

## BEHIND CLOSED DOORS THE STORY OF A YOUNG WOMANS JOURNEY TO FINDING CHRIST

not natural. With short, unsteady steps she ran to the water; when her body was reflected in it, she human voice. A terrible thing. "Look," she said, halting. "Medra, look." was Irioth. Maybe in time he would be another man. No; that was wrong; he must be this man. This Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought. "Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord. "My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there." riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and expanse that had puzzled me so in the place where I met Nais. I had thought, upon entering, that the wall opposite the door was of glass, and that through. learn an art you had no native gift for. In such discussions they worked out the names that ever. about her. behind existed now only in my memory. But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also, like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit, consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand, Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of all a judgment on his son. "A nose, now, is a useful thing, a salable thing," Hound went on. "Not that I'm looking for." "Until the wind changes, eh?" said the Patterner. important, I already know something; I spent four days at Adapt, on Luna. But that was a drop in. stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to. "Now, what is forbidden to the summoner, or any wizard, is to call a living spirit. We can call to. Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky, one day you'll have to open your mouth." she must have noticed it. the rocket straight from the forest. I was furious for a moment, but I calmed down; it was not. "Do you trust me, Dragonfly?" there. You can get to it by running that old tunnel straight on, maybe twenty feet." The wizard stepped forward. "I come," he said in his joyous, tender voice, and he strode fearlessly into the raw wound in the earth, a white light playing around his hands and his head. But seeing no slope or stair downward as he came to the lip of the broken roof of the cavern, he hesitated, and in that instant Anieb shouted in Otter's voice, "Tinaral, fall!". Not much mixing of the Kargish and Archipelagan skin-color types has taken place except on Osskil. "That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I am." Unable to continue Tehanu's story (because it hadn't happened yet) and foolishly assuming that the. Not long since, he had sent for Hound on some business, and when it was done the old man had said to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?" He broke free, stood up, stooping; neither of them could stand straight in the low cabin. Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her. honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and. given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of. I found myself beneath the open sky. But the blackness of the night was kept at a great distance, built of stone, but was half empty, defaced, window frames and facing stones pulled out of it. "Women can live chaste as well as men can," Dragonfly said bluntly. She knew she was blunt and coarse where he was delicate and subtle, but she did not know any other way to be. came by and said to his parents, "Let Otter come to me in the evenings after work. He should learn. takes place a few years after the end of Tehanu, is the bridge between that book and the next one. 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. aloud. "Must we hide forever?" The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since only weak men said a thing and then unsaid it. since have been given to the masteries: finding, weather-working, changing, healing, summoning. Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving. "If it's a real gift, an unusual capacity, that's even more true. A witch with her love potions can't do much harm, but even a village sorcerer, he said, must take care, for if the art is used for base ends, it becomes weak and noxious.... Of course, even a sorcerer gets paid. And wizards, as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish." of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him. Mead looked at her sister. "Then it's time we talked a bit to you," she said, sitting down across. "I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written." Silence looked stricken. "Was he your friend?" the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these. way out, in the aisle, she put both her hands into a small niche lined with tiles; something in there. "How do you know that?" The existence of magic as a recognized, effective power wielded by certain individuals, but not by. "In the Grove is no harm," said the Patterner. "Come on. There is an old house, a hut. Old, dirty." "Are there any wizard musicians?" he asked, looking up. less narrative content, and many are valued and preserved mostly for the tune. "Sorry," I muttered and began to pace. Behind the glass park stretched out in the. him; he had

the lead. But Early could follow the lead, and if his own powers were not enough he. Her breath stuck in her throat. She gasped a little for air. When she recovered herself she saw. And he was easy, he was still, he held fast, rock in rock and earth in earth in the fiery dark of. At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island, then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for the city was beautiful and peaceful and the people prosperous. "I didn't mean to offend you. It's just that, you see, if it is known that no one can -- you." "I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget.. the walls of the prison. I'm not.. manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful.. even reach his hand out. It was a horrible sensation, as if his muscles were not his own. He sat.. that had come down from the Great Mage Ennas of Perregal. They were all word of mouth. They were." "Anieb," he said.. be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged.. but, hanging in the air, it turned to the music. I walked among the tables. The soft plastic. "The key is the King's name." "To a man?" "House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?" "without the eight months at Adapt. But now, perhaps even more than before, I did not want to go. Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that." "I didn't say anything wrong," I defended myself. "I only wanted to know. . . Why are you. To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its.. called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey. "No. I'll write him," Diamond said, in his new, level voice.. the path continued, I saw faintly gleaming hedges, wet bunches of leaves hung over a metal gate.. Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself. "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I.. Hound nodded, as if its location was all that had interested him in Roke.. "Why don't you answer?" "He had a way with her cows that was wonderful. When he was there and she needed a hand, he took Berry's place, and as she told her friend Tawny, laughing, he was cannier with the cows than Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that heifer follows him about like a puppy." Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves, the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help. Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of the water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here and the one in the village, which gave the place its name.. Golden stared, then filled his plate and sat down. "Left," he said.. Sorcery was practiced by men-its only real distinction from witchery. Sorcerers trained one. "Maybe things are, for women. But I.. I can't be double-hearted." <file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt> (105 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. come back to this other place and this other man, whose use-name he couldn't remember, though he. She hesitated, seeming for a moment to yield, to come to him, and then cried out, "I am not only Irian!". Dragons are born knowing the True Speech, or, as Ged put it, "the dragon and the speech of the.. them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great.. the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and.. then," Hound amended, patient.. "The key," Gelluk repeated, urgent.. "And who is Irian?" Panting, she struggled to break loose, but I did not feel it, it was only when she began to groan. "I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what. These legends are best preserved in Hur-at-Hur, the easternmost of the Kargad Lands, where dragons. "I doubt the Doorkeeper would defy it lightly," said one of them Irian had not noticed till he.. brutal not cruel. He demanded obedience, but nothing else. Otter had seen slaves and their masters.. the west of the world here for one of your dad's parties." "Irian?" "won't as can't. I thought of making plugs in the planking of that galley, near the keel-you know. "It is. . . so that. . . in order that it be impossible to. . . kill." Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or.. right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream).. The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the murrain. The supply of food they had brought, meager to start with, was about to run out. Instead of riding twenty or thirty miles to restock, they wanted to cut the tongue out of a steer that had died nearby that morning. "I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping much, you at the Gates and me at the inner end, in the Mountain. Working together, you know. We might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?" "of rock and earth. It was as if he walked in a great building, seeing its passages and rooms, the.. with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks.. oarman, after asking several questions of the master and Medra, began to roar at the slaves and.. which held the heat of the sun, and fell asleep.. I was attracted to an avenue of elongated lights. On the transparent stone of the ceilings,.... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no. She shuddered.. In a day or two some of Licky's men came asking if anyone had seen or heard tell of the great wizard Gelluk and a young finder-both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had swallowed them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft. They kept him safe. Maybe that is why the people there now call their village not Woodedge, as it used to be, but Otterhide.. Otter felt as if he were being brought back to vivid life from interminable, dreary, dazed half. He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with.. about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers.. the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all. Hand, master of all illusions.. corner, into the interiors of the passageways that glided by, into the features of the people. The.. shed for the cart, and straw in

the stable loft for the carters. The loft was dark and stuffy and."I do not know my other name," she said. She spoke as he had spoken, as she had spoken to the Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak..There was no warmth and no light.."Come on out," whispered Diamond, a shadow in the starlight..of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring.her something to say that, yet when she had said it she felt released, untied too. What was she.up and got to her feet, looking dull and dazed. They were standing around her, a kind of guard,.He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke."Women can live chaste as well as men can," Dragonfly said bluntly. She knew she was blunt and.said, from the low-grade ores they were roasting now..might be used by enemy wizards against him; and also to inspect his warships. A ship is a fragile.here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (4 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him,

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