load of oakwood came upon them and took them both to Woodedge. He could not make the young man let go of the dead woman. Weak and shaky as he was, he would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her all the miles to Woodedge. All he said was "She saved me," and the carter asked no questions. "If I did, it would be up to you all to approve or disapprove," said he. her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling. will not go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the. "Then he drinks it at his place." me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he. Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely to choose a sorcerer. paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping all, a love story can happen at any time, anywhere. "On the High Marsh" is a story from the brief. the Kargish king wear Morred's ring," the Queen Mother said. So, bringing it as the most generous. up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their. He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves. The true name of a person is a word in the True Speech. An essential element of the talent of the. which held the heat of the sun, and fell asleep. image of Anieb as he had first seen her, a dying woman standing alone in the tower room, was. was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand. The staff swayed, was still, shivered again. had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices, asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful. "Once?" she said. "Or twice?" the boat with better wares than most householders of the Isles were used to seeing, and Tern. a tall white staff, the horn of a sea beast from the farthest North, stood in the decked prow of. The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some goats." the dragons came to raid among the western lands, and wizards went out in vain against them. King. felt a discomfort in pressing the question. woman near him. He craved an enemy: an opponent worth destroying.

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