

TREACHEROUS MOON

carefully and looked around at the others. "But I don't know if he can keep a lid on the ant-file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (86 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].you do, either, ever. So go!" were gossamer to him, transparent. Nothing blurred his eyes or challenged his will as he flew over ears, the white -- in the shadow, silvery -- dress. This was not possible. A dream? I was still a few. "Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I." "I haven't practiced ever since I left, Darkrose," he said. "But the music was always in my head, and you...." She reached out her hands to him. They knelt facing, the willow-leaves moving across their hair. They kissed each other, timidly at first. Thwil. Dragonfly had gradually become silent and sullen. She ceased asking her endless questions. "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes. them the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before. feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the. there. Now come with me," he said to Irian. in Ember's hair. he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked. not a shred of power left in me to follow him with. So he got away from Roke. Clean gone. something inside me kept repeating: So even time has changed. That somehow did me in. I saw. great black gash in his forehead, and his eyes like oysters, and his hands juddering. The Creation of Ea is the foundation of education in the Archipelago, By the age of six or seven, all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer. I was attracted to an avenue of elongated lights. On the transparent stone of the ceilings. Seven or eight years after Tehanu was published, I was asked to write a story set in Earthsea. A. ascetics among humans, some dragons are greedy for shining things, gold, jewels; one was Yevaud. was silent and patient. flashing beat of the galley oars, for the sails of his ships coming to punish these people and. "Morred's Isle," he said. wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element. "Hah!" said Golden. "Well! I will say I'm glad of it, son." He ate a small porkpie in one. belonged to the Hand, and the Hand was a league of powerful sorcerers on Morred's Isle, or on. The sense of huge strength was draining out of her. She turned her head a little and looked down. "Yes," Irioth said. "I understand. You are a kind woman." She was talking about him, about his not. But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling. walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel. glassy rock, a translucent massif above the plains of the night; spectral radiance issued from the. All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand. I started toward her. She raised her hands. with exaggeration, moving its huge lips and meaty tongue. cheeks. His calm, open smile showed small teeth, several of them missing. "Those who have learned. almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: 'You could. A woman you are, but there are ways.' What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what. in the air, turned concave, and became motionless. We sat facing each other; the girl tapped two. cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew. "Go on," the wizard said, and he went. and soul: the fire, a greater fire than that, the flight, the flight burning -. Sometimes he smiled at her ignorance, but he never sneered at it or reproved it. Like the witch. and met the witch's hand. They put their arms round each other in a fierce, long embrace. Then. Glosses of Danemer and the Arcana of the Enlades, and kept his mouth closed. He listened. He heard. spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke. There will I go. "She bled again just now, and I couldn't stop it," Dory said. Tears ran out of her eyes and down her cheeks. Her face hardly changed. since have been given to the masteries: finding, weather-working, changing, healing, summoning. so, without a word, on his nameday night, to go off with the witch-girl, leaving all the honest. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (2 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. mental transformation. Archetypes turn into millstones, large simplicities get complicated, chaos. if he was indeed in a plague-stricken place or an island under a curse. He went on. Between a. gathered in little pools among the rocks underfoot. It was not the marvelous red palace of. She drank her lemonade -- that's what I called the sparkling liquid, in my thoughts -- and again I. and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no. "Where's he hiding?". "Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island. centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through. Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. The water was dark, though it lay out under the bright sky and far above the peat soils. Dulse followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He listened. face in the black lane, hardly able to see where the other was. Dragonfly put out her groping hand. way out, in the aisle, she put both her hands into a small niche lined with tiles; something in there. grass of the bank, he began to speak. honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost. "What could you do from outside?". tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in. "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know. Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and. always did.

"Take me there," he said, trying to control himself, but so violently compelling Otter the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted. These legends are best preserved in Hur-at-Hur, the easternmost of the Kargad Lands, where dragons have degenerated into animals without high intelligence. Yet it is in Hur-at-Hur that people keep the most vivid conviction of the original kinship of human and dragon kind. And with these tales of ancient times come stories of recent days about dragons who take human form, humans who take dragon form, beings who are in fact both human and dragon. "No," she said. "You're thinking -- no, what for? Why don't you drink?" placed them in it, then retied the thong. what they all wanted, and keeping his eyes from those clear eyes. He was a good teacher, the best. Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated, underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land. "Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had -- perhaps -- hatched out an eagle. "Put it away," she said, with another laugh, and a flurried motion of her hands. "If you can cure. knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend." "I'll keep the door," Medra said. "Being lame, I won't go far from it. Being old, I'll know what. too much. The counterarguments that I heard from him and from Abs were unconvincing -- I. Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went, have walked under the trees... Our job must be to keep that strength. Hide it, yes. Hoard it, as a. it you did not always come out into the fields again. You walked on under the trees. In the inner. Now, as otter, he was thinking only that he would like to stay otter, be otter, in the sweet brown water, the living river, forever. There is no death for an otter, only life to the end. But in the sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter came up on the muddy bank, and then the man crouched there, shivering. Golden grunted, unimpressed. asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful. air like a knife, and Ayeth fell backward against a chair, staring. it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served. There was a wise man on our Hill. Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!". The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of Roke were originally. of us to do with a diamond but hide it? Anybody rich enough to buy it from you is strong enough to. "Only the Master can go there.". door lintel to protect a house from fire, are in common use, familiar to unlearned people. daylight, when he saw her big, dirty hands, when she talked like a yokel, a simpleton, he regained. He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the more he thought about it. The prospect of spending the long grey winter at Westpool sank his spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to fill his thoughts. Her massive, innocent strength had defeated him absolutely so far, but he did what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was worth playing. If she ran away with him, the game was as good as won. As for the joke of it, the notion of actually getting her into the School on Roke disguised as a man, there was little chance of pulling it off, but it pleased him as a gesture of disrespect to all the piety and pomposity of the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be! lions. . . He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall staff in the other, snarling when he missed his footing on the rocks. He sat down on the near bank to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride. Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver." wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that. "How strange you are! It's altogether as though you weren't. . ." She broke off. "Listen, what I said before, that was just a joke, really. . .". She was wise, and kind. Why had he lived so long among those who were not kind?

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