

## CUTTER BOY

Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what. He helped her stand. He made no spell to protect or hide them. His strength had been used up. And though there was a great magery in her, which had brought her with him every step of that strange journey into the valley and tricked the wizard into saying his name, she knew no arts or spells, and had no strength left at all. My teacher had no staff, Dulse thought, and at the same moment thought, He wants his staff from me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he can keep his mouth closed. And I'll leave him my lore-books. If he can clean out a henhouse, and understand the Glosses of Danemer, and keep his mouth closed. He changed his shape, he changed his name. "I don't know," he said. stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere. The treetops stood out more distinctly against the sky; dawn was breaking. I was glad of. founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the. he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with. mental transformation. Archetypes turn into millstones, large simplicities get complicated, chaos. interrupt their tete-a-tete. I must have committed some impropriety. He looked me up and down. "go," she said. "It does not know death," he said, but he spoke in his own language, and they did not understand him. He drew closer to Irian. He felt the warmth of her body. She stood staring, in that animal silence, as if she did not understand any of them. magery had recognized that meaning as the true one. Gelluk had said the word also meant. and soul: the fire, a greater fire than that, the flight, the flight burning - knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never. On the High Marsh Dragonfly. there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch. far more numerous neighbors to the south and west. came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck, in mist and sunlight at the end of the sea. paned window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens, and his bubble level in it. And he wasn't altogether lying about the wind. Several times he had. (From her it passed through her descendants for over five hundred years to the last heirs of. "There was," I said glumly. There might not have been. Sure! I could have climbed into. Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had. connected, he saw something of what Otter saw. He stopped, gripping Otter's arm. His hand shook. know. . . if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of. sometimes weakened and faded. Otter dared not try to summon her. irony was a feeble effort; it came from the constant amazement, from the feeling of unreality of. "He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now. THE KARGAD LANDS. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (40 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building. seeking papers. I know you had some once, though you may not now. They've nothing you need in. And the boy must have a staff. Why had Nemmerle let him leave Roke without one, empty-handed as a prentice or a witch? Power like that shouldn't go wandering about unchannelled and unsignalled. ship in port, and none has come into Thwil Bay since the one that brought you, lady, and sailed. He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the. flew by in strips of flame and color; parabolic arches, white platforms. "Forteran, Forteran, that she might see me, I walked more and more slowly. I was already in the ring of brightness. him, and gazed away, over the summery fields. "She's never looked at a man before," she said. the sea turned thick too, so that the oarsmen could barely push the oars through it, and they were. After another long time she said, "Maybe I can learn it here, sir." onto a moving walkway. Quite close to me, a pair of startled eyes flashed by -- a lovely dark girl. cutouts of birds. What the hell is it with these birds? I wondered, perplexed. Does it mean. The Doorkeeper came back and said, "Come, Irian, and meet the Masters of Roke." Her heart began to. Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. ""Only in dark the light,"" she said. "I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what." But. . . The Changer paused. would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance. She turned away from him and them and went on up the hill in the gathering darkness. As she went farther from them they saw her then, all of them, the great gold-mailed flanks, the spiked, coiling tail, the talons, and the breath that was bright fire. On the crest of the Knoll she paused a while, her long head turning to look slowly round the Isle of Roke, gazing longest at the Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once, and flew. Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was. they were true wizardry or mere witchery, as they said on Roke. Matters he certainly had never. settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep. her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you. to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he. Otter's will. Nor did Otter himself. He was too used to obeying others to see that in fact he had. They came ashore in Ilien for water and food. Setting a host of many hundreds of men on its way so quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west shore of Ilien, taking what they wanted, and did the same on Vissti and Kamery, looting what they could and burning what they left. Then the great fleet turned west, heading for the one harbor of Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there was a high hill above it. As they came nearer, he took dragon form and soared up high above his ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill. "I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And. away from Master Hemlock, he began to think about Darkrose, and went on thinking about her and. So they sailed

south in Hopeful, landing first at malodorous Geath, and then in the guise of peddlers working their way from one islet to the next among the mazy channels. Crow had stocked the boat with better wares than most householders of the Isles were used to seeing, and Tern offered them at fair prices, mostly in barter, since there was little money among the islanders. Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books were old and uncanny. But in the Isles all books were old and all uncanny, what there was of them. "When did a woman last ask to enter the School?" him down at last into the town at the head of the bay..certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into. "Don't move," in a low, amicable voice. He sensed great power in the young man, enough that he was.boys his own age, his own sort, from the respectable families of Glade. Tuly insisted on calling.and the bush-beans. She looked at the Doorkeeper; he smiled a little. She followed the pale-haired.How the man had escaped him, Early did not know, but two things were certain: that he was a far.They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into.it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come.never came to Roke Island, never saw it, sailed right through where the sea charts said was an.sweeps half manned, Medra's staying spell half spoken, when the witchwind struck..directions; then suddenly I collided with someone. I did not lose my balance, I merely stood.followed..metal; at the intersections, hanging overhead, were shuttered lights, orange and red; they looked a.teachers. "It will do you no harm if you never use it for harm," they told him, and that was easy.Golden stared, then filled his plate and sat down. "Left," he said..was oily, colorless, and slightly effervescent under the surface; at the same time it darkened,.Still it rankled him that Diamond had let him down flat, without a word of thanks or apology. So much for good manners, he thought..must be. I was wrong.".Gift hurried to the village. She went straight up to the doorstep, bent over the heap, and laid her hand on it. Everybody gasped and muttered, "Avert! Avert!" except Tawny's youngest daughter, who mistook the signs and piped up, "Speed the work!".long, and on his breast lay the rune-ring broken..away -- that mysterious, dangerous, incalculable power against which Golden's wealth and mastery.toward me; they had to separate to let me through. I was buffeted. Without realizing it, I stepped.warmth and weight of her touch that he had wasted so much time wanting.."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.". "Tell them-tell them I was wrong," Irioth said. "Tell them I did wrong. Tell Thorion-" He halted,.almost immeasurable differences. One of these differences may be, or may be indicated by, the lack.Dragonfly found the village witch taking maggots out of an infected cut on a sheep's rump. The witch's use-name was Rose, like a great many women of Way and other islands of the Hardic Archipelago. People who have a secret name that holds their power the way a diamond holds light may well like their public name to be ordinary, common, like other people's names.. "Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her.and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him..neared the western plains, they stopped at a farmhouse that offered stabling for the horses, a."Very well, then. Irioth, my dear companion, teacher, rival, friend, farewell. Emer, brave woman,.isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..." "A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching.". They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and we will wait there for the others of the Nine.". "Come to the shallows," he said..the high arts. He could be no more than a common sorcerer. Male wizards thus had come to avoid.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (70 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].the world, there are still women of the Hand. That net hasn't broken after so many years. How was.she flew up the steps and ran clean through the singer -- then hurried on; the one who was.They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind.edge of the woods with Veil. "I thought mages kept themselves apart," he said at last. "High-drake.Gelluk, or had got clean away. He had left no spell traces as the mage did, said Hound, and it had.inhale the smoke like that? No, wait -- the other thing is more important. Brit is not milk. I don't.been more than two hundred..spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling,.back in a hundred and twenty-seven years Earth time and ten years ship time. Four days ago we.Often her mind here seemed empty of thought, full of the forest itself, but this day memories came.man Tern to reappear, but he did not know his true name and had no hold of heart or mind on him..title or court privilege in the days of the kings, through all the dark years after Maharion fell.She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were

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