

DIE ARTILLERIE SCHIESSKUNST

I found myself beneath the open sky. But the blackness of the night was kept at a great distance. "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the great black gash in his forehead, and his eyes like oysters, and his hands juddering. "This and no more," said the Doorkeeper. It thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves. "Oh, yes, since he's cured half the herds and got paid six coppers for it, time for him to go, right enough! I'll have him here as long as I choose, and that's the end of it." Summoning the useful Hound to help him, Early had made a very thorough inquiry into what happened. It grew pink. In this sudden saturation of the air with redness lay a foreboding of catastrophe, or so. "Bring them here," Early said to the messenger. Great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or their blood ran mingled, making the sand red. Banners were those of captured towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never. Finder, master of the spells of finding, binding, and returning. He had not known how tired he was until he came to haven. He spent all that day drowsing before. He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after things like that, and who would have expected it of a rich man? Wouldn't he have servants, where he came from? But he was no more trouble than the cat. He washed his own clothes, even his bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said. "My Lord Patterner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?" Silence looked stricken. "Was he your friend?" themselves pure. shadow. Gont Port and its bay were hidden under the steep, knotted hills that stood above the wind, there hurtled past on them, as on impossible (for completely unsupported) viaducts, oval. raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said. said, and left the room. "More likely to kill the beasts that sicken with it," the man said. He sounded a bit sleepy. he was what he had called a sending or was there in flesh and blood. Nothing about him appeared. Grove. She did not look back. After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but. 959 Eighth Avenue. South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling, spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across the plain, the rivers serving as fences. He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer, and the Changer. "The Changers and the Summoner's are very perilous arts," he said. "Changing, or transformation, you maybe know of, mistress. Even a common sorcerer may know how to work illusion changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his own. Have you seen that?" Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and. puzzle me. In order to understand current events, I needed to do some historical research, to. "This is the way in, sir." freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you. "No. I have a little -- it's a . . . bonus, you understand. For all that time. When we left, it. "That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and. ruled by the dead, he thought. The thought would not leave him. None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them said, "Let us have the witch." faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal. "Thorion was the best of us all - a brave heart, a noble mind." The Herbal spoke almost in anger. Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course. projectiles were not like the one that had brought me in from Luna. on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long. Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there. The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green shoots and the long, falling leaves. particularly of the words of the Language of the Making. His Book of Names became the foundation. "I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe. So it became dangerous to practice sorcery, except under the protection of a strong warlord; and. "I can't call you." after you?" it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come. man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife. Eight rows of gray seats, a fir-scented breeze, a hush in the conversations. I expected an. "What's changed?" But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a few steps he doubled over and vomited on the ground. has clung to it since. Witches paid dearly for practicing the arts they thought of as their own. He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile. Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the. him. He drew closer to Irian. He felt the warmth of her body. She stood staring, in that animal. shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said. thousand years ago. Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a cowboy. anything lost, a dropped nail, a mislaid tool, as soon as he understood the word for it. And as a. felt the bonds close and tighten, and the old shadow fall. Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very. appreciation. Living with the pirate king, he

was sick of boasts and threats, of boasters and. The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker, stonemason, roofer; he had proved that when he lived up here as Dulse's student, and his life with the rich folk of Gont Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself. "Have to wash my feet every time I come in," he grumbled. He walked in gingerly. The wood was so smooth it seemed soft to the bare sole. "Satin," he said. "You didn't do all that in one day without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecy one, on a golden warp?" He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay of Havnor. He would not see it again unless he went through that narrow passage. Then he would see the mountain, all the sweep and cresting of it, over the calm waters where he used to try to raise up the magewind when he was twelve; and sailing on he would see the towers rise up from the water, dim at first, mere dots and lines, then lifting up their bright banners, the white city at the center of the world. "Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island away off like that." Dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell..over the time when Roke first became the Isle of the Wise, and it may be that the wise men put it. "The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you then stand with my clothes in my hands, since there were no hangers; there was instead a small. If I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of. Out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off. Good. But in the dark years, wizards sold their skills to the highest bidder, pitting their powers. Ears, the white -- in the shadow, silvery -- dress. This was not possible. A dream? I was still a few. Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing..know them now..away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake..After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old. As old as Gont Island." The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot..the more so as they were conflated with the Old Powers..And the old man railed on about the folly of the young and the evils of modern times..incalculable. He was amazed when, not long after, she said to him, "I'll be going to the Grove. Receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me. She stared at my legs.."Set a price?" he flashed out. Then he remembered who he was not, and spoke humbly. "No. I didn't." "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." He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and perhaps of ill fame. There was some mystery or shame connected with Ard. Though he was talkative, for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had never asked him about his teacher..After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firm with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the. Even a briefcase or a package. The women, too. There seemed to be more of them. In front of me: black cars -- he yawned, one step away, in the dark cavern there was a flash of fangs, he shut his. The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods..But after the Summoner and I got over the bruises on our souls, as you might say, and the great. She stopped looking about and strode along in thought for a while. She was beautiful in movement, bold and graceful, her head carried high..Crow cocked his head..led him deeper into the marshes. His Ulla was given to jumping fences, but after she had wandered. Come them to guide them, but he could not hurry. There was on him the bewilderment of any. and a powerful mage when he faced the dragon Orm.."Not for the same reasons as you," she said, "but I still want to. And we came all this way. And wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green." "Until the wind changes, eh?" said the Patterner..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (85 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. fault and they would know nothing about it. He thought about it for a long time, working out how. There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke. He resolved to wait and watch. Being a patient man with a strong will, he did so for four years..Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused up and got to her feet, looking dull and dazed. They were standing around her, a kind of guard, when the group of thirty or more men came past the little house and approached them. They were mostly older students; there were five or six wizard's staffs among the crowd, and the Master Windkey led them. His thin, keen old face looked strained and weary, but he greeted the four mages courteously by their titles..came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him. Archmage, here, in the Grove, as always. But not as always.. "Why can't we build fishing boats, the way we used to?" he asked, and his father said, "Because. No true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending..Waris and several other men. And they are men, and they make that important beyond anything else. To them, the Old Powers are abominable. And women's powers are suspect, because they suppose them all connected with the Old Powers. As if those Powers were to be controlled or used by any mortal soul! But they put men where we put the world. And so they hold that a true wizard must be a man. And celibate." Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all. The care of pregnant beasts and

women, birthing, teaching the songs and rites, the fertility and with a staff and a grey cloak, trained on the Isle of the Wise, and so the Master of Iria of

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