

THE MACHINES

showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat. "How do you know of that House?" "You won't find out. It's all lies, shams. Old men playing games with words. I wouldn't play their games, so I left. Do you know what I did?" He turned, showing his teeth in a rictus of triumph. "I got a girl, a town girl, to come to my room. My cell. My little stone celibate cell. It had a window looking out on a back-street. No spells - you can't make spells with all their magic going on. But she wanted to come, and came, and I let a rope ladder out the window, and she climbed it. And we were at it when the old men came in! I showed 'em! And if I could have got you in, I'd have showed 'em again, I'd have taught them their lesson!" "Nais. . .". Gelluk was standing still, but his shaking hands were clenched, his whole tall body twitching and trembling, like a hound that wants to chase but cannot find the scent. He was at a loss. There was the hillside with its grass and bushes in the last of the sunlight, but there was no entrance. Grass growing out of gravelly dirt; the seamless earth. The wizard stepped forward. "I come," he said in his joyous, tender voice, and he strode fearlessly into the raw wound in the earth, a white light playing around his hands and his head. But seeing no slope or stair downward as he came to the lip of the broken roof of the cavern, he hesitated, and in that instant Anieb shouted in Otter's voice, "Tinaral, fall!" the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only. Very few people ever spoke to Gelluk unless he compelled them to. The spells by which he silenced, weakened, and controlled all who approached him were so habitual to him that he gave them no thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed with his ideas, he had no thought beyond them. He was not aware of Otter at all except as a part of his plans, an extension of himself. "Yes, yes, you will," he said, and smiled again. Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands. "Pretty good, pretty good," his father said. "Keep practicing." And he went on. He was not sure what he ought to have said. He did not want to encourage the boy to spend any more time on music, or with this girl; he spent too much already, and neither of them would help him get anywhere in life. But this gift, this undeniable gift of the rock hovering, the unblown fife -- Well, it would be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged. Without you, I remember... I don't want to go, but I have to go. I don't want to admit that. "I thought that that would. . . suit you." Stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out. "If it's a real gift, an unusual capacity, that's even more true. A witch with her love potions. She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to. Wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer." The islets and rocks where the dragons raised their young, killing many broods, "crushing. Neither spoke for a while. She could just make out the bulk of him in the leafy shadows.

"You're file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (3 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. This was another of the reasons Diamond loved her. About Silence. I should send for him ... send to him ... No. What did Ard say? Find the center, the songs and be prepared for his naming day." Into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the someone was coming along the path from the Great House. Crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria", or, "as signs glowing in the air: LOCAL CIRCUITS. I came to an escalator that held quite a few people. thousand years ago." Irian? "Those are spells of illusion only, of seeming. But there are true changes, and true summonings. do it, he denied his death. So he denies life." Foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief." In the earliest days dragons and human beings were all one kind. Eventually these dragon-people. man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you." Otter walked on a mile, brooding; then circled back, leading Licky to a hillock not far from the far end of the old workings. There he nodded downward and stamped his foot. CELIBACY AND WIZARDRY. "Or your library," said Tern, who had become a subtler man than he used to be. ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent. He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the. "Practice," Rose said, rather sourly. "I know." She flicked a pebble at Diamond. It turned into a butterfly in midair. He flicked a butterfly back at her, and the two flitted and flickered a moment before they fell back to earth as pebbles. Diamond and Rose had worked out several such variations on the old stone-hopping trick. into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to. he felt cold, cold through, though he was sitting in the full heat of the summer's day. We are. must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need. "This is the center," said Veil. "We must keep to the center. And wait." moving lights blazed out of narrow vertical apertures hanging low above the ground. I could not. "Where'll you go?" she said. He left her at the corner of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up. "Did you know that, Irian?" the Doorkeeper asked her. on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he. it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the. morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A. He drew back, staring, and made a fierce motion of his hand that brushed away the stream in a. and the bush-beans. She looked at the Doorkeeper; he smiled a little. She followed the pale-haired. witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently. and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out. "Where's he hiding?" "So at last he summoned his own master, the Summoner of Roke, taking him unawares. They can, and will. And if you reveal yourself, they will punish you. And me." He put a ponderous. "Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you. awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and. It

was absolutely silent..Deeds, lays, songs, and popular ballads are still composed as oral performances, mostly by professional singers. New works of any general interest are soon written down as broadsheets or put in compilations..studying the Acastan Spells. Together they had finally worked it out, a long toil. "Like ploughing.asked them..For there had been times when he felt that, as he had summoned her living, so dead she might summon him. The bond between them that had linked them and let her save him was not broken. Many times she had come into his dreams, standing silent as she stood when he first saw her in the reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones..She held up her first finger; raised the other fingers, and clenched them together into a fist.."Ah," San said, coming to the door, and hemmed a bit. "No need, Master Otak. This here is Master.Permissions Department, Harcourt, Inc., 6277 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32887-6777..storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra.potions used in aid of lust, jealousy, and malice. And a child's gift for magic became a thing to.Irian, she shrank back from him. It was as if a grave had opened, a winter grave, cold, wet, dark..Ged too looked at her..but a great passion for what was written, for books of lore and history. It was Crow who had, as.Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there.beyond comprehension and he was nothing at all. He woke from those dreams shaken and shamed. In.He saw her now more clearly than he had seen her in the tower. He saw her more clearly than he had.Did he fear her, who had freed him?.the wind of dawn blew on the sea....her free. I know nothing. If you know how to be free, I beg you, teach me!".power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them.,under my breath and took the cup. She poured herself a drink from the second bottle. This liquid.miles or years away.."Come" she said, "before you fall asleep there," and he followed her obediently to Berry's room, which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the chimney. Berry would come in, drunk, in a while, and she'd put down the pallet in the chimney corner for him. Let the traveler have a good bed for a night. Maybe he'd leave a copper or two with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (39 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "She asked to," said the Doorkeeper..the sunshine of morning with his arms in the air..in front of large, glowing windows and the fiery letters ALCARON HOTEL..were a bit weak, and my mouth was dry, and suddenly my throat-clearing turned to mad laughter..They are five against us," said the Herbal.."Because of children," I explained. "You can't raise children on such ships, and even if."He wanted me to go to Roke.."the greater spell of hopelessness.."And what was I supposed to feel?". "Put it away," she said, with another laugh, and a flurried motion of her hands. "If you can cure the cattle, the cattlemen will pay you, and you can pay me then. Call that surety, if you like. But put it away, sir! It makes me dizzy to look at it. -Berry," she said, as a nobbly, dried-up man came in the door with a gust of cold wind, "the gentleman will stay with us while he's curing the cattle-speed the work! He's given us surety of payment. So you'll sleep in the chimney corner, and him in the room. This is my brother Berry, sir." "I am not, after all, a wild animal. Don't be angry, but. . . it seems to me that you've all.the sorcerers and witches. There's no one to turn to."Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely increasingly on wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse those of the kings..For a long time nobody would touch him. He had fallen down in a fit in San's doorway. He lay there now like a dead man. But the curer from the south said he wasn't dead, and was as dangerous as an adder. San told how Otak had put a curse on Sunbright and said some awful words that made him get smaller and smaller and wail like a stick in the fire, and then all in a moment he was back in himself again, but sick as a dog, as who could blame him, and all the while there was this light around the other one, Otak, like a wavering fire, and shadows jumping, and his voice not like any human voice. A terrible thing..An escalator began in the space between the buildings, suddenly entered a tunnel, silver.stole a mouthful of milk sometimes; and now she willingly took the traveler home. She walked, slow.thought. He looked at life in that cold light. It was a different matter from what he had believed.bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The.Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their.House. And causes ten times the quarrels. I wish I could get away from it! I wish I could just.Gelluk watched him with his inquisitive, affectionate look, and when Otter stood up, wincing and gasping, the wizard asked gently, "Are you afraid of the King?".Oh, it's time, and past time. We must deliver the King. We must find the great lode. It is here;

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