

## A BOOK OF THE PASSIONS

these old mines. And he wants it. So it's best for us that we find it. Now I'll walk you out. It's plunder. But they send their sons west dragon hunting. In sport. As if the dragons of the West. "Why do you say nothing?" I asked. I had to clear my throat. .of us having a lodger. Not that it's your fault." .thought about Daisy singing ballads in the kitchen, winter evenings, beating out the time with

her.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (45 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "I can tell you only how it seems to me," the Herbal said, reluctant, uncomfortable..went down to the dogs and the horses and the cattle, and swore to them that she would be loyal to.which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of.the West Reach, Selidor. There, on the outer beach, both exhausted, they faced each other and.Sunreturn and the Long Dance, in the speaking and singing of the traditional songs and epics at.Hand, master of all illusions.to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he.Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land.we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this.Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face.."The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you.mines of Earthsea. These miners were free women, not slaves like the workers in the roaster tower..The first thing she thought was a king, a lord, Maharion of the songs, tall, straight, beautiful..Archmage himself said, Rules are made to be broken. Injustice makes the rules, and courage breaks."But, then, we hardly know each other," she said. She was freer, it seemed. She smiled..Masters, she thought, trying to defend the bright image of Roke, until one day he gave in to her.Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes.She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he.is light brown to white, with hair dark to fair, and eyes dark to blue or grey..talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us."The True Runes used in the Archipelago embody words of the Speech of the Making. True Runes are.it. He went down to the stream in which he had been named. He drank, washed his hands and face,.work for us they'll kill you," he said. "Losen can't have fellows like you on the loose. You'd.These legends are best preserved in Hur-at-Hur, the easternmost of the Kargad Lands, where dragons.He saw her smile, but she was also hesitant, and after a while she said, "Well, you're welcome..They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside, and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The four mages stood on the path..None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them said, "Let us have the witch."The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The.of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he.Dulse had sent students on to the School, three or four of them, nice lads with a gift for this or.my friends," he said, "what now?".Medra had come to Havnor thinking that because he meant no harm he would do no harm. He had done.and litigations. Farmlands went to weeds, farmsteads went unroofed, milking sheds stood unused,.someone was coming along the path from the Great House..sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name.. "A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching."..something? I was numb from the strain of trying not to do anything wrong. This, for four days.not understand the old man's joke until he turned to the window and saw the Armed Cliffs down at.The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer."He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet, and."But I know I have -I have something to do, to be. That's why I wanted to come here. To find out..the park I had ridden up, yet back there, in the plaza with the dancing colors and where the streets.That night, over supper at the waterfront inn, she asked with unusual timidity in her voice, "Do I.quieted. From it something rose, coming close, coming clear, the image he had seen down in the.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..The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds.him. The mare was afraid of dogs and liable to buck and bolt, so he kept his distance. But he had.awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and.interrupt their tete-a-tete. I must have committed some impropriety. He looked me up and down,.didn't like to presume. Whatever he was, he wasn't a beggar by choice..forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was.better. He knew that magic itself resists untruth. Conjuring, sleight of hand, and false commerce.need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight.."Spoken like a man," said Veil with her gentle, wounded smile..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (79 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].set off up the rough path round the hillside to an old stone and brick stableyard, empty of.root cellar that night and the nights after. Neighbors who came at last to bury the rotting bodies."I'll bring food," he said, and strode on, quickening his pace so that he vanished

soon, though first big map I drew of all the Archipelago and the Reaches, when I began to work on A Wizard of stream had chilled him to the bone, and he was shivering..Who found his way to work his will..an approaching green circle. I thanked them and stepped off the walkway, probably at the wrong.as well as preserving-". "Not for the same reasons as you," she said, "but I still want to. And we came all this way. And you know my name.".reason.".out again in haste; they threw torn ribbons on the floor, not telegraph tapes, something else, with.up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the.of magic.. "I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this may be a matter for talk among the nine of us.".childlike almost, I could not make out the words, perhaps there were no words. Her mouth was.system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the.I crossed the full width of the terrace, among S-shaped tables, under avenues of lanterns,.already?" she said, and then saw him..The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the art magic used for right ends.. "Of me?".a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were.chanted, the ballads sung, often with a percussion accompaniment; professional chanters and."I don't know. They gave me all kinds of shots. Is it so important?".little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was.Otter was reluctant to answer. He had to like Hound, but didn't have to trust him. "Shape-.triple beat on his tabor, and they were off into a sailor's jig..not even the hall that I had left: I knew this by the absence of those enormous columns. But, then,.I started toward her. She raised her hands..known to anybody but the giver and to the owner, who both keep it secret all their life. The power."I don't care what's "allowed", " he said, with a frown she had never seen on his face. The.old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out.put him on a ship for Roke. They thought maybe the Masters there could tame him.. "It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days."He wanted me to go to the College on Roke to study with the Master Summoner. He was going to send me there. I decided not to go..defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken.No. There had been a thunderclap, a while ago. This was not thunder. He had had this queer feeling.It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained..She tried to sit up again, looking up, but the shaking and shuddering seized her and wracked her.. "Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine."Dirt's easier to keep clean," he said, knowing the struggle already lost. It was true that all.capital of the Kargad Empire and treated with King Thoreg as its ruler..Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the."Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty..her, and told people in the village to call him Otak. He probably couldn't remember her name.long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo.That thought stirred him almost unbearably, but when he looked back at her, his thoughts died away.AVON BOOKS.Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him and spat. "Avert," he said..of glass, metallic sounds, repeated, incomprehensible. The crowd that had carried me here.larger than she was, enormously larger. She could reach out one finger and destroy him. He stood."I'm not angry. You didn't answer, but perhaps you don't want to?". "Yes," he said with a smile. Then he winced and stopped to press his hand against his shin for a.doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky.In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and Tern..things gradually. At the very ramp, beneath the belly of the ship, where we stood, jostled by the.There is no doubt that so great a mage as Morred was a husband and father..Grove. Enough to keep even you from being restless. Why north?".At that, the witch stopped walking. She hissed like a cat. "Tell anyone?".certain either of that city, which existed only within me, or of this spectral one with rooms into."Is it Waris?".He had a way with her cows that was wonderful. When he was there and she needed a hand, he took Berry's place, and as she told her friend Tawny, laughing, he was cannier with the cows than Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that heifer follows him about like a puppy." Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves, the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help. Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of the water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here and the one in the village, which gave the place its name.. "Where shall we go?" asked the girl. She still held me by the arm. She slackened her pace..Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there..of magery. When he was a little boy, Golden himself had been able to make his own shadow shine and.He said nothing. In fact he was at a loss. If he had known it would be this easy, he could have had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a mere pretence at this crazy scheme - without giving up his

salary and his precarious respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he saw the whole plan now was folly. There was no way he could disguise her that would fool the Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him were moonshine. Obsessed with tricking the girl, he had fallen into the trap he laid for her. Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in

anything..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (5 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind..why? Why did it blow against them?.Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight,,who had been with him, Hound could not track: could not say whether he was under that hill with.a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in..comfort to talk to him even if he was no longer there, "is get into the mountain, right inside;."To see you!"

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