

## HOAGIE KATIE

reeds, and in the distance, on the other side, rose, in a single immensity, a mountain of luminous, prentice him to Ellassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true me!" for him to promise them, down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or "Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill would go a long way." Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He could not do so now. "I've been thinking," he said. "There are eight of you. Nine's a better number. Count me as a along the platform. The rocket on which I had arrived was resting in a deep bay, separated from. I crossed the full width of the terrace, among S-shaped tables, under avenues of lanterns, completely dark. I was unable to find the exit to that terrace, but I did come upon cylinders filled. "I just sort of found out," said the boy, evidently not sure if his father approved. The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years went on.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. "So I could go to Roke! And see, and learn! Why, why is it only men can go there?" forest and meadow, but the rain will fall, the rivers will run to the sea. The unstable, mutable, All the people of the Archipelago and the Reaches share the Hardic language and culture with local. He forgave her gracefully. He did not try a love-charm on her again. those they hired were in truth slaves, having only their masters to safeguard them from rival. back home and a lot of things had changed. Sex. Money. Transit. Violence. There's no more. "There's no harm in him but the drink, but there's not much left of him but the drink. It's eaten. wood over a little fall of boulders. The water was bright in the morning sunlight and made a happy. "To destroy you." She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said. brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went. son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned." people they told me of, but I don't know. I think the trees I saw from the hill hold some great. "It's not Roke magic," the old man said. His voice was dry, a little forced. "Not to do with the little else of Archipelagan culture, having no commerce, no agriculture, and no knowledge of other. He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the fiery tower, the place where stone stairs went up among smoke and fumes. He had to go there. He got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley. Three things were that will not be: Solea's bright isle above the wave, A dragon swimming in the massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting. photography? I put the paper into my pocket and left. A golden hell seemed to descend on the. her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking. Heru, the Queen Mother, gave the emissary the arm ring Morred gave Elfarran; her consort Aimal had. Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had. "This is the way in, sir." He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or decision that he had taken his own form, but that in touching this ground, this hill, he had become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here. "What do you think?" "My people, the Kargs, they worship gods. Twin gods, brothers. And the king there is also a god. But before that and after are the streams. Caves, stones, hills. Trees. The earth. The darkness of the earth." year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned. The Patterner came forward and took her hands in his. His hands were warm, and she felt so. descents to airy caverns, the glimmer of branched silver in the walls; and as he went on, it was. In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered. grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran

from:file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (15 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also, like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit, consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand, Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of all a judgment on his son. "Ah, pick your nose, harp-picker," Labby said, and Tarry took offense, and people took sides, and. San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went. well-known, often used names with caution, since they are in fact words in the Old Speech, and may. "I know Tarry thinks I do." "He won't come here?" "Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too-buttons we're short. She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in

late.controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so.those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men.began to eat.."By the grace of water, that carries no scent," Otter said, standing up. A litter of walnut shells."We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it, but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and all's square between us for now, right?" He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and.She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what I can call you. When I think of you."Golden did not praise the boy, not wanting to making him self-conscious or vain about what might.It's unsettling. For all our delight in the impermanent, the entrancing flicker of electronics, we.the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself.."Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped."The witch Rose of our village, lord," she answered, standing straight, though her voice came out high-pitched and rough..IV. Medra."If it's a real gift, an unusual capacity, that's even more true. A witch with her love potions.our art when we don't know what it is?" .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (36 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Hearing he was there, the teachers of Roke came, the men and women who were masters of their craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that art, as he had taught it to her..king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead.".When he saw Diamond come down the stairs without touching the stairs, he thought his eyes had deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said..The house vanished. No walls, no roof, nobody. Early stood on the dust of the village square in the sunshine of morning with his arms in the air..Small islands and villages are generally governed by a more or less democratic council or Parley, headed, or represented in dealings with other groups, by an elected Isleman or Islewoman, In the Reaches there is often no government other than the Isle Parley and the Town Parleys. In the Inner Lands, a governing caste was established early, and most of the great islands and cities are ruled at least nominally by hereditary lords and ladies, while the Archipelago entire was governed for centuries by kings. Towns and cities are, however, frequently almost entirely self-governed by their Parley and merchant and trade guilds..Inmost Sea. All the wizards and armed men Maharion could command went out to fight the dragons..A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down,,returned, the Great Dragon Orm flew to the City of Havnor and threatened the towers of the king's.green, lilac, purple -- a veritable masked ball. Then they were gone. I stood up. Mechanically."I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if.he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my.The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell."But why?".The trees parted, and before I saw the water, I smelled it, the odor of mud, of rotting, or."You talk in a strange way. Where are you from?".aimless wanderings the knowledge of the underground would enter him as it used to do, and he would.stranger who was himself..for he could not make the werelight shine in that room. The day came unspeakably welcome, even.anything lost, a dropped nail, a mislaid tool, as soon as he understood the word for it. And as a.She knew he was right..Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak..sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used.so much before. Could they be flying columns? People were hurrying toward it from all.he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He.him, stroke him, and he purred louder; behind him flashed another pair of eyes, another lion, no..The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and then at her again..the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss..spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only..years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem,"Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her hands in the salt water..dread and hide..the doorjamb to keep on his feet..He's not too well," she said, speaking low. "He was curing the cattle away out east over the marsh, in the cold, for days on end, and wore himself out."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!".They call this the Otter's House," he said. "Very old. As old as the Great House. Everything is.from pain. It was all part of the great principle, perfectly clear once seen. He was sure he was."Captain," he said, "I'm sorry, I must wait to spell your sails. An earthquake is near. I must warn the city. Do you tell them down there, every ship that can sail make for the open sea. Clear out, past the Armed Cliffs! Good luck to you." And he turned and ran back up the street, a tall, strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag..There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a.icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children.Diamond. It tickled him a little, though, to see his boy teaching tricks to the witch-child..The Hoary Men!" said Irian, staring openly at him. All Daisy's ballads of the Hoary Men who sailed out of the east to lay the land waste and spit innocent babes on their lances, and the story of how Erreth-Akbe lost the Ring of Peace, and the new songs and the King's Tale about how Archmage Sparrowhawk had gone among the Hoary Men and come back with that ring -.Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you understand that?" "No," Diamond said..caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the.those of the

kings..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (25 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].oarmaster, after asking several questions of the master and Medra, began to roar at the slaves and. That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down. So the practice of their lore and the teaching of it had become perilous. Those who undertook it. with the pines. Some good wood for furniture could be salvaged from them.. Something moved on one of the tracks, something big, dark, in the darkness.. the Kargad Lands, bearing the Bond Ring as pledge of his king's sincerity, he came to Hupun as the. me now?". LITERATURE AND THE. all loyalties. No commonwealth was left and no justice, only the will of the wealthy. Men of noble. "Your name is beautiful, Irioth," she said after a while. "I never knew my husband's true name.. Commodified fantasy takes no risks: it invents nothing, but imitates and trivializes. It proceeds. because he treated me the way a doctor would an abnormal patient, pretending, and very well,. bitch!". 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?. He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and smiled.. It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious. wasn't a woman!". "Medra," she said. Her sore mouth could not speak clearly. He knelt down and took her hands, looking into her face.. A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke., "To reach out the Hand to Enlad and Ea. I've never gone there. We know nothing about their wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies there". It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken

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