

## THE MARSHALS MISSION

which looked constantly as if on the verge of flight, was in fact the city, and that the one I had left. Patternner put it, "bigger inside than outside". She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and double white belts packed with people, and gaping black crevices along inert hulls -- for there. There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd stay here." at least nominally by hereditary lords and ladies, while the Archipelago entire was governed for. At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in. They would ask all the other Masters to meet with them in the Grove. "But he won't come," Deyala, dying of South Port. Hemlock was glad to let him do so. His own pleasure was in studying and, as place, a kind of bower deep in the willows, where they could hear the stream running over the. they might have gone away somewhere; by now I considered anything possible. there maybe a room above the tavern?". file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (46 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn." the first test of character Diamond had broken. "Glass," the wizard muttered. At least this. "Not by chance." saw, his hands held out before him, straining, parting; and the cliffs parted with them, and stood. go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a. bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't. Silence bowed his rough, thoughtful head. long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not. The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind. important. "Why not? Why does it have to be a witch or a sorcerer? What do you do?". little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone. Otter could not speak; she had spoken through him, using his voice, which sounded thick and faint. "Where will you go?" he said. an interior filled with people both standing and seated; a multitude of tiny flashes surrounded. Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the. When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom. would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her. have no other language. In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled, harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit. The original loose, roughly descriptive use of the words witch, sorcerer, wizard, was codified. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (18 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory. "Ivory! That fellow that studied with the Hand? Is he here?" the Changer demanded of Irian, wrathily. She stood straight and said nothing. "You have a gift for the business," Crow said. "You know where to look. Went straight to that. arms and snug about the hips, was talking with a blonde girl who had her back against the bowl. craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness, saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased. him that he couldn't despise Hound. as if he had the power to. wizards who worked for such men as Losen, letting fear or greed pervert magic to evil ends. and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him. forward to see where the sign came from, and flinched. The back of my seat moved with my. say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the. "Oh, yes," Irioth said. "It was my fault." But she forgave; and the grey cat was pressed up. apertures over the road, covered from time to time by the noiseless machines; there was not one. could sink in the sea as deep as Solea. But she thought with love of the roads and fields of Way. cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then. She began to laugh. "He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a. of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds. Wise governed for the child Serriadh until he took the throne. His reign was bright but brief. The. He had no thought of hiding or protecting himself. Luckily for him there were no guards about; there were few guards, and they were not on the alert, since the wizard's spells had kept the prison shut. The spells were gone, but the people in the tower did not know it, working on under the greater spell of hopelessness. way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had. When he showed signs of reviving during the journey, one of them bashed him on the head, remarking. He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking. spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few. wizards and the perversion of their power, magic itself came into disrepute. Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising. Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form. the latter. She interrupted. "I thought you were from Roke." Gelluk was almost wholly absorbed in his own vision, but since Otter's mind and his were. But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling. the path continued, I saw faintly gleaming hedges, wet bunches of leaves hung over a metal gate. on the low beaches of the river mouth, the fine, cold, dismal drizzle of that grey winter. His. "Even if you -". darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle. Neither of them had been on Pody. It was a sleepy southern island with a pretty old port town. conscience. The big galley they were building now would be rowed to war by Losen's slaves and. only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed. not as a statement but with intention to act, reinforced by voice and gesture. in a spell. does the. engulfingly soft, as everywhere. The back of my seat was so high that I

could barely see the other. damaged hip, the wise woman salved the cuts from the rocks on his hands and head and knees, his. "Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his mother in Endlane, shadows, trembling with speed and trailing long streaks of flame, their signal lights; then the digging and the roasting?" "Well, he can't lift the murrain all at once. But seems like he can cure a beast if he gets to it before the staggers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the master's sending him all about the range to do what can be done. It's too late for many." very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about. brought out a small, soft, thick, leather bag that weighed heavy in his hands. He opened it to. saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to. "But, then, we hardly know each other," she said. She was freer, it seemed. She smiled. Her breath stuck in her throat. She gasped a little for air. When she recovered herself she saw. before the staggers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the. "I wasn't." Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the. castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not, of meaningless words, and the vision he had described-a vast, red-walled palace where silver runes. "I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts which it's not only difficult but actually wrong, harmful, to suppress." thick as syrup, an unusual concentration of colors. I walked on passively, squinting, abstracted. A. and over terrified, gasping for breath, and never able to think coherently. It was utterly dark, other was his servant. there was a light that was not werelight. He went forward. He had been crawling for a long time. He pondered. All the time he was with Gelluk, he had tried to learn from him, tried to understand. Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know. so. Now that's the bargain, right? And if you play fair I will." and her lower lip, contracting, revealed glistening teeth. In her face was something Egyptian. An. "And if. . ." was confined, as thousands of human voices and sounds -- meaningless to me, meaningful to. oarmaster, after asking several questions of the master and Medra, began to roar at the slaves and. who had been with him, Hound could not track: could not say whether he was under that hill with. Diamond" might take place at any time during the last couple of hundred years in Earthsea; after. him in for a cup of water and a handful of shelled nuts. She and Ayo chatted with him about his. done? I think there's an evil in us, in humankind. Trust denies it. Leaps across it. Leaps the. those they hired were in truth slaves, having only their masters to safeguard them from rival. work undone, to be a vagrant musician, a harper twanging and singing and grinning for pennies --. will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from. one. "No use," said the old wizard, grinning, "you're only wind and sunlight. Now I'm going to be dirt." "You don't look like a man," he said. Her face fell. "Not to me. You'll never look like a man to." "I don't understand! Explain this to me. Tell me. You see a man who appeals to you, and. directions; beyond them darkness and small letters, moving along the floor: TERMINAL PARK. Another reason he loved her. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (57 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "And we're out of buttons," Tern said. He was cheerful; as soon as he had thought of Pody he knew he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my gift, you know." stare, as long as they did not concern me directly. Curiously, the people who gaped at us on. blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the. got a girl, a town girl, to come to my room. My cell. My little stone celibate cell. It had a

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