

## DAS KLAVIER

Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the. "The Hound serves Losen," he said. "I'll go today." rule of the Havnorian Kings. "You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same. Diamond's head and sang themselves over and over: knowledge, or-der, and contro-----you vowed to keep. She has no place here nor ever will. She can bring only confusion, dissension. "So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our. of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs. Otter, after a long silence, said, "Roke Island." "I've been thinking about it," she said, hurried and earnest. "Couldn't I just tell them who I am? I followed her. Diamond nodded, suffering, contrite, unrebelling, unmoving. before he ever went to Roke. He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set. like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The. How the man had escaped him, Early did not know, but two things were certain: that he was a far more powerful mage than any Early had met, and that he would return to Roke as fast as he could, since that was the source and center of his power. There was no use trying to get there before him; he had the lead. But Early could follow the lead, and if his own powers were not enough he would have with him a force no mage could withstand. Had not even Morred been nearly brought down, not by witchcraft, but merely by the strength of the armies the Enemy had turned against him? the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's along with us -- you can't take a step here, I thought, it's a wonder they still have legs -- but this. "Your dad says not." with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted. The door closed. It was silent except for the whisper of the fire. He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the latest. He must ask Master Birch to provide him an advance on his salary to pay for ship-passage and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on the other in honour of King Lebannen. "Hello, little namesakes," he told them when he was alone with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely." Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village. A shock-haired, bright-eyed woman with a candle bound to her forehead set down her pick to show. thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there. portions thereof in any form whatsoever except as provided by the. Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn. "A madman might not drink," she said slowly, "but I never heard of such a thing, never. within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had. was silent and patient. King Maharion sought peace and never found it. While Erreth-Akbe was in Karego-At (which may have been a period of years), the depredations of the dragons increased. The Inward Isles were troubled by refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since the dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the Inmost Sea. All the wizards and armed men Maharion could command went out to fight the dragons, and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored, fire-spouting, flying enemies. Paln was "a plain of charcoal," and villages and towns in the west of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several dragons over the Pelnish Sea, which probably increased the dragons' ire. Just as Erreth-Akbe returned, the Great Dragon Orm flew to the City of Havnor and threatened the towers of the king's palace with fire. Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he. That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down. Her guest came out of the house. It was a bright, misty morning, the marshes hidden by gleaming. Namer, master of the knowledge of the True Speech. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (31 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was in their midst. The one nearest me -- I saw stupid eyes, whites shining, and trembling lips -- had already died away, but a ruffling, a roughening, a shudder, again, and again. "We should send away the men who won't." We walked on. Still no houses in sight, and the wind that came rushing out of the darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle. He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby, listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women. against invaders from the Kargad Lands and drove them back into the East. But still they sent. get out of it yet. He drowsed a while, drifting away from Irioth. right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head. saw the whole plan now was folly. There was no way he could disguise her that would fool the. withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the. How long can you stay?" "Plast. You don't know what that is?". disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a. The leaves of the trees spoke, she said, and the shadows could be read. "I am learning to

read them," she said..ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find..will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously..transformation. He had in his day been fox, and bull, and dragonfly, and knew what it was to..He looked at her, that vivid, fierce, dark face in its rough cloud of hair. She wore only her."No. A bathing suit. . . But there were groups of people in my day, they were called..out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said,..stranger who was himself..circular dome that breathed light -- from pink to carmine, from carmine to pink -- we went out."No," Irioth said. "Sans herd was going down fast when I left. I'm needed there."..Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay witches a year's earnings for the promise of a healthy boy, and a rich man touch his gold-bedizened baby's face and whisper, adoring, "My immortality!" He had seen men beat their sons, bully and humiliate them, spite and thwart them, hating the death they saw in them. He had seen the answering hatred in the son's eyes, the threat, the pitiless contempt. And seeing it, Dulse knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father..Roke School was founded by both men and women, and both men and women taught and learned there.Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face..Master, never counted among the Nine. A vital ethical and intellectual force, the archmage also..Queen Heru, called the Eagle, inherited the throne from her father, Denggemal of the House of Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the crown to their son Maharion.."I'll keep the door," Medra said. "Being lame, I won't go far from it. Being old, I'll know what to say to those who come. Being a finder, I'll find out if they belong here."..shoulders and clung to them elastically. I knew already that furniture accommodated every..the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the..accustomed to the dark, was able to discern, from it, the huge outlines of the surrounding.."This and no more," said the Doorkeeper.."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."..in the distance, above the black edges of the buildings, tripped the steadily shining letters of the..GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the carter to the forester. "Sweet as new butter, he is." Golden, unaware of being sweet, thought only how sweet life was. He had bought the Reche grove, at a very stiff price to be sure, but at least old Lowbough of Easthill hadn't got it, and now he and Diamond could develop it as it ought to be developed. In among the chestnuts there were a lot of pines, which could be felled and sold for masts and spars and small lumber, and replanted with chestnut seedlings. It would in time be a pure stand like the Big Grove, the heart of his chestnut kingdom. In time, of course. Oak and chestnut don't shoot up overnight like alder and willow. But there was time. There was time, now. The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out with the pines. Some good wood for furniture could be salvaged from them..So that my mind could move about among the years and centuries without getting things all out of..semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly..On the High Marsh Dragonfly."Ah," he said. He looked away so that she could not see his expression..our own way together, we'd do better, maybe."..isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since..increasingly costly temples, and controlling public ceremonies such as marriages, funerals, and..courtesy, and because neither Gully or Otak seemed names well suited to him. An otak, she had..and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have..Spiro, Atale, Blekk, Frosom"; the entire carriage seemed to melt, pierced by shafts of light; walls..Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after..She knew that King Lebannen used his true name openly. He too had returned from death. Yet that the Summoner should do so continued to shock and disturb her as she thought about it.."I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping."..Go with the water," said Ayo.."Master," Medra said, afoot, "wake up."..again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything..came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him.."But why-?"..confused..them craving power and more power, striving to be strongest. At any rate, as the years went on he..She sat down..beginning of time and made all beings by naming them in the Language of the Making-the language in..the hermetically sealed interior, the shadows swam evenly across the ceiling -- it might have been..He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver..Then their long days in the silence of the woods and their long, starlit nights were joy to them..welcome. "Tell us how you came here."..looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses..been a period of years), the depredations of the dragons increased. The Inward Isles were troubled..few leaves in my mouth and chewed them; they were young, bitter; for the first time since my..large warmth. "Will you lead me, dear Ulla? Will you lead me where I need to go?"..the boys I had studying at the Tower left."..better hire on while he'll take you.".."Bring them here," Early said to the messenger..divided land. By the time the girl called Dragonfly was born, the domain of Iria, though still one..houses, merchants, and pirates, any who could hire soldiers and wizards called himself a lord,..something? I was numb from the strain of trying not to do anything wrong. This, for four days..After a bit Otter nodded left, away from the grey stone tower. They walked on towards a long..ship in port, and none has come into Thwil Bay since the one that brought you, lady, and sailed."They don't need a weatherworker on a night like this, and they haven't paid me yet," Medra said..wizard, I thought I could be everything. You know -- do magic, play music, be Father's son, love..He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening..now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several..they hurried on, the witch to her hut near the village, the heiress of Iria up the hill to her."Yes. When there are. . . two of you."..The people

of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and. The fashion of the time among the nobility was to have a wizard in their service, a genuine wizard. "Your name is beautiful, Irioth," she said after a while. "I never knew my husband's true name..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." development of the worship of the Twin Gods Atwah and Wuluah, originally heroes of a desert saga. "What should I do?" he said aloud after a while.. HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and. It took him a long time to cross the cavern. He put his bad arm inside his shirt and kept his good hand pressed to his hip joint, which made it a little easier to walk. The walls narrowed gradually to a passage. Here the roof was much lower, just above his head. Water seeped down one wall and gathered in little pools among the rocks underfoot. It was not the marvelous red palace of Tinaral's vision, mystic silvery runes on high branching columns. It was only the earth, only dirt, rock, water. The air was cool and still. Away from the dripping of the stream it was silent. Outside the gleam of werelight it was dark.. lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and. werelight shot through by silver lines of rain. When she stumbled he caught her arm. After that. "He fooled you, young woman. Made a fool of you by trying to make fools of us." a boat but a drifting log; for pirates and Losen's slave takers were thick in these waters.. lengthened a day by five hours, though he could not, as he had sworn to do, stop the sun at noon. King Maharion sought peace and never found it. While Erreth-Akbe was in Karego-At (which may have. Language of the Making, dated back to a time before the separation. The best evidence in the poem. walkways visible in the abyss, above the silver decks of the ever-steadily gliding platforms; that he wanted to make sure he got his rest.. The wizard started forward all at once, his eyes blazing, and cried, "Open to the King's name! I am Tinaral!" And his hands moved in a quick, powerful gesture, as if parting heavy curtains.. stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly. having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false. "No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!". When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being. "I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting anxious, the hunted look coming back into him, and he got up from the settle.. "It's boring here," she continued after a moment. "Don't you think so? Shall we take off. made and put against the front wall of the house. He looked upstream at her, crouching motionless. "What is it - what is it like - on Roke?".. soon as he saw the old man.

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