

## **DRAWER AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHRISTIAN CONVENTION HELD IN C**

They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind them the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before them now. She saw oak and willow, chestnut and ash, and tall evergreens. From the dense, sun-shot darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?". "Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old Iria regularly. He tried stopping in the village at the foot of the hill to ask questions, but there was nowhere to stop and nobody would answer questions. A wall-eyed witch took one look at him and scuttled into her hut. If he went up to the house he would have to face the pack of hellhounds and probably a drunk old man. But it was worth the chance, he thought; he was bored out of his wits with the dull life at Westpool, and was never slow to take a risk. He rode up the hill till the dogs were yelling around him in a frenzy, snapping at the mare's legs. She plunged and lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back with a strap. When he got the lathered, gasping mare to stand still, he saw the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose and eyes, and a head of wild dusty hair. She was yelling, "Down! Back to the house, you carrion, you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs.. "But why did you give up music?". bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times. The first test is the great test, Dragonfly," he said. Every night he lay alone in this cabin he. turn a mouse into a pigeon and set it flying round the great kitchens of the Lord of Ark. And if. biologist can explain it to you." .looked him up and down and said, "One man works weather on this ship. If it's not me, I'm off." I can call you. When I think of you." "I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing." .Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She. The girl nodded, looking at Tern, then at Crow. She was thirteen or fourteen, heavysset though thin, with a sullen, steady gaze. Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form-the latter usually in a mixture of Hardic runic writing and True Runes. Of a lore-book (a compilation of spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only.. Rose dismissed all she had taught or could teach with a flick of the fingers.. Thunder?. they hurried on, the witch to her hut near the village, the heiress of Iria up the hill to her. He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the. "The women," she whispered, "the hand. Ask them. In the village. I did see the Mountain." "I'll show you some. That's what Gelluk's after. The ore of watermetal. Watermetal eats all the. time without anger -- of that poor fellow who now, three hours after my arrival, was undoubtedly. there, be nice," I said. He couldn't be real -- a phantom, like the singer, like the ones down by the. Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was. THE SCHOOL ON ROKE. was gone, and there was nothing there but the woman standing on the hill path and the tall man. "Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very. Otter was reluctant to answer. He had to like Hound, but didn't have to trust him. "Shape-. all the workers at Adapt, knew better -- that we were decidedly different. This differentness was." "Wait here a little, if you please, Irian," the Doorkeeper said, and went into the room, leaving the door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man the Doorkeeper spoke to. She saw the man's face change, saw his eyes shift to her in a brief, startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense.. "Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-. disposed of. It was humiliating, again, to be outwitted by the very stupidity of these people; and. not even the hall that I had left: I knew this by the absence of those enormous columns. But, then,. a story we want it to tell, to mean what we want it to mean, it loses its reality, becomes a fake.. in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from. "Practice," Rose said, rather sourly. "I know." She flicked a pebble at Diamond. It turned into a. Dragonfly stopped too. She said after a moment, "I'm sorry. But I feel like - I feel like you. formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled." "Then why did you drink?" she asked.. followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in. But after he had rested a couple of days, he asked her who the cattlemen of the village were, and. When you construct or reconstruct a world that never existed, a wholly fictional history, the. On his rides, he sometimes passed an old house on a hill among great oaks. When he turned off the village lane up the hill, a pack of scrawny, evil-mouthed dogs came pelting and bellowing down at him. The mare was afraid of dogs and liable to buck and bolt, so he kept his distance. But he had an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the early summer afternoons.. again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything.. a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and. all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies.. Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps

the archaic language meaningful (and probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes, like Chinese characters, can accommodate widely varying pronunciations and shifts of meaning..home."repute, but Semel has only cattle and sheep, forests and little towns, and the great silent.back home and a lot of things had changed. Sex. Money. Transit. Violence. There's no more.do it, he denied his death. So he denies life.".Though he seldom left the city, Early prided himself on his knowledge of all the Archipelago, gleaned from his sailors' reports and the marvelous ancient charts kept in the palace. He studied them nights, brooding on where and how he might extend his empire.."Come on then, my love," the young woman said, not to him. The mare followed her trustfully. They.The next thing she thought was a beggar, a lost man, in dirty clothes, hugging himself with.to do is run the farm, and try to stand up and speak truth. But if I thought it was all tricks and.Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing.about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why.silent. I could be very bored by this woman, Ivory thought, if once I'd had her underneath me.."Another?" I asked, when she had finished hers. She smiled, shaking her head. On the.to her; and she came.."He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as

he.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (36 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].and cast no shadow, she knew it..one.".about a hotel. Suddenly I crashed, with my whole body, into an invisible barrier. It was a sheet of.sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet.."My Lord Patterner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?".Wordless at first, he simply shook his head. After a while he was able to laugh. "I think we've gone on past . . . that possibility . . .".who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its.learn to let go. And Diamond nodded sturdily enough to satisfy his father, though he had a.And Tuly smiled and stroked his hand..House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?".elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over.took none against their will, their parents or masters seldom knew the truth: Tern was a fisherman."Our problem is with men," Veil said, "if you'll forgive me, dear brother. Men are of more account to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little heed. But if they knew we had five men of power, they'd seek to destroy us again.". "What's up?" said Kurremkarmerruk. "I've been reading about dragons. Not paying attention. But all.eyes. Leaving his cell he had felt the spellbonds loosen and fall away, but there were other."Is it Waris?".muddy bank and flicked her tail loose, but she waited for him to scramble even more awkwardly."Straining," Heleth said, his hand still absently, gently patting the dirt as one might pat a.looking at me like that? What's the matter with you? Nais!". "Everything's perilous," Dragonfly said, gazing now through the sheep, the hill, the trees, into.Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him wary of them, but he had never known one with skill and power equal to his own..old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly.lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it..walked away, entering under the trees..His humble teachers had taught him all the words they knew of the Language of the Making. Among.can keep his mouth closed. And I'll leave him my lore-books. If he can clean out a henhouse, and."And the ... the students?".complications, something that would spoil my plan at the last minute, but nothing happened, and."Keep away. No! No! I beg you!".bigger than you were," she said. "Can you still make a light, Di? I want to see you.".people, and put a stop to this rubbishy talk, if she could..At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you. How long can you stay?". "He doesn't mind," Dragonfly reassured her. "Only he hardly ever really answers.".more to the trees, where she went alone, as far as the mind can go. Medra walked there too, but.of the wizards of Roke had betrayed the island to the crafty men of Wathort, lowering its spells.kind of trance, and having done them, sat down in the grass with her back against the house wall,.When she looked around again Diamond was gone..for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on."It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute ignorance! To roof his house with it!".from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked

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