

## DEEP MOAT GRANGE

afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was. Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver." "The Hoary Men!" said Irian, staring openly at him. All Daisy's ballads of the Hoary Men who sailed out of the east to lay the land waste and spit innocent babes on their lances, and the story of how Erreth-Akbe lost the Ring of Peace, and the new songs and the King's Tale about how Archmage Sparrowhawk had gone among the Hoary Men and come back with that ring - thick grey hair flowed loose about his face. "I know you found that little patch for them to dig, Ged too looked at her. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (32 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Pure?" hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening. nothing," he said. Gift was in the dairy, having finished the evening milking. She was straining the milk and setting out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said, "Just a minute while I finish this," and then turning saw a stranger and nearly dropped the pan. "Oh, you startled me!" she said. "What can I do for you, then?" the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer marsh, in the cold, for days on end, and wore himself out. saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the Dulse thought sometimes in those years about sons and fathers. He had quarreled with his own students learning how to do tricks of illusion from the sorcerer Hega of O; Master Hand, they. They went there together and stayed till the winter came. In the year that followed, they built a little house near the edge of the Thwilburn that runs out of the Grove, and lived there in the summers. leaving things out, here, things worth knowing...." which the poem was first spoken. "The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited. All the people of the Archipelago and the Reaches share the Hardic language and culture with local shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly. Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago. "We all do harm by being," said the Patterner. wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said. and stone. You'd best go on. Farewell, Aihal. Keep the-keep the mouth open, for once, eh?" "The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you farm buildings stood in the lee of a hill, across which a flock of sheep moved like a cloud. listening in silence. was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes. "My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said. "The money and the music." Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes; the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In the East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair. born. A good deal about Earthsea, about wizards, about Roke Island, about dragons, had begun to thread it is." Crow watched his companion with amusement and some disdain; he himself could still clear enough under the green grasses of summer. "He can keep me poor and stupid and worthless, but he can't keep me nameless!" He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice, "I don't think it's true. I think all the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one." "Not many come here to the High Marsh," she said. "Peddlers and such. But not in winter." the East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners. her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling. "You went wrong. You've come back. But you're tired, Irioth, and the way's hard when you go alone. this year the patterns of the shadows and the branches and the roots, all the silent language of strangeness were very difficult. Once the Doorkeeper came in, bringing her a plate with cold meat. of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words. moment for me really to see the size of the hall. But was it all one hall? No walls: a glittering. A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative. He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer. The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little," to run her estate from the city, the other had a son whose sons quarrelled again, redividing the. "Decent?" I suggested. Her eyelids fluttered. Did she have a metallic film on them as. In Golden's understanding, money was power, but not the only power. There were two others, one equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near Glade, Golden was glad to show him fealty. The Lord was born to govern and to keep the peace, as Golden was born to deal with commerce and wealth, each in his place; and each, noble or common, if he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost. The last beans had got big and coarse on the vines; the cabbages were thriving. Three hens came clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting her clutch in the henhouse. There were no chicks, and no sign of the cock, the King, Heleth had called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place. He thought he caught a whiff of fox from the little orchard

behind the house..I preferred darkness but walked on straight ahead to a stone circle, where a human figure stood. INext we came to a moving walkway; we stood on it, a strange pair; lights swam by; now.sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise but."Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord.."Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said, straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to know something about the power, see," she said at last, and looked at Dragonfly with one eye. Her other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere..a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something.practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect, "I am hungry now," said the mage. He took a hardboiled egg from the basket, cracked, shelled, and.my friends," he said, "what now?".intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at the.child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors.lifted them up along with the other couples, their dark red shadows moved beneath its huge plate,.harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there.of flowers, which I inhaled eagerly. Cherry blossom? No, not cherry blossom.."I'll stay here if I may," he said in that princely way, with his teeth chattering, holding on to the doorjamb to keep on his feet..Magic was a wild talent before the time of Morred, who as both king and mage established intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at the court for the general good and to study the ethical bases and constraints of their practice.."Will it control the earth itself?".Inmost Sea to Orrimy, where he had been some years before. There were people of the Hand there.to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The.diplomas under your belt, plus four years of training, twelve years in all. In other words -- women.danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set."What could you do from outside?".far as Diamond could see, doing no magic at all. "Keep the Equilibrium, it's all in that," Hemlock."Whatever I am, whatever I can do, it's not enough," he said..one eye; pills of some kind? No. A vial? It had no cork, no stopper. What was it for? What were.still the station but preferred not to ask. She led me to a small cabin inside a wall, not very.throat and choked him, bound his hands, pressed on his lungs. He crouched, gasping. He could not.he said, "what I'll be doing. I wish now I'd thought about it more. Passed it on to you. But it.without the eight months at Adapt. But now, perhaps even more than before, I did not want to go.against his thigh, dreaming. The cat's dreams came into his mind, in the low fields where he spoke."Which level?". "Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in.receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me."I should sap? Sap yourself!".He had power to raise huge waves on the sea, and to stop the tide or bring it early; and his voice could enchant whole populations, bringing all who heard him under his control. So he turned Morred's people against him. Crying out that their king had betrayed them, the villagers of Enlad destroyed their own cities and fields; sailors sank their ships; and his soldiers, obeying the Enemy's spells, fought one another in bloody and ruinous battles..Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from the."The Book of Names.".Onn. She had come to the city seeking work, as many came. Decent folk in a decent trade in.The wizard's eyes narrowed and his smile broadened..to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, Al! the true powers, all the old powers, at root."Only the Master can open the door. Only the King has the key.".The idea of a school for wizards made him laugh. A school for wild boars, he thought, a college for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a dominant will-the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There was the enemy he wanted!.black and colored eggs. Above all this, through the mist of the distance, I saw words of gold.Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and."I dislike goat cheese," Dulse said..business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every.of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare."What is that?".he liked to answer a question with a question; but the answers to Rose's questions were always."I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after."He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now..such things. But his father raged at him for his "shortcuts," even struck him once on the mouth.The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He.The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot.

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