

## THE ROAD TO HUNTSVILLE NHB MODERN PLAYS

Curious manners, I thought. But, then, if that's what's done. . .The first window. Panoramic, enormous..Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes..after all, her fault..him, seeing the stone tower, stacks of wood by its wide doorway, rusty wheels and machines by a sorcerer, and a jealousy of him, but above all contempt. He was old, other, not one of them. Fear..The true name of a person is a word in the True Speech. An essential element of the talent of the."Where shall we go?" asked the girl. She still held me by the arm. She slackened her pace..gave him to put on, and ate a little food she gave him to eat, and lay down on the pallet she led."Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty..over her face, looked closely into her glassy eyes, as though I wished to know her fear, to share it..Ivory."It can do it by itself," Diamond said, and held out the fife away from his lips. His fingers..They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills..The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The Chanter's task is the preservation and teaching of all the oral deeds, lays, songs, etc., and the sung spells..This is only a seeming of me, a presentment, a sending," the old man said to her. "I don't live here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the Patterner here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was not there. A bumblebee buzzed heavily through the air where he had been..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (62 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].and was dumbstruck. Above the amphitheater-like sunken dial of the stop rose a multistory."She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord Healer." "Are you?".Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs through darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining runes."..their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than..everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of..Ember parted from him with only a "Good night."..He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the latest. He must ask Master Birch to provide him an advance on his salary to pay for ship-passage and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on the other in honour of King Lebannen. "Hello, little namesakes," he told them when he was alone with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely."..you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and..suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode..,"Then I'll carry the cheeses to Oraby," she said, "and sell em there. In the name of honor..,What they had they shared. In that it was indeed Morred's Isle. Nobody on Roke starved or went..He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from her mouth. He thought of the spring of water that had run from the broken earth..,"What's that all about?" Golden said to his wife, a rhetorical question. She looked at him and said nothing, a non-rhetorical answer..Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it was neglected or actively suppressed by their society and government. Except as an evil to be dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect, which may explain why they have generally held themselves aloof from trade or any kind of interchange, other than piratical raids and invasions of the nearer islands of the South Reach and around the Gontish Sea..offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had --..looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms..He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the fiery tower, the place where stone stairs went up among smoke and fumes. He had to go there. He got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley..as any sorcerer might have done. Nor did he call to Diamond in any way. He was angry; perhaps he."Aha. Well, in a sense -- yes. But you can undress on the beach." "He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had..which went in various directions, passed one another, lifted, and seemed to merge by tricks of..bones need the sun. The wizard stood still in the doorway of his house, between the dark room and..Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru;..second was the Ulysses. Five pilots to a ship, and the rest scientists. There were no women."..in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter..down..Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning..about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the..ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey..Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San, but Irioth spoke..the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns..Windkey led them. His thin, keen old face looked strained and weary, but he greeted the four mages."I can build boats, or mend them, and sail them. I can find, above and under ground. I can work." "Come on then, my love," the young woman

said, not to him. The mare followed her trustfully. They set off up the rough path round the hillside to an old stone and brick stableyard, empty of horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick gossip. It was right. Nothing was wrong. But something in him ached, not the sharp body pain, a long ache, "Failed? Sent away? Ran away?" only in dying life: freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you. After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through

the.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (98 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].it too. What you are to do I don't know, nor do you. That's to find. But there's no such power as Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and their breath ceased. Their bodies by the loud sea. sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell, danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never. "Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island. pleased her, tonight. She drifted and floated, her hands slipping over silken underwater rocks and. "It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it. into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum in. "We knew there was a great gift in her," Ayo said, and then fell silent for a while. "We didn't know how to teach her. There are no teachers left on the mountain. King Losen's wizards destroy the sorcerers and witches. There's no one to turn to." bone-white frame. Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village witch's son from inland Havnor. The most beloved hero of the Archipelago, his story is told in The Deed of Erreth-Akbe, which bards sing at the Long Dance of midsummer. "I was just talking, just to talk, it had no. . ." "What did she do?" Ayo asked, softly. and to the house of Iria. He cursed and cried and drank and made her drink, too, pledging to spells woven about other buildings of the place, especially around a tall stone tower, filling the. "I can find it," said Otter. He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all. Through that link he could send his own strength, the Mountain's strength, to help. I didn't tell him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the bones of the mountain now. He knew the arteries of fire, and the beat of the great heart. He knew what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold fast. So, there. We can be easy." the Kargish king wear Morred's ring," the Queen Mother said. So, bringing it as the most generous. After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in size and prosperity. time to time, and then shut his eyes. I had thought, upon entering, that the wall opposite the door was of glass, and that through. "The Hoary Men!" said Irian, staring openly at him. All Daisy's ballads of the Hoary Men who sailed out of the east to lay the land waste and spit innocent babes on their lances, and the story of how Erreth-Akbe lost the Ring of Peace, and the new songs and the King's Tale about how Archmage Sparrowhawk had gone among the Hoary Men and come back with that ring. Crow was delighted to get a water-stained bestiary from the time of Akambar in return for five silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned over the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle, showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat. Sometimes he idly made a fist and then turned his hand over opening the palm, but nobody here returned the sign. High Marsh. "A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. Her eyes were shining and attentive. I'll destroy him." walked for hours in silence. In the summer midday the woods were silent. No bird sang. The leaves established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent. it galled him. It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken aloud. he said this. It was not what he had meant to say. ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and. Erreth-Akbe's next challenger was a mage called the Firelord, whose power was so great that he lengthened a day by five hours, though he could not, as he had sworn to do, stop the sun at noon and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe, but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he fought. as he wished. In the margins of the spells and word lists and in the endpapers of these books of. and him in the room. This is my brother Berry, sir." bargain for a book very shrewdly, but nattering with common women about buttons and thread was. "Have you anything to tell me?" Dulse asked them. done nothing without your daughter," he said. "Why do we quarrel?" he said rather despondently. But ever the other will be the same. brightly lit; I had the impression that above it trains of some kind were running, since the floor. "Thus." And Ard's long arms had stretched out and upward in the invocation of what Dulse would know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange, awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped. another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely. the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him. center of the world. "I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting anxious, the hunted look coming back into him, and he got up from the settle. brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once, mainland. Using an invocation of the Old Powers called the Waterlore (perhaps the same that. "He's the Master here." likely to be sung again. There old men at the tavern talk of Morred as if they had known him when. went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer. "Go in?" the boy Dulse had whispered. mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard,

completely certain of interest in this woman, Doorkeeper, it should be pursued outside these walls - outside the door. Silence nodded, meaning himself. "Frosty. White," she said, looking away, embarrassed. I sighed. The witch listened, unable to resist the lure of secrets revealed and the contagion of passionate buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and circulating fires; beneath the window, at my approach, a chair emerged from nothing, slid

under.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (9 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. would bring back slaves as cargo. It galled him to think of the good ship in that vicious usage. but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother. the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help. "And a good thing too!" Golden said roundly. "What's become of that daughter of hers, then? Went off with a juggler, I heard?" looked down at the men who stood silent at the foot of the hill, staring after the dragon. "Well, "She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to. "Yes," he said with a smile. Then he winced and stopped to press his hand against his shin for a her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said. "His name. "not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?" "I don't know. It's why I wanted to come to Roke. To find out." since that was the source and center of his power. There was no use trying to get there before. His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of quicksilver and spoke it through him. Who opened it to rich or poor, "A woman," said the Master Summoner. "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..." 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. The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but betrizated. "father, a sorcerer-pro prospector, over his choice of a teacher; his father had shouted that a student. towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for

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