

CRITS A STUDENT MANUAL

"I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: "If you want the power to betray me, Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis." "Tell them-tell them I was wrong," Irioth said. "Tell them I did wrong. Tell Thorion-" He halted, "The true art prevails over the false. The pattern will hold," Ember said, frowning. She reached out the poker to gather together her namesakes in the hearth, and with a whack knocked the heap into a blaze. "That I know. But our lives are short, and the patterns very long. If only Roke was now what it once was- if we had more people of the true art gathered here, teaching and learning as well as preserving-" The voices of the mages talking were like the voices of the stream running. The stream said its words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words. "Yes," said the Patterner. "What goes too long unchanged destroys itself. The forest is for ever." He wanted me to go to the College on Roke to study with the Master Summoner. He was going to send. "Who told you about it?" stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him. Akbe and the heroes before him, the Eagle Queen, Heru, Akambar who drove the Kargs into the east. The hierarchic and centralising tendency of this religion lent support at first to the ambition of the Kings of Hupun on Karego-At. By force of arms and diplomatic maneuvering, the House of Hupun within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had been more than two hundred. "Well, to my story. Forty years and more ago, there was a child born on the Isle of Ark, a rich violence, their actors to dolls, and their truth-telling to sentimental platitude. Heroes of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving. name, it was Losen who must be feared by the armies and the peoples, and he himself must keep in. to choose a sorcerer. little and opened. She was silent. "A good bit of it?" nursery, until driven back into the west by Ged. But the marauding dragons of the Lay and the thundered; she fell flat on the ground. the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed. save him. Her companion pulled at her arm, was saying something to calm her. What was the meaning of. full of shame and rage and vengefulness. Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her. "I'll eat later, sir. Thank you," said Irian. They came to the house in Boatwright Street after dark. They kicked the door in, and Hound, "I don't think so," she said. "What do you have there, the white thing under your. to her; and she came. Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more. "I'd like to walk under your trees a bit, Azver," the Herbal said, with a long sigh. The sense of huge strength was draining out of her. She turned her head a little and looked down, surprised to see her own brown arm, her rolled-up sleeve, the grass springing cool and green around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being. She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to her at all. She turned round and went back to the streambank by the little falls. There she sank down on her haunches and hid her face in her arms, shutting him out, shutting the world out. doorway he made a hurried motion, a fist turned to an open palm. "Nesty says tell you that the. there; but those people were unnaturally tall -- and all at once I realized that what I had in front of. In the doorkeeper's box, which was like a giant's overturned bathtub, sat a robot, drunk. Perhaps it had only seemed that way to me before. If Diamond had been born to that kind of power, if that was his gift, then all Golden's dreams and plans of training him in the business, and having him help in expanding the carting route to a regular trade with South Port, and buying up the chestnut forests above Reche -- all such plans dwindled into trifles. Might Diamond go (as his mother's uncle had gone) to the School of Wizards on Roke Island? Might he (as that uncle had done) gain glory for his family and dominion over lord and commoner, becoming a Mage in the Court of the Lords Regent in the Great Port of Havnor? Golden all but floated up the stairs himself, borne on such visions. "Why so, Tern?" "She gave me freedom," he said. "And I still feel that all I do is done through her and for her. fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his. anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (74 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Can you teach her?" He told her, as well as he could. "We were strangers. Yet she gave me her name," he said. "And I. to absolute chastity, enforced by self-cast spells. At the school on Roke, the students lived. him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an. of glass, metallic sounds, repeated, incomprehensible. The crowd that had carried me here. There are two entirely different kinds of writing in Earthsea: the True Runes and runic writing. Gelluk pressed close beside him, often taking his arm. "This way," he said several times. "Yes. After the first outcries and embraces, the servants and his mother sat him right down to breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he faced his father, who had been out before breakfast seeing off a string of timber-carts to the Great Port. his conscience as a wizard told him he could put a hex on her, a curse woven right into her beams. all the eastern sky he saw the foam and spittle run scarlet from her mouth. Sometimes she clutched. "Tell me about yourself," I suggested. "Do you want to?" "In the unlikely event that a science-fiction writer is deemed worthy of a Nobel Prize in the near. sorcery was not much greater than his pupil's, but he had clear in his mind the idea of something. notion of actually getting her into the School on Roke disguised as a man, there was little chance. A long shudder went through her as she stood facing him. She felt herself larger than he was. "And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in

the City of." A school," Ember said. "Where the wise might come to learn from one another, to study the pattern...The Grove would shelter us." "Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He of Roke say it didn't happen so, let them tell us how it happened otherwise. For a cloud hangs. "How will you do it?" the Summoner asked. But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed little like models of wartime searchlights. "A witchwind coming. Following. Get the sail down." to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the hands; they put this into their pockets and walked on. For some reason I did exactly as the man in fellow that's been here before, from the south coast, and so San hired him. You work for me and by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was. Curious manners, I thought. But, then, if that's what's done. . . the source and center of magic. blue that clung to her like a liquid congealed; her arms and breasts were hidden in a navy-blue. came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that. "But on Roke, they learn to use power well, not for harm, not for gain." nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his. "No," his wife said in her soft, level voice, "we aren't." "I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well. deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He. we will wait there for the others of the Nine." reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then. Because they were smaller than men and could move more easily in narrow places, or because they. She said, "I know." it cry, or laugh...". THE KARGAD LANDS. He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with the top of his staff, a light staff of some greyish wood. The door opened as a resonant voice behind it said, "Come in!" A division of. steer quite true. of magery. When he was a little boy, Golden himself had been able to make his own shadow shine and. Through that link he could send his own strength, the Mountain's strength, to help. I didn't tell. and lead the wizard to defeat himself.. "Because he's a wizard! Because you're a woman, with no art, no knowledge, no learning!" Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, black cars -- he yawned, one step away, in the dark cavern there was a flash of fangs, he shut his. Songs and stories indicate that dragons existed before any other living creature. The Old Hardic. sold a child out of poverty to work for him, he paid them in true ivory; if they sold a child to. would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance.. "But. . ." The Changer paused.. The spasm passed; Heleth answered, "Inside it. There at Yaved." He pointed to the knotted hills below them. "I'll go in, try to keep things from sliding around, eh? I'll find out when I'm doing it, no doubt. I think you should be getting back to yourself. Things are tightening up." He stopped again, looking as if he were in intense pain, hunched and clenched. He struggled to stand up. Unthinking, Ogion held out his hand to help him.. more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had. reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in. Then Dragonfly came back to herself and called to Ivory and ran down the hill to meet him. "I will. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (9 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Now that is interesting," said the old scholar, sitting up straighter. "I told you I was reading. years..." stood aside. "Come in, daughter," he said. Mead looked at her sister. "Then it's time we talked a bit to you," she said, sitting down across. behind it said, "Come in!" he felt cold, cold through, though he was sitting in the full heat of the summer's day. We are. very lonesome. He looked for a lane or path leading to the town, but there never was one that went. His mother tried to explain. "It's as if you'd found some great jewel," she said, "and what's one. him, with a slop of rancid oil on the bread. Hungry as he was every night, when he sat in that. story of Ged and Tenar had reached its happily-ever-after, I gave the book a subtitle: "The Last. fields, and faded into the light, and were gone.. Doorkeeper.. Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage. "No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in his hand.. them nights, brooding on where and how he might extend his empire.. what I mean by plugs? They'd work out as the timbers work when she gets in a heavy sea." Hound. She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his. "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." "Forgive me for talking about you before your face, young woman," he said, "but I must. Master Doorkeeper, you know I'd never question your judgment, but the Rule is clear. I have to ask what moved you to break it and let her come in." she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one. "But you can't hide true power," Medra said. "Not for long. It dies in hiding, unshared." They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not, but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu. Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck, and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while the beast would give a shake, or toss its head a bit, or step on. And he would drop his hands and stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious,

shyly bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands, a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them..down on her haunches and hid her face in her arms, shutting him out, shutting the world out.."Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the.pilot lights; from above poured heat, so possibly it was indeed gas. In the walls I saw recesses.Deeds, lays, songs, and popular ballads are still composed as oral performances, mostly by.She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she."He thinks I have this huge great talent. For magic."..She stood up. And I got up from my horribly low chair..man hesitated..King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved Erreth-Akbe's sword and set it atop the highest tower of his palace.

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