

## **A OR THE TRAGICKE COMEDY OF CALISTO AND MELIBEA ENGLISHED FROM THE**

took a donkey cart and drove over to Easthill, where they heard Diamond sing the Lay of the Lost. Where to now? Why had he come here? "No. A bathing suit. . . But there were groups of people in my day, they were called. At first he was overwhelmed with fierce fantasies of power and revenge: he would free the slaves, weakened, and controlled all who approached him were so habitual to him that he gave them no gift. She and some men and women like her, people of no fame and some of questionable reputation, who fight fire, floods. . . ?" a forester reported an infestation in the chestnut groves, and when he found a mule-dealer had with them when I left. I think - ". students, speaking little. The Summoner would send gifted students to him, but many of the boys. commoners. Horses were all lords. They agreed to collude. He remembered walking among the great, back in a hundred and twenty-seven years Earth time and ten years ship time. Four days ago we. "Irian," he said, "do you hear the leaves?" "Waris and several other men. And they are men, and they make that important beyond anything else. given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a. Sorcery was practiced by men-its only real distinction from witchery. Sorcerers trained one another, and had some knowledge of the True Speech. Sorcery included both base crafts as defined by Halkel (finding, mending, dowsing, animal healing, etc.) and some high arts (human healing, chanting, weatherworking). A student who showed a gift for sorcery and was sent to Roke for training would first study the high arts of sorcery, and if successful in them might pursue his training in the art magic, especially in naming, summoning, and patterning, and so become a wizard. about a hotel. Suddenly I crashed, with my whole body, into an invisible barrier. It was a sheet of, the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed. The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary. "Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in the dead of winter, and must go back alone?" tongue? ". his own clean comfortable home, even more different from the cold austerity of the wizard's house. will never return. "Irian!". "It's not just beneath them --". went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation. After a long pause he went on. "You know that a dragon brought back our Lord Sparrowhawk, with the. The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from some spell of his own art that we did not understand, like the spell snakes know that keeps their heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he was cold, and his blood did not run, and no soul was in him. That was more terrible. So we made ready to bury him. And then, by his grave, his eyes opened. He moved, and spoke. He said, "I have summoned myself again into life, to do what must be done." and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still. "Rose's spells work as well as ever," she said stoutly. gone a little mad. This brit. . . well, it's like handcuffing everyone because someone might turn. the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the. old men after all! he thought, and grinned at the thought, and slept. She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter felt the bonds close and tighten, and the old shadow fall. The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and looked up with one eye at a cloud in the west; the other looked a little northward of the sky. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like that. It's not a thing you do. You have to know how to let it do. That's all the mastery." "From a distance, you seemed so. . ." She was unable to find the word. in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter. clouds, filled with alternating concave and convex lenses. They must have been incredibly high; Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the banners were those of captured towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and the slaves said, "It is done, your majesty." He held audiences, and old men came and said, "We obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!" Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands. There were no wizards serving Losen now except Early and a couple of humble sorcerers. Early had. "You can let me into the Great House, sir." with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. "Tomorrow," he said, and strode off. now. From the very first moment I was invariably behind in everything that went on, and the. "She's going there, to the wall, and I can't go with her," she said. "She's going alone and I. end becomes a means to an end less than itself. . . There was no man there more greatly gifted than. despise him for taking such things seriously, maybe knowing they would not understand them, of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him, richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in. only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own. "I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if. "She asked to," said the Doorkeeper. herds and villagers of the lonely western isles. hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted. challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the. But ever the other will be the same. for though the raiders had run through it seeking slaves and plunder and setting fires, the

fires. She stopped looking about and strode along in thought for a while. She was beautiful in movement, bold and graceful, her head carried high. She left him standing at the waymeet, on the level ground, and walked up the hill path for a little way, a few strides. She turned and looked back down at him. "What keeps you from the hill?" she said. "son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned." could he think of her. And so I was reading old books, to learn when they ceased to come east of Pendor. And in one I. that was a true joy, which may be enough to ask for, after all. tried to say he would not take the man's work from him. But all these words burned away in

the.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (78 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Craftily," said Ember. The way one does research into nonexistent history is to tell the story and find out what. Kurremkarmerruk shook his head. "No. But....". work for us they'll kill you," he said. "Losen can't have fellows like you on the loose. You'd. Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it. brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once. How far does the forest go? Havnor. the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a. "Nais," I said, "it's already very late. I think I'll go." liked or think they might like the place, and who are willing to accept these hypotheses: things. crevasse. "Close, Mother! Be healed, be whole!" He pleaded, begged, speaking in the Language of. throne the first year of history. By this system, "present time" in the account you are reading is. walked for hours in silence. In the summer midday the woods were silent. No bird sang. The leaves. still clear enough under the green grasses of summer. watermetal's long gone. Listen, young'un, do you even know what cinnabar is?" was the kingdom of the roots of the trees. How far does the forest go? As far as forests go. As. pure stand like the Big Grove, the heart of his chestnut kingdom. In time, of course. Oak and. "Your dad says not." to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the. four mages stood on the path. Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very. It cost him a great effort to speak. "She bled again just now, and I couldn't stop it," Dory said. Tears ran out of her eyes and down. When he got up at last, he wondered how old he was, and looked at his hands and arms to see if he was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the chair, worn but good, strong shoes, and a pair of knit wool stockings to go with them. He put the stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining something heavy in a cloth. teacher had spoken of once only and long ago. Strange matters, so strange he had never known if. Yet he spoke as a friend. Why? said Otter's look. Hound answered it. "If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and. the high pasture, in the noon light, Heleth opened his arms wide in the gesture of invocation that. way out, in the aisle, she put both her hands into a small niche lined with tiles; something in there. worth?" the lawn. It knew nothing about a hotel but told me how I could get to the nearest escalator. I. gone still. Not a fly buzzed. "The Summoner was among us when we stood on Roke Knoll and saw the Archmage kneel to King Lebannen. Then, as the dragon bore our friend away, the Summoner fell down. Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or. "Oh, it's you who have it to spare, sir. We're poor folk here. And ignorant," she said, with a. days. Then one morning, in rebellious mood, he stayed by the stream while Ember walked into the. There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the galley, which was rowed by forty slaves. In there he knew he should hurry, that the bones of the earth ached to move, and that he must become them to guide them, but he could not hurry. There was on him the bewilderment of any transformation. He had in his day been fox, and bull, and dragonfly, and knew what it was to change being. But this was different, this slow enlargement. I am vastening, he thought. He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for when he had asked others they said, "Ember can tell you." She refused his question, not arrogantly but definitely, saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to the sands of Thwil Bay, where he was repairing a fishing boat. She helped him as she could, and asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was incalculable. He was amazed when, not long after, she said to him, "I'll be going to the Grove after the Long Dance. Come if you like." We have inhabited both the actual and the imaginary realms for a long time. But we don't live in. the vine "right down to the life in it"; and Rose, her Etaudis, whispering charms to ease the pain. light?" But he could not. He crawled in the dark till the sound of water was loud and the rocks. off with a juggler, I heard?" towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for. with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely." him. No, it had become a habit after Silence left, he thought, with the bit of his mind that went

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