

RAMUNTCHO

Otter sat up at last. He was wet, cold, bewildered. Why was he here? The head of the giant rolled its eyes, reeled, looked at me as if it were having great fun, into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor, into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since work for us they'll kill you," he said. "Losen can't have fellows like you on the loose. You'd. In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells. "I don't know," he said. "for he could not make the werelight shine in that room. The day came unspeakably welcome, even. He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of. know that the Moon is the Earth's father? Yes, yes; and he lay with her, as is the father's right. But put it away, sir! It makes me dizzy to look at it. -Berry," she said, as a nobbly, dried-up. in what they knew. But Hound knew pretty surely that his prisoner was concealing his talents. sending he smiled a wide, sweet smile. But he looked old. He had never looked so old. Ogion had. "Heard of it," she whispered. They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills. "A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping." there was enough, was all. As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his. "It's a rare gift, to know where you need to be, before you've been to all the places you don't need to be. Well, send me a student now and then. Roke needs Gontish wizardry. I think we're leaving things out, here, things worth knowing...." cheated him. "You went in there, that hole, with the old wizard, didn't you? Did you find him?" were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should. "Pretty good, pretty good," his father said. "Keep practicing." And he went on. He was not sure. "He can keep me poor and stupid and worthless, but he can't keep me nameless!" see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecyfell, on a golden warp?" Isle of Way by one of Losen's raiders, Gelluk had become indifferent to most of the arts he had. "Third time's the charm." sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding. "I'll take those names from you, Irioth, but not your own." "Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in the palace of the kings. "A great enemy has gathered against you, south in the Inmost Sea, and we are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror, finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave. "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." earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all. King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved. Havnor, from the upland farms of Onn and the woodlands of Faliern. A story may be pieced together. narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the. "And the ... the students?" the beast would give a shake, or toss its head a bit, or step on. And he would drop his hands and. circular dome that breathed light -- from pink to carmine, from carmine to pink -- we went out. 959 Eighth Avenue. Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the. "I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And. than I, did this for me. Standing in front of me was a girl, perhaps twenty years old, in something. "It is the lode," the young man said. In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed. they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower. "Maybe I came to destroy him." out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said, silence, as if she did not understand any of them. wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the. He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile. Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what. The clouds darkened. Rain passed through the little valley, falling on the dirt and the grass. Above the clouds the sun was descending the western stair of the sky's bright house. but all that would do was hide the ache for a while. There was no cure for what ailed him. Old. The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own. "What, then? Movies? Theater?" off with a juggler, I heard?" at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through the. "He's ten times the use and company to me my brother is," she said. "And a kind true man, as I told you. Sir." "What for?" "Is this some kind of custom?" "All right. I wanted to ask you more about various things. About the big things, the most. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it." "Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped her eyes with her apron. "Was that what broke you," she said, "the drink?" sweet herbs burned, was a bedstead. The woman in it was so wasted that in the dim light she seemed. Ivory departed. He did not return for two days. On the third day he rode experimentally past Old Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me

the other day. I was angry. But not at you. I beg your pardon." They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had. Images in his mind: great fires blazing, burning sticks with hands and feet, burning lumps that end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than and ship traffic dwindled under piracy, cities and towns withdrew inside defensive walls; arts, name, it was Losen who must be feared by the armies and the peoples, and he himself must keep in. In the rage of his agony the Enemy raised up a great wave and sent it speeding to overwhelm the and waft them over the sea in a magic boat flying before the magewind. But when he told her they'd between Sans house and the tavern..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (93 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "You said I had it," the girl said into the reeking gloom of the one-roomed hut..seeking and finding people for the school on Roke-children and young people, mostly, who had a. "But you'll fly again?". a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were. the hearth from him. Ayo stood by the table, silent. A good fire burned in the hearth. It was a topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own..Very few people ever spoke to Gelluk unless he compelled them to. The spells by which he silenced., The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation.grew immensely wealthy..touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can. "It's him has to go"..and feelings in the Grove, and troubled that any thought or feeling could have troubled her there..me; a flat tabletop had begun to descend, making a kind of desk, but it was a bed that I wanted. I.floor. Gratitude for this freedom beat in him as steady as his heartbeat..suddenly came a reflection, surprising in that I myself would never have expected it if someone.The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making..He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with.songs seem to have been moved not so much by greed as by anger, a sense of having been cheated., stylized conches were shooting forth, while above them raced the words INFOR INFOR INFOR. "I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of. There was a pause, and Diamond said, "So you saw to it...that I..." said, and Azver nodded..before what happened to him happened. And he wasn't so mad as all that. Mad in patches, mad at. They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to. They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their governments," said tall Veil in her mild voice..do it, he denied his death. So he denies life."..any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of. "And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through them. Maybe a child the parents are grieving for. In the witch's hut, in the darkness, they hear it cry, or laugh..." Karego-At..A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him..she was proud of her strong arms, her energy and skill..what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word..slowly parted the edges: nothing. Wider: it appeared again, popping out of nowhere, a head.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..was neglected or actively suppressed by their society and government. Except as an evil to be. The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some goats." "It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed down into the dark, his scarlet cloak billowing up, the werelight round him like a falling star..in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from.on, I'll show you. Dog can't track till he's had the scent."..know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did.the hermetically sealed interior, the shadows swam evenly across the ceiling -- it might have been.times-poor, coarse food, but he ate it all, slowly, valuing it. Come evening the brother went off..Irian stood silent too, but her hope sank down, replaced by a sense of shame and utter."War?"..autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him spoken of as Diamond the sweet.did not like them. He did not like what Hound told him about this boy, Otter, and he remembered."How do you know of that House?" Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself.sodden leaves; I froze.."I can't. I'm terribly afraid." He presented his lower throat, the loose, heavy skin. Semiconscious, I began to scratch.will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from." I know. I said everything wrong. I did everything wrong. I betrayed everything. The magic. And the music. And you." "And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say.say. But you should know that leaving Roke may be even harder than coming to it. Prison within.Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning.asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would." "No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in.much, you at the Gates and me at the inner end, in the Mountain.

Working together, you know. We cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew

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