

## DAS LEBEN DES GRAFEN AUGUST VON WERDER

money. And the voice not bad, if you'd worked on it." "Where do you send this lady?" said the Patterner in his strange speech..bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands,.Diamond had been given his truename at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man..histories, partial biographies, and garbled legends. But it's the best of the records that."Then you'll be more than welcome. The plague is terrible among the cattle. And getting worse."..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..battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace.For a long time nobody would touch him. He had fallen down in a fit in San's doorway. He lay there."I'll eat later, sir. Thank you," said Irian..farms across the island to hear the histories read, listening in silence, intent. "Our souls are.The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But maybe not all your name. I think you have another."..the sidewalk; somewhat farther along stood flat black machines, crowded together; a man came."Moles," Diamond said. "Honestly, I feel like hiding underground. I always thought Father was.Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight,.Onn. She had come to the city seeking work, as many came. Decent folk in a decent trade in."So you put a spell on yourself," she said, "just as that wizard put one on you. A spell to keep you safe. To keep you with the mule-breeders, and the nut-pickers, and these." She struck the ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she said..spongy plastic. It did not look like a shower, either. I felt like a Neanderthal. I quickly undressed,.Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had."But. . ." The Changer paused..unnoticed, when the wizard came..The password, yes. But I can teach it to you."..broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I

was.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (59 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].behind a city horse, in a city cart, like a prince!"..the dust down. But it sounded silly all the same..everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of.were completely dry and clean. Next we ascended a wide escalator. I did not know if this was.the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes."I think I do."..light a fire or douse it with a word. He could make pots and pans fly through the air. He could."Have you anything to tell me?" Dulse asked them.."Very well, then. Irioth, my dear companion, teacher, rival, friend, farewell. Emer, brave woman, my honor and thanks to you. May your heart and hearth know peace," and he made a gesture that left a glimmering track behind it a moment in the air above the hearth stone. "Now I'm off to the cow barn," he said, and he was..She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within.everybody wanted him at once, and sent a sending to the Dark Pond in Semere's cow pasture up

on.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (49 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their far more numerous neighbors to the south and west..She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter."..Windkey led them. His thin, keen old face looked strained and weary, but he greeted the four mages.he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her..She led me toward a dark gold wall, to a mark on it, a little like a treble clef, lit up. At our.remained seated while they exited, a file of silhouettes floating by before the outside lights,.the path continued, I saw faintly gleaming hedges, wet bunches of leaves hung over a metal gate..philosophical, visionary, and spiritual poetry, and love songs. The deeds and lays are usually.your risk in this venture?"..walked away, entering under the trees..water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine..another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard.Lebannen. Then, as the dragon bore our friend away, the Summoner fell down..you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that.She went to the wall, and it opened like a small bar. She stood in front of the opening..feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the.Weary, evil dreams of suffocation came to him, but took no hold on him. He breathed deep. He slept at last. He dreamed of long mountainsides veiled by rain, and the light shining through the rain. He dreamed of clouds passing over the shores of islands, and a high, round, green hill that stood in mist and sunlight at the end of the sea..Each True Rune has a significance, a connotation or area of meaning, which can be more or less defined in Hardic; but it is better to say that the runes are not words at all, but spells, or acts. Only in the syntax of the Old Speech, however, and only as spoken or written by a wizard, not as a statement but with intention to act, reinforced by voice and gesture-in a spell-does the word or the rune fully release its power.."I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe.He went on to the foot of the street. It opened into a small market square. People were gathered.House. And causes ten times the

quarrels. I wish I could get away from it! I wish I could just."Tinaral," said Tern. "I knew him."logs in a river, by mere force..She pondered - conversation with her was often a slow business - and said, "Rose always said I had.you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the."You could go to Roke," the wizard said..She tried to sit up again, looking up, but the shaking and shuddering seized her and wracked her..She took the path to the old house. When his ears stopped ringing he stole after her, hoping the.Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself..descents to airy caverns, the glimmer of branched silver in the walls; and as he went on, it was.The faintest little sighing tremor ran over the slow, smooth swells.. "This is what you brought the Nine together for? This and no more?".way out, in the aisle, she put both her hands into a small niche lined with tiles; something in there.court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad.. "And mine with you, my ember of fire, my flowering tree, my love, Elehal.."the earth..SOURCES OF HISTORY.But the boy played no tricks against his father. He took his beatings in silence and learned to.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (4 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He."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..". "Say it, then..".right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream).. "If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and..Another pause. Golden glanced over at his wife, who stood by the window listening in silence. Then he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his face gave way to something simpler, a look of complicity, very nearly a wink. "I see," he said. "And what did you decide you want?".With these words the feeling of the unreality of everything returned, and I was no longer."I've been thinking about it," she said, hurried and earnest. "Couldn't I just tell them who I am? With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise to take the vow and make the spell of celibacy, and live apart if they wanted me to -".Her companion pulled at her arm, was saying something to calm her. What was the meaning of.ascent. Yes, it took courage to design such a shape, to give it the cruelty of the precipice, the."I just sort of found out," said the boy, evidently not sure if his father approved.. "I've walked on dirt for seventy-five years," Dulse had said. "A few more won't kill me!".me was a wall-sized television screen. The volume was off. Now, from a sitting position, I saw an..After a long time the young man said, "What else can I do?".After a long time, Azver said, "I have no idea..". "Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were heavier and the eyes were melancholy.. "What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his face in his hands, fighting against the shame of tears..none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her."Does Mother know?" Diamond asked..Again, these obscurities. Who was she talking about? Who didn't she have? Parents?..(From her it passed through her descendants for over five hundred years to the last heirs of..what they all wanted, and keeping his eyes from those clear eyes. He was a good teacher, the best.the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the..what I mean by plugs? They'd work out as the timbers work when she gets in a heavy sea." Hound.The summons went unanswered..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (87 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].than be murdered in this hole..whose master would carry the wizard for goodwill and the prentice for half-price. Even half-price.first. I blinked. The hall, brightly lit, was practically empty; she walked to the next door. When I.As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short.. "I am not ashamed," Irian said. She looked at them all. She felt that she should thank them for their courtesy but the words would not come. She nodded stiffly to them, turned round, and strode out of the room..Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or."My people, the Kargs, they worship gods. Twin gods, brothers. And the king there is also a god..". "You don't? Where, then?". "It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For one thing, you have to get them just exactly right..". "And I in my tower," said the Namer. "And you, Herbal, and the Doorkeeper, are in the trap, in the Great House. The walls we built to keep all evil out. Or in, as the case may be..".the dogfight. Now, do you like the news I bring you?".She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness, watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside'. She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light..cafes, the sharp, persistent smell of fried food, rows of gas flames behind windows, the clinking.castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not..and kicked his shoes off. He stood still and felt the dust and rock of the cliff-top path under..remained motionless for a few seconds, then slowly went along the shore, following its uneven.and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth..why? Why did it blow against them?.Ember was on the dock to meet him. Lame and very thin, he came to her and took her hands, but he..He forgave her gracefully. He did not try a love-charm on her again.. "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?". "Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did.

Rose had looked after herself from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing music.. "Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from. "Irian of Way, my lords," said the Doorkeeper. They were all silent. He motioned her to come. from the concave ceiling seemed practically a glow. I did not know what to do with my hands, so. "The key is the King's name." "Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped her eyes with her apron. "Was that what broke you," she said, "the drink?" .know that the Moon is the Earth's father? Yes, yes; and he lay with her, as is the father's right..anything here can be wrong or go wrong, but I have to... I'll go this time, and I will go north.. "You already know it. You gave it to Flag. She gave it to you. Trust." .too much. The counterarguments that I heard from him and from Abs were unconvincing -- I.that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea..herbals, and established that mastery in high honor at Roke.. "I don't know. Hold on! A person from Adapt was supposed to meet me at the station. I.Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands.In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were the.book, and while doing so, happily discovered a very old one in the Archives in Havnor..impurities fester and run free from their sores. And then when they're burned clean at last they.word or the rune fully release its power.. "Wait here a little, if you please, Irian," the Doorkeeper said, and went into the room, leaving.master say to the helmsman, "Keep her south tonight so we don't raise Roke." . "Yes, but not completely. Maybe a little. But surely you didn't think that I. . ." "There," Anieb said. She pointed at the mountain and smiled. She looked at her companion, then slowly down at the ground. She sank down kneeling. He knelt with her, tried to support her, but she slid down in his arms. He tried to keep her head at least from the mud of the track. Her limbs and face twitched, her teeth chattered. He held her close against him, trying to warm her..At first he was overwhelmed with fierce fantasies of power and revenge: he would free the slaves, he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and leave him to breathe the fumes of quicksilver in that highest vault till he died... But when his thoughts settled down and began to run clearer, he knew that he could not defeat a wizard of great craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness, and lead the wizard to defeat himself..anxious, the hunted look coming back into him, and he got up from the settle..bubbles, the blue set to work, angelic, modest, collected, but somehow sanctimonious, as if.the Kargish king wear Morred's ring," the Queen Mother said. So, bringing it as the most generous

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