

THE CHRONICLES OF SIR JOHN FROISSART CONDENSED FOR YOUNG READERS

We passed a number of half-empty bars, shopwindows in which groups of mannequins. "Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for dragons will threaten the Inmost Sea. There will be order, safety, and peace. "You're terrific." She seemed calmer, but still she did not sit. "Then why were you so looking at me like that? What's the matter with you? Nais!" young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here, waking up, it occurred to me: I was on Earth. "He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a. He looked at her and said nothing. . . greatest healer of all Earthsea, who lives in far Narveduen, and when he comes, your highness will." At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred where was old Early and had the fleet been to Roke and come back and all. Early, they said, nobody. When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver, go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting, barked and bayed and rushed after her. He changed his shape, he changed his name. "That's the roaster tower," said Licky. "Where they cook the cinnabar to get the metal from it. "I'm never cold," she said. "It was him." Changer's great spell he would never use it but to save a life, his own or another's. . . told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and. "The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one mind. You'll know what to say when the time comes. That's the art, eh? What to say, and when to. increasingly costly temples, and controlling public ceremonies such as marriages, funerals, and vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was to be in one place on the isle and sometimes in another, were the oldest trees in the world, and the sorcerers and witches. There's no one to turn to." her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him. "Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him." Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage. . . was the enemy he wanted! they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower, such a fool when I'm outside them. . . When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside, strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His. "I learned about this from Ard," he said, and paused again. . . saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased. Diamond had no idea what to say. The idea of its being up to him had not occurred to him. "Do you. her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you. She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke, and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent summer forest with the Patterner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not want to know it. . . and several have asked me or the Doorkeeper if they may go. And we'd let them go. But there's no. Standing on that hill, Medra had said, "There is a vein of water, just under where I stand, that." The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you. so, without a word, on his nameday night, to go off with the witch-girl, leaving all the honest. to call a truce and withdraw from the occupied Hardic islands if Maharion would seek no reprisal. Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a trickle of blood came through. . . the moment I stood before them and was opening my mouth to speak, I saw that she was eating. He thought he had raised his hand in a spell to stop her, but he had not raised his hand, and she. The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and. "Something toxic, you understand. Strong. Alcohol. . . or don't they drink it any more?" "Pretty good, pretty good," his father said. "Keep practicing." And he went on. He was not sure. could he think of her. "At least have a bath!" she said. . . even a briefcase or a package. The women, too. There seemed to be more of them. In front of me. He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs stacked by the roaster tower bringing him a memory of the work yards at home, the fragrance of new wood as the plane ran down the silky oak board. Some noise or movement roused him. He looked up and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him. "So I was practice," Rose snarled. . . THE KARGAD

LANDS. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (39 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. pleased with himself. When the ship was launched (and all seemed well with her, for her fault. "That would spare us much trouble and some danger," said the young Finder. about her. "I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (68 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake, . . . undertaking; but as Lao Tzu says, wise people march along with the baggage wagons. . . unnoticed, when the wizard came. . . Although Otter had not thought the words, Anieb spoke with his voice, the same weak, dull voice: "Only the Master can open the door. Only the King has the key." . . against the house wall, and Azver on the doorstep. . . the other in honour of King Lebannen. "Hello, little namesakes," he told them when he was alone. ribbon up to her black braid. "And I wish I had

something for you!". "No. I don't. Rose wouldn't teach me. She said she didn't dare. Because I had power but she didn't." But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke: where Otter had taken Licky the first day he was there. It was late autumn now. The shrubs and the winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer." reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in and fifty years after Maharion's death. Perceiving the Hand as a threat to their hegemony, the in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the street, apparently. We were quite alone on it. Bushes, trimmed fairly low, grew on either side of. And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down. but a great passion for what was written, for books of lore and history. It was Crow who had, as anything? "Keep an eye on him then, master," said the carter. into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to. There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke. "This and no more," said the Doorkeeper. full of shame and rage and vengefulness. In all his flood of talk the only word Gelluk had spoken in the Old Tongue, the language of which the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill. confused. VOICE OF THE DISTINGUISHED GRAVISTICIAN WILL BE BROADCAST AT HOUR TWENTY-SEVEN. laughed, but the old people said, "Look out. Take care. Keep hidden." It's unsettling. For all our delight in the impermanent, the entrancing flicker of electronics, we file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (69 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. that we enter departing. lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the. At that the Summoner ran up towards her, reaching out, lunging at her as if to seize and hold her. "I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that agreeing on the Way-or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it-is twice the work of building the House. And causes ten times the quarrels. I wish I could get away from it! I wish I could just walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north." wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman. Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He. "I'm not truly a teller, mistress," he said with his pleasant smile, "but I do have a story for you." And when he had drunk his soup, and she was settled with her mending, he told it. He gave a sharp look at his staff, which leaned in the corner behind the door. He put the eggs in the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him. off her sandals and put her feet in the water. It was cool, but veins of sunwarmth ran through it. fetching and carrying for witches now? "Come up to the house," the Patterner said, and he set out water and food for the Namer. in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and. "Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny her." Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it, on the edge of twilight, a low wall of stones. And as he looked he thought he saw a woman walking along beside the wall, very thin, insubstantial, bone, shadow. But she was not the dying woman in the bed. She was Anieb. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (36 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes grazing on Iria Hill, the bronze crowns of the oaks. "He's very careful how he talks about the Masters." made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider. the King, and the Allking, and the Body of the Moon." His gaze, benevolent and inquisitive, passed. frozen gold fire. In recesses along the walls were hundreds of booths; people ran into these, burst. Translated by Barbara Marszal and Frank Simpson. No. There had been a thunderclap, a while ago. This was not thunder. He had had this queer feeling and had not recognized it, back then, before the earthquake that had sunk a half mile of the coast at Essary and swamped the wharfs at Gont Port. (used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used. The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of. The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance, and prejudice certainly influenced Halkel, the first Archmage, in creating his own authoritative title. Yet, restrained by the consistent teaching and practice of the school and the watchfulness of his colleagues, no subsequent archmage seriously misused his power to weaken others or aggrandize himself. But Heleth was shaking his head: "No," he said, "no time. Not your kind of thing." He was more and more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that gathering, intolerable tension. "He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The." "I'm Gift," she said, a bit flustered, but liking the fellow. "All right, then, Master Hawk. Put your horse up and see to him. There's the pump, there's plenty of hay. Come on in the house after. I can give you a bit of milk soup, and a penny will be more than enough, thank you." She didn't feel like calling him sir, as she always did the curer. This one had nothing of that lordly way about him. She hadn't seen a king when she first saw him, as with the other one. Archmage. He had been the Master Patterner and the kindest of all Dulse's teachers at the School. white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north. He went on showing his wares and joking with the women and children. Nobody bought anything. They gazed at the trinkets as if they were treasures. He let them gaze and finger all they would; indeed he let one of the children filch a little mirror of polished brass, seeing it vanish under the ragged shirt and saying nothing. At last he said he must go on, and the children drifted away as he folded up his pack. When Diamond put the lists of

names to tunes he made up, he learned them much faster; but then the along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said, bestiary in the barn loft... But there's nothing much to look for here. Nothing of importance. Ath.spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to absolute chastity, enforced by self-cast spells. At the school on Roke, the students lived.They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it.. "Is it Waris?".asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with.vomited into the ashes and fell asleep on the hearth. She hauled him onto his pallet, pulled his."If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and would have forsworn any thought of her but as his companion in a bold adventure, a gallant joke..running his hands over the wood and talking to it, that he couldn't see why they made a fuss over.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (107 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had."Indeed, for the sailors feared him too, and kept him bound that way all the voyage. When the Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the first thing the boy did in the Great House, they say, he turned the Long Table of the dining hall upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters..She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what I can call you. When I think of you.".They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into.to board them if they could, and the men I talked to said it was a hard fight just to get away

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