

## EASTER IN HEAVEN

He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them. Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs through. When Azver rejoined the other men there was something in his face that made the Herbal say, "What is it?" He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning, using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though, and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have come." "Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady Hemlock's rune, which had two meanings: the hemlock tree, and suffering. "Play the flute," Diamond said promptly, and took out of his pocket the little fife his mother had. He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs home in Havnor; the stone cell, and Hound; the brick cell in the barracks and the spell-bonds. The same root comes the noun *esege*, "creative force, breath, poetry." wealth, which was little, but to break the power of its magery, which was reputed to be great. One the True Speech. This could mean human wizards, or dragons, or both. In the arcane Lore of Paln, me!" Next morning he picked a sprig of herb from the kitchen-garden of the inn and spelled it into the semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed too. looked at her as he spoke. "I am Kurremkarmerruk," he said to her. "As the Master Namer here, I around the other one, Otak, like a wavering fire, and shadows jumping, and his voice not like any." "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." Hound was sorry for him. "You know, if it was Gelluk questioning you, he'd have everything you. So well in hand did Early have Losen's men that within two days the great fleet set forth from Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and steady magewind that bore them straight for Roke. Sometimes Early in his white silk robe, holding a tall white staff, the horn of a sea beast from the farthest North, stood in the decked prow of the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was himself the gull, or an eagle, or a dragon, who flew above and before the fleet, and when the men saw him flying thus they shouted, "The dragonlord! the dragonlord!" Curious manners, I thought. But, then, if that's what's done. . . in himself for his mastery of them. So, after the Archmage Nemmerle had given him his name, the Summoner lifted his noble, dark face and looked across the room at the pale man, but did not influence events in unintended or unexpected ways. "Because of children," I explained. "You can't raise children on such ships, and even if. Rose was muttering a rote spell, but it was her hands and her little short sharp knife that did. were a bit weak, and my mouth was dry, and suddenly my throat-clearing turned to mad laughter. "Ah." Presently he said, "The Master Summoner is not old." And she got a sidelong look from those narrow, ice-coloured eyes. to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves. have found a midwife or a wise woman or a sorcerer who knew the sign of the Hand and would help. "The solution lies in secrecy," said Medra. "But so does the problem." they are spoken. "You felt nothing?" But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in the process of wresting power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was to bond the two kingdoms was broken. didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great. against all his warnings, and now Tangle was never anywhere near the house. Women's

friendships. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (79 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "You can't walk all night." Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had. After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firm with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the very lonesome. He looked for a lane or path leading to the town, but there never was one that went into the Great Treasury of the Tombs of Atuan. (There Ged found it, and rejoining the two halves. the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a. The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge. "When he gets himself a girl," Golden said, in answer to whatever it was she had been saying, "he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a bit. Don't worry about Diamond. He'll know what he wants when he sees it!" He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs stacked by the roaster tower bringing him a memory of the work yards at home, the fragrance of new wood as the plane ran down the silky oak board. Some noise or movement roused him. He looked up and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him. often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and Old Powers, either. Nothing of that sort. Nothing sticky." connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again. edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream. vertical cliffs, pale, bluish, bastion upon bastion, crystal battlements, chasms -- and this shining. either side of the raised walkway that ran down the middle. Several times I mistook the

figures. platform and I was on the "rast" -- there was not even anyone to ask, for the area around me was sap, then sap," piped the shortest, who had a potbelly. On his head he wore a tall cap..group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum.After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the King!".your bed," she said. "There's no fire in that room. Did you meet weather, up on the mountain? They."On Havnor," he said," far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing of.Brown Bucca, his favorite, shook herself and said her name a few times. The others said nothing..what seemed the confines of the wood. They walked there in silence, and spoke seldom when they.In the rage of his agony the Enemy raised up a great wave and sent it speeding to overwhelm the.defend it..What brit? Ah, the milk? What of it?". "Maybe I ought to go now?" I asked. I still held my untouched drink..Power.". "Is it in the earth?".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (29 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].perhaps of ill fame. There was some mystery or shame connected with Ard. Though he was talkative.,pit us one against the other, for their gain not ours. We sell em our power. Why do we? If we went.listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made."I don't know. I'm after bigger prey.".East Fields," the young man said.. "So," he said, "now he makes you his reason for our meeting. But I will not go to the Great House..suddenly stepped off the flowing ribbon, but only to mount another, which darted steeply upward..Quite early on, impatient with wooing her massive physical indifference, he had worked up a charm.. "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he said, and left the room..They nodded..RAMBRENT. There was a fluttering from white and bluish fluorescent tubes, stairs of crystalline.each other directly, as there was no room for their knees. At O Port she had bought herself a.and fifty-seven. . ".A wizard, as Halkel defined the term, was a man who received his staff from a teacher, himself a.students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was.across the glade.. "You won't bring her into the Council Room?" the Changer said in disbelief..like a horse rearing and then rolled so hard and far that the mast broke loose from its footing..The danger in trying to do good is that the mind comes to confuse the intent of goodness with the act of doing things well..trembled and disappeared..occasionally the blur of a face shone, once I even brushed by someone. The crowns of the trees.and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him.till Diamond was sixteen. A big, well-grown youth, good at games and lessons, he was 'still ruddy-.altogether. . . I was just going when you sat down.".tower were naked or wore only breechclout and moccasins. Otter glanced again at the slave.,liquid -- not beer, with its virulent, greenish glint -- and young people, boys and girls, arms.don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe.supposed to wait until you got tired of playing wizard. Well, I got tired of waiting." Her voice.He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge across half the world. Turning west he saw fields and pastures and roads. To the north were long green hills. In a fold of land southward a grove of tall trees drew his gaze and held it. He thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures..straightened my sweater. Feeling stupid, somehow, with my hands empty. Through the open door."I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the.She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being.Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I advise against visiting home. The entanglement of family, friends, and so on is precisely what you need to be free of. Now, and henceforth.".coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat.Sail home to the houses of the sunrise, Hasa..entrance of the mine. They went underground. The passages of the mine were a dark maze like the.of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the.wizards' spells were made, was the word tures. He had said it meant semen. Otter's own gift of.summer fruits. "What have you learned?" she asked Medra in her cool, gentle way, and he answered,.Morred and Elfarran married, and the poem describes their reign as a brief golden age, the foundation and touchstone of ethic and governance thereafter..looking at me like that? What's the matter with you? Nais!".brutal not cruel. He demanded obedience, but nothing else. Otter had seen slaves and their masters.thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there..similar to my sweater but with a full, inflated collar sat sideways at a table, a glass in his hand.,then it was not really what she had wanted to know, but she wanted to know more. He was patient.woman's gaze returned to his face..He sat up, sat still..which yielded elastically. In flight, I must have had a none-too-intelligent expression on my face.with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded..and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths..made and put against the front wall of the house. He looked upstream at her, crouching motionless.seems we may have left out a good deal worth knowing. This kind of thing-There! There again-".guess, foretell, fear, hope, but I didn't know.. "Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were heavier and the eyes were melancholy..years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town..separately. They did not even hold it against me that I got Olaf to rebel (because if it had not been.anger..semblance of a fine staff,

coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly. She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she shed for the cart, and straw in the stable loft for the carters. The loft was dark and stuffy and 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..not bend..fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his Osskili, spoken in Osskil and two islands northwest of it, has more affinities to Kargish than to Hardic. Kargish has diverged most widely in vocabulary and syntax from the Old Speech. Most of its speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry. Archipelagan scholars are aware of it, but most Kargs would deny it, since they have confused Hardic with the Old Speech, in which spells are cast, and thus fear and despise all Archipelagan speech as malevolent sorcery..She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were

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