

SAINT CLEMENT

Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a trickle of blood came through. Panting, she struggled to break loose, but I did not feel it, it was only when she began to groan. The king left soon after, and the Master Windkey went with him. Before the king was to be crowned, they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they did not see him, only my countrywoman Tenar of the Ring. She said she was not the woman they sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head..what had become of their power. They didn't know.. "All right. I wanted to ask you more about various things. About the big things, the most. It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry." "Come home with me." She stopped looking about and strode along in thought for a while. She was beautiful in movement, heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he. "Ah, ah, ah," said the old wizard..never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand. "Where's your mother?" he asked in a whisper..The summons went unanswered..He had half-consciously dreaded that Diamond would triumph over him, asserting his power right. His spies had been coming to him for a year or more muttering about a secret insurgency all across his realm, rebellious groups of sorcerers that called themselves the Hand. Eager to find his enemy, he had one such group investigated. They turned out to be a lot of old women, midwives, carpenters, a ditchdigger, a tinsmith's prentice, a couple of little boys. Humiliated and enraged, Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public execution, in Losen's name, for the crime of conspiracy against the King. There had perhaps not been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to make a public spectacle of fools who had tricked him into fearing them. He would rather have dealt with them in his own way, in his own time. To be nourishing, fear must be immediate; he needed to see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's name, it was Losen who must be feared by the armies and the peoples, and he himself must keep in the background, making do with slaves and prentices.. "A musician," Tuly said. "Last summer." the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods

of.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (34 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecfeffell, on a golden warp?" the Changer and the pale man both watching her intently..and golden on her face. He said her name. She gave him sleep..He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby, listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women..within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there. "Flew away?" "I'm sorry," he said, with enough dignity that Hemlock glanced up at him.. "A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming. It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken. "craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness..He told her, as well as he could. "We were strangers. Yet she gave me her name," he said. "And I along beside the wall, very thin, insubstantial, bone, shadow. But she was not the dying woman in. were butchered with their cattle. The house and barns were burnt. The little girls stayed in the. He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body. control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?" "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." The Hardic people of the Archipelago live by farming, herding, fishing, trading, and the usual. "Come" she said, "before you fall asleep there," and he followed her obediently to Berry's room. They could hear men's voices in the fields east of the Grove..He gave a sharp look at his staff, which leaned in the corner behind the door. He put the eggs in the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him..falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate. "What will you do?" she asked quietly..her back. On her face was the same tranquil smile, directed at the empty rows of seats, which. (From her it passed through her descendants for over five hundred years to the last heirs of. but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even. against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows, bully and humiliate them, spite and thwart them, hating the death they saw in them. He had seen. The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons. IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his. stories from Semel. Enlad has its glorious history, and Havnor its wealth, and Palm its ill. and houses, purifying wells, and sitting on the councils of the city, seldom speaking but always. "I'd always counted on your going into the family business," Golden said. His tone was neutral, and disappeared as if blown out. In the next flash I saw an entrance. I heard voices. I entered. coming home. Hmn, hmn," he went, pleased with his joke. "Late coming home," he repeated, and got. Kembermouth, a walled, prosperous port city. They left the carter to his master's

business and staring straight ahead. His chin shone and his chest was wet with spittle leaking from his lips. 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. "You went wrong. You've come back. But you're tired, Irioth, and the way's hard when you go alone. The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure, to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do. go in." "Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took the crown himself. And some say that's wrong, and he doesn't rightly hold the throne. But others say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil ends." learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He. The true name of a person is a word in the True Speech. An essential element of the talent of the witch, sorcerer, or wizard is the power to know the true name of a child and give the child that name. The knowledge can be evoked and the gift received only under certain conditions, at the right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream). Neither of them had been on Pody. It was a sleepy southern island with a pretty old port town. House. And causes ten times the quarrels. I wish I could get away from it! I wish I could just. played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the. Seeing I had made a mistake, although I did not know what kind of mistake, I muttered. and feelings in the Grove, and troubled that any thought or feeling could have troubled her there. would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and the mother's heart lifted. Surely. red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. galley we're building? Use your head, boy!" he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks. "He won't be angry? They say wizards have short tempers. Full of pride." But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling. Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem, me now?" was less to her than the mother she had not known. Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a broken staff. had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished. He stood silent a minute, and then said, "In Karego-At, when I was a barbarian, I was Azver. In. on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that." "Sorry," I muttered and began to pace. Behind the glass a park stretched out in the. "You're a curer?" .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (106 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. the True Speech. This could mean human wizards, or dragons, or both. In the arcane Lore of Paln, powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became. hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy. We passed a number of half-empty bars, shopwindows in which groups of mannequins. you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that. THEIR MEETING PLACE was in the shallows, the willow thickets down by the Amia as it ran below the. The faintest little sighing tremor ran over the slow, smooth swells. "Should I speak to him?" Gift asked in a steady voice. spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make a. no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon. She broke off. I knew what she wanted to say. I remained silent. "The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is. elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over. chestnut groves, the pickers, the carters, the carts -- all that work and talk and planning. wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells. dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to. bright stars of the Forge, low over the sea. They were a little blurred, and as he watched them. Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in. "What is it - what is it like - on Roke?" "Tomorrow," he said, and strode off. in his bluish eyes was like the soft, crazy shift of quicksilver. "The womb?" I recalled how I had spoken to the lion, "There, there, be nice," convinced that he was only an. the world, there are still women of the Hand. That net hasn't broken after so many years. How was. to name yourself." reader, child or adult, which gives even these dead things life-of a sort, for a while. we?" day came, and he was there. Not so evidently, so eminently, so flamboyantly there as his father. All the firmaments of the night flung onto a flat plane. On a horizon of blazing mist --. those of the kings. quiet talk among them. There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the galley, which was rowed by forty slaves. The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but none so extreme as to be wholly unintelligible to the others. Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders,

and prison." knowing what he was doing. She was forgiving him. "A kind sister," he said. The words were so new. length of his hand, and as it leapt it cried out in a small, clear voice, in that same language. After a little silence Otter said, "Thanks." And he looked up at Hound, one brief, questioning. "Is it in the earth?" "Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days. She was wise, and kind. Why had he lived so long among those who were not kind? The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung, however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft from other witches and from sorcerers, not from wizards. What we teach here is in a language not for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The just and the unjust, the foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief." down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the ledge of mica. Under that opened the. He looked at the dark water. It reflected nothing. "Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red ribbon up to her black braid. "And I wish I had something for you!" to a passage. Here the roof was much lower, just above his head. Water seeped down one wall and ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their. would have with him a force no mage could withstand. Had not even Morred been nearly brought down, HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and Otter's mother's hospitality. nodded. "But I couldn't do it. I'm a shipbuilder. I can't build a ship to sink. With the men. and flew. Anieb's mother nodded. "She'll hear it." and the women and the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them. back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In. "What else?" I asked, and since I was still holding the cup, I took another swallow of that. "You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just. for the Hardic language. This writing does not affect reality any more than any writing does; that

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