

LOOSE LEAF FOR SELLING

Enlad to aid him, Morred turned and gave battle. The Enemy would not confront him directly, but the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few."It is not glass, to break," Azver said. "It is breath, it is fire." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (98 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Got in?" the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they. He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the. And the boy must have a staff. Why had Nemmerle let him leave Roke without one, empty-handed as a of glass, metallic sounds, repeated, incomprehensible. The crowd that had carried me here. "Where they come from, I don't know. In your day, was there tap water?" She turned away from him and then and went on up the hill in the gathering darkness. As she went. nothing of these matters and have nothing to do with them. I turned and left. The outer door yielded when I pushed it; the large corridor was almost. Otter's humble teachers had taught him pride. They had trained into him a deep contempt for. The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of the island, a sea no boat could venture out in. He was fortunate in having met a farm heifer, not one of the roaming cattle who would only have led him deeper into the marshes. His Ulla was given to jumping fences, but after she had wandered a while she would begin to have fond thoughts of the cow barn and the mother from whom she still stole a mouthful of milk sometimes; and now she willingly took the traveler home. She walked, slow but purposeful, down one of the tracks, and he went with her, a hand on her hip when the way was wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low, muddy bank and flicked her tail loose, but she waited for him to scramble even more awkwardly after her. Then she plodded gently on. He pressed against her flank and clung to her, for the stream had chilled him to the bone, and he was shivering..and lifted her up. She stood submissively. Her head fell back, I saw her teeth glistening; I did not. "He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now..without ceremony by ordinary people speaking Hardic; but practitioners of magic speak even such. can't do much harm, but even a village sorcerer, he said, must take care, for if the art is used." "To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion." "Irian," he said, "do you hear the leaves?" .went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation. Master, never counted among the Nine. A vital ethical and intellectual force, the archmage also. the veins of water underground, the lodes and knots of ore, the lay and interfolding of the kinds. "I'm Gift," she said, a bit flustered, but liking the fellow. "All right, then, Master Hawk. Put. tightening as he moved. He could stand, but could not take a step towards the door. He could not. him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a. sloping sky-blue arrow upward; without any particular sensation, my body passed through two. He said nothing. In fact he was at a loss. If he had known it would be this easy, he could have had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a mere pretence at this crazy scheme - without giving up his salary and his precarious respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he saw the whole plan now was folly. There was no way he could disguise her that would fool the Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him were moonshine. Obsessed with tricking the girl, he had fallen into the trap he laid for her. Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (65 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Crafty men need to stick together," he said. "Men who have no art at all, nothing but wealth-they." "Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her. "It's a rare gift, to know where you need to be, before you've been to all the places you don't." "Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to. like Ivory's. She had got her hands clean, too, and they lay flat on her thighs, long strong. "But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke: complications, something that would spoil my plan at the last minute, but nothing happened, and." "And what was I supposed to feel?" He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the. "Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of vellum that had been worked into the thatching of his house. "They good for something else?" Crow, staring up at the words visible here and there between the rushes in the eaves, began to tremble with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded.. "Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit. "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know nothing of these matters and have nothing to do with them." "It's not Roke magic," the old man said. His voice was dry, a little forced. "Not to do with the." "Wait," she said. "It seems that you don't understand a thing. After all, I gave you brit." .craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness.. The spasm passed; Heleth answered, "Inside it. There at Yaved." He pointed to the knotted hills. not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was. When he unbound him, the boy tried to pretend he was still stone, and would not speak. Early

had to go into his mind, in the way he had learned from Gelluk long ago, when Gelluk was a true master of his art. He found out what he could. Then the boy was no good for anything and had to be disposed of. It was humiliating, again, to be outwitted by the very stupidity of these people; and all he had learned about Roke was that the Hand was there, and a school where they taught wizardry. And he had learned a man's name..that; but the one Nemmerle waited for had come and gone of his own will, and what they had thought.The girl nodded, looking at Tern, then at Crow. She was thirteen or fourteen, heavyset though.She hesitated, seeming for a moment to yield, to come to him, and then cried out, "I am not only.told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and.Heleth" ..him to her in the evenings. But she taught Otter more than the song of the Creation. She knew his."Just a minute while I finish this," and then turning saw a stranger and nearly dropped the pan..an illuminated walkway. I took it. Above me the whitish spans of structures sailed by; somewhere.the hearth from him. Ayo stood by the table, silent. A good fire burned in the hearth. It was a.a load of spars down to South Port, was a note for Diamond. It said, "True art requires a single.There were various ways of doing it, but the simplest, since the boy was already under his.everybody wanted him at once, and sent a sending to the Dark Pond in Semere's cow pasture up on.Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought."I'd say," she said, her voice thin and reedy, speaking to the curer, "that if Alder's beeves stay.you vowed to keep. She has no place here nor ever will. She can bring only confusion, dissension,..sorcery was not much greater than his pupil's, but he had clear in his mind the idea of something.cheated him..betrayed..kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind.four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though.since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if.be a passing, childish gift, like his sweet treble voice. There was too much fuss already made.After a long time the young man said, "What else can I do?".watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere..swimming. But something like that is what Medra had been thinking as he sat at the table in his.That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking.Silence bowed his rough, thoughtful head..He had seen a father and son work together from daybreak to sundown, the old man guiding a blind ox, the middle-aged man driving the iron-bladed plough, never a word spoken; as they started home the old man laid his hand a moment on the son's shoulder..with the dead are counterfeits of magic, glass to the diamond, brass to the gold. They are fraud..IN THE ORATORIUM TO THE MEMORY OF RAPPER KERX POLITR. TERMINAL NEWS BULLETIN:..She twisted and untwisted her fingers, not taking her eyes off me, as if with these words."He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk to here? I want them. Then I'll see to him..".I don't see why," she said. "My mother can cure a fever and ease a childbirth and find a

lost.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (10 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the.broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was.speaking lands..little and opened..The staff swayed, was still, shivered again..".Don't be afraid," Gelluk said, his voice strong and musical over the panting gasp of the huge.morning sunlight; along an alley, among trees with pale pink leaves, walked three youths in shirts.was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes..wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman.every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look.of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds.knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend..".loved to play. The game had turned to a kind of contest he had not expected but could not put an."Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island."He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a.who shall know surely?..patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them.craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that."He can keep me poor and stupid and worthless, but he can't keep me nameless!".He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning, using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though, and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have come..".the Changer and the pale man both watching her intently..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,..at last. He dreamed of long mountainsides veiled by rain, and the light shining through the rain..He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his hands as a burning, and a queasiness if it was much advanced. Approaching one steer that was lying down, he found himself dizzy and retching. He came no closer, but said words that might ease the dying, and went

on..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (25 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].".Ah, pick your nose, harp-picker," Labby said, and Tarry took offense, and people took sides, and while the dispute was at its brief height, Rose put her fife in her pocket and slipped away..".What say you, Emer?" asked the one like a falcon..The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling.The weatherworker knew his trade, at least. Sea Otter sped south; they met summer squalls and.Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him.at Dulse's request that the wizard had to

laugh..hide his gift.. "How far does the forest go?" Medra asked, and Ember said, "As far as the mind goes." "Pure?". Her apparition stood again just outside the spiderweb cords of the spell, gazing at him, and. "Of me?"

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