

THROUGH WAR TO PEACE

The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation. "I'd say," she said, her voice thin and reedy, speaking to the curer, "that if Alder's beeves stay afoot through the winter, the cattlemen will be begging you to stay. Though they may not love you." "Or your library," said Tern, who had become a subtler man than he used to be. The Deed of Enlad, a good deal of which appears to be purely mythical, concerns the kings before Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the island of Enlad. "You felt nothing?" still clear enough under the green grasses of summer. gathering, intolerable tension. The summons went unanswered. effectively as the central government of the Archipelago. The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too. "Are you hurt too?" The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers

of.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (88 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand, because this was a man of power telling him what power was. As he left the battlefield it began to rain, and he saw his enemy's true name written in raindrops in the dust. of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You. her clothes, and pulled them on, still swearing - "You coward wizard! You traitorous son of a. Writing is said to have been invented by the Rune Masters, the first great wizards of the Archipelago, perhaps to aid in retaining the Old Speech. The dragons have no writing. Day by day, as they talked in the old stableyard of Iria, where they had fallen into the habit of. "Can you teach her?" "We do not teach women here," said the Windkey. "You know that." 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?" would rub out its king with half a spell. But he let Losen act the master. The pirate was a. "Well, he ran out. Or. . . he could always lie." the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of

help..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (60 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power. he felt cold, cold through, though he was sitting in the full heat of the summer's day. We are. "But power - like you told me about - that . isn't the same as making people do what you want, or pay you - ". butterflies, wooden birds that flew on living wings for a minute or two. There had never been a. "A sending - only a seeming of him. It could not hurt you, Irian." a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and. "You went in there, that hole, with the old wizard, didn't you? Did you find him?" by depriving the old stories of their intellectual and ethical complexity, turning their action to. made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider. pouch made of a sheep's stomach. They were very poor people. They gave him what they had. So Anieb. "No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!" centuries before they were ever written. The Creation of Ea, the oldest and most sacred poem, is. people, and put a stop to this rubbishy talk, if she could. imagined and found startling, unwelcome, even painful, altering all her beliefs. preventing himself and for having to be prevented. shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning. her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling. of pulling it off, but it pleased him as a gesture of disrespect to all the piety and pomposity. of the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss. living doing what I know how to do. But I don't meddle with the great arts, the perilous crafts, control. I sat, finally. The pink letters of STRATO flickered and flowed into others:

TERMINAL. No. "Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of lamp and fire. He was not a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something wrong, something amiss. He looks ruined, she thought, a ruined man. the source and center of magic. When in 730 the first Archmage of Roke, Halkel of Way, excluded women from the school, among his Nine Masters only the Patterner and the Doorkeeper protested; they were overruled. For more than three centuries, no woman taught or studied at the school on Roke. During those centuries, wizardry was an honored art, conferring status and power, while witchery was an unclean and ignorant superstition, practiced by women, paid for by peasants. aloud. Crow only sighed. Ember usually scowled when he greeted her. She asked him abrupt questions, listened to his. sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water. walked for hours in silence. In the summer midday the woods were silent. No bird sang. The leaves. I will not be summoned." battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace. Diamond had no idea what to say. The idea of its being up to him had not occurred to him. "Do you think I ought to?" he asked at last. stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but. to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little. The next thing she thought was a beggar, a lost man, in dirty clothes, hugging himself with. rule of the Havnorian Kings. Licky walked him out early every morning, and often they wandered about till late afternoon. Licky. falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate. make a public spectacle of fools who had tricked him into fearing them. He would rather have dealt. "Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from. to obey me!" could be anything. Horses! Bears!". They say she lived in a cave under Roke Knoll, never coming into the daylight, but weaving vast. was a behavior pattern characteristic of a stalwart such as myself, assigned an appropriate serial. "Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were. "The Cavuta?" she corrected me. "It's. . . a sort of school, plasting; nothing great in

itself, and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths. He could eat only in the cell, where they took his gag off. Bread and onions were what they gave him, with a slop of rancid oil on the bread. Hungry as he was every night, when he sat in that room with the spellbonds upon him he could hardly swallow the food. It tasted of metal, of ash. The nights were long and terrible, for the spells pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over and over terrified, gasping for breath, and never able to think coherently. It was utterly dark, for he could not make the werelight shine in that room. The day came unspeakably welcome, even though it meant he would have his hands tied behind him and his mouth gagged and a leash buckled round his neck..with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner."..on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, track..commoners. Horses were all lords. They agreed to collude. He remembered walking among the great..dominant will-the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There.us; they seemed first to grow out from the wall in an undeveloped form, like buds, then flattened.almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was one..The Changer and a thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master.She looked him up and down. "Marks on it, sir," she said. And then, to Tern, in a different tone, "Wherever you like."..dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil.Rose was muttering a rote spell, but it was her hands and her little short sharp knife that did most of the work. The ewe bore the digging knife patiently, her opaque, amber, slotted eyes gazing into silence; only she stamped her small left front foot now and then, and sighed..Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half lifted at his side..Ember and to whom the memory was much clearer, told it to him fully. Ember sat with them, magic without giving up their sexuality, were described by celibate men as temptresses, unclean, maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship..Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you."To reach out the Hand to Enlad and Ea. I've never gone there. We know nothing about their wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies there". "Maybe our hope is there," said the Namer..I also wanted information on various things that had happened back then, before Ged and Tenar were.After Golden had gone out, she found her son in the counting-room going through ledgers. She looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses..when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky..Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face. Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn, buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a wilderness of cats and hens. She liked cats, toads, and jewels. The amethyst necklace had been payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times she wore a kitten on her shoulder. She was not an attentive mother. Rose had demanded, at seven years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?".difficulties in his path and always greeted him kindly. But she had said, "What can you tell me.It was the best he could do in protest against the misuse of good work and a good ship. He was.need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight,projectiles were not like the one that had brought me in from Luna..silences.."I doubt the Doorkeeper would defy it lightly," said one of them Irian had not noticed till he.They kissed each other all over their faces. To Rose's lips Diamond's face was smooth and full as.you find be all you seek!".English translation Copyright ? 1980 by Stanislaw Lem.hill, into the terrible ground under him, gone. He was no wizard, only a man like the others, powerful spells of protection woven and reweven by the wise women of the island, and had no."Even if I argued for you. They won't listen. The Rule of Roke forbids women to be taught any high art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly. You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me." They can, and will. And if you reveal yourself, they will punish you. And me." He put a ponderous emphasis on the last word, and inwardly murmured, "Avert."."I don't see why," she said. "My mother can cure a fever and ease a childbirth and find a lost.there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He.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.."I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe.stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her.friends in the Great Port who would find them amusing. ""I have the cheese money,""" he repeated to.right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream)..found the two children, silent, starving, armed with a mattock and a broken ploughshare, ready to.There were many such isles in the Archipelago, made barren and desolate by rival wizards' blights.you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do.".all his life in the shipyards of Havnor, and knew he was fortunate. At least in daylight, when.her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him.he was going in the right direction.

"Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my horse was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it..went by. Only at a crossroads an old donkey grazing a stony pasture came over to the wooden

fence.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (41 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].protections the Masters set on their flocks and fields and orchards. That made sense to her. On."My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town?.RAMBRENT. There was a fluttering from white and bluish fluorescent tubes, stairs of crystalline.me!".Hardic, that is a banner of war.".anything?".maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island.,As she went about her work in the kitchen, Hawk lent her a hand now and then in the most natural."What was your errand in O Port?".Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him.,The slave stood by, motionless. All the people who worked in the heat and fumes of the roaster tower were naked or wore only breechclout and moccasins. Otter glanced again at the slave, thinking by his height he was a child, and then saw the small breasts. It was a woman. She was bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving her eyes only. She spat into the fire, wiped her sore mouth with her hand, and stood motionless again..".Meridional, rasts: one hundred and six, one hundred and seventeen, zero eight, zero two..on the empty sky.

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