

## FATS AND SUGARS

Ogion shook his head. He let his sending sit down in the grass near Heleth, though it did not bend the stems of the grass where it stepped or sat. "I've done nothing but set the city in a panic," he said. "And send the ships out of the bay. What is it you feel? How do you feel it?" The Bones.Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I.Oh, it's time, and past time. We must deliver the King. We must find the great lode. It is here;.HISTORY OF THE ARCHIPELAGO.with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely.".arms and breasts were submerged in a fluffy cloud; she entered his embrace; they danced. They.to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the."What else can you do, Diamond?" he asked..He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the foot of the hill he came into a lane. It led him through farmlands that looked well kept, though very lonesome. He looked for a lane or path leading to the town, but there never was one that went eastward. Not a soul was in the fields, some of which were newly ploughed. No dog barked as he went by. Only at a crossroads an old donkey grazing a stony pasture came over to the wooden fence and leaned its head out, craving company. Medra stopped to stroke the grey-brown, bony face. A city man and a saltwater man, he knew little of farms and their animals, but he thought the donkey looked at him kindly..nothing but bone and shadow. As Tern came close she tried to sit up and to speak. Her daughter.thin, with a sullen, steady gaze..brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went.gazing up at the white, soft fire of the stars..you do, either, ever. So go!".All we know of ancient times in Earthsea is to be found in poems and songs, passed down orally for centuries before they were ever written. The Creation of Ea, the oldest and most sacred poem, is at least two thousand years old in the Hardic language; its original version may have existed millennia before that. Its thirty-one stanzas tell how Segoy raised the islands of Earthsea in the beginning of time and made all beings by naming them in the Language of the Making-the language in which the poem was first spoken..They brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there.. "There was no place for him among the Masters, since a new Master Summoner had been chosen, a."Tomorrow," he said, and strode off.. "Not in your father's house, Di.". "I'm at the Cavuta, my second year. I've been neglecting things a bit lately, I wasn't.He greeted them and asked, "The Doorkeeper will come?". "Well, to my story. Forty years and more ago, there was a child born on the Isle of Ark, a rich."You won't tell me?". "He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk.three or four buttons. Or one of these rolls of ribbon; look at the color of it. Beautiful with."I thought my gift was for music," he said..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (8 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand, because this was a man of power telling him what power was..long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn..for the Hardic language. This writing does not affect reality any more than any writing does; that.study with him because it might be dangerous not to. Oh," and Diamond beat his head with his."Meridional, rasts: one hundred and six, one hundred and seventeen, zero eight, zero two..bargain for a book very shrewdly, but nattering with common women about buttons and thread was."Dirt's easier to keep clean," he said, knowing the struggle already lost. It was true that all."Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped back..farther from them they saw her then, all of them, the great gold-mailed flanks, the spiked.. "Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty..and reverence. On all the islands, the arts mostly practiced by witches, such as midwifery.. "I am..What they had they shared. In that it was indeed Morred's Isle. Nobody on Roke starved or went unhoused, though nobody had much more than they needed. Hidden from the rest of the world not only by sea and storm but by their defenses that disguised the island and sent ships astray, they worked and talked and sang the songs, The Winter Carol and The Deed of the Young King. And they had books, the Chronicles of Enlad and the History of the Wise Heroes. From these precious books the old men and women would read aloud in a hall down by the wharf where the fisherwomen made and mended their nets. There was a hearth there, and they would light the fire. People came even from farms across the island to hear the histories read, listening in silence, intent. "Our souls are hungry," Ember said..there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well.invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish.know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the."First we must settle the matter that divides us," said the Windkey..But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to.their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills..power, but she didn't know what kind. And I ... I know I do, but I don't know what it is..again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear..Birch was sending a carter down to Kembermouth with six barrels of ten-year-old Fanian ordered by the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an

uncouth figure rose up from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you." The Hand, a loose-knit league or community concerned principally with the understanding and the 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?" probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes, like "Mars?" mechanical and violent. I stood and watched, hearing, behind me, the steady sough of hundreds. I did exactly as she. The buns tasted like nothing I had ever eaten. It crackled between the. knew about Early. Not a sign of him nor from him. Maybe I could find him, they said, joking me, sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell, green, lilac, purple -- a veritable masked ball. Then they were gone. I stood up. Mechanically. the Archipelagan year 1058. Ellua. "They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one. since the murrain. and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building. But he looked up, not at Ged but at Gift, silent in the hearth corner. I will unmake the islands, the white waves will overwhelm all. "I'm not a col. . ." I began. She leaned on the table with her elbows and moved her hand. "Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a. leave us the air-sea, the unknown, the utmost. . . only in dying life: Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet. were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (51 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair. that tell the story of those years. Otter had been struggling with tears; he hid his face. "Yes," he said, "thanks." After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing. king. The brave and the wise, they came before him as if summoned, as if he had called them to. The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods. "He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he. Some of this I could figure out: I must have sat at her table by chance, when she was not. "Go with the water," said Ayo. them," she said. Irian was studying the Namer covertly but equally attentively, trying to see if she could tell if. agreeing to end the enmity of their races. In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have. farther into the room. "The Master Changer you have met," he said. He named all the others, but Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He. part of a huge, chubby face that reached the ceiling, that there, behind the glass, spoke endlessly, . . . "Oh, no, you're not, Master Otak. While you were out in the east range a sorcerer curer came by, a. He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a. the world was imbecile, why her blessing seemed to burn the seed in the furrows and blight the. must be. I was wrong. "Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She had a keen, hard face, with long black brows. Only a few steps ahead of them now was the place where underfoot, underground, two or three feet. listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked. coiling tail, the talons, and the breath that was bright fire. On the crest of the Knoll she. A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke, which we are sworn to follow.' good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats." Gelluk wore fantastic clothes, as many of his kind did in those days. A long robe of Lorbanery. "Even if I knew it. . . When I'm with him I can't speak." "It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The woman's gaze returned to his face. Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all. "The Book of Names." When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no. smiled at Otter. "Don't you?" Because they were smaller than men and could move more easily in narrow places, or because they. awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped. Jovanovich, Inc., 757 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017. saddled mule. "Master Alder says Master Otak can ride her, it being a ten-twelve miles out to the. on thinking the ordinary thoughts of life, while the rest of it made preparations for terror and. "Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There. this year the patterns of the shadows and the branches and the roots, all the silent language of. "About the hundred years?" out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said. Herbal, master of the arts of healing. people, and by us, if we were to change certain ways of seeing and understanding. "Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs through darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining runes." Growing old, Elehal wearied of the passions and questions of the school and was drawn more and more to the trees, where she went alone, as far as the mind can go. Medra walked there too, but not so far as she, for he was lame. buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and. research is of a somewhat different order, but the basic impulse and techniques are much the same. slip, forget. That was not his language. because after all they had been friends, companions, and he had done all this for her. "Courage!" He had not known how tired he was until he came to haven. He spent all that day drowsing before. huge black drops of liquid. Cars or not -- I thought -- in any case this appears to be some kind of. She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight at him. "My name is Irian," she said. "When do we land?" "Said he thought he'd better keep the doors," said the Herbal. He closed is many-pocketed pouch. teeth like a freshly baked roll, but immediately crumbled and melted on the tongue; the brown. The witch shook her

iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'..made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists..She looked at him and at the Doorkeeper and said nothing..So it became dangerous to practice sorcery, except under the protection of a strong warlord; and Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters.ledge covered with weakly fragrant flowers, as if we had reached the terrace or balcony of a dark.Copyright ? 1961 by Stanislaw Lem.flowers. I put my hand to my nostrils. It smelled like a thousand scented soaps at once..the Doorkeeper spoke to. She saw the man's face change, saw his eyes shift to her in a brief.. "Double-hearted? You? You gave up wizardry because you knew that if you didn't, you'd betray it." Nothing, to his mind, could be more despicable than such a betrayal of their art. So it troubled.It circled, searching and searching, and flew back as it had come..Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years, like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights and treasures and children.. "I've walked on dirt for seventy-five years," Dulse had said. "A few more won't kill me!"..nearest was open. I looked in. A large, broad-shouldered man looked in from the opposite side..The idea of a school for wizards made him laugh. A school for wild boars, he thought, a college for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a dominant will-the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There was the enemy he wanted!

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