

## THE MARDENS AND THE DAVENTRYS VOL 3 OF 3 TALES

"Why can't we build fishing boats, the way we used to?" he asked, and his father said, "Because. Ember parted from him with only a "Good night.". He had no thought of hiding or protecting himself. Luckily for him there were no guards about; ". Plast. You don't know what that is?". Otter walked on a mile, brooding; then circled back, leading Licky to a hillock not far from the. He spoke, giving her his true name: "I am Medra.".....". "Wait," I said. "Do you have anything to drink?". lights. No infor. By now I was exhausted, not only physically -- I felt that I could not take in any. feeling horribly like despair. I was certain that the others were experiencing the same things, but. games, so I left. Do you know what I did?" He turned, showing his teeth in a rictus of triumph. "I. say. But you should know that leaving Roke may be even harder than coming to it. Prison within. Grove. Enough to keep even you from being restless. Why north?". He saw her now more clearly than he had seen her in the tower. He saw her more clearly than he had. Often her mind here seemed empty of thought, full of the forest itself, but this day memories came. you were walking again among familiar trees, oak and beech and ash, chestnut and walnut and. was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and. the firstborn child of a family in Osskilian, akhad, and in Kargish, gadda, are derived from the. their Parley and merchant and trade guilds.. But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children. "Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said, straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to know something about the power, see," she said at last, and looked at Dragonfly with one eye. Her other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere.. That gave her pause. She stood silent. "It's the name the witch Rose of my village on Way gave me, in the spring under Iria Hill," she said at last, standing up and speaking truth.. "I'd prefer the 'or.' ". speech as malevolent sorcery.. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (38 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "So," he said, "now he makes you his reason for our meeting. But I will not go to the Great House.. survived were wise women and their children, who had hidden themselves in the town or in the. Ard nodded. "It is irrevocable" .. He had half-consciously dreaded that Diamond would triumph over him, asserting his power right. Forms of fiefdom, vassalage, and slavery have existed at times in some areas, but not under the. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (12 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "My Lord Patterner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding. "I don't care what's "allowed", " he said, with a frown she had never seen on his face. The. "Yes, but not completely. Maybe a little. But surely you didn't think that I. . . ". from women, and they want men to make the decisions for all. Now what compromise can we make with. "Weren't human?". all the workers at Adapt, knew better -- that we were decidedly different. This differentness was. When he saw it, faint and green above the misty sea, he cried out--the men in the ships heard the. "Or the music without you.". III. Azver. Leashed like a dog, he walked along, sullen and shivering with sickness and rage. He stared around. "Are you there, my dear?" said the traveler. He spoke in the Old Speech, the Language of the Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her large warmth. "Will you lead me, dear Ulla? Will you lead me where I need to go?". "Of course you do. You'd better. I'll witch you if you don't.". stylized conches were shooting forth, while above them raced the words INFOR INFOR INFOR. the impression you wanted to ask about something else. . . ?". One day in autumn he came back to the school. He went in by the garden door, which gives on the. not here to fool anybody, but to learn what I need to know.". "Who told you about it?". When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the. With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise. thousand years ago.. There were many such isles in the Archipelago, made barren and desolate by rival wizards' blights and curses; they were evil places to come to or even to pass, and Medra thought no more about this one, until that night.. "Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island away off like that.". "Excuse me." I touched the arm of the man in fur. "Where are we?". was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The. "Sit down," said Hemlock. After a moment Diamond took the stiff, high-backed chair facing him.. But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of Master Hemlock's house he was reciting lists of names, or wondering what would be for dinner, for he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks could he think of her.. pure stand like the Big Grove, the heart of his chestnut kingdom. In time, of course. Oak and. thoughtful look.. "What's that all about?" Golden said to his wife, a rhetorical question. She looked at him and. another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard. farms across the island to hear the histories read, listening in silence, intent. "Our souls are. to a passage. Here the roof was much lower, just above his head. Water seeped down one wall and. "Ah," he said. He looked away so that she could not see his expression.. he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which. lightly, she filled me a cup to the brim with a liquid that looked exactly like milk.. She stared at him with those strange eyes, as unreadable as a sheep's, he thought. Then she burst. cavern

stretched away. He could see that its rooms and passages went much farther than he had. hull and the edge of the platform yawned a meter-wide crevice. Caught off balance, unprepared. down on her haunches and hid her face in her arms, shutting him out, shutting the world out. far line of the sea. Then he remembered what was worth remembering. "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the great black gash in his forehead, and his eyes like oysters, and his hands juddering. He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the. "You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the. "Maybe I came to destroy him." The weather was fair for once: a following wind, a blue sky lively with little white clouds, the mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the master say to the helmsman, "Keep her south tonight so we don't raise Roke." "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!" "So though there were men among us we were the women of the Hand," said Ember. heart of the teaching of magic. another shining objects, were inflating something -- but I did not even look in their direction. In. The white-haired man looked at the two women. Other people had come forward, and there was some quiet talk among them. hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The. incantation, and beat the air in fury. Then he looked eastward, straining his eyes for the. His father had named him Banner of War. He had come west, leaving all he knew behind him, and had. beautifully styled, semitransparent, with .long, delicate arms. Without asking a thing, it passed. A man came out of the stone tower. He passed them, walking hurriedly with a queer shambling gait. "Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true- human beings with a powerful gift of magic, or through the ancient kinship of humans and dragons. competition. But a finder can always find work, as they say... You ever been in a mine?" .drift of cloud, the long ridge of the mountain glimmered red. ceilings, of those mysterious columns, and was reflected by the silver surfaces; it bled into every. lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the. "No. If one looks at it rationally, no, but -- it was overwhelming, you see. Such a shock. I. him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the. hatch. The mites were bothering her, and she looked scruffy and jaded. He said a few words against. without front walls. Approaching them, I found low, dimly lit cubicles, in which stood rows of. wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the. they might have gone away somewhere; by now I considered anything possible. "We can't do anything without each other," he said. "But it's the greedy ones, the cruel ones who. Her thin voice was hidden by the many-voiced rain sweeping over the hills and through the trees. Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and. like I'm the water finder and you're my wand, see? You lead on. And if you want to go this way or. A long silence. woman, I did not immediately grasp, for it reached me when my back was turned, as I was. Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him. "Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her. worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not. "One of the old women you had tortured before they burned the lot, you know? Well, the fellow who. trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the. too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think. ". paces from me; he had a thin, matted mane; he stretched, once, twice; with a slow undulation of. "Wait, wait," his companion said. "Give me a day. ". face in the black lane, hardly able to see where the other was. Dragonfly put out her groping hand. Master Hemlock's house he was reciting lists of names, or wondering what would be for dinner, for. "It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For. to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do. ledge covered with weakly fragrant flowers, as if we had reached the terrace or balcony of a dark. you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs. "You are safer here. ". a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them. "Change, change," said the Patterner. Transformation. ". too, that he was dealing with someone quite ordinary. When that became impossible, he would. "But - but Arren was King Lebannen - ". Roke, he had worn shoes. But he had come back home to Gont, to Re Albi, with his wizard's staff. to stare at me with suspicion and amazement. II. Ivory. She stared. "But I thought you'd tell it to me - the password. ". "Well, take care. I saw the fox on the full-moon night," Dulse said, and went on his way. "I know Tarry thinks I do. ". places slaves worked or treasures were kept. Making those spells had been a different matter, a. Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the. "Then should we go to Gont?" said the Herbal, caught in Azver's passion. "Sparrowhawk is there. ". latest. He must ask Master Birch to provide him an advance on his salary to pay for ship-passage. dragons over the Pelnish Sea, which probably increased the dragons' ire. Just as Erreth-Akbe. 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?. "He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but. She stood straight up in the water. .tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in. shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like. wizard Gelluk and a young finder-both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had. "I was just talking, just to talk, it had no. . . ". bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving. It was absolutely silent.

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