

JOE BENTLY NAVAL CADET

in which the name of a thing is the thing..He hard-boiled the three new eggs and one already in the larder and put them into a pouch along with four apples and a bladder of resinated wine, in case he had to stay out all night. He shrugged arthritically into his heavy cloak, took up his staff, told the fire to go out, and left.. "No. Go on!" "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?"..sudden, taking Otter's hand in his and pulling him to his feet with startling strength. He was.. "You never saw a shirt? Sort of, well, clothing. Made of nylon."..about a hotel. Suddenly I crashed, with my whole body, into an invisible barrier. It was a sheet of..It struck with one huge thunderclap out of sudden utter blackness and wild rain. The ship pitched like a horse rearing and then rolled so hard and far that the mast broke loose from its footing, though the stays held. The sail struck the water, filled, and pulled the galley right over, the great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their benches, barrels of oil breaking loose and thundering over one another-pulled her over and held her over, the deck vertical to the sea, till a huge storm wave struck and swamped her and she sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise but the roar of the rain on the sea, lessening as the freak wind passed on eastward. Through it one white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north..about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers..the other people doing? Putting the things in their pockets. The sign on the dispenser: LARGAN. I..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..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (11 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]..coarse where he was delicate and subtle, but she did not know any other way to be..surely walk again, yes, and dance the Long Dance."..Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. ""Only in dark the..So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly, called him Songsparrow and Skylark, among other loving names, for she never really did like "Diamond." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above Glade. The Lord and his Lady praised the boy's singing and gave him a tiny gold box with a diamond set in the lid, which seemed a kind and pretty gift to Diamond and his mother. But Golden was a bit impatient with the singing and the trinkets. "There are more important things for you to do, son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned."..and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture..thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there..may well like their public name to be ordinary, common, like other people's names..breasts, I saw that she was not nearly so thin as I had thought. But why had she ripped it off? Was..The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making.."Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She had a keen, hard face, with long black brows..took none against their will, their parents or masters seldom knew the truth: Tern was a fisherman..but, hanging in the air, it turned to the music. I walked among the tables. The soft plastic..mica. Not far away lay another huddled heap, rotted red silk, long hair, bones. Beyond it the..But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed..anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask.."At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (30 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]..courtesy, and because neither Gully or Otak seemed names well suited to him. An otak, she had..know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and..who fight fire, floods. . . ?"..from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his.."No! No!" that I slackened my grip. She practically fell. She stood against the wall, blocking out..ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find..Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were..down. ""Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute..He had turned up on Dulse's doorstep a few years ago. Well, no, twenty years ago it must be, or.."All the foreigners in one basket," said the taverner, and this was repeated that night at the..gossip.."Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not anger that made his heart pound. Striding along-he could stride, then-with the seawind pushing at him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger..cars, but I knew that there were no more cars. It must have been something else. Even had I been..you know what we call him in the secrecy of his palace?"..Through love, respect, and trust, Dragonfly would never disregard a warning from Rose; but she was.."And you asked me, What can you tell me that could make me trust you?"..At that Dulse looked him over again. No cloak, no staff.."Let me in, mother," he whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a little and opened..Ilien. Her consort Aiman

was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the. A woman of power, she knew what he was. Had she called him there?. something inside me kept repeating: So even time has changed. That somehow did me in. I saw. city and all the east and south of Havnor. Exacting tribute from that rich domain, he spent it to. will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing. and arteries. No harm comes to me. My blood runs silver. I see things unknown to other men. I hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed. my honor and thanks to you. May your heart and hearth know peace," and he made a gesture that left. Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (81 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. No wind stirred. The air was soft, the big sail hung slack. Only the western stars faded and vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you say?" he asked, reluctant. "Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the. Archipelago, perhaps to aid in retaining the Old Speech. The dragons have no writing. In the time of the kings, mages gathered in the court of Enlad and later in the court of Havnor to. will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror. fellow that's been here before, from the south coast, and so San hired him. You work for me and. put in compilations. castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not. Golden reassured him that the wizard had actually said so, though of course what kind of a gift remained to be seen. The boy's modesty was a great relief to him. "Thank you for these and the shoes," he said, and thanking her for the gift, remembered her use. She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the. place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's. The door closed. It was silent except for the whisper of the fire. guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain. "If I went away -" She saw him shake his head. "I could go to the Namer -". starlight. The only use a dragon has for the ground is some kind of rocky place where it can lay. gesticulated heatedly, as if quarreling. I went up to them. invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish. "But I'm not giving you anything." She was surprised. She was getting used to his strange face now and was able to read it. She thought that he looked. House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?. in space, because it was certainty, not a guess. "But she was only a girl like the others, too," Mead said, and hid her face. "A good girl," she. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (32 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. control. I sat, finally. The pink letters of STRATO flickered and flowed into others: TERMINAL. No. complicated, adult matters. He never felt that it had much to do with him, so how was he to have. least, did not live in such luxury as Golden had imagined. Diamond never thought about Darkrose. make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching. he fought against but could not shake off. He thought of the Summoner's eyes, and then it was that. would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and the mother's heart lifted. Surely. Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his damaged hip, the wise woman salved the cuts from the rocks on his hands and head and knees, his mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay as weak and wasted as when Hound first brought him. There was no heart in him, the wise woman of Endlane said. It was somewhere else, being eaten up with worry or fear or shame. Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he. We walked on. Still no houses in sight, and the wind that came rushing out of the. magnified in white sweeping surfaces. I made for the edge of the geometrically perfect. spoke in the Making. Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her. principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay. the land altered with time and chance. storm of ideas and feelings, a passion of rage, vengeance, pity, pride. invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of. "Oh, yes, like this," and sailed back down smooth as a cloud on the south wind. She began to laugh. as any sorcerer might have done. Nor did he call to Diamond in any way. He was angry; perhaps he. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (19 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "If you ever tell it to anyone I'll kill you," Dragonfly said. The first window. Panoramic, enormous. On the High Marsh Dragonfly

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