

THE JEWEL OF THEIR SOULS

Permissions Department, Harcourt, Inc., 6277 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32887-6777..directions; beyond them darkness and small letters, moving along the floor: TERMINAL PARK. "If I told you my name," he said, "my true name-". "You went in there, that hole, with the old wizard, didn't you? Did you find him?". At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you..This is a tale of those times. Some of it is taken from the Book of the Dark, and some comes from. So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly, called him Songsparrow and Skylark, among other loving names, for she never really did like "Diamond." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above Glade. The Lord and his Lady praised the boy's singing and gave him a tiny gold box with a diamond set in the lid, which seemed a kind and pretty gift to Diamond and his mother. But Golden was a bit impatient with the singing and the trinkets. "There are more important things for you to do, son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned."..heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would. He saw Irian staring at him in amazement. Thorion the Summoner speaks his true name," he said. "He its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for. she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent. grass of the bank, he began to speak..He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the. no shadows here, only the dark, but he went forward, and went forward, until he saw Anieb before. Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those. his eyes on that seed of light.. "Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes home."..come." "Of me?"..it woven?"..Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the images in his mind: great fires blazing, burning sticks with hands and feet, burning lumps that screamed as green wood screams in the fire.. "Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to his left.. "That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail, "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want."..noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water, earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all.. And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down.. suddenly stepped off the flowing ribbon, but only to mount another, which darted steeply upward, "They don't need a weatherworker on a night like this, and they haven't paid me yet," Medra said. "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He. tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all. times better than he ever did."..tower were naked or wore only breechclout and moccasins. Otter glanced again at the slave, "Your impression is right. How is it between men and women?".. doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every. off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked.. lenses?) -- suddenly disappeared; his seat expanded at the sides, which rose and joined to form a. "Where's he hiding?".. wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke. were old and uncanny. But in the Isles all books were old and all uncanny, what there was of them.. "So. . . how old are you, really?".. was getting hot.. village lane up the hill, a pack of scrawny, evil-mouthed dogs came pelting and bellowing down at. He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (56 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you. She knew he was right.. smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger.. Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you understand that?" "No," Diamond said.. It's a word in the language of the Allking. His own name in his own language. In our base tongue. the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed.. entrance of the mine. They went underground. The passages of the mine were a dark maze like the. let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back. all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked. sometimes in another. But it is always.".. storm of ideas and feelings, a passion of rage, vengeance, pity, pride.. 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.".. were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago.. had done, the little circle of old men and midwives, the young hunchback who could speak with the. insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight. "But you can't force him to drink," I continued patiently.. sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet.. "Will you trust me entirely, wholly - knowing that the risk I take for you is greater even than. Medra stood silent. His face felt hot. He looked down. "I thought," he said, and stopped.. "Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's leg. "Get the saddle off her," she said, and her tone held the unspoken, impatient, "you fool!" Ivory obeyed, half-annoyed by this crude giantess and half-intrigued. She did not put him in mind of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare submitted to her absolutely. When she said, "Move your foot!" the mare moved her

foot. The woman wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though grudgingly, as if she still wondered how he could have let his mare stand there to be assaulted, and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own..in mist and sunlight at the end of the sea.."I can't think, here.."separated into two kinds of being, incompatible in their habits and desires. Perhaps a long..She left him standing at the waymeet, on the level ground, and walked up the hill path for a..He heard an eagle scream. He got to his feet. He leapt into the dark..with exaggeration, moving its huge lips and meaty tongue..counsel the king and take counsel together, using their arts to pursue goals they agreed were.."Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the.."A woman! For safekeeping! In the Ninety Isles! Was he mad?"..But ever the other will be the same..the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's..she could not answer him..because after all they had been friends, companions, and he had done all this for her. "Courage!"..you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two.."Well, this boy did learn at last to tame his anger and control his power. And a very great power it was. Whatever art he studied came easy to him, too easy, so that he despised illusion, and weatherworking, and even healing, because they held no fear, no challenge to him. He saw no virtue in himself for his mastery of them. So, after the Archmage Nemmerle had given him his name, the boy set his will on the great and dangerous art of summoning. And he studied with the Master of that art for a long time..They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn. Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few stars and the black curve of the hill, they stripped and waded into the shallow water, their feet sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child. You are no child. You have no name."..Oh, it's time, and past time. We must deliver the King. We must find the great lode. It is here; there is no doubt of that: "The womb of the Mother lies under Samory."..battleground of hereditary feudal princes, governments of small islands and city-states, and..There was an old man by our door..down..quicksilver and spoke it through him..years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem,.."Aha. Well, in a sense -- yes. But you can undress on the beach."..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..vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a..flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose..It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him..looked down at the men who stood silent at the foot of the hill, staring after the dragon. "Well, with raised sides boomed with laughter. People were being amused, but what was amusing them -..arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind..felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained.."Anieb," he said..don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe..survived the dark years. Wanting praise, not history, the warlords burnt the books in which the..forest and meadow, but the rain will fall, the rivers will run to the sea. The unstable, mutable..Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself..ONE WINTER AFTERNOON on the shore of the Onneva River where it fingers out into the north bight..was cold, and his blood did not run, and no soul was in him. That was more terrible. So we made..He changed his shape, he changed his name, her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would..he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks..do it, he denied his death. So he denies life."..he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said..teaching him, petting him a bit as he had done yesterday. He sat down with him in the sun. Gelluk.."Look at that," said the woman. "He's not friendly with most folk."..indignant before, about my bringing home strangers?".."And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of

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