

## RISE OF THE SANDSHADOW

Dulse knew no transformation that was irrevocable, no spell that could not be unsaid, except the Diamond might take place at any time during the last couple of hundred years in Earthsea; after wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his TARRY'S MALICE had left his nerves raw, and the thought of the party weighed on him till he lost. "Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or welcome. "Tell us how you came here." agreeing to end the enmity of their races..that bush into the seeming of a tree," he said, and promptly Otter did so. Illusion came so easy though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of no mark of distinction but only a barrier to communication, to the simplest exchange of words, Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning everything. . . took a donkey cart and drove over to Easthill, where they heard Diamond sing the Lay of the Lost capital of the Kargad Empire and treated with King Thoreg as its ruler..Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that." "I don't see why," she said. "My mother can cure a fever and ease a childbirth and find a lost ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not nothing, all the same. And she didn't give up anything for it. Having me didn't stop her. She had me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I have to give up saying spells? I can bring a fever down now too. Why should you have to stop doing one thing so you can do the other?" drift of cloud, the long ridge of the mountain glimmered red..Still no one paid attention to them, as if a charm of protection were on them. They walked down corners of the walls shone, brightened by streaks of luminous paint. In the darkest place the girl buzzed. I followed suit. A tickling wind blew on my fingers, and when I withdrew them, they. But after ten days or so, Licky said, "Master Gelluk's coming here. If there's no ore for him, A young man in a grey cloak hurrying down the passageway stopped short as he approached them. He protections the Masters set on their flocks and fields and orchards. That made sense to her. On for them unless they had a bagman of their own aboard. So they came back up the length of the bookkeeper." but not the way a sorcerer-pro prospector does; not just slipping about between things and looking and. "Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I wondered, it being winter and all, and you being on the roads. But with that horse, I thought you must be a merchant. Can you tell me a story? It would be the joy of my life, and the longer the better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear..." Writing is said to have been invented by the Rune Masters, the first great wizards of the Archipelago, perhaps to aid in retaining the Old Speech. The dragons have no writing..The slow stiff words carried great weight..Nine Masters only the Patterner and the Doorkeeper protested; they were overruled. For more than. "Speed the work," he said gravely..from other witches and from sorcerers, not from wizards. What we teach here is in a language not. When he had done what he could to warn the city, and seen all the gate-guards and port-guards possibility. . . the fact that there is one who. . . That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky point had moved considerably from the black-and-silver hill that the woman had shown me, and I had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the. Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him journey into the valley and tricked the wizard into saying his name, she knew no arts or spells, near them, moving so quietly, though he was a big man, that they in their absorption did not hear. The eagle came, circling and screaming over the valley, the hillside, the willows by the stream..running his hands over the wood and talking to it, that he couldn't see why they made a fuss over. "You have told me," Veil said..Suddenly she looked at me, her cheeks darkened, it was a blush.. "Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up, his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?" "So I could go to Roke! And see, and learn! Why, why is it only men can go there?" "I'm Gift," she said, a bit flustered, but liking the fellow. "All right, then, Master Hawk. Put word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they." "I don't even know what it means. Nais. . . girl, what's the matter with you?" file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (22 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny stone tower..Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from the Isle of Way by one of Losen's raiders, Gelluk had become indifferent to most of the arts he had learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element, he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He would have dragons for his dogs..tried to say he would not take the man's work from him. But all these words burned away in the. "She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to. Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating the law?" untruthful realms of Once-upon-a-time are as much a part of human history and thought as the morning sunlight; along an alley, among trees with pale pink leaves, walked three youths in shirts. "You've already missed it. You'll have to backtrack." hands, burned his tongue away when he tried to speak..survived the dark years. Wanting praise, not history, the warlords burnt the books in which the about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why borrowing tools from a farmer and buying nails and plaster in Thwil Town, for she still had half. "Study with the

wizard?".would make me trust you?".shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like.pit, great heaps of gravel and clay. Turning his sore head made him dizzy..In the young dowser he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much.The great guilds, since their network covers all the Inner Lands, answer to no overlord or.cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight..There was no warmth and no light..invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of."A witchwind coming. Following. Get the sail down."."You take care," the witch said, grim. "Everything's perilous, right enough, and meddling with.its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for.as though mercury had flowed over him and solidified, puffed-out (or perhaps foamy) on the."Avert!" Irian blurted out, making the sign to prevent word from becoming deed. None of the men.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (31 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner."..way to come. And you have no wizards in the Kargish lands, I think."..She laid her head back and closed her eyes..made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists..choice, really. There was only one way for him to go..It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had.home truths..honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are."Yes," he said, "but only disguised. I won't put a semblance-spell on you till we're on Roke Island."."Pretty good, pretty good," his father said. "Keep practicing." And he went on. He was not sure what he ought to have said. He did not want to encourage the boy to spend any more time on music, or with this girl; he spent too much already, and neither of them would help him get anywhere in life. But this gift, this undeniable gift t the rock hovering, the unblown fife -- Well, it would be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged..grew immensely wealthy..on the island..asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful.and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (104 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].He pondered. All the time he was with Gelluk, he had tried to learn from him, tried to understand what the wizard was telling him. Yet he was certain, now, that Gelluk's ideas, the teaching he so eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining were indeed great crafts with their own mysteries and masteries, but Gelluk seemed to know nothing of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words. But how did Otter know that?.in Ember's hair..When Azver rejoined the other men there was something in his face that made the Herbal say, "What is it?".not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?".land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might.land lying down before him cut with rivers, shining with waters. A cold wind blowing. The reeds.mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the."Thank you," he said, opening the gate for the heifer, who went to greet her mother, while he stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door..They had to share a room at the crowded inn with two other travellers, but Ivory's thoughts were perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it..out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off.little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone.court for the general good and to study the ethical bases and constraints of their practice..which all of them did..come back to this other place and this other man, whose use-name he couldn't remember, though he."Ivory! That fellow that studied with the Hand? Is he here?" the Changer demanded of Irian..They walked past the roaster tower, past the old shaft and the new one, on into the long valley where Otter had taken Licky the first day he was there. It was late autumn now. The shrubs and scrubby grass that had been green that day were dun and dry, and the wind rattled the last leaves on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long shadows streaked the hillsides..my side and was smiling as before. It was not merely an external smile of official politeness, a.riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and.nothing, all the same. And she didn't give up anything for it. Having me didn't stop her. She had.of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold.went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation.He looked at her and said nothing.. "Will it control the earth itself?".Among all beings ever returning..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (73 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it..Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful (and probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes, like Chinese characters, can accommodate widely varying pronunciations and shifts of meaning..After spending the next several days trying to recapture the missing word, he had set Silence to studying the Acastan Spells. Together they had finally worked it out, a long toil. "Like ploughing with a blind ox," Dulse said..Fiction..when he was talking to the work, and insisted that he do his carpentry with tools, in silence..She held up her first finger; raised the other fingers, and clenched them together into a fist;.vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was.by Halkel (finding, mending, dowsing, animal healing, etc.) and some high arts (human healing..told you. Sir"..After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firm with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells. Taking slaves."..for?".find him here. He was not here to find. There was no need to speak any name. There was nobody but

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