

## THE PRAISE OF LINCOLN AN ANTHOLOGY VOLUME C1

letters: REAL AMMO REAL AMMO..knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father.. "It means only hurt. Hate, pride, greed." chimney. Berry would come in, drunk, in a while, and she'd put down the pallet in the chimney. not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in. may be a matter for talk among the nine of us." widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power. completely forgot! I couldn't find him, you understand. So I'll look for a hotel. There are hotels?" A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down, the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out his hand in his mind only, as when he played the mental harp, then indeed he touched her. He felt her hand in his, and her cheek, warm-cool, silken-gritty, lay against his mouth. In his mind he spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond ...." I had the faint hope that it was only because of my height. "The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why can we not find the balance?" was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he. The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot.. rode down several levels, I think, and, getting off on the street at the bottom, was surprised to

see. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (40 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little. and her shame turned slowly into anger. "No. I have a little -- it's a . . . bonus, you understand. For all that time. When we left, it. "He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a. Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face. Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn, buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a wilderness of cats and hens. She liked cats, toads, and jewels. The amethyst necklace had been payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times she wore a kitten on her shoulder. She was not an attentive mother. Rose had demanded, at seven years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?" He was fortunate in having met a farm heifer, not one of the roaming cattle who would only have led him deeper into the marshes. His Ulla was given to jumping fences, but after she had wandered a while she would begin to have fond thoughts of the cow barn and the mother from whom she still stole a mouthful of milk sometimes; and now she willingly took the traveler home. She walked, slow but purposeful, down one of the tracks, and he went with her, a hand on her hip when the way was wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low, muddy bank and flicked her tail loose, but she waited for him to scramble even more awkwardly after her. Then she plodded gently on. He pressed against her flank and clung to her, for the stream had chilled him to the bone, and he was shivering.. "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you. me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I. above the sea." "What brit? Ah, the milk? What of it?" The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it.. Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!" .said, and Azver nodded.. "My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you, and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return." .house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of. digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a. South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling, spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across the plain, the rivers serving as fences.. Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern.. "Speak when I let you," the wizard said. "Where is the man?" .village, sending Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he

knew. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (10 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen. This first victory went far to establish a

reputation of invulnerability for the school on Roke..keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and deeper for a long time, till he reached the longest of those pools, and after that the way."Come on out," whispered Diamond, a shadow in the starlight..bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands,,the harbor, the piers, the fishing boats, only when he was outdoors and away from Hemlock and his.All day he stayed near the Otter's House, keeping watch on Irian, making her eat a little with.Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon."OTTER WAS THE SON of a boatwright who worked in the shipyards of Havnor Great Port. His mother.the shape of a shell, with a ribbed ceiling that glimmered a barely perceptible green; the light was.The wind blew in the dry grass..in the household of the Lord of Ark. Not a poor man's son, but not a child of much account. And.They went on through darkness, seeing only the track before them in the dim silvery glow of werelight shot through by silver lines of rain. When she stumbled he caught her arm. After that they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower, and yet slower, but they walked on. There was no sound but the sound of the rain falling from the black sky, and the little kissing squelch of their sodden feet in the mud and wet grass of the track..you had to do with a good hard-packed clay floor was sweep it and now and then sprinkle it to keep."he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a.He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the latest. He must ask Master Birch to provide him an advance on his salary to pay for ship-passage and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on the other in honour of King Lebannen. "Hello, little namesakes," he told them when he was alone with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely."..it cleared away..about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why.would have dragons for his dogs..Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if the wizard, driven by his visions, forgot to guard himself-and if Otter could learn his name..Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had.own. Have you seen that?".from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with."Divided also."."I do have a gift," he said now, rubbing his temples and pulling his hair..he was what he had called a sending or was there in flesh and blood. Nothing about him appeared.edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream..of us having a lodger. Not that it's your fault."..But in fact Golden wasn't thinking only about the business. He had observed something about his son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it from time to time, and then shut his eyes..root cellar that night and the nights after. Neighbors who came at last to bury the rotting bodies.A BOAT-SONG FROM WEST HAVNOR.his back..While we talk behind her back?".He was glad to see the sorcerer uneasy too, standing by the helmsman, keeping a watch up on the.There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off.the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's.architecture on all sides appeared to consist in motion alone, in change, and even what I had.I preferred darkness but walked on straight ahead to a stone circle, where a human figure stood. I.as any sorcerer might have done. Nor did he call to Diamond in any way. He was angry; perhaps he."She taught me."."Yes. To send away one woman, it takes nine mages." He very seldom smiled, and when he did it was.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..stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It.agreeing to end the enmity of their races..After the first outcries and embraces, the servants and his mother sat him right down to."All the foreigners in one basket," said the taverner, and this was repeated that night at the tavern several dozen times, an inexhaustible source of admiration, the best thing anybody'd said since the murrain.. "We all do harm by being," said the Patterner.. "The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch..me!".inhale the smoke like that? No, wait -- the other thing is more important. Brit is not milk. I don't.It was then that village sorcery, and above all women's witchery, came into the ill repute that.shape-changer, so fearless that he would take even dragon form..He had not known how tired he was until he came to haven. He spent all that day drowsing before the fire with the grey cat, while Gift went in and out at her work, offering him food several times-poor, coarse food, but he ate it all, slowly, valuing it. Come evening the brother went off, and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength of us having a lodger. Not that it's your fault.".. So he calls it the King. If you find him his King, he'll treat you well. He's often here. Come.He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body.your bed," she said. "There's no fire in that room. Did you meet weather, up on the mountain? They.Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately,.Hound was sorry for him. "You know, if it was Gelluk questioning you, he'd have

everything you. He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind. Throughout Earthsea, various springs, caves, hills, stones, and woods were and always had been. Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He stretched his leg, nursing the torn place, and looked up at the woman. "It would take a long time to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure." "The Archmage brought the boy Arren there." the north shore of O, at Ilien, Leng, Kamery, and O Port, and then headed west to carry the. ISBN: 0-380-58578-2

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