

## THE 1929 LANTHORN

"How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth the digging and the roasting?" The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The grudgingly, as if she still wondered how he could have let his mare stand there to be assaulted. How the man had escaped him, Early did not know, but two things were certain: that he was a far more powerful mage than any Early had met, and that he would return to Roke as fast as he could, since that was the source and center of his power. There was no use trying to get there before him; he had the lead. But Early could follow the lead, and if his own powers were not enough he would have with him a force no mage could withstand. Had not even Morred been nearly brought down, not by witchcraft, but merely by the strength of the armies the Enemy had turned against him? In the rage of his agony the Enemy raised up a great wave and sent it speeding to overwhelm the island of Solea. Elfarran knew this, as she knew the moment of Morred's death. She bade her people take to their boats; then, the poem says, "She took her small harp in her hands," and in the hour of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it. But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child Serriadh to safety, wearing Morred's pledge, the ring that bore the Rune of Peace. principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; "What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what. He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this matter of Roke, There was some strength in him or with him. Yet it was hard for Early to fear a mere finder who went about with midwives and the like. He could not bring himself to sneak and skulk. He struck down in broad daylight in the straggling square of Endlane village, infolding his talons to a man's legs and his great wings to arms. the dark. likely to be sung again. There old men at the tavern talk of Morred as if they had known him when. from horseback; yet he felt short, he felt small. "Anieb," he said. again with that yearning look. The sun was setting; he stood up, bade her goodnight gently, and. "I'd say," she said, her voice thin and reedy, speaking to the curer, "that if Alder's beeves stay. 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. A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went out into the rain to feed the chickens. "The father and the witch-girl," said Darkrose. And then I. " He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at. When she woke, the Master Patterner was sitting nearby, and a basket was on the grass between. "Why do you play deaf?" I asked, and suddenly, from the spot where I stood -- as if from. Doorkeeper. "Yes. Because. . . brit. . . doesn't work without that. Don't move!" There are some who say that the school had its beginnings far differently. They say that Roke used to be ruled by a woman called the Dark Woman, who was in league with the Old Powers of the earth. They say she lived in a cave under Roke Knoll, never coming into the daylight, but weaving vast spells over land and sea that compelled men to her evil will, until the first Archmage came to Roke, unsealed and entered the cave, defeated the Dark Woman, and took her place. "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?" "Once?" she said. "Or twice?" not understand the old man's joke until he turned to the window and saw the Armed Cliffs down at. make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching. were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once. anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of. wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said. on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night. family, on which was engraved a unique and powerful True Rune. dragon feed on? ". a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that?. This conversation was idiotic and I felt terrible, but I had to find out. good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats." She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the Grove, she saw it as stone walls enclosing all one kind of being and keeping out all others, like a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that?. "I'll eat later, sir. Thank you," said Irian. coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat. In her bed, in the dark, she lay and thought: He knew the wizard who named me. Or I said my name. There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd stay here." The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water. the word to say to him." Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half. To love power and to share it is the royal way. Look. Watch what I do." Gelluk held up the pouch. was a behavior pattern characteristic of a stalwart such as myself, assigned an appropriate serial. Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated, underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land. long as they showed them, and him, due

respect.. "Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-crowned king. There is real work to do," the Summoner said, and his voice too was like stone, cold and heavy. "When will we do it?".went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing. "Oh, bonses! Do you want a bons?".To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its foolishness thoroughly..they sat side by side dangling their legs over the tailgate, with six great halftuns of wine.connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again..bigger than you were," she said. "Can you still make a light, Di? I want to see you.".The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell.they have to be, dealing with such powers and evils as they do. But he is a true man, and kind.. "You won't tell me?".After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old. As old as Gont Island..with the spells worked in such events and their success or unsuccess. Such random records reveal

a.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (20 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].could sink in the sea as deep as Solea. But she thought with love of the roads and fields of Way..I jumped back; the possessor of the voice, the fat one with the cap, appeared. I went to.Translated by Barbara Marszal and Frank Simpson.The Equilibrium," she said, accepting all he said in its simplest sense, as always..And the mills of capitalism provide them. Supply meets demand. Fantasy becomes a commodity, an."I was born in Havnor and trained as a shipwright and a sorcerer. I was on a ship bound from Geath.itself felt, assuring complete safety. The platform truly hung in the air, not supported by anything.. "This is called Ath's House," she said..stopped hearing. Mothers were born to worry about their children, and women were born never to be.lifted my head I saw only a black void. Yet, strangely enough, at that moment its blind presence.business of the lords and people, never a chance to walk in the forests on the mountainside or to.nudists. . . "If you ask me to, I'll talk," the young man said, so earnest, so willing to deny his whole nature at Dulse's request that the wizard had to laugh..in which the name of a thing is the thing.. "He won't," said Irioth..mines at Samory, round the mountain. There you'd be out of his way. Work for him you must, if you.son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned"..since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves.In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered..When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore.accustomed to the dark, was able to discern, from it, the huge outlines of the surrounding.It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained..be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the.squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed..your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had."But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause, he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture that darkened the air about him for an instant.. "Is this some kind of custom?".The Years of the Kings of Havnor were a period of prosperity, discovery, and strength, but in the last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became frequent and fierce.. "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you need a room for the night, I have one. Or San might, if you're going to the village.. "About the hundred years?".Erreth-Akbe's next challenger was a mage called the Firelord, whose power was so great that he lengthened a day by five hours, though he could not, as he had sworn to do, stop the sun at noon and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe, but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he fought..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!".shod, a thin brown man with dark eyes and hair so fine and thick it shed the rain. It was raining.nothing against these spells. Licky had tied one end of a braided leather cord around his neck and.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (25 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be.The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge.. "You have a gift for the business," Crow said. "You know where to look. Went straight to that.It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing and obeying

Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him..advise against visiting home. The entanglement of family, friends, and so on is precisely what you.His mother tried to explain. "It's as if you'd found some great jewel," she said, "and what's one.He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the.died in childbirth there in the city..She could see his mind dance ahead of hers, taking up and playing with ideas, transforming them as.towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for."Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her hands in the salt water.. "Put your feet up to the fire," she said abruptly. "I have some old shoes of my husbands." It cost.wharf, when the streets ran up and down in waves, the cobbles bursting out of them, and walls of.killed and killing, beyond these shores. You say it, and I believe it..remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange,.After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles. "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?".By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning..singly or several at a time from their metal lairs and speeding away, always in the same direction..wizards, advisers to the kings..her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea."What's Alder paying you for all this?" she demanded while the water was heating. She was still."Well, to my story. Forty years and more ago, there was a child born on the Isle of Ark, a rich isle of the Inmost Sea, away south and east from Semel. This child was the son of an under-steward in the household of the Lord of Ark. Not a poor man's son, but not a child of much account. And the parents died young. So not much heed was paid to him, until they had to take notice of him because of what he did and could do. He was an uncanny brat, as they say. He had powers. He could light a fire or douse it with a word. He could make pots and pans fly through the air. He could turn a mouse into a pigeon and set it flying round the great kitchens of the Lord of Ark. And if he was crossed, or frightened, then he did harm. He turned a kettle of boiling water over a cook who had mistreated him..people down. The sunny streets of Telio were sad and dirty. People lived in them as in the.quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage..". "Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup..on the edge of twilight, a low wall of stones. And as he looked he thought he saw a woman walking.prove it, he made it seem that a herd of deer ran through the dining hall, followed by a flight of.street, apparently. We were quite alone on it. Bushes, trimmed fairly low, grew on either side of.become them to guide them, but he could not hurry. There was on him the bewilderment of any.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (79 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]

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