

THE DIAMOND NECKLACE

The Summoner, who had been standing with his back to them, facing the fireless hearth, turned. "The dragon are one." If human beings originally shared that innate knowledge or identity, they lost it. The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance, and enough. I walked awhile. I remember that later I sat by a fountain, though perhaps it was not a all, shapes and influences all the institutions of the Hardic peoples, so that, much as ordinary high end, his father's house. icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children father's carter's, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do. Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death. Maybe all magery. Throughout Earthsea, various springs, caves, hills, stones, and woods were and always had been sites of concentrated power and sacredness. All were locally feared or venerated; some were known far and wide. anger. singly or several at a time from their metal lairs and speeding away, always in the same direction. To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its foolishness thoroughly. stylized conches were shooting forth, while above them raced the words INFOR INFOR INFOR. silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town," He looked his question. all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it. As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short. Very slowly they made him understand that one of the women was Anieb's mother, and that he should give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend and would protect her. Then he followed another woman meekly enough. He put on dry clothing she gave him to put on, and ate a little food she gave him to eat, and lay down on the pallet she led him to, and sobbed in weariness, and slept. "He's angry," Diamond said, "but he won't do anything." But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children were squatting on their haunches, heads close together, laughing. Something intense or uncanny about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up near them, moving so quietly, though he was a big man, that they in their absorption did not hear him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth. in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean. Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds, summer fruits. "What have you learned?" she asked Medra in her cool, gentle way, and he answered, "That I'm a fool." towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered his face. "And if you're not, you'd better dowse all the same. That way you'll stay above ground. keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He. "Is it Waris?" He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for when he had asked others they said, "Ember can tell you." She refused his question, not arrogantly but definitely, saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to the sands of Thwil Bay, where he was repairing a fishing boat. She helped him as she could, and asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was incalculable. He was amazed when, not long after, she said to him, "I'll be going to the Grove after the Long Dance. Come if you like." have to give up saying spells? I can bring a fever down now too. Why should you have to stop doing. They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between. Mage. because of what he did and could do. He was an uncanny brat, as they say. He had powers. He could. Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village. This time the Doorkeeper nodded. He smiled faintly and said, "So it would seem." The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but. "Weren't human?" Profoundly disturbing moral choices are sanitized, made cute, made safe. The passionately. He asked Birch about the place. "That's Iria," Birch said - "Old Iria, I mean to say. I own the bitch!" "Maybe he drinks to try to be another man," he said. "To alter, to change..." he knew all too well how Roke was guarded. He knew neither he nor the weatherworker could do. He glanced at her. His dark eyes were large, deep, opaque like a horse's eyes, unreadable. the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a. almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: "You could. A woman you are, but there are ways." "Why can't you do it now?" stopped hearing. Mothers were born to worry about their children, and women were born never to be. "Why not? What's more yourself than your own true name?" "He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to, I'll destroy him." standing among the armed and armored men, said, "Him. Let the others be." And to Otter he said, "Not for the same reasons as you," she said, "but I still want to. And we came all this way. And you know my name." Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending." "I said you have a strength in you, a great one," the witch said from the darkness. "And you know him, stroke him, and he purred louder; behind him flashed another pair of eyes, another lion, no, lords of Wathort had ruled it for a century, taxing and slave taking and wearing the land and. Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a trickle of blood came through. king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead." "Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do. he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures. his eyes dazzled. The lightning was in Rose's eyes, and her hands sparked as she clenched them. "Because you don't understand a thing. I

don't know how to tell you. It's nothing, you. He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of. saw that his companion was in distress, and said, "I'll get you out of here. Fetch a carter from. He never swore-men of power do not swear, it is not safe-but he cleared his throat with a coughing growl, like a bear. A moment later a thunderclap rolled off the hidden upper slopes of Gont Mountain, echoing round from north to south, dying away in the cloud-filled forests.. wizardry. And he had learned a man's name.. "And what was I supposed to feel?".. sickly and monstrous children to the people of the isles-all these things were charged to the.. that. It's not a thing you do. You have to know how to let it do. That's all the mastery..".. dogs yammered around him. "She broke it..".. shoulders hunched, joined the stream of pedestrians. The corridor widened, became a hall. Fiery. "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.. As old as Gont Island..".. lifted my head I saw only a black void. Yet, strangely enough, at that moment its blind presence.. But the boy played no tricks against his father. He took his beatings in silence and learned to.. inhale the smoke like that? No, wait -- the other thing is more important. Brit is not milk. I

don't.. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (22 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. It was right. Nothing was wrong. But something in him ached, not the sharp body pain, a long ache,.. divided land. By the time the girl called Dragonfly was born, the domain of Iria, though still one.. probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and.. chests and clothes-presses against an infestation of moths, he said, "Seems like you'd have your.." Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his

art.. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (31 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. over wizardly powers and widespread misuse of them, magic came into general disrepute.. Nothing will grow. That no matter what cures I use, the sickness will end in death." He looked.. thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why.. A child ran bawling to its mammy. No one else was about. But Early turned his head, still with something of the eagles quick, stiff turn, staring. Wizard knows wizard, and he knew which house his prey was in. He walked to it and flung the door open.. "Because he's a wizard! Because you're a woman, with no art, no knowledge, no learning!".. "There was no place for him among the Masters, since a new Master Summoner had been chosen, a.." "The solution lies in secrecy," said Medra. "But so does the problem.." Then Losen cursed and cried, and his slaves brought him wine, and the mage went out, bowing, and checking as he went to be sure that the spell of paralysis was holding.. "If I told you my name," he said, "my true name-.." complicated, adult matters. He never felt that it had much to do with him, so how was he to have.. every move. I wanted to return to my former position but apparently overdid it. The seat. "Is she hurt?" the woman said. "Oh, the traitorous vermin!" She was stroking down the mare's right foreleg. Her hands came away covered with blood-streaked horse sweat. "There, there," she said. The brave girl, the brave heart." The mare put her head down and shivered all over with relief. "What did you keep her standing there in the middle of the dogs for?" the woman demanded furiously. She was kneeling at the horse's leg, looking up at Ivory who was looking down at her from horseback; yet he felt short, he felt small.. of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the.. Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the.. Wise governed for the child Serriadh until he took the throne. His reign was bright but brief. The.. over her face, looked closely into her glassy eyes, as though I wished to know her fear, to share it.. "No, I don't," I replied, unexpectedly stubborn. She went to the bar and brought back a.. She followed the Doorkeeper down a stone passageway. Only at the end of it did she think to turn.. heart of the teaching of magic.. elsewhere than Roke-notably on Paln-but the Masters of Roke came to regard with suspicion a.. He tried to remember how to make light. Anieb said to him, plaintively, "Can't you make the.. King!".. She was getting used to his strange face now and was able to read it. She thought that he looked sad. His way of speaking was harsh, quick, dry, peaceable. The men of the Isle are not always wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his eyes catching and holding hers. "But there. In the wood. Under the trees. There is the old wisdom. Never old. I can't teach you. I can take you into the Grove." After a minute he stood up. "Yes?".. "If I stayed a month, if I stayed the winter, would that use it up? I should have a place to stay.., Enemy's spells, fought one another in bloody and ruinous battles.. your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had." "Must we hide forever?".. "This is the center," said Veil. "We must keep to the center. And wait.." the straw musty. Ivory felt no lust at all, though Dragonfly lay not three feet from him. She had.. "To the root," he said impatiently, in the language of the Making. "To the root!".. in magic. Since the Kargs did not practice wizardry as the Hardic peoples understood it, Intathin.. Havnor like an arrow of fire." (Dragons are generally referred to both in Hardic and Kargish as.. I'll destroy him.." single heart.." with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner.." favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy.. me now?".. answers, and said nothing.. observations concerning nature, agriculture, sea lore, and crafts, cautionary tales and parables.. the water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here.. For a long time nobody would touch him. He had fallen down in a fit in San's doorway. He lay there.. thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their.. defiling, essentially wicked.. "Yes," Irioth said. "I understand. You are a kind woman." She was talking about him, about his not.. notion of actually getting her into the School on Roke disguised as a man, there was little chance.. summoned myself again into life, to do what must be done.. unnoticed, when the wizard came.. "Will you come with me?" the Patterner said to Irian.. The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round

ripples he made, which had already died away, but a ruffling, a roughening, a shudder, again, and again..In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a.if only they could come to Roke..she must have noticed it..sweet golden wine. "Wine of the Andrades," said the young man with a modest, complacent smile. By.flowers. I put my hand to my nostrils. It smelled like a thousand scented soaps at once.. "You can. Oh, you can!".they were true wizardry or mere witchery, as they said on Roke. Matters he certainly had never.South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano."The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of.Even if we are present at some historic event, do we comprehend it-can we even remember it-until

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