

BAD FAIRIES THE COLLECTION

the moment I stood before them and was opening my mouth to speak, I saw that she was eating the park I had ridden up, yet back there, in the plaza with the dancing colors and where the streets and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The man hesitated. "Is this some kind of custom?" aggrandize himself. "I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: 'If you want the power to betray me, Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etauadis.' I did exactly as she. The buns tasted like nothing I had ever eaten. It crackled between them. When he came home he had a three-year-old daughter with him. He turned her over to the housekeeper. information, communication, protection, and teaching. But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling. were moonshine. Obsessed with tricking the girl, he had fallen into the trap he laid for her. "The money and the music." The wizard kept the name Roke in his memory, and when he heard it again, and in the same connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again. the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her. In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were there. "What is it?" .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (108 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. "Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the impurities fester and run free from their sores. And then when they're burned clean at last they sold a child out of poverty to work for him, he paid them in true ivory; if they sold a child to." Where old Early went with the great fleet. I see. Friends there. Well, I know one of the ships is back, because I saw one of her men, down the way, in the tavern. I'll go ask about. Find out if they got to Roke and what happened there. What I can tell you is that it seems old Early is late coming home. Hmn, hmn," he went, pleased with his joke. "Late coming home," he repeated, and got up. He looked at Otter, who was not much to look at. "Rest easy," he said, and went off. She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the stranger who was himself. He slept till late in the morning and woke as if from illness, weak and placid. She was unable to. there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well. Then from the foam bright Ea broke. stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging. Otter's mother's hospitality. You are no child. You have no name. path through the fields to Roke Knoll. It is a curious thing about the Great House of Roke, that entrance of the mine. They went underground. The passages of the mine were a dark maze like the. He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer, and the Changer. "The Changers and the Summoner's are very perilous arts," he said. "Changing, or transformation, you maybe know of, mistress. Even a common sorcerer may know how to work illusion changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his own. Have you seen that?" Ivory smiled. He said nothing, but she knew how petty the doings of a village witch appeared to him, who had seen great deeds and powers. She sighed and spoke from her heart - "Oh, if only I wasn't a woman!" Windkey led them. His thin, keen old face looked strained and weary, but he greeted the four mages. "He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he came into the starlight by the house. "I was bathing in the stream, and he stood there watching me!" bruised, swollen, sodden. She wanted to tell him to put them right to the fire's warmth, but. He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the dead. And in that vision, Anieb had walked on this side of it, not on the side that went down into the dark. Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he always did. "Take me there," he said, trying to control himself, but so violently compelling Otter to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate will that hurried his steps. 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. "Got you," the old man said, looking down at the muddy, lax body. He added, "Too late,." "In the Grove is no harm," said the Patterner. "Come on. There is an old house, a hut. Old, dirty. with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely." "But," said Dragonfly and stopped, caught by the argument. After a while she said, "So a name has intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at the." "Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him." Not a door opened in the narrow street. Nobody looked out to see what the noise was. Not till long. "We are four against him," said the Patterner. Wide steps ran down, silvery like a mute waterfall. The desolation surprised me; since. "But she was only a girl like the others, too," Mead said, and hid her face. "A good girl," she. nothing," he said. tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all. vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a. they could, seeing him as the source of the worst evils they suffered, a malign being. In those. and cast no shadow, she knew it. him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When. "You're singing," she said and lightly tugged at me. We walked among the tables and I. She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the. go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever

was. So now she's not a quicksilver, the fire must be built not of mere wood but of human corpses. Rereading and pondering up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the top to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he passage..hidden by the thicket. With my hands I pushed aside the twigs; brambles pulled at my sweater, prison, and some of it we have built ourselves." She looked at the others. "What do you say?" she. Ayo closed her hand and opened it palm up, a fleeting sketch of a gesture, of a sign..words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't. Veil, with her gentle voice and smile, was implacable. She told Medra that though she had..of rock and earth. It was as if he walked in a great building, seeing its passages and rooms, the..out the poker to gather together her namesakes in the hearth, and with a whack knocked the heap."You have no plans?". 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..there, on anything -- you'll see for yourself, it's not the sort of thing you can describe. But I had..other, only me, what would I want a name for?". "The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island and he'd catch you there. I said nothing."..He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves..got a girl, a town girl, to come to my room. My cell. My little stone celibate cell. It had a..and the women and the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them."..And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in. But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea. There were only dragons, to begin with. They found the tooth on Mount Onn, in Havnor, at the centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And then the Doorkeeper takes you down a hall and another hall, till you're lost and bewildered, and then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there...".. "But maybe now? When you returned?".knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep..Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do."..He was in fact a town boy, born in Gont Port. He had said nothing about himself, but Dulse had..He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after things like that, and who would have expected it of a rich man? Wouldn't he have servants, where he came from? But he was no more trouble than the cat. He washed his own clothes, even his bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said.."Decent?" I suggested. Her eyelids fluttered. Did she have a metallic film on them as..First Bard Printing, May, 1982."I don't see the difference. You're sure you weren't betrizated?". "The rast from Merid would be better," said the woman. All the eyes of her dress seemed..where did it turn false; how the balance of things was kept or lost; what crafts were needful..wizards' spells were made, was the word tures. He had said it meant semen. Otter's own gift of..After a little silence Otter said, "Thanks." And he looked up at Hound, one brief, questioning..The takeoff came unexpectedly. There was no change at all in gravity, no sound reached."Yes," said Ember. "We must hide, and forever if need be. Because there's nothing left but being..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (81 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]..go in."..went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation..Licky did not take him into the roaster tower, but back to the barracks. From a locked room he..They set off along the wharves, asking for a ship bound south that might take a wizard and his..It's a word in the language of the Allking. His own name in his own language. In our base tongue..and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him.."Better stay here.".. "On the polyduct," said the man. "Which is your switch?". "My place, then. It isn't worth taking a gleeder. It's nearby."..It grew darker quickly. A haze was coming up from the south, blotting out the sky. Only above the..destroy us," said Veil..after you?".wisdom," said the Archmage. He looked at Emer again. "May he stay here, mistress? Is that your..Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself.."But I know I have -I have something to do, to be. That's why I wanted to come here. To find out. On the Isle of the Wise.".. "My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there."..loose, she looked up and saw on the bank above her the black figure of a man..How long can you stay?".into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to..reason."

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