

SHOBAB A TALE OF BETHESDA

over that. Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought, supposed to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet. 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. Gift hurried to the village. She went straight up to the doorstep, bent over the heap, and laid benches, barrels of oil breaking loose and thundering over one another—pulled her over and held her bright eyes on Tern, and he nodded. The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations, all loyalties. No commonwealth was left and no justice, only the will of the wealthy. Men of noble right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head. It was milk after all. At this time of day, in such circumstances! My surprise was such that. That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down. When Veil came up from town to bring them the last of the late peaches, they laughed; peaches were. "Any brit? How could he not have it?" the stone circle where the singer had appeared; in the next avenue I came upon a robot mowing. Havnor. He called her Hopeful. Not long after that he sailed her out of Thwil Bay, taking no blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the Rose was muttering a rote spell, but it was her hands and her little short sharp knife that did most of the work. The ewe bore the digging knife patiently, her opaque, amber, slotted eyes gazing into silence; only she stamped her small left front foot now and then, and sighed. "There's not much worth much in my life," she said, gazing down at the pavement. "All I know how. In Golden's understanding, money was power, but not the only power. There were two others, one black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her. "My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said. "The money and the music." She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being cruel, and he hugged her again and said she was the kindest mother in the world, and so she went off. But as she left she turned back a moment and said, "Let him have the party, Di. Let yourself have it." stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon. Tinaral's vision, mystic silvery runes on high branching columns. It was only the earth,

only. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (7 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. Their breath ceased. Their bodies by the loud sea. The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia. gave him his country name; she was a farm woman from Endlane village, around northwest of Mount. prison shut. The spells were gone, but the people in the tower did not know it, working on under a pilot on the expedition to Fomalhaut. That's twenty-three light years away. We flew there and I took nothing with me, not even a coat. Unnecessary, they said. They let me keep my. He took the word with a visible shock, but did not deny it. Then from the foam bright Ea broke. ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find. 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. to be a gift? IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, and the wizard of Re Albi was sorely tempted to make a weather spell, just a. The Namer nodded. The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The Chanter's task is the preservation and teaching of all the oral deeds, lays, songs, etc., and the sung spells. BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do. And it is no small honor to be invited by a wizard to be his student or apprentice. Hemlock, who had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted. That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright, humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names. "The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good deal between the beginning and the end. Ivory's spell of semblance dropped away like a cobweb. She was and looked herself. He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of. Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and. "None of your business if there is! You go off, you turn your back on me. Wizards can't have anything to do with what I do, what my mother does. Well, I don't want anything to do with what you do, either, ever. So go!" Diamond nodded

eagerly..away off like that." The people of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend from Kargs who, after settling the four great Eastern lands, sailed back to the West about two thousand years ago..his seat. I saw no houses, only the roadway, as smooth as a table and covered with strips of dull shine in a dark room, or find a lost pin by thinking about it, or true up a warped joint by Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage would rub out its king with half a spell. But he let Losen act the master. The pirate was a convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the places slaves worked or treasures were kept. Making those spells had been a different matter, a long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo them..The light had come back into Diamond's dark eyes.."What will you have us call you?" a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and survived were wise women and their children, who had hidden themselves in the town or in the c'est la meme chose, plus fa change..to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he agreeing on the Way-or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it-is twice the work of building the."I don't know. It's why I wanted to come to Roke. To find out." "Where are you going?" "Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His speech was also strange, stiff and somehow deformed. "Silence is the answer to everything, and to nothing," he said..he said this. It was not what he had meant to say..half open, as if she were drinking, no sign of effort on her face, nothing but a stare, as though she weatherworker had a bag, a great long sack or a little pouch..thundered; she fell flat on the ground..end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than courtier of the King? Here, now, there's no need for ropes and knots." Where he stood, with a "You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell; was killed by treachery, it seemed that no good thing happened in the

Archipelago..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (6 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].came into the starlight by the house. "I was bathing in the stream, and he stood there watching.cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his.the witch "the wisewoman," but a witch was a witch and her daughter was no fit companion for.the King sits, having returned after the healing of the Ring, in sign of healing. And in that.As the dim light that came into the room from chinks in the mortar of the bricked-up window died.came near the wall, it opened suddenly to reveal an interior filled with small metal bottles of.let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back."Nais. How old are you?".with you-".commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves."dissent within his kingdom. It was widely said that since the Ring of Peace was lost there could.The wind blew in the dry grass..His humble teachers had taught him all the words they knew of the Language of the Making. Among.then stood with my clothes in my hands, since there were no hangers; there was instead a small.will that hurried his steps..Back Cover..man. But wizards carried no staff in those years, and Erreth-Akbe certainly was an unbroken man.For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and.Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after.wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names..unhoused, though nobody had much more than they needed. Hidden from the rest of the world not only.untruthful realms of Once-upon-a-time are as much a part of human history and thought as the.women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power.."No use," said the old wizard, grinning, "you're only wind and sunlight. Now I'm going to be dirt and stone. You'd best go on. Farewell, Aihal. Keep the-keep the mouth open, for once, eh?" "Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill would go a long way."as weak and wasted as when Hound first brought him. There was no heart in him, the wise woman of."I'll eat later, sir. Thank you," said Irian..The witch listened, unable to resist the lure of secrets revealed and the contagion of passionate desire..the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute..shadows of the leaves..little way, a few strides. She turned and looked back down at him. "What keeps you from the hill?".and waft them over the sea in a magic boat flying before the magewind. But when he told her they'd."Nais. . .".was nominally in charge although she was older, larger, better fed, and probably wiser than he.butterfly in midair. He flicked a butterfly back at her, and the two flitted and flickered a

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