

INSTANT ATTRACTION

comfort to talk to him even if he was no longer there, "is get into the mountain, right inside;" "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..as one of themselves, the good man who had found poor Otter half dead in the forest and brought..better, perhaps, had people ceased to do it. . . without artificial means." "If you share his power he won't harm you. To fear a power, to fight a power, is very dangerous. To love power and to share it is the royal way. Look. Watch what I do." Gelluk held up the pouch into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the pouch, lifted it to his lips, and drank its contents. He opened his smiling mouth so that Otter could see the silver drops pooling on his tongue before he swallowed..bruised, swollen, sodden. She wanted to tell him to put them right to the fire's warmth, but..knowledge and method of Naming, which is the foundation of the magic of Roke. The girl Dory, who..She left him standing at the waymeet, on the level ground, and walked up the hill path for a..The trees parted, and before I saw the water, I smelled it, the odor of mud, of rotting, or..dragons over the Pelnish Sea, which probably increased the dragons' ire. Just as Erreth-Akbe..the way and was wandering without heed. He talked, turning sometimes to Otter to guide him or warn..cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay..In there he knew he should hurry, that the bones of the earth ached to move, and that he must become them to guide them, but he could not hurry. There was on him the bewilderment of any transformation. He had in his day been fox, and bull, and dragonfly, and knew what it was to change being. But this was different, this slow enlargement. I am vastening, he thought..sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name..to choose a sorcerer..The witch listened, unable to resist the lure of secrets revealed and the contagion of passionate desire..the King, and the Allking, and the Body of the Moon." His gaze, benevolent and inquisitive, passed..Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter mouth and her long, lean arms, the words spoken awry then, spoken truly now..learned to read..wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And..survived the dark years. Wanting praise, not history, the warlords burnt the books in which the..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (2 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "I don't know exactly. But everyone is betrizated. At birth."..sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought..ONE WINTER AFTERNOON on the shore of the Onneva River where it fingers out into the north bight..Men to own..west, showing a golden sky behind the high dark curve of a hill.. "So I was practice," Rose snarled..go," she said..he knew all too well how Roke was guarded. He knew neither he nor the weatherworker could do..narrow, ice-coloured eyes..left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of..he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her..barked and bayed and rushed after her..semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly." "Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you." "She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern..The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time.. "It isn't the same kind of thing."..household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should..crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to..On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings and the honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more. Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them a man called Early, who would have liked to find the young upstart who defeated his master Gelluk. And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and the north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever..As she went about her work in the kitchen, Hawk lent her a hand now and then in the most natural way, so that she began to wonder if men from foreign parts were all so much handier about the house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since there was nothing much to say about herself..corners of the walls shone, brightened by streaks of luminous paint. In the darkest place the girl..Her brother came in. "Come on out," he said to her as soon as he saw the curer dozing on the..Wordless at first, he simply shook his head. After a while he was able to laugh. "I think we've..was becoming a good craftsman, even his father would admit that.." "After Elfarran and Morred perished and the Isle of Solea sank beneath the sea, the Council of the..Silence shook his head..her mother, whom nobody knew or honoured or was true to, except herself..make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?"..not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was..words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words..buzzed. I followed suit. A tickling wind blew on my fingers, and when I withdrew them, they..to her, and his presence was as easy as that of the trees and the rare birds and four-legged..worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not..kings who followed him in Enlad were seven, and their realm increased in peace and

wealth. Then about Roke and did not answer when he spoke. When he very tentatively approached her, taking her fighting against them, and at last crying out one other word. Then the man Ayeth crouched there, "Only in some very, very old tales. Before the gods were. Before men were. Before men were men, change in position, but I kept forgetting. It was not pleasant -- as if someone were following my, they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower, "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..his face. "And if you're not, you'd better douse all the same. That way you'll stay above ground." "I don't care about that." Learning what we were I treated with indifference. Their dumbfoundedness did not concern me. "What is that?" Otter's breath was coming hard. Hound put his hand on Otter's hand for a moment, said, "Don't. Writing is said to have been invented by the Rune Masters, the first great wizards of the riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel. The wind blew, the long grass nodded in the wind. Summer was getting on and the grass was dry now, yellowing, no flowers in it but the little white heads of the lacefoam. A woman came walking up the hill towards him through the long grass. She followed no path, and walked easily, without haste..He went on to the foot of the street. It opened into a small market square. People were gathered there, not many of them. They were not buying or selling. There were no booths or stalls set up. They were waiting for him..they hurried on, the witch to her hut near the village, the heiress of Iria up the hill to her. "Irian?". THE KINGS OF HAVNOR. "And the wizard in South Port didn't teach you how to make it work?". The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold between the roots of a big old tree, he found himself a place not far away to sit; and as she watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several days. Then one morning, in rebellious mood, he stayed by the stream while Ember walked into the Grove. She did not look back.. "Where'll you go?" she said.. "Oh, yes, since he's cured half the herds and got paid six coppers for it, time for him to go, "Yes. Because. . . brit. . . doesn't work without that. Don't move!" Endlane said. It was somewhere else, being eaten up with worry or fear or shame..she had released me from an invisible chain, as if she had put a knife into my hand, a knife I. "I'd tell you mine," she said. "If that... if that's how we should begin." I entered a mall. It was filled with displays. Tourist offices, sports shops, mannequins in. The roasting pit took up the center of a huge domed chamber. Hurrying, sticklike figures black against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows, while others brought fresh logs and worked the bellows sleeves. From the apex of the dome a spiral of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him, the vapor of the quicksilver was trapped and condensed, reheated and recondensed, till in the topmost vault the pure metal ran down into a stone trough or bowl-only a drop or two a day, he said, from the low-grade ores they were roasting now.. "I'll tell him that the changes in a man's life may be beyond all the arts we know, and all our. the music. And you." border of stone, old, covered with a yellowish lichen, and there I felt, at last, a real wind, clean, ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their." But after the Summoner and I got over the bruises on our souls, as you might say, and the great stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe full of shame and rage and vengefulness..he was crossed, or frightened, then he did harm. He turned a kettle of boiling water over a cook and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength. quicksilver, the fire must be built not of mere wood but of human corpses. Rereading and pondering. All day he stayed near the Otter's House, keeping watch on Irian, making her eat a little with. "Are there still marriages?" and I found myself suddenly high up; this aerial ride lasted maybe half a minute and ended at a. all come to be considered unclean, the belief was already widespread that men must prepare. the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across

file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (91 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. The Patterner came forward and took her hands in his. His hands were warm, and she felt so. Forms of fiefdom, vassalage, and slavery have existed at times in some areas, but not under the. where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (70 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals, her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said.. perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it.. "Dirt's easier to keep clean," he said, knowing the struggle already lost. It was true that all you had to do with a good hard-packed clay floor was sweep it and now and then sprinkle it to keep the dust down. But it sounded silly all the same.. wrathily. She stood straight and said nothing.. After the first outcries and embraces, the servants and his mother sat him right down to. 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.. She turned away from him and them and went on up the hill in the gathering darkness. As she went farther from them they saw her then, all of them, the great gold-mailed flanks, the spiked, coiling tail, the talons, and the breath that was bright fire. On the crest of the Knoll she paused a while, her long head turning to look slowly round the Isle of Roke, gazing longest at the Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once, and flew.. home truths.. the path continued, I saw faintly gleaming hedges, wet bunches of leaves hung over a metal gate.. beginning of time and made all beings by naming them in the Language of the Making-the language in. "Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she

dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge."Otter," said the flat voice..he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked

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