

THE ENCHANTED WORLD OF BRACKEN LEA

"Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to his left..locked in its muteness..Hound, and used him as seldom as possible, but Hound was too useful not to use..horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (73 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (77 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].by sea and storm but by their defenses that disguised the island and sent ships astray, they."The problem is..."Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him..sodden leaves; I froze..danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set.Grass growing out of gravelly dirt; the seamless earth..He heard behind him the next tune start up, the viol alone, strong and sad as a tenor voice: face at which the miners worked. Old timbers creaked, dirt sifted down. Though the air ran cool.Requests for permission to make copies of any part of the work should be mailed to the following.prophecy, they say so will the Archmage be one returned from death."Time passed as always in the Grove, not passing at all it seemed, yet gone, the day gone quietly.but never by the name giver..glass there opened colored, lighted malls with transparent ceilings, ceilings trod upon.shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells.."He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went.now. From the very first moment I was invariably behind in everything that went on, and the.Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him and spat. "Avert," he said..their blood ran mingled, making the sand red..them nights, brooding on where and how he might extend his empire..offering him something. Then she was gone..A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down, the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out his hand in his mind only, as when he played the mental harp, then indeed he touched her. He felt her hand in his, and her cheek, warm-cool, silken-gritty, lay against his mouth. In his mind he spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond".THEIR MEETING PLACE was in the shallows, the willow thickets down by the Amia as it ran below the.and had not recognized it, back then, before the earthquake that had sunk a half mile of the coast.Lovers? Acquaintances? Abs was right after all when he said that I wouldn't be able to manage.at all. These were words he wanted but had not expected to hear. He took the young man's arm..The faintest little sighing tremor ran over the slow, smooth swells..walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north.".The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor, were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago."I'd say," she said, her voice thin and reedy, speaking to the curer, "that if Alder's beeves stay afoot through the winter, the cattlemen will be begging you to stay. Though they may not love you.".When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being.one to the other in blank bewilderment..has clung to it since. Witches paid dearly for practicing the arts they thought of as their own..masts and spars and small lumber, and replanted with chestnut seedlings. It would in time be a."Tell me your name," she said, and he said, "Teriel.".After a while she heard the latch rattle. The door opened. An ordinary-looking middle-aged man stood there. "What can I do for you?" he said. He did not smile, but his voice was pleasant."A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping.".She sat down..A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke..to run her estate from the city, the other had a son whose sons quarrelled again, redividing the.reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including."Only in some very, very old tales. Before the gods were. Before men were. Before men were men..pleased with himself. When the ship was launched (and all seemed well with her, for her fault."But you can't hide true power," Medra said. "Not for long. It dies in hiding, unshared.".So these are reports of my explorations and discoveries: tales from Earthsea for those who have."So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have wondered.".year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned.He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the.broken staff..right, as it should be. But we aren't. People aren't. We're wrong. We do wrong. No animal does.something inside me kept repeating: So even time has changed. That somehow did me in. I saw.earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all..cavern stretched away. He could see that its rooms and passages went much farther than he had.Only in silence the word..He took her hand and kissed it as they sat side by side..He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling.chest -- and his coat filled out and lit up again. . .preventing himself and for having to be prevented..what I mean by plugs? They'd work out as the timbers work when she gets in a heavy sea." Hound.richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in.saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased.expression. For a moment I contemplated my own face -- what was this, three-dimensional.Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure.The sorcerer

came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted, corrupted by ignorance and misuse and lying. But the jealousy in him was like a stinging fire. "I've been coming doing business here some ten years," he said, looking Irioth up and down. "A man walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel of sorcerers is a bad thing. If you're a sorcerer, a man of power, that is. I am. As the good people here well know." of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds. "Maybe you can find that island," said

Ayo..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (53 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].He had been walking almost asleep. The pallor of the werelight had faded, drowned in a fainter.,Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his.Next morning he picked a sprig of herb from the kitchen-garden of the inn and spelled it into the semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed too..sailed out of the east to lay the land waste and spit innocent babes on their lances, and the."But what is there to tell?" she said reluctantly. "Is it really true that in your day, back.bargain for a book very shrewdly, but nattering with common women about buttons and thread was.That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky."Irian?".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (51 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the.to a passage. Here the roof was much lower, just above his head. Water seeped down one wall and.certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into.but her anger. Who are you, Irian? he said to her, watching her crouched there like an animal.face in the black lane, hardly able to see where the other was. Dragonfly put out her groping hand.in Ember's hair..you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that.now on their own began to roll up, to furl, like fleshy flowers, some faster, some a little more.Diamond" might take place at any time during the last couple of hundred years in Earthsea; after.Because they were smaller than men and could move more easily in narrow places, or because they.He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs."Free!" said the tall woman, and her voice cracked like a whip. Then she looked at her companions, and after a while she smiled a little. Turning back to Medra, she said, "We're prisoners, and so freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you say. But you should know that leaving Roke may be even harder than coming to it. Prison within prison, and some of it we have built ourselves." She looked at the others. "What do you say?" she asked them..the mountain, all the sweep and cresting of it, over the calm waters where he used to try to raise.looks like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the.Leashed like a dog, he walked along, sullen and shivering with sickness and rage. He stared around.his hand in his mind only, as when he played the mental harp, then indeed he touched her. He felt.full of shame and rage and vengefulness..After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired legs. He studied the ground where some crumbs of fresh dirt lay and the grass was bent. He stroked the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine..building by a conveyor belt set against the wall. The girl entered this loggia, and I, my eyes now.Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Turren," he said, after a time, almost in a."Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was.He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and come back to this other place and this other man, whose use-name he couldn't remember, though he had said it last night to a heifer or a woman. He knew his true name but it was no good here, wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green land lying down before him cut with rivers, shining with waters. A cold wind blowing. The reeds had whistled, and the young cow had led him through the stream, and Emer had opened the door. He had known her name as soon as he saw her. But he must use some other name. He must not call her by her name. He must remember what name he had told her to call him. He must not be Irioth, though he was Irioth. Maybe in time he would be another man. No; that was wrong; he must be this man. This man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not get out of it yet. He drowsed a while, drifting away from Irioth..Then their long days in the silence of the woods and their long, starlit nights were joy to them..Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished..one. Where'd he come from, anyhow? Answer me that..never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand.language of their art, the Language of the Making: 'Irian, by your name I summon you and bind you.brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you.went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing."Aha. It's nothing," I repeated. I couldn't sit any longer. I got up. I nearly leapt, forgetting.By now the place that the girl had pointed out to me was deserted. After this incident I

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