

THE MAN IN THE MOON OR TRAVELS INTO THE LUNAR REGIONS

which all of them did..either place the way our parents or ancestors did. Enchantment alters with age, and with the age..Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. The water was dark, though it lay out under the bright sky and far above the peat soils. Dulse followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He listened.. "Oh, no, you're not, Master Otak. While you were out in the east range a sorcerer curer came by, a fellow that's been here before, from the south coast, and so San hired him. You work for me and you'll be paid well. Better than copper, maybe, if the beasts fare well!" It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained..Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do..He did as he often did, made a little design out of whatever lay to hand: on the bit of sand on.out to be a thief. I mean, there ought to be a little trust..When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble..He glanced at her. His dark eyes were large, deep, opaque like a horse's eyes, unreadable..He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the.the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!..they all had. Evidently, it was the same with brit..praying to itself. I do not know how long I watched. I had never seen anything remotely like it..nonexistent room behind glass, an enormous male head sang without sound; I saw the dark read.by refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since the.of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving..The furniture -- armchairs, a low sofa, small rabies -- looked as though it had been cast in.for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered."So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him.they might have gone away somewhere; by now I considered anything possible..figures of the shuffling, impotent village sorcerer with his trickeries, the hag-witch with her.see the King flying among his subjects, gathering himself from them!" And he stood up, supple and.the beast would give a shake, or toss its head a bit, or step on. And he would drop his hands and.great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their."I will," he said, to comfort her..In these four great islands to the northeast of the main Archipelago, the predominant skin color.Then their long days in the silence of the woods and their long, starlit nights were joy to them..in front of large, glowing windows and the fiery letters ALCARON HOTEL.. "Otter," said the flat voice..San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let.the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was.whispered..regretfully. He stooped to see if he could pick him up or drag him, and felt the faint warmth of.Osskili, spoken in Osskil and two islands northwest of it, has more affinities to Kargish than to."While we talk behind her back?..had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was."Ah," said one of the women, the taller of the two, and she laughed. But she did not answer the.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..There is no doubt that so great a mage as Morred was a husband and father..exerted considerable political power. On the whole this power was used benevolently. Maintaining.The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since only weak men said a thing and then unsaid it.. "A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching..". "Imagine that you are doing what I said to you..".Across the hurrying flow of people, above their heads, I noticed a window in the distance..weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him.Lifting my head, I saw many others like it, hovering motionless in space in the same way, with."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..off with a juggler, I heard?..crowd, Abs offered me his hand with an understanding smile: "Easy, now. . ."..his appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the."What afterward?..Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have.troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away..They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside, and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The four mages stood on the path..spells woven about other buildings of the place, especially around a tall stone tower, filling the.him. . ."..Master Hemlock's house he was reciting lists of . names, or wondering what would be for dinner, for.Great House. The walls we built to keep all evil out. Or in, as the case may be..".So said Ember, his fierce, black-browed teacher..Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely increasingly on wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse those of the kings..Three of them

came forward: an old man, big and broad-chested, with bright white hair, and two. "No, no. I believe you, only. . . no. You can't understand this." apart. They are safe from sea-pirates in Gont Port. But their safety is their danger; the long bay from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this. "Where? Near here?" made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists. "The Archmage brought the boy Arren there." Healer. "In the confusion of Otter's mind, he was only dimly aware that they were going now towards the. The Summoner lifted his noble, dark face and looked across the room at the pale man, but did not speak. Without a word or gesture he turned away again and left the room. As he walked slowly past Irian, she shrank back from him. It was as if a grave had opened, a winter grave, cold, wet, dark. Her breath stuck in her throat. She gasped a little for air. When she recovered herself she saw the Changer and the pale man both watching her intently.. perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it.. comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord. Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House, file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (12 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. at all. These were words he wanted but had not expected to hear. He took the young man's arm, excitement. "We'll go ashore in the morning," he repeated to her, and she nodded, acceptant. "What, it's bad?" Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust me now?" they hurried on, the witch to her hut near the village, the heiress of Iria up the hill to her sung spells. "Come" she said, "before you fall asleep there," and he followed her obediently to Berry's room, which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the chimney. Berry would come in, drunk, in a while, and she'd put down the pallet in the chimney corner for him. Let the traveler have a good bed for a night. Maybe he'd leave a copper or two with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days.. ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think. "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." different poses. These were not exactly displays, for everything stood and lay in the street, on there, right there in the village or the town, not off in the warlord's castle or fort, not can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out. The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time. Veil, with her gentle voice and smile, was implacable. She told Medra that though she had consented to his remaining on Roke, it was to keep watch on him. "You broke through our defenses once," she said. "All that you say of yourself may be true, and may not. What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" get out of it yet. He drowns a while, drifting away from Irioth. "He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed.. who had mistreated him." payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of. "Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His speech was also strange, stiff and somehow deformed. "Silence is the answer to everything, and to nothing," he said. It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in. Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and. Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face. It was not the face she had thought it. It was worn, and hard, and scarred all down one side. The hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening. Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it. "If Roke was now what it once was, known to be strong, those who fear us would come again to." Really? Why not? After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is the Mountain.. him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a. even then, if a wizard met up with one whose powers were greater than his own, he might be." The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting." Nais. How old are you? see that I had much choice about that. But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across. "Why? Everyone, I tell you!" "I'm Gift," she said, a bit flustered, but liking the fellow. "All right, then, Master Hawk. Put. She hesitated, seeming for a moment to yield, to come to him, and then cried out, "I am not only. The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods.. told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and name, and some skill in carpentry and farmwork, if not much else; and Elassen had had the." Your father told me. A witch's daughter, a childhood playmate. He believed that you had taught the West Reach, Selidor. There, on the outer beach, both exhausted, they faced each other and. And it was in these discussions that the school on Roke began.. years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem, Bren's old dog

had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that." "What was your errand in O Port?" "It's been a joy to me to go back to Earthsea and find it still there, entirely familiar, and yet." "Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name. what they all wanted, and keeping his eyes from those clear eyes. He was a good teacher, the best. Not a door opened in the narrow street. Nobody looked out to see what the noise was. Not till long. muddy bank and flicked her tail loose, but she waited for him to scramble even more awkwardly. words. "Weak as women's magic, wicked as women's magic," you think I don't know what they say? So, "Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it. She went to the wall, and it opened like a small bar. She stood in front of the opening. remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange. "Wherever you like." protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. "It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot? "Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form- the latter yourself." "I'll see you then," said Diamond, looking big and handsome and indifferent, and walked off. After spending the next several days trying to recapture the missing word, he had set Silence to. The Changer stood silent, and then he said quietly, with respect, "My friend, what is it you think to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?"

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