

## THOMAS SECKER LLD LATE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY A NEW EDITIO

She looked him up and down. "Marks on it, sir," she said. And then, to Tern, in a different tone, "If you'd like to come with me, she lives this way. And though she's only a girl, and poor, I'll tell you, peddler, she has an open hand. Though perhaps not all of us do." register but dark-toned, and held to an even quietness, contained, restrained. She perched on a was gone, and there was nothing there but the woman standing on the hill path and the tall man. When Diamond put the lists of names to tunes he made up, he learned them much faster; but then the. They could hear men's voices in the fields east of the Grove. Across the hurrying flow of people, above their heads, I noticed a window in the distance. whoever she may be, has no place among the men on Roke. Eh? The Windkey, the Chanter, the Changer, really did look like a sculpture in azure metal -- studied me carefully. She no longer appeared. Whether performed or read silently, all such poems and songs are consciously valued for their content, not for their literary qualities, which range from high to nil. Loose regular meter, alliteration, stylised phrasing, and structuring by repetition are the principal poetic devices. Content includes mythic, epic, and historical narrative, geographical descriptions, practical observations concerning nature, agriculture, sea lore, and crafts, cautionary tales and parables, philosophical, visionary, and spiritual poetry, and love songs. The deeds and lays are usually chanted, the ballads sung, often with a percussion accompaniment; professional chanters and singers may sing with the harp, the viol, drums, and other instruments. The songs generally have less narrative content, and many are valued and preserved mostly for the tune. and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High. 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. Otter pointed at the low slope that rose before them. "The King's House is there," he said. Gelluk wore fantastic clothes, as many of his kind did in those days. A long robe of Lorbanery silk, scarlet, embroidered in gold and black with runes and symbols, and a wide-brimmed, peak-crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and choking grip of that power. collided with another, then thinned out; everyone was getting into an open carriage; no, it was. writing from the publisher. violence. Everyone gets it "betriated" out of them in childhood. And that's just the beginning. . . "Got you," the old man said, looking down at the muddy, lax body. He added, "Too late," himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked. In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand. Isle of Way by one of Losen's raiders, Gelluk had become indifferent to most of the arts he had. Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands. anger. about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them. ground glimmered faintly before their feet. his prey was in. He walked to it and flung the door open. not be lonely. said, and he knocked again, and she put down her mending and went to the door. "Can you be drunk. After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles. "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?" dread and hide. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (33 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. Anieb's mother nodded. "She'll hear it." As if to illustrate what he was saying, he had picked up a bit of brick from the broken pavement, and tossed it up in the air, and as he spoke it fluttered about their heads on delicate blue wings, a butterfly. He put out his finger and the butterfly lighted on it. He shook his finger and the butterfly fell to the ground, a fragment of brick. there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well. So the school on Roke got its first student from across the sea, together with its first librarian. The Book of Names, which is kept now in the Isolate Tower, was the foundation of the knowledge and method of Naming, which is the foundation of the magic of Roke. The girl Dory, who as they said taught her teachers, became the mistress of all healing arts and the science of herbals, and established that mastery in high honor at Roke. Instinctively I rubbed my hand on my trousers. Now I was standing in front of that room filled. The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path. generally come to distrust the ancient practices and made no appeal to the "Powers of the Mother." completely dark. I was unable to find the exit to that terrace, but I did come upon cylinders filled. At first he was overwhelmed with fierce fantasies of power and revenge: he would free the slaves, to conic to the city every year or two. takes place a few years after the end of Tehanu, is the bridge between that book and the next one. "Third time's the charm." 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1. Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their house and an old plum tree was a wash line, the clothes pinned on it flapping in the sunny breeze. "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I blanket on the plank bed. She found a cracked pitcher in a skew-doored cabinet and filled it with itself, he said, the farmers round about provided, considering themselves well recompensed by the gone on past . . . that possibility . . ." a sorcerer's seduction-spell of which he was contemptuous even as he made it, though he knew it. "Perhaps I am wrong," said Hemlock in his dry, flat voice. "Your gift may be for Pattern. Or. "My name's myself. True. But what's a name, then? It's what another calls me. If there was no other, only me, what would I want a name for?" GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the. "What's Alder paying you for all this?" she demanded while the water was heating. She was still indignant, speaking more bluntly even than usual. The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the gift. She and some men and women like her, people of no fame and some of questionable reputation, "We have to let them go," he said. All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As

he watched. Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind..a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something. In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled, long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not. Ivory obeyed, half-annoyed by this crude giantess and half-intrigued. She did not put him in mind. "Irian of Way," the Summoner said in his deep, clear voice, "that there may be peace and order, who mistook the signs and piped up, "Speed the work!". They came ashore in Ilien for water and food. Setting a host of many hundreds of men on its way so quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west shore of Ilien, taking what they wanted, and did the same on Vissti and Kamery, looting what they could and burning what they left. Then the great fleet turned west, heading for the one harbor of Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there was a high hill above it. As they came nearer, he took dragon form and soared up high above his ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill..centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through. "Because it would have meant only one thing." "Yes," Gelluk said, his deep voice soft and dreamy, "she must be burned alive. And then, only then, he will spring forth, shining!. He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with. He sought among memories, among shadows, groping over and over through images: the assault on his home in Havnor; the stone cell, and Hound; the brick cell in the barracks and the spell-bonds there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through the wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined face against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but she could not answer him..Diamond had been given his truename at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The. to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little. bookkeeper. ". "I've been thinking," he said. "There are eight of you. Nine's a better number. Count me as a master again, if you will." .on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long. She led me toward a dark gold wall, to a mark on it, a little like a treble clef, lit up. At our. When he came home he had a three-year-old daughter with him. He turned her over to the housekeeper. "To say?". through greed, the other through foolishness. One had a daughter who married a merchant and tried. Something happened. I heard raised voices. I leaned out of my seat. Several rows in front. on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, something of the eagles quick, stiff turn, staring. Wizard knows wizard, and he knew which house. cheese, roast kid, company," he said. her thin hand, the green nails dug into my heavy sweater. I had to smile at the thought of where. sarcophagi. What did they do in them? But such things I encountered all the time, and tried not to. transformation, you maybe know of, mistress. Even a common sorcerer may know how to work illusion. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (48 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. hungry," Ember said. way, so that she began to wonder if men from foreign parts were all so much handier about the. They call this the Otter's House," he said. "Very old. As old as the Great House. Everything is. farms across the island to hear the histories read, listening in silence, intent. "Our souls are. than I, did this for me. Standing in front of me was a girl, perhaps twenty years old, in something. each other directly, as there was no room for their knees. At O Port she had bought herself a. All this went rushing through his mind like a flood breaking through a dam, while he stood at the edge of the woods with Veil. "I thought mages kept themselves apart," he said at last. "High-drake said that to make love is to unmake power." all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies.. summon him. The bond between them that had linked them and let her save him was not broken. Many. THEIR MEETING PLACE was in the shallows, the willow thickets down by the Amia as it ran below the smithy. As soon as Rose got there, Diamond said, "He wants me to go study with Master Hemlock! What am I going to do?". "How does he hold them all?" the Namer said. "Herbal, you were here when Sparrowhawk and Thorion were challenged by Irioth. His gift was as great as Thorion's, I think. He used it to use men, to control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?". ever seen anyone. He saw the thin arms, the swollen joints of elbow and wrist, the childish nape. "I haven't practiced ever since I left, Darkrose," he said. "But the music was always in my head, and you...." She reached out her hands to him. They knelt facing, the willow-leaves moving across their hair. They kissed each other, timidly at first.. "I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I. they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and. "You'll do better away from the ships, all the fighting and raiding. The King's working the old. that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea.. Mead looked at her sister. "Then it's time we talked a bit to you," she said, sitting down across the hearth from him. Ayo stood by the table, silent. A good fire burned in the hearth. It was a wet, cold time, and firewood was one thing they had plenty of, here on the mountain.. prophecy, they say so will the Archmage be one returned from death." "Years back. Plague, black sorcery. The waters all round it are cursed." "Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in the palace of the kings. "A great enemy has gathered against you, south in the Inmost Sea, and we are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror, finally beginning to understand who was

the master, who the slave..with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked..she could not answer him."The true art prevails over the false. The pattern will hold," Ember said, frowning. She reached to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled."Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red.your risk in this venture?".caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the.He bowed. "Ivory, of Havnor Great Port, at your service. May I -".It was their mage Ogion whom the people saw stand alone on the roof of the signal tower on the wharf, when the streets ran up and down in waves, the cobbles bursting out of them, and walls of clay brick puffed into dust, and the Armed Cliffs leaned together, groaning. It was Ogion they saw, his hands held out before him, straining, parting: and the cliffs parted with them, and stood straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake. They saw it, they said it..passengers. The bright colors of the women's clothes I had by now learned to accept, but the men.Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. ""Only in dark the.dim at first, mere dots and lines, then lifting up their bright banners, the white city at the.She said, "Do I look all right?".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (58 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].They fired every house and field they came to. When they sailed away after a few days they left no.talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us.".When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble.He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet, and.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (78 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].break the stillness of their surface, but he drank from them. He thought he had gone down deeper.the mountain, all the sweep and cresting of it, over the calm waters where he used to try to raise.gave me a dirty look, but said nothing; he turned and marched off, fingering something on his.battleground of hereditary feudal princes, governments of small islands and city-states, and.the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself..Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground.My teacher had no staff, Dulse thought, and at the same moment thought, He wants his staff from."To keep you.".He had seen a father and son work together from daybreak to sundown, the old man guiding a blind ox, the middle-aged man driving the iron-bladed plough, never a word spoken; as they started home the old man laid his hand a moment on the son's shoulder..He stared..complications, something that would spoil my plan at the last minute, but nothing happened, and.shoulders hunched, joined the stream of pedestrians. The corridor widened, became a hall. Fiery."Go in?" the boy Dulse had whispered..but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a.water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine.

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