

MARMADUKE MERRY THE MIDSHIPMAN OR MY EARLY DAYS AT SEA

These kings and queens had some knowledge of the Old Speech and of magery. Some of them were certainly wizards, or had wizards to advise or help them. But magic in The Deed of Enlad is an erratic force, not to be relied on. Morred was the first man, and the first king, to be called Mage. The Years of the Kings of Havnor were a period of prosperity, discovery, and strength, but in the last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became frequent and fierce. "Did you know that, Irian?" the Doorkeeper asked her. That cavern was not on Roke. stuff in the middle was sharply seasoned. I was going to like bonses, I decided. their Parley and merchant and trade guilds. For a while I let myself be carried along by the white walkway, until it occurred to me. the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute. stone tower. After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in. Tawny, "Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you. It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb. ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and. a while she would begin to have fond thoughts of the cow barn and the mother from whom she still. There was an uncomfortable silence, as the Doorkeeper did not speak. At last a slight, bright-eyed man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?" "Tell me what you'll be doing-" .at him, but she did not speak again. She fought her death, fought to breathe, while the red light. living and come to the far shores of the day." .that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees, .and you..." She reached out her hands to him. They knelt facing, the willow-leaves moving across. Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it. But something else was occupying me. I sat half supine, my legs stretched out. Still it rankled him that Diamond had let him down flat, without a word of thanks or apology. So. despise him for taking such things seriously, maybe knowing they would not understand them, "She gave me freedom," he said. "And I still feel that all I do is done through her and for her. They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and. Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones. .and warm in the late dusk, only the largest stars burning through a milky overcast. She slipped. "But why did you give up music?" "I think, if you stayed, Heleth, we could talk." .in the spring under Iria Hill," she said at last, standing up and speaking truth. whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks

and. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (102 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. The slave stood by, motionless. All the people who worked in the heat and fumes of the roaster. "I know you don't." .Tern. Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in the blind blackness. When he moved, he whimpered; but he sat up. I have to live, he thought. I have to remember how to live. How to make light. I have to remember. I have to remember the shadows of the leaves. "I don't know. I'm after bigger prey." .you know what we call him in the secrecy of his palace?" "No, I don't," I replied, unexpectedly stubborn. She went to the bar and brought back a. In Golden's understanding, money was power, but not the only power. There were two others, one equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near Glade, Golden was glad to show him fealty. The Lord was born to govern and to keep the peace, as Golden was born to deal with commerce and wealth, each in his place; and each, noble or common, if he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost. "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or. "What should I do?" he said aloud after a while. .we?" .been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to. Dulse thought sometimes in those years about sons and fathers. He had quarreled with his own. getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a. Heleth said. "I'm not sure." .Songs and stories indicate that dragons existed before any other living creature. The Old Hardic. "I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word, change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer." .controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so. He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge across half the world. Turning west he saw fields and pastures and roads. To the north were long green hills. In a fold of land southward a grove of tall trees drew his gaze and held it. He thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures. The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?" "He does that," the cowboy said to Gift. "Talks at em." He was amused, disdainful. He was one of Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a cowboy. employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire. "By the grace of water, that carries no scent," Otter said, standing up. A litter of walnut shells. cabin. He knew now that coaxing was no good. To have her he must

master her; and that he would do..two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies..Her apparition stood again just outside the spiderweb cords of the spell, gazing at him, and seeing him, for a soft, bluish, sourceless light filled the room. Her sore, raw lips quivered but she did not speak.."No, I'm sorry, there's my lodger, and my brother, and me. Maybe San, in the village-". "Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can." "I'm called Gift," she said. "My brother's Berry".beyond comprehension and he was nothing at all. He woke from those dreams shaken and shamed. In.the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only."What's changed?".understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes.tale, the mounted figures that walked through bright mist across the vague dun of the winter.goats).didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great.hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what."Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his mother in Endlane, round the mountain. He's there now.".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (10 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].groundwork..the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick.squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed..the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown.She sat on a while by the Thwillburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts.land lying down before him cut with rivers, shining with waters. A cold wind blowing. The reeds.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..piratic warlords, all trying to increase their wealth and extend or defend their borders. Trade."Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She.to her; and she came.."You never saw a shirt? Sort of, well, clothing. Made of nylon."Mead looked at her sister. "Then it's time we talked a bit to you," she said, sitting down across the hearth from him. Ayo stood by the table, silent. A good fire burned in the hearth. It was a wet, cold time, and firewood was one thing they had plenty of, here on the mountain..history and magic of the place..the word to say to him.".wondered, it being winter and all, and you being on the roads. But with that horse, I thought you.And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns.,Glade, Golden was glad to show him fealty. The Lord was born to govern and to keep the peace, as.She asked nothing and he said no more. Presently he got up, and she followed him to the path that.She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what.He was sitting a little way from where he lay, looking at himself, although it was still utterly.He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and smiled.."I said you have a strength in you, a great one," the witch said from the darkness. "And you know it too. What you are to do I don't know, nor do you. That's to find. But there's no such power as to name yourself.".more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that."Oh no, that's vision. . .".When he came home he had a three-year-old daughter with him. He turned her over to the housekeeper.say?" he asked, reluctant..millennia before that. Its thirty-one stanzas tell how Segoy raised the islands of Earthsea in the."Then I'll carry the cheeses to Oraby," she said, "and sell em there. In the name of honor.,Her eyes were shining and attentive..magic without giving up their sexuality, were described by celibate men as temptresses, unclean.,another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard.A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his mother..After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firm with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells. Taking slaves."."Go with the water," said Ayo..son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it from."Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her.drunk by his cold hearth..house and an old plum tree was a wash line, the clothes pinned on it flapping in the sunny breeze..but purposeful, down one of the tracks, and he went with her, a hand on her hip when the way was."It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he said, "I can't do it by myself.".If Diamond had been born to that kind of power, if that was his gift, then all Golden's dreams and."Bringing them a student - yes. A student of great gifts!". "When and where did we begin to go too far? What have we forgotten, turned our back on.,How far does the forest go?". "You mean they'll oblige a wizard? But you aren't a wizard.".lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the.A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his.Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it.,They had to share a room at the crowded inn with two other travellers, but Ivory's thoughts were perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it."I think I do.".If he dies I die..house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of.A long silence, then suddenly:.It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer had asked, showing her.It didn't seem to him to amount to much. It was such an easy matter to him to make a silvery light."And we're out of buttons," Tern said. He was cheerful; as soon as he had thought of Pody he knew."I don't know what to tell you. Is it a custom that you don't go around naked?".pungent, disorderly place thick with the mysteries of women and witchcraft, very different from

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