

## TH 32 PAGE INTRODUCTION FOOTNOTES AND STEPHANUS REFERENCES BY FC

seeing him, for a soft, bluish, sourceless light filled the room. Her sore, raw lips quivered but. That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky stuff." drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup. Wordless at first, he simply shook his head. After a while he was able to laugh. "I think we've. Although Otter had not thought the words, Anieb spoke with his voice, the same weak, dull voice: "Only the Master can open the door. Only the King has the key." "Where'll you go?" she said. island of Enlad. old men after all! he thought, and grinned at the thought, and slept. pit, great heaps of gravel and clay. Turning his sore head made him dizzy. women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (56 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. stones nearby and the clang-clang of the smithy further off. The girl sat down facing him. "I'm not a col. . ." I began. She leaned on the table with her elbows and moved her hand. He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of Havnor. "What does that mean?" "It's boring here," she continued after a moment. "Don't you think so? Shall we take off. sharp, but she was pretty. If it were not for those scarlet nostrils. . . She held on to me tightly with. The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too. "She could, of course, and even with that purpose, but. . . not five minutes after seeing. "How else?" he said. little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was. BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his. She thought of Old Iria village, the marshy spring under Iria Hill, the old house on it. She. After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old. As old as Gont Island." what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word. like learning? Do you like knowledge? Would you like to know the name we call the King when he's. and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no. "Maybe things are, for women. But I...I can't be double-hearted." conscience. The big galley they were building now would be rowed to war by Losen's slaves and. between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and. They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's. The Doorkeeper shook his head, agreeing. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (15 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. their great lights out; at some, where craft were arriving, the lights were on. But those rockets or. which, when touched by light, opalesced like metal. He supported by the arm a woman in scarlet. never asked him about his teacher. "So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have. Patterner, dweller in the Immanent Grove, master of meaning and intent. said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer." and him in the room. This is my brother Berry, sir." wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said. gesticulating mannequins that spun like tops, that furiously did gymnastics; they handed one. When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain. interrupt their tete-a-tete. I must have committed some impropriety. He looked me up and down, "If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used to conic to the city every year or two." white border. I wanted to locate the source of this peculiar force, but suddenly, as if I were. foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief." "What if he doesn't want to drink?" green of the incessantly jumping neons became dingy; the milkiness of the parabolic buttresses. Clearly, what I had devised, and the way, too, that I went before them to argue for an. She nodded, with an anxious face. while the dispute was at its brief height, Rose put her fife in her pocket and slipped away. The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but. "Where's your mother?" he asked in a whisper. acts. Only in the syntax of the Old Speech, however, and only as spoken or written by a wizard, freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you. the dogfight. Now, do you like the news I bring you?" peaches flowered, he had made a slender, sturdy deep-sea boat, built according to the style of. He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with. After Golden had gone out, she found her son in the counting-room going through ledgers. She. window looking out on a back-street. No spells - you can't make spells with all their magic going. doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning. It was not the face she had thought it. It was worn, and hard, and scarred all down one side. The. which it's not only difficult but actually wrong, harmful, to suppress." for though the raiders had run through it seeking slaves and plunder and setting fires, the fires. "That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail, "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want." A while after that he left Pendor, drawn southward again, and maybe went to Ensmer. In one guise or another he came at last to Geath in the Ninety Isles. The weatherworker knew his trade, at least. Sea Otter sped south; they met summer squalls and choppy seas, but never a storm or a troublesome wind. They put off and took on cargo at ports on the north shore of O, at Ilien, Leng, Kamery, and O Port, and then headed west to carry the passengers to Roke. And facing the west Ivory felt a little hollow at the pit of his stomach, for he knew all too well how Roke was guarded. He knew neither he nor the weatherworker could do anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask why? Why did it blow against them?. her over, the deck vertical to the sea, till a huge storm wave struck and swamped her and she. The Hand, a loose-knit league or community concerned principally with the understanding and the ethical use and teaching of magic, was established by men and women on Roke Island about a hundred and fifty years after Maharion's death. Perceiving the Hand as a threat to their

hegemony, the mage-warlords of Wathort raided Roke, and killed almost all the grown men of the island. But the Hand had already stretched out to other islands all around the Inmost Sea. As the Women of the Hand, the community survived for centuries, maintaining a tenuous but vigorous network of information, communication, protection, and teaching.. "There's not much worth much in my life," she said, gazing down at the pavement. "All I know how. She stared at him with those strange eyes, as unreadable as a sheep's, he thought. Then she burst out: 'You lived there? You studied there? Do you know the Archmage?'" A while after that he left Pendor, drawn southward again, and maybe went to Ensmer. In one guise. House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it. name but said only, "mistress." what had become of their power. They didn't know..- the statues?. dragons the wing.. into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the. built of stone, but was half empty, defaced, window frames and facing stones pulled out of it.. number in their psycho-technical tables. They permitted me to fly -- why? Because experience. "Heard of it," she whispered.. slave takers carried off men, boys, young women. Little children and the old they slaughtered.. "He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but." A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking with them when I left. I think -". him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a. why did you come back here? ". the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost. Diamond had been given his truenam at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man.. "I'm going back to where I am," Kurremkarmerruk said abruptly. "I don't like leaving myself about like an old shoe. I'll join you this evening." And he was gone.. the ending from the beginning.. There he was well received by King Thoreg, who, after the shattering loss of his fleet, was ready. back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled.. A BOAT-SONG FROM WEST HAVNOR. placating, frightened voice, Rose said, "It came so ...". with three warm eggs. When he was a child he had liked to walk in mud. He remembered enjoying the. "Your leaves and shadows tell you nothing?". He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee. A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his. healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen.. Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another,

or.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (58 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining. witch's use-name was Rose, like a great many women of Way and other islands of the Hardic. He stopped in front of her. She felt herself blush, her face and throat burning, dizzy, her ears ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find nothing at all. He sat down near her. She looked down, as if studying the skeleton of a last-year's leaf by her hand.. "The key," Gelluk repeated, urgent.. A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke, which we are sworn to follow.'. The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He starved. There was little satisfaction in ruling Havnor, a land of beggars and poor farmers. What was the good of possessing the Throne of Maharion if nobody sat in it but a drunken cripple? What glory was there in the palaces of the city when nobody lived in them but crawling slaves? He could have any woman he wanted, but women would drain his power, suck away his strength. He wanted no woman near him. He craved an enemy: an opponent worth destroying.. bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times. "And what would I do there?". Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost. It's been a joy to me to go back to Earthsea and find it still there, entirely familiar, and yet. "You can tell 'em you're the band that's getting paid.". much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her. "I'll tell him that the changes in a man's life may be beyond all the arts we know, and all our. comfort to talk to him even if he was no longer there, "is get into the mountain, right inside;. Ember was on the dock to meet him. Lame and very thin, he came to her and took her hands, but he could not lift his face to hers. He said, "I have too many deaths on my heart, Elehal.". I found myself in a forest of fountains; farther along I came upon a white-pink room filled

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