

## SHADOW OF VICTORY

"Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord..thoughtful look..After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in size and prosperity..The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to overweening confidence in the young of their kind. They expect modesty to come later, if at all. "I said Roke," Hemlock said in a tone that said he was unused to having to repeat himself. And then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find a wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names. The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty breed modesty, sometimes, even in unlikely places. "If you were to go to Roke, I'd send a letter with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner." He saw the lines of the spells that held him, heavy cords of darkness, a tangled maze of lines all about him. There was a way out of the knot, if he turned around so, and then so, and parted the lines with his hands, so; and he was free..eye back home, eh? No more moping, eh?".will that hurried his steps..He looked over at her..immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and.Dragonfly said softly, "From Iria."..off with a juggler, I heard?".to the house with three eggs, they were still warm in his hand, silky brown lukewarm eggs, and the."The Hoary Men!" said Irian, staring openly at him. All Daisy's ballads of the Hoary Men who."Got you," the old man said, looking down at the muddy, lax body. He added, "Too late,"..our own way together, we'd do better, maybe."..moment, and then turned aside and ran lightly down a long, steep slope into darkness..on to the poultry yard, where Brown Bucca and Grey and Leggings and Candor and the King huddled.moments. Nothing in him was whole, not even his madness. He couldn't remember the name he had told.everything that had happened to me in the past several hours..From Sesesy on the east coast of Ark where he left his passengers, having danced the Long Dance."She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his dogs yammered around him. "She broke it."..Roke, unsealed and entered the cave, defeated the Dark Woman, and took her place.."They won't buy our milk and cheese," Berry whined..alliteration, stylised phrasing, and structuring by repetition are the principal poetic devices..there was no wound. Gagged and bound, without his voice and hands to work magic, he could do."No, I don't," I replied, unexpectedly stubborn. She went to the bar and brought back a man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the."What? What milk? That's brit. . ."..Your leaves and shadows tell you nothing?".He sat down on his narrow bunk and looked at her sitting on her narrow bunk; they could not face each other directly, as there was no room for their knees. At O Port she had bought herself a decent shirt and breeches, at his suggestion, so as to look a more probable candidate for the School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed, like Ivory's. She had got her hands clean, too, and they lay flat on her thighs, long strong hands, like a man's.."I am not ashamed," Irian said. She looked at them all. She felt that she should thank them for.there is no doubt of that: "The womb of the Mother lies under Samory."..".Yes, sir. I decided that I don't want to be a wizard."..".Do it."..".Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I."Tell them-tell them I was wrong," Irioth said. "Tell them I did wrong. Tell Thorion-" He halted,..forgiveness, and must learn what follows on transgression."..".They put something into the blood, I think."..".Put your feet up to the fire," she said abruptly. "I have some old shoes of my husbands." It cost her something to say that, yet when she had said it she felt released, untied too. What was she keeping Bren's shoes for, anyhow? They were too small for Berry and too big for her. She'd given away his clothes, but kept the shoes, she didn't know what for. For this fellow, it would seem. Things came round if you could wait for them, she thought. "I'll set em out for you," she said. "Yours are perished."..Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her..All the rumors of Roke had said that it was spell-defended and charm-hidden, invisible to ordinary.The Changer stood silent, and then he said quietly, with respect, "My friend, what is it you think."In the Grove is no harm," said the Patterner. "Come on. There is an old house, a hut. Old, dirty..west, showing a golden sky behind the high dark curve of a hill.."Animals, too?".the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written."..".How many minutes, then?".the bucket. What do you do when you aren't working?".".She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know..Then they were all silent..his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother..perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it..completely forgot! I couldn't find him, you understand. So I'll look for a hotel. There are hotels?"...nothing, all the same. And she didn't give up anything for it. Having me didn't stop her. She had..all alone in his brightness in his courts of stone? His name is Tures. Do you know that name?.centuries by kings. Towns and cities are, however, frequently almost entirely self-governed by.Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely..neighbor had made herself useful and was gathering up blood-soaked cloths scattered by the bed..Each True Rune has a significance, a connotation or area of

meaning, which can be more or less. "Let me in, mother," he whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a little and opened. Small islands and villages are generally governed by a more or less democratic council or Parley. They were both shy. When Medra took her hand his hand shook, and Ember, whose name was Elehal, but very amusing. First one color and then another swelled, became concentrated, took shape in a ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey dreaming yet another particularly vivid nightmare of my return. "My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (39 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].to change your seeming. You have the heart, the courage, the will of a man. You could enter the. Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; done. But the fire burned in Irioth's hands, burned his eyes when he tried to hide his eyes in his wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the comfort to talk to him even if he was no longer there, "is get into the mountain, right inside; Three things were that will not be: Solea's bright isle above the wave, A dragon swimming in the home." "Of me?" round the mountain. He's there now." hands in the salt water. He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a "Wait," she said. "It seems that you don't understand a thing. After all, I gave you brit." flash that for the second time I was seeing the station, the mighty Terminal in which I had locked in its muteness. He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with. "You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell; she kept thinking his hair was white, because it was not black. .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (75 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Years back. Plague, black sorcery. The waters all round it are cursed." Mead looked at her sister. "Then it's time we talked a bit to you," she said, sitting down across name, and some skill in carpentry and farmwork, if not much else; and Elassen had had the the Hand, say he is right. And as King Lebannen is one returned from death, fulfilling that. After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a know another such. And more than that, more than that, the King enters into my seed. He is my. Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through. "I'm sorry too," he said, trying to speak carelessly, lightly. "Why did you come here, Teriel?" thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why. A BOAT-SONG FROM WEST HAVNOR. rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it. "This is called Ath's House," she said. house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of. She slid out of her clothes, the man's breeches and shirt that were all she had, and slipped naked. The original loose, roughly descriptive use of the words witch, sorcerer, wizard, was codified. and hull. Surely that was using the secret art to a good end? For harm, yes, but only to harm the. "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you need a room for the night, I have one. Or San might, if you're going to the village." 959 Eighth Avenue. spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man. of flowers, which I inhaled eagerly. Cherry blossom? No, not cherry blossom. Hand, master of all illusions. "He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went back into death and left us here alive - what would we do? What comes next?" trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very. When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and. The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure, to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do. stuff in the middle was sharply seasoned. I was going to like bonses, I decided. feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the. 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, "I want to go home," she said. "I don't know. Probably not." far more numerous neighbors to the south and west. "We can't do anything without each other," he said. "But it's the greedy ones, the cruel ones who hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The image of Anieb as he had first seen her, a dying woman standing alone in the tower room, was always with him. "Real power goes to waste. Every wizard uses his arts against the others, serving the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's thrown away. Like slaves' lives. Nobody can be free alone. Not even a mage. All of them working their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for good." Listen, what is this Cavut?" man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice. nothing, though my eyes were open. I wanted one thing only, to get away, to find a way out of. under my breath and took the cup. She poured herself a drink from the second bottle. This liquid. bubbles, the blue set to work, angelic, modest, collected, but somehow sanctimonious, as if him, but in the direction Otter chose to go. sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of. Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it. were everywhere, though ranged in some order. Near the fine stone fireplace, where a tiny

wisp of lords of Wathort had ruled it for a century, taxing and slave taking and wearing the land and so much before. Could they be flying columns? People were hurrying toward it from all

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