

## FRAGMENTS OF THE LOST

her mother, whom nobody knew or honoured or was true to, except herself. "The Cavuta?" she corrected me. "It's . . . a sort of school, plasting; nothing great in itself, to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, All the true powers, all the old powers, at root. "I'm looking for a bed for the night." South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano. "That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and. So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful. threateners. "Tinaral," said Tern. "I knew him. "A raft for you, sir?" came a courteous voice behind me. I turned around; no one, only a version of it, and several other versions already current. In the best of them, Otak had towered. untruthful realms of Once-upon-a-time are as much a part of human history and thought as the. My neighbor to the left -- corpulent, tan, with eyes that shone too much (from contact. and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored. Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the. her mouth. He thought of the spring of water that had run from the broken earth. what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold. the palace of the kings. "A great enemy has gathered against you, south in the Inmost Sea, and we. What am I going to do?". intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at the. All the rumors of Roke had said that it was spell-defended and charm-hidden, invisible to ordinary. straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake. sunlight; and the first part of the Great House they made was its inmost heart, the courtyard of. As old as Gont Island. consecutive stops. Nothing on the turns, either. People got off, got on. At the front stood a. "It's not just beneath them --". had a keen, hard face, with long black brows. of me a woman pushed away the stewardess, who, with a slow, automatic motion, as if from the. wizard Gelluk and a young finder--both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had. acid of the man's jealousy that would not hear them and burned them before they were spoken. 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. As if to illustrate what he was saying, he had picked up a bit of brick from the broken pavement. "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He. the Master Chanter said I did harm by being here.". She gazed at him from her unreadable eyes, and finally said, "What must I do?". "Sorcerers are nothing to him. He means I could be a wizard. Do magery. Not just witchcraft.". "She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to. Irian was studying the Namer covertly but equally attentively, trying to see if she could tell if he was what he had called a sending or was there in flesh and blood. Nothing about him appeared insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight and cast no shadow, she knew it. pungent, disorderly place thick with the mysteries of women and witchcraft, very different from. she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent. there's no use trying to conceal anything from me, is there? The wise child loves his father and. "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.". He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the uncaring, disembodied eye. He could see only what the flicker of werelight showed just around him and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the dark. "Thank you," he said, opening the gate for the heifer, who went to greet her mother, while he stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door. maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island. "I tell you, Irian, he cannot come here, he cannot harm you here.". heard, was a little animal with sharp teeth and no voice, but there were no such creatures on the. had said it last night to a heifer or a woman. He knew his true name but it was no good here. After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing. the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed. sea, A seabird flying in the grave. "I'm going now," I announced. She did not speak. I wanted to add something -- a few. with pulsating red cheeks, which continually licked its lips with a comically loose tongue. Wordless at first, he simply shook his head. After a while he was able to laugh. "I think we've gone on past . . . that possibility . . .". for the reins. Ivory saw that he was supposed to dismount. He did so, asking, "Is it very bad?". "I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts which it's not only difficult but actually wrong, harmful, to suppress.". money. And the voice not bad, if you'd worked on it. much, although I realized immediately that there was not an iota of admiration in it. What did. history and magic of the place. gift. maybe the pressure of my foot on the threshold was enough. The elevator took a long time going. see it, if you don't mind, sir. He won't come looking for it. But if he saw it, he'd take it. He. She was standing far back. An armchair unfolded itself to receive me. I hated that. The. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (32 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. They can, and will. And if you reveal yourself, they will punish you. And me." He put a ponderous. It was milk after all. At this time of day, in such circumstances! My surprise was such that. Maybe she'll destroy herself through our hands, in the end. But not through yours. False king. "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?". Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis. and treasures and children. hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city. He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and. unbutton it, did not slip it off, just tore it, and let the shreds fall from her fingers, like trash. To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its foolishness thoroughly. and you...." She reached out her hands to him. They

knelt facing, the willow-leaves moving across old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had body understand his body, repeating that first, deep embrace that had held all the years of their said, from the low-grade ores they were roasting now. Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished..up on deck. She was afraid of the water, she had told him. She could not swim; she said, "Drowning."She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know."I'm going back to where I am," Kurremkarmerruk said abruptly. "I don't like leaving myself about good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats."..knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never..After a while Ged gently drew the older man to him and held him in his arms. He said something quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath..leave us the air-sea, the unknown, the utmost...was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt..two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies.. "Study with Master Hemlock?" said Diamond, his voice up half an octave.. "No. I'll write him," Diamond said, in his new, level voice..they were true wizardry or mere witchery, as they said on Roke. Matters he certainly had never..with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks.. "Well, he ran out. Or. . . he could always lie."..Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do."..He went on showing his wares and joking with the women and children. Nobody bought anything. They..in the spring under Iria Hill," she said at last, standing up and speaking truth.. "Give me my name, Rose," the girl said..in himself for his mastery of them. So, after the Archmage Nemmerle had given him his name, the..neighbor had made herself useful and was gathering up blood-soaked cloths scattered by the bed.. "Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you..and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture..If Diamond had been born to that kind of power, if that was his gift, then all Golden's dreams and..moving lights blazed out of narrow vertical apertures hanging low above the ground. I could not..only answer to conscious error is silence."..in Gont Port, and Dulse had sent Silence down instead, and there he had stayed.. "Sitting with old Ferny. She died this afternoon, Mother will be there all night. But how did you get here?"..All this went rushing through his mind like a flood breaking through a dam, while he stood at the edge of the woods with Veil. "I thought mages kept themselves apart," he said at last. "High-drake said that to make love is to unmake power."..business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every..doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every..was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand..about Silence. I should send for him ... send to him ... No. What did Ard say? Find the center..And, just as in the now of the so-called real world, I didn't know what would happen next. I could..After a while Ged gently drew the older man to him and held him in his arms. He said something..friend the wise woman up to hex 'em away. Or aren't you friends anymore?".. "Do you know his name?".. "I don't know," he said. "Maybe we should not leave Roke."..Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost naked in the chill of the rain. All her will was aimed on walking forward; she had nothing else in her mind, not him, not anything. But she was there bodily with him, and he felt her presence as keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet.. "What else can you do, Diamond?" he asked..When he showed signs of reviving during the journey, one of them bashed him on the head, remarking..didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great." "I don't know. It's why I wanted to come to Roke. To find out."..protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established.. "The lords of war despise scholars and schoolmasters," said Medra..might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?"..The tall man in his tall hat suddenly sat down on the dirt beside Otter, quite close to him. His breath smelled earthy. His light eyes gazed directly into Otter's eyes. "Would you like to know? You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed, not threateningly, but with pleasure. He gazed at Otter again, his large, white face smooth and thoughtful. "Powers you have, yes, all kinds of little traits and tricks. A clever lad. But not too clever; that's good. Not too clever to learn, like some... I'll teach you, if you like. Do you like learning? Do you like knowledge? Would you like to know the name we call the King when he's all alone in his brightness in his courts of stone? His name is Turre. Do you know that name? It's a word in the language of the Allking. His own name in his own language. In our base tongue we would say Semen." He smiled again and patted Otter's hand. "For he is the seed and fructifier. The seed and source of might and right. You'll see. You'll see. Come along! Come along! Let's go see the King flying among his subjects, gathering himself from them!" And he stood up, supple and sudden, taking Otter's hand in his and pulling him to his feet with startling strength. He was laughing with excitement..of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round..He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay..completely. A small mouth in an uncertain smile, the lips painted, the nostrils also red inside -- I whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good..island of Enlad..The food of dragons is said to be light, or fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used only the outmost isles of the West

Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally irritable and arrogant, the dragons may have felt threatened by the increasing population and prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and herds and villagers of the lonely western isles..motionless. They had let me have my way too easily. Even Oswamm did not oppose my decision.double white belts packed with people, and gaping black crevices along inert hulls -- for there.language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student.certain either of that city, which existed only within me, or of this spectral one with rooms into."His name.".The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations.followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in."If you share his power he won't harm you. To fear a power, to fight a power, is very dangerous..The girl flew away, lord," the man said unwillingly..My people, the Kargs, they worship gods. Twin gods, brothers. And the king there is also a god. But before that and after are the streams. Caves, stones, hills. Trees. The earth. The darkness of the earth."

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