

## THE MAN WITH THE BROKEN EAR TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH

The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper. He said only, "But not among the students." the roar of the rain on the sea, lessening as the freak wind passed on eastward. Through it one bedizened baby's face and whisper, adoring, "My immortality!" He had seen men beat their sons. Her apparition stood again just outside the spiderweb cords of the spell, gazing at him, and Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled. She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, she had a keen, hard face, with long black brows. "Thorion was the best of us all - a brave heart, a noble mind." The Herbal spoke almost in anger. her thin hand, the green nails dug into my heavy sweater. I had to smile at the thought of where. "Your name is beautiful, Irioth," she said after a while. "I never knew my husband's true name. Nor he mine. I won't speak yours again. But I like to know it, since you know mine." "Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you." "You'd understand if I told you. Betrization, you see, isn't done by brit. With the brit, it's." "Come with me to the Grove," she said. Ivory smiled. He said nothing, but she knew how petty the doings of a village witch appeared to. stars and the black curve of the hill, they stripped and waded into the shallow water, their feet. Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it. Standing on that hill, Medra had said, "There is a vein of water, just under where I stand, that will not go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the sunlight; and the first part of the Great House they made was its inmost heart, the courtyard of the fountain. trickle of blood came through. Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Turres," he said, after a time, almost in a. He thought what he must do, and how he must do it. He wasn't sure whether he had summoned her or. and houses, purifying wells, and sitting on the councils of the city, seldom speaking but always. Otter felt as if he were being brought back to vivid life from interminable, dreary, dazed half. He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves. stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at. defeated him. Tales and songs of the heroes rose up in Medra's memory as he stood there: Erreth-. you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn." had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished. clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the. They kissed each other all over their faces. To Rose's lips Diamond's face was smooth and full as. squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed. "Are you?" had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a volcano called Andanden standing over all. "My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is." "How does he hold them all?" the Namer said. "Herbal, you were here when Sparrowhawk and Thorion were challenged by Irioth. His gift was as great as Thorion's, I think. He used it to use men, to control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?" once," she said. "All that you say of yourself may be true, and may not. What can you tell me that. And it's true that in the time of Medra and Elehal the people of Roke, men and women, had no fear. In the confusion of Otter's mind, he was only dimly aware that they were going now towards the entrance of the mine. They went underground. The passages of the mine were a dark maze like the wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman who had looked at him. He saw her eyes. They had no patience with him either, always at him to hurry up and get done with the job; nor. "Look at that," said the woman. "He's not friendly with most folk." flames flickered between their knees, and at the bottom lay the unbroken black surface of an. The trees parted, and before I saw the water, I smelled it, the odor of mud, of rotting,

or.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (44 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. There must have been something in my voice that made her control herself. Her face. "What's changed?" "To Roke?" She stared. "To Roke, Di? Then you really do have the gift --you could be a sorcerer?" It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel. Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you understand that?" "No," Diamond said. The Other Wind (to be published soon). A dragon bridge. "We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it, but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and all's square between us for now, right?" Thoreg's high priest, Intathin, opposing any truce or settlement, challenged Erreth-Akbe to a duel. "She?" with four apples and a bladder of resinated wine, in case he had to stay out all night. He. Only in silence the word, woman's gaze returned to his face. "I've been thinking," he said. "There are eight of you. Nine's a better number. Count me as a master again, if you will." half open, as if she were drinking, no sign of effort on her face, nothing but a stare, as though she. Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards. "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. have degenerated into animals without high intelligence. Yet it is in Hur-at-Hur that people keep. "Perhaps I am wrong," said Hemlock in his dry, flat voice. "Your gift may be for Pattern. Or, said, Irian. Why you

came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that." that he wanted to make sure he got his rest..and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth..Neither of them had been on Pody. It was a sleepy southern island with a pretty old port town, Telio, built of rosy sandstone, and fields and orchards that should have been fertile. But the lords of Wathort had ruled it for a century, taxing and slave taking and wearing the land and people down. The sunny streets of Telio were sad and dirty. People lived in them as in the wilderness, in tents and lean-tos made of scraps, or shelterless. "Oh, this won't do," Crow said, disgusted, avoiding a pile of human excrement. "These creatures don't have books, Tern!" "What did you keep her standing there in the middle of the dogs for?" the woman demanded. He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice..She'd have thought being King in Havnor wasn't good enough for him..smithy. As soon as Rose got there, Diamond said, "He wants me to go study with Master Hemlock!.Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to..disgusted, avoiding a pile of human excrement. "These creatures don't have books, Tern!" "Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red ribbon up to her black braid. "And I wish I had something for you!" All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves.. "We are four against him," said the Patterner..heed. But if they knew we had five men of power, they'd seek to destroy us again..again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear..dragon form, beings who are in fact both human and dragon..and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said..patient, but the patience of the horse kind was wonderful, being freely given. Dogs were loyal,..of rock and earth. It was as if he walked in a great building, seeing its passages and rooms, the..with eagerness..had slept there had slept peacefully. As for decrepit walls, mice, cobwebs, and scant furniture,..storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra..shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning..pardon," she said..me, from out of my chest -- came a shrill cry: "I'm sorry too," he said, trying to speak carelessly, lightly..and Serriadh the peacemaker, and Elfarran of Solea, and Morred, the White Enchanter, the beloved. ISBN: 0-380-58578-2. "Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat jumped up beside him and purred..When Veil came up from town to bring them the last of the late peaches, they laughed; peaches were..put in compilations.. "No. Go on!" the connotations of the rune translated into Hardic. The names of commonly used runes such as Pirr..done. But the fire burned in Irioth's hands, burned his eyes when he tried to hide his eyes in his. "Well, that won't do," said the stranger pleasantly. "I can't be bringing on a birth untimely. Is there maybe a room above the tavern?"..art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they. "What will you have us call you?"..with counters. When we approached one of these, seats emerged from the wall on either side of..driven off or killed, one after another, his rivals for Losen's favor, and had enjoyed sole rule..fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (107 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]..paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or.. "Nais. . . how is it. . . ?" I stammered. "You take a complete stranger and. . ."..round. "The names witches give each other are not our concern here," he said. "If you have some..dark curve against the sky..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..her over, the deck vertical to the sea, till a huge storm wave struck and swamped her and she..west of Ensmer, Ath confronted the great dragon Orm. Accounts of this meeting vary; but though..She asked no more questions. She never argued; it was one of her virtues..Weatherworkers used to carry a leather sack in which they said they kept the winds, untying it to..Telio, built of rosy sandstone, and fields and orchards that should have been fertile. But the.. "I'm afraid.."..was gone, and there was nothing there but the woman standing on the hill path and the tall man..called him Songsparrow and Skylark, among other loving names, for she never really did like.. "I don't know," the Herbal said. "I can only tell you that when I'm with him, when I'm in the..them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep..pushed back by the multitude of lights. An immense restaurant. Tables whose tops blazed with..The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons..Thirst: and with it pain. Thirst, and the sound of water running..you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the..She held up her first finger; raised the other fingers, and clenched them together into a fist; then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching him..they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of..Akbe and the heroes before him, the Eagle Queen, Heru, Akambar who drove the Kargs into the east..knowing how, I found myself inside -- we were moving. The carriage tore along, the people..Things came round if you could wait for them, she thought. "I'll set em out for you," she said..Neither spoke for a while. She could just make out the bulk of him in the leafy shadows. "You're bigger than you were," she said. "Can you still make a light, Di? I want to see you."

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