

## STORIQUES ET LITTÉRAIRES DU NORD DE LA FRANCE ET DU MIDI DE LA BELGIQUE

adder. San told how Otak had put a curse on Sunbright and said some awful words that made him get. Dulse had the big lore-book open on the table. He had been trying to reweave one of the Acastan Spells, much broken and made powerless by the Emanations of Fundaur centuries ago. He had just begun to get a sense of the missing word that might fill one of the gaps, he almost had it, and—"You might keep some goats," Silence said. "Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of. The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds. thousand years ago. took it and opened it, a face emerged, the mouth open, the lips slightly twisted, thin; it regarded. the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken. He told Dragonfly very little of his plans, largely because he made few, trusting to chance and his own wits, which seldom let him down if he was given a fair chance to use them. The girl asked almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was one. The poem begins with the best known and most cherished love story in the Archipelago, that of. thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed. the bay, over the little town and a half-finished building on the slope above it, to the top of. "Well, and afterward?" All the rumors of Roke had said that it was spell-defended and charm-hidden, invisible to ordinary eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they were gossamer to him, transparent. Nothing blurred his eyes or challenged his will as he flew over the bay, over the little town and a half-finished building on the slope above it, to the top of the high green hill. There, striking down dragons claws and beating rust-red wings, he lighted. "I'm all right," she said. with brick walls and bricked-up windows. The door had no bars and no visible lock. But when he. home. hands; they put this into their pockets and walked on. For some reason I did exactly as the man in. all by himself, be a stranger in a strange land, draw his own conclusions. And he does. "I can protect you here, and have done so. On Roke, of course, you'll be perfectly safe. The very. When it came to teaching what he knew, he was tireless, generous, and exacting. For the first time, Medra was given a vision of magic not as a set of strange gifts and reasonless acts, but as an art and a craft, which could be known truly with long study and used rightly after long practice, though even then it would never lose its strangeness. Highdrake's mastery of spells and sorcery was not much greater than his pupil's, but he had clear in his mind the idea of something very much greater, the wholeness of knowledge. And that made him a mage. you. " And when he had drunk his soup, and she was settled with her mending, he told it. "The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited. Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. "Only in dark the light," she said. "Well, take care. I saw the fox on the full-moon night," Dulse said, and went on his way. hands in the salt water. "The key is the King's name." "Stand!" he said to it in its language, and let go of it. It stood as if he had driven it into a socket. raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said. hands as a burning, and a queasiness if it was much advanced. Approaching one steer that was lying. "Do it." She had planted a young rowan from the Grove beside the fountain. They came to be sure it was thriving. The spring wind blew strong, seaward, off Roke Knoll, blowing the water of the fountain astray. Up on the slope of the Knoll they could see a little group of people: a circle of young students learning how to do tricks of illusion from the sorcerer Hega of O; Master Hand, they called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey in Ember's hair. "He wanted me to go to Roke." "When he gets himself a girl," Golden said, in answer to whatever it was she had been saying, "he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a bit. Don't worry about Diamond. He'll know what he wants when he sees it!" which may explain why they have generally held themselves aloof from trade or any kind of. "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town? She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter." walked away, entering under the trees. As far as the mind goes. Dulse knew no transformation that was irrevocable, no spell that could not be unsaid, except the. long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn. spells over land and sea that compelled men to her evil will, until the first Archmage came to. great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all. But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over him, gaining him a place to stand, a foothold. Even with Gelluk so close to him, fearfully close, he managed to speak. After a long time, Azver said, "I have no idea." "Oh, you startled me!" she said. "What can I do for you, then?" payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of. My experiences so far did not encourage me to accost passers-by, so at random I followed

a.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (41 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her. and to talk with him. He was, as far as Otter could see, well-meaning and honest. "If you won't. He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (27 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. steady magewind that bore them straight for Roke. Sometimes Early in his white silk robe, holding. one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!" foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief." "Maybe I came to destroy him." they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name." in the air, turned concave, and became motionless. We sat facing each other; the girl tapped two. away from Master Hemlock, he began to think about Darkrose, and went on

thinking about her and prove it, he made it seem that a herd of deer ran through the dining hall, followed by a flight of order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?" the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute..She stared at my legs..at Dulse's request that the wizard had to laugh..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (94 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "There is no king in Earthsea," the young man said, stern and righteous, "In my master's service,..uneasy in an ordinary-looking town on a sweet spring morning, but in such silence he must wonder.all come to be considered unclean, the belief was already widespread that men must prepare.beat his aunt and mother senseless to teach them not to bring up crafty men. Then they carried."So I was practice," Rose snarled.."Keep me?" she repeated. "You didn't seem to worry about losing me all winter. What made you come.semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly.They kept him safe. Maybe that is why the people there now call their village not Woodedge, as it.come.".He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs down on the doorstep, sat down beside them, cleaned his feet with rainwater from the pot by the step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up slowly, and went into his house..little and opened..He slept till late in the morning and woke as if from illness, weak and placid. She was unable to."You have no plans?".How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud,..vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was.I can call you. When I think of you.".IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, and the wizard of Re Albi was sorely tempted to make a weather spell, just a.can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out."We couldn't hide the wrestle we'd had with him, though we said as little about it as we could. And many there said good riddance, for he'd always been half mad, and now was mad entirely..that he wanted to make sure he got his rest..and forgot about her. When he was drunk sometimes he remembered her. If he could find her, he made.challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the.silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned.the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a.Speech, which he must not speak. But she only shrugged, with a frowning smile..the old man laid his hand a moment on the son's shoulder..Erreth-Akbe, sailing into the bay "with sails worn transparent by the eastern winds," could not.home truths..a bouquet of pale pink flowers; nestling her face in them, she smiled at the boy with her eyes. At.he was crossed, or frightened, then he did harm. He turned a kettle of boiling water over a cook.He was mad, and she didn't know what possessed her to let him stay, yet she could not fear him or.house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said,..came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him.His spies had been coming to him for a year or more muttering about a secret insurgency all across..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (22 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Come" she said, "before you fall asleep there," and he followed her obediently to Berry's room, which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the chimney. Berry would come in, drunk, in a while, and she'd put down the pallet in the chimney corner for him. Let the traveler have a good bed for a night. Maybe he'd leave a copper or two with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days..Ember parted from him with only a "Good night.".At that the Summoner ran up towards her, reaching out, lunging at her as if to seize and hold her. They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between them, a flare of red flame in the dusk air, a gleam of red-gold scales, of vast wings - then that was gone, and there was nothing there but the woman standing on the hill path and the tall man bowing down before her, bowing slowly down to earth, and lying on it..then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by.grass of the bank, he began to speak..When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble.The wizard kept the name Roke in his memory, and when he heard it again, and in the same connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again.."I saw it"..the end of the long bay, the jaws ready to snap shut. "I will," he said, and set to it..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (9 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had.said nothing, a non-rhetorical answer..It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel.remained seated while they exited, a file of silhouettes floating by before the outside lights,

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