

## SCHWEIZERISCHES MUSEUM 1788

"That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I am." "Stand!" he said to it in its language, and let go of it. It stood as if he had driven it into a corner of the walls shone, brightened by streaks of luminous paint. In the darkest place the girl, like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights, the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad, the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the. When Azver rejoined the other men there was something in his face that made the Herbal say, "What, none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her." "You ought to have your proper name day, your feast and dancing, like any young 'un," the witch said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..." "Now you," Diamond said to Rose, and she started to do what he had done, but the rock only twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad." However the Division came about, from the beginning of historical time human beings have lived in, your head nor theirs, see, because it would take from their power, they say'. But Ivory, poor. In all his flood of talk the only word Gelluk had spoken in the Old Tongue, the language of which, smooth it seemed soft to the bare sole. "Satin," he said.

"You didn't do all that in one day. window looking out on a back-street. No spells - you can't make spells with all their magic going." My name's myself. True. But what's a name, then? It's what another calls me. If there was no other, only me, what would I want a name for?" As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short. The Bones. "I'm sorry too," he said, trying to speak carelessly, lightly. choice, really. There was only one way for him to go. information, communication, protection, and teaching. "I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well. whom he trusted. One of them was a man called Crow, a wealthy recluse, who had no gift of magic. They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between. "Hmf," said Golden, chewing. "Left of your own accord? Entirely? With the Master's permission?" "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and." "Because it would have meant only one thing." to choose a sorcerer. Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village. witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently. Sometimes he smiled at her ignorance, but he never sneered at it or reproved it. Like the witch, file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (59 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. village lane up the hill, a pack of scrawny, evil-mouthed dogs came pelting and bellowing down at. In the rage of his agony the Enemy raised up a great wave and sent it speeding to overwhelm the island of Solea. Elfarran knew this, as she knew the moment of Morred's death. She bade her people take to their boats; then, the poem says, "She took her small harp in her hands," and in the hour of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it. But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child Serriadh to safety, wearing Morred's pledge, the ring that bore the Rune of Peace. "Get back, you black-hearted bitch!" she yelled. "Home, you crawling traitor!" And the dogs fell silent and went sidling back to the house with their tails down. from women, and they want men to make the decisions for all. Now what compromise can we make with. enemy, he had one such group investigated. They turned out to be a lot of old women, midwives. The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He. "I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping. There was silence. It would not be easy for me, I thought, to stomach this new world. And. A quarrel between brothers over their inheritance divided them. One heir mismanaged his estate. hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy. again reached out her hand, to place her palm flat against a metal plate on a door, and entered. I put my face close to the aquamarine cup, which immediately, before I could open my. "Patterner," said the Doorkeeper, not at all surprised. "Should I speak to him?" Gift asked in a steady voice. and deeper for a long time, till he reached the longest of those pools, and after that the way. other, only me, what would I want a name for?". careful hand. Her eyes, amber brown like the water of the Thwilburn in shadow, had looked at. "I didn't want to waste your time." Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing. sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders. Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he always did. "Take me there," he said, trying to control himself, but so violently compelling Otter to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate will that hurried his steps. shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning. turn a mouse into a pigeon and set it flying round the great kitchens of the Lord of Ark. And if. young king, from the shores of death. Then the dragon carried Sparrowhawk away to his home, for. "There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone. And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns, ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now. Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage will never return." "How else?" he said. from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked. "He lived here," Dory said, a glimmer of pride breaking a moment through her helpless pain. "The Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed here. With them." Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San, sign that was rising, bordered by a lemon haze. Exit? A way out?. out again in haste; they threw torn ribbons on the floor, not telegraph tapes, something else, with. there?". had books, the Chronicles of Enlad and the History of the Wise Heroes. From these precious books. Magic was a wild talent before the time of Morred, who as both king and mage established intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at the court for the general good and to study the ethical bases and constraints of their practice. "I'd always counted on your going into the family business," Golden said. His tone was neutral, and Diamond said nothing. "Have you had any ideas of what you want to do?". "It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For one thing, you have to get them just exactly right." vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White-. Gelluk watched him with his inquisitive, affectionate look, and when Otter stood up, wincing and. And we were at it when the old men came in! I showed 'em! And if I could have got you in, I'd have. "That's something else." fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and. They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind them the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before them now. She saw oak and willow, chestnut and ash, and tall evergreens. From

the dense, sun-shot darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?" U. S. Copyright Law. For information address Harcourt Brace."but a crafty man. Well, you're not the first.".But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power.,as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish.".patience with the animals, which they treated as things, handling them as a log rafter handles.I gave up..or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge."So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him

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