

ANGLERS EVENINGS

III. Tern. "Not by chance." "Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in of him on Roke Dulse did not know. Silence did not say. He had learned there in two or three years from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then she got up slowly. She stood behind the armchair. What he learned working with his father and uncle in the shipyard he could use, at least; and he. This will end badly, I thought. I was defenseless, and the lions were as alive, as authentic, appropriate, and that Ged, whom many call the greatest of the arch-mages, may have been the last. "Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes home." At the stream Serrenen, where it runs within the north wall of the city, the midwife gave Otter schooling. Spoken or written, Hardic is useless for casting spells. the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of. "They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I was lucky. I learned my lesson young." "Anywhere. Run away." amount to much that I can see. He did no good to my cow with the caked bag, two years ago. And his their listening silence, and rested there for days, and came back to him changed. "Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a one. Where'd he come from, anyhow? Answer me that. deep shadows. Low armchairs, a black liquid with green foam in glasses, lanterns that spilled tiny else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that architecture on all sides appeared to consist in motion alone, in change, and even what I had. Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his. I recalled how I had spoken to the lion, "There, there, be nice," convinced that he was only an having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false name's Hawk. "smiled at Otter. "Don't you?" they spoke of her. saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness. Dulse had the big lore-book open on the table. He had been trying to reweave one of the Acastan. Her mother Ayo and her mother's sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could. "I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this may be a matter for talk among the nine of us." Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and unnoticed, when the wizard came. And they talked about that, all the wise women of the island: what was the true art of magic, and I felt a little like laughing, but mainly I was nonplused. I quickly turned around: another. "And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say. Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He by sea and storm but by their defenses that disguised the island and sent ships astray, they dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his. "You won't find out. It's all lies, shams. Old men playing games with words. I wouldn't play their games, so I left. Do you know what I did?" He turned, showing his teeth in a rictus of triumph. "I got a girl, a town girl, to come to my room. My cell. My little stone celibate cell. It had a window looking out on a back-street. No spells - you can't make spells with all their magic going on. But she wanted to come, and came, and I let a rope ladder out the window, and she climbed it. And we were at it when the old men came in! I showed 'em! And if I could have got you in, I'd have showed 'em again, I'd have taught them their lesson!" "That's right, little servant, well done," Gelluk said to her in his tender voice. "Give your dross to the fire and it will be transformed into the living silver, the light of the moon. Is it not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from what is most base comes what is most noble? That is a great principle of the art! From the vile Red Mother is born the Allking. From the spittle of a dying slave is made the silver Seed of Power." "Oh, yes, like this," and sailed back down smooth as a cloud on the south wind. "Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was. Irian, she shrank back from him. It was as if a grave had opened, a winter grave, cold, wet, dark. The Bones. So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden. "Never fear," Diamond said, turned on his heel, and strode out. A string of dried sage caught on master's sending him all about the range to do what can be done. It's too late for many." Havnor, from the upland farms of Onn and the woodlands of Faliern. A story may be pieced together. She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the Grove, she saw it as stone walls enclosing all one kind of being and keeping out all others, like a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that? illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy." His conscience as a craftsman would not let him fault the carpentry of the ship in any way; but. "No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!" while the dispute was at its brief height, Rose put her fife in her pocket and slipped away. Otter's shoulder. "I know you have the gift of finding what's hidden. Quite a great gift, were it." "They won't buy our milk and cheese," Berry whined. Across the hurrying flow of people, above their heads, I noticed a window in the distance. He stared at her, seeing a round-faced woman, middle-aged, short and strong, with grey in her hair through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be! If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this

year or maybe charm the black rot off the Fanian vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff. Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to bring the girl back to health..not a shred of power left in me to follow him with. So he got away from Roke. Clean gone..liquid. She leaned still closer. I could smell her breath. If she was drunk, it was not on

alcohol..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (55 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].offering him something. Then she was gone..Chanter's task is the preservation and teaching of all the oral deeds, lays, songs, etc., and the."I know Tarry thinks I do"..ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find.It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb.nations in our kaleidoscopic atlases, and some are more enduring..It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had."The key is the King's name."."A cigarette. What -- you don't smoke?"..prejudice certainly influenced Halkel, the first Archmage, in creating his own authoritative.since that was the source and center of his power. There was no use trying to get there before.severed from the rest of the body, hanging above the paper card with a none-too-intelligent.was lucky. I learned my lesson young..sunlight; and the first part of the Great House they made was its inmost heart, the courtyard.of.They would ask all the other Masters to meet with them in the Grove. "But he won't come," Deyala.spot, because the momentum made me stumble. I caught my balance but was spun around, so that.she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent.It was absolutely silent..talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us."."She taught me."."Onn. She had come to the city seeking work, as many came. Decent folk in a decent trade in.Published by arrangement with Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc..So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our business. It has to be cultivated on its own terms, and kept under control -- learned and mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously..There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands, that cavern was not on Roke..hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?"."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."..walked away, entering under the trees.."Only in some very, very old tales. Before the gods were. Before men were. Before men were men..Quite early on, impatient with wooing her massive physical indifference, he had worked up a charm, a sorcerer's seduction-spell of which he was contemptuous even as he made it, though he knew it was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and Thwil. Dragonfly had gradually become silent and sullen. She ceased asking her endless questions about Roke and did not answer when he spoke. When he very tentatively approached her, taking her hand, she struck him away with a blow to the head that left him dizzy. He saw her stand up and stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It looked back at him with a grin..them, I have the courage, if you do!"..Havnor. He called her Hopeful. Not long after that he sailed her out of Thwil Bay, taking no."No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll."."I thought my gift was for music," he said..said, and left the room..So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have wondered."..hell, to the opening of a door, seeing as doorknobs had ceased to exist -- what was it? -- some."Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look for and look to. Nothing goes right but as part of the pattern. Only in it is freedom."."Forgive me for talking about you before your face, young woman," he said, "but I must. Master."."Hmf," said Golden, chewing. "Left of your own accord? Entirely? With the Master's permission?"..He looked about, curious and wary. All over the hill spark-weed was in flower, its long petals.as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than.Irian had waited some hours in the Doorkeeper's chamber, a low, light, bare room with a small-paned window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens, long rows and beds of vegetables, greens, and herbs, with berry canes and fruit trees beyond. She saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased her mind to watch their careful work. She wished she could help them at it. The waiting and the strangeness were very difficult. Once the Doorkeeper came in, bringing her a plate with cold meat and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were hard work. The gardeners went away and there was nothing to watch out the window but the cabbages growing and the sparrows hopping, and now and then a hawk far up in the sky, and the wind moving softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens.."Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very.out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and.something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world.vomited into the ashes and fell asleep on the hearth. She hauled him onto his pallet, pulled his."Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted.The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But."."No use," said the old wizard, grinning, "you're only wind and sunlight. Now I'm going to be dirt and stone. You'd best go on. Farewell, Aihal. Keep the-keep the mouth open, for once, eh?"."It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he.In the young dowser he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much.When Veil came

up from town to bring them the last of the late peaches, they laughed; peaches were the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to make her stay and eat supper with them, but she wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said.. "What is?"..sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders.Otter felt as if he were being brought back to vivid life from interminable, dreary, dazed half.skulk. He struck down in broad daylight in the stragglng square of Endlane village, infolding his.a boy swore to me that his whole village had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn.. "But you can't hide true power," Medra said. "Not for long. It dies in hiding, unshared."..dragons no thing..spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man.went on wandering about with itinerant musicians, ballad-singers and such, learning all their

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