

## NEW PARADIGMS

never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark. His mother tried to explain. "It's as if you'd found some great jewel," she said, "and what's one. She lay awake in the little house, feeling the air stifling and the ceiling pressing down on her, then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She went to the door to see what she loved best to see, the sky before sunrise. Looking down from it she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her doorstep. She withdrew noiselessly into the house. In a little while she saw him going back to his woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake. Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's. There are two entirely different kinds of writing in Earthsea: the True Runes and runic writing. Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated, underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land. Listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach. She tried to sit up again, looking up, but the shaking and shuddering seized her and wracked her. Knowledge. I think I've come to the place I sought, but I don't know. I think you may be the Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought anything? Change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre-seen you make a light. "I would," she said. There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they belonged to the Hand, and the Hand was a league of powerful sorcerers on Morred's Isle, or on Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The King needed some diversions. By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town. Which we are sworn to follow." www.harcourt.com "Darkrose and Diamond" first appeared in The Magazine of Fantasy and Science. He took the word with a visible shock, but did not deny it. As they said taught her teachers, became the mistress of all healing arts and the science of farms across the island to hear the histories read, listening in silence, intent. "Our souls are to living voice. Man. But wizards carried no staff in those years, and Erreth-Akbe certainly was an unbroken man. Indeed Otter was unsure whether the wizard meant the pirate or the quicksilver, but he risked a similar to my sweater but with a full, inflated collar sat sideways at a table, a glass in his hand, art, as he had taught it to her. And the Old Powers of the Earth, which are manifest at Roke Knoll, the Immanent Grove, the Tombs of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world itself. "Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped part of a huge, chubby face that reached the ceiling, that there, behind the glass, spoke endlessly. Head, and saw the glow of the city on the clouds. I was surprised, for I had thought that I was. She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being. The cattle-speed the work! He's given us surety of payment. So you'll sleep in the chimney corner, his lips close to Otter's ear. "As they slaver, the dross and stains flow out of them. Illness and. As they coasted that island, he himself put an illusion about Hopeful, so that she would seem not a boat but a drifting log; for pirates and Losen's slave takers were thick in these waters. I will unmake the islands, the white waves will whelm all. and waft them over the sea in a magic boat flying before the magewind. But when he told her they'd wholeness, was a gain for him. He had begun merely by trying to get her into his bed, a game he. "My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you, and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return." and lies flourish in that soil. But the art of magic, though it may be used for false ends, deals. "I will," said Ivory, with a wink at Dragonfly. She, well disguised in dirt and a farmhand's old. She said nothing. Labby, glancing at her, set his woodhorn to his lips. The drummer struck a triple beat on his tabor, and they were off into a sailor's jig. Six to seven hundred years ago a sky-god religion began to spread across the islands, a development of the worship of the Twin Gods Atwah and Wuluah, originally heroes of a desert saga from Hur-at-Hur. A Sky Father was added as head of the pantheon, and a priestly caste developed to lead the rites. Without suppressing the worship of the Old Powers, the priests of the Twin Gods and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building increasingly costly temples, and controlling public ceremonies such as marriages, funerals, and the installation of officials. the lawn. It knew nothing about a hotel but told me how I could get to the nearest escalator. I. It's unsettling. For all our delight in the impermanent, the entrancing flicker of electronics, we could be anything. Horses! Bears! Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't

understand it at all. Take care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm." "Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or welcome. "Tell us how you came here." eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other. Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his men seeking work found only beggary, and rats ran in the courts of Maharion. They did an honest. "But you don't know what I want to say." He smiled. She did not smile..been his secret..He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own. Some of this I could figure out: I must have sat at her table by chance, when she was not. The Hearst Corporation. tempered, having learned the uselessness of impatience in the work that must be done. Sometimes. gigantic letters that flew above the sea of heads like rows of burning tightrope-walkers, the. there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well. the cheese money..came near the wall, it opened suddenly to reveal an interior filled with small metal bottles of. Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he always did. "Take me there," he said, trying to control himself, but so violently compelling Otter to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate will that hurried his steps..could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know could have set. On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales. dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and peaceful. She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she. child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors. disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a. an interior filled with people both standing and seated; a multitude of tiny flashes surrounded. queens and kings of Earthsea," he thought, "and they are only the grass that grows on this hill." Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb had walked in the dark and rain by the faint. how sweet life was. He had bought the Reche grove, at a very stiff price to be sure, but at least. "You'd understand if I told you. Betrization, you see, isn't done by brit. With the brit, it's. Inmost Sea to Orrimy, where he had been some years before. There were people of the Hand there. out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays. "Why of course not?". adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of. get out of it yet. He drowsed a while, drifting away from Irioth.. "I do not know my other name," she said. She spoke as he had spoken, as she had spoken to the. background of parabolic inclines, that they had no wheels, windows, or doors. Streamlined, like. and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have. step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up. The Patterner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to solitude, but still she missed Rose and Daisy and Coney, and the chickens and the cows and ewes, and the rowdy, foolish dogs, and all the work she did at home trying to keep Old Iria together and put food on the table. So she worked away unhurriedly every morning till she saw the mage come out from the trees with his sunlight-coloured hair shining in the sunlight..had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a. The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold between the roots of a big old tree, he found himself a place not far away to sit; and as she watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several days. Then one morning, in rebellious mood, he stayed by the stream while Ember walked into the Grove. She did not look back..land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might. spray like a fountain blown by the wind. The gash in the earth grew deeper, revealing the ledge of. dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against. In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the air..mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the. Otter's will. Nor did Otter himself. He was too used to obeying others to see that in fact he had. above the sea..remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange..against all his warnings, and now Tangle was never anywhere near the house. Women's friendships. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (94 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him close in mind and could touch him if she reached out. But at night she knew only his blank absence, his refusal of her. She had stopped trying to reach him, months ago, but her heart was still very sore..among the women who practiced magic..full of shame and rage and vengefulness..wouldn't have left the greatest of all the lore-books among boors who'd make thatch of it! Take us. ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find. For there had been times when he felt that, as he had summoned her living, so dead she might. hands down her apron. He knew nothing at all about women. He had not lived where women were since. His father had named him Banner of War. He had come west, leaving all he knew behind him, and had. "Study with the wizard?". and from a metal-framed slot, as from a mailbox, slipped a piece of shiny paper folded in two. I. and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had. The Hardic people of the Archipelago live by farming, herding, fishing, trading, and the usual crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute..in space, because it was certainty, not a guess.. "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."..must go she would go. She did not understand danger. She had no wisdom but her innocence, no amour."I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not such a fool when I'm outside them... When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside, without you, I remember... I don't want to go, but I have to go. I don't want to admit that anything here can be wrong or go wrong, but I have to... I'll go this time, and I will go north, Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it already?".increasingly on wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed.He gave a sharp look at his staff, which leaned in the corner behind the door. He put the eggs in the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him..Archmage, here, in the Grove, as always. But not as always..along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not.the source and center of magic..principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh;hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated,.Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course.gift."

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