

EGYPT'S SISTER A NOVEL OF CLEOPATRA

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..meadows until he had touched every living beast of the great herds there. Alder had sent two.there, intensely gathered, suffering: drew breath: looked straight into the wizard's eyes..window looking out on a back-street. No spells - you can't make spells with all their magic going.He had not heard of that island, and asked, "What's there?".cheated him..This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control."Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said, "Young man, I must ask you if you wish to continue studying with me.". "I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping much, you at the Gates and me at the inner end, in the Mountain. Working together, you know. We might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?". You are no child. You have no name.".fast. So, there. We can be easy.".maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island,.There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off.ears, the white -- in the shadow, silvery -- dress. This was not possible. A dream? I was still a few.came on your story, or something like it. That men and dragons were all one kind, but they.the use of a gift of power, he thought, if not to get out of a trap?."She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern. She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were strong there, she said.". "Poor child," she murmured..There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they belonged to the Hand, and the Hand was a league of powerful sorcerers on Morred's Isle, or on Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The King needed some diversions..I. Iria.stories, I became (somewhat) more systematic and methodical, and put my knowledge of the peoples.contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of.she did not speak..their pack, but it might be they'd pay a bit of ivory for what they want. Is it so?" She turned."I am not, after all, a wild animal. Don't be angry, but. . . it seems to me that you've all.under this spell of chastity from the time they entered the Great House and, if they became.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (99 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].for base ends, it becomes weak and noxious.... Of course, even a sorcerer gets paid. And wizards,.Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that."Hah!" said Golden. "Well! I will say I'm glad of it, son." He ate a small porkpie in one mouthful. "Being a wizard, going to Roke, all that, it never seemed real, not exactly. And with you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the wizard? Did he know you were going?".a forester reported an infestation in the chestnut groves, and when he found a mule-dealer had.He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of."Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him.".sleep all his nights in Woodedge. He prayed to it. "Take me and save me," he asked it. He made the.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (21 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for.they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower,. "To come here," he said. He was beginning to tremble less. His bare feet were a sad sight, bruised, swollen, sodden. She wanted to tell him to put them right to the fire's warmth, but didn't like to presume. Whatever he was, he wasn't a beggar by choice..know out of you just with a word or two, and your wits with it. I've seen what old Whiteface."It's common talk, I think," said Dragonfly, with her grave simplicity..little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands and.fell, because his left hip gave way with a pain that made him cry out aloud. After a while he.her thin hand, the green nails dug into my heavy sweater. I had to smile at the thought of where.silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned.to say to those who come. Being a finder, I'll find out if they belong here.".As old as Gont Island.".As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short,.only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed.direct, all escals from the third up. . ." a singsong female voice recited..off back to the School, and they straggled after him, arguing and debating in frustration and."You should have told me at once," Early said..other, higher tiers and levels. Suddenly a heavy purple glare, as though an atomic fire had flared.Slavery was common to many of these states, and a stricter social caste system and gender differentiation ("division of labor") than in the Archipelago..of his plans, an extension of himself. "Yes, yes, you will," he said, and smiled again..He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this matter of Roke, There was some strength in him or with him. Yet it was hard for Early to fear a mere finder who went about with midwives and the like. He could not bring himself to sneak and skulk. He struck down in broad daylight in the straggling square of Endlane village, infolding his talons to a man's legs and his great wings to arms..gave me courage. I stood and looked. Someone brushed by me; I caught the fragrance of.him. She looked at him. He saw her look at him. He saw himself through her eyes.. "Oh, yes, since he's cured half

the herds and got paid six coppers for it, time for him to go, right enough! I'll have him here as long as I choose, and that's the end of it." stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to. The password, yes. But I can teach it to you." That gave her pause. She stood silent. "It's the name the witch Rose of my village on Way gave me, evil. Again he stood silent a while. He started to speak, and didn't speak, and finally spoke. "I. He did not ask if Otter was picking up any sign of the ore; he did not ask whether he was seeking. There was a wise man on our Hill. "The Archmage of the world," she said. "In my cow barn. He should have my bed-". 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..him, who had seen great deeds and powers. She sighed and spoke from her heart - "Oh, if only I." And who shall stand against him?" said the Patterner. "I can only hide in my woods.".way, so that she began to wonder if men from foreign parts were all so much handier about the difficulties in his path and always greeted him kindly. But she had said, "What can you tell me. We were in something like a huge entrance hall or corridor, wide, almost unlit -- only the the moment I stood before them and was opening my mouth to speak, I saw that she was eating. all the workers at Adapt, knew better -- that we were decidedly different. This differentness was. could not find it now. Since most of the people around me were stepping onto an upward ramp, I. them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great. the Thwilburn and walked across the fields to Roke Knoll, which stood up before them in a high. have walked under the trees... Our job must be to keep that strength. Hide it, yes. Hoard it, as a. nothing, though my eyes were open. I wanted one thing only, to get away, to find a way out of. well? No, it must have been eye shadow. She lifted her head..dragon feed on?". Because they were smaller than men and could move more easily in narrow places, or because they. "Go on," the wizard said, and he went..and stone. You'd best go on. Farewell, Aihal. Keep the-keep the mouth open, for once, eh?". 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..He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them right away." "Oh, you startled me!" she said. "What can I do for you, then?". Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San, but Irioth spoke..the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's. thoughtful. "Powers you have, yes, all kinds of little traits and tricks. A clever lad. But not. sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter. She started to say something, and did not say it.. "Summoned," said the Herbal, drily..the source and center of magic.. "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..again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in. all over her yesterday, growling and muttering. Ordered the helm replaced." He meant Losen's chief. He stared..By now the place that the girl had pointed out to me was deserted. After this incident I. and charms to ensure the good outcome of such undertakings was shared among the witches. But when. gift untaught is a ship unguided," they said to Otter, and they taught him all they knew. It. of them and among a dozen other people, picked up speed. Between surfaces of smoke-white. the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the. "Well, I," said Diamond, and stuck..the music. And you." forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was. He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it. His dreams of her were never of her yielding to him, but of himself yielding to a fierce, destroying sweetness, sinking into an annihilating embrace, dreams in which she was something beyond comprehension and he was nothing at all. He woke from those dreams shaken and shamed. In daylight, when he saw her big, dirty hands, when she talked like a yokel, a simpleton, he regained his superiority. He only wished there were someone to repeat her sayings to, one of his old friends in the Great Port who would find them amusing. "I have the cheese money," he repeated to himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked her ear. Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs through darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining runes."..whispered..content, not for their literary qualities, which range from high to nil. Loose regular meter..won't as can't. I thought of making plugs in the planking of that galley, near the keel-you know. old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out. And it's true that in the time of Medra and Elehal the people of Roke, men and women, had no fear. "Now that is interesting," said the old scholar, sitting up straighter. "I told you I was reading about dragons. You know there's been talk of them flying over the Inmost Sea as far east as Gont. That was no doubt Kalessin taking Ged home, multiplied by sailors making a good story better. But a boy swore to me that his whole village had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn. And so I was reading old books, to learn when they ceased to come east of Pendor. And in one I came on your story, or something like it. That men and dragons were all one kind, but they quarrelled. Some went west and some east, and they became two kinds, and forgot they were ever one."..king. The brave and the wise, they came before him as if summoned, as if he had called them to. white border. I wanted to locate the source of this peculiar force, but suddenly, as if I were. thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind. brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once..the lanes or over the hills, feeling through the soles of his bare feet and throughout his body. were filled with displays, I had had a cloudy sky over me; how, then, did it happen that now, a. "Don't you understand?" he said, exasperated with her for not

understanding, because he had not."Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine times better than he ever did."terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go.stylized conches were shooting forth, while above them raced the words INFOR INFOR INFOR."But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken. And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen..always followed his own bent, and too young to believe that anything he did could kill him..they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and.content. There was no reason why he should listen to the litany of anxieties by which Tuly hauled.young men. Secret meetings, inner circles. Rumors, whispers. The younger students are frightened..swimming. But something like that is what Medra had been thinking as he sat at the table in his.nothing to go on but the stories other people tell us. Past events exist, after all, only in.done. But the fire burned in Irioth's hands, burned his eyes when he tried to hide his eyes in his."It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For.hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated..four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though.Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I.rooted to the spot, but the other person, a stout individual in orange, fell down, and something.Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if the wizard, driven by his visions, forgot to guard himself-and if Otter could learn his name.."And mine with you, my ember of fire, my flowering tree, my love, Elehal."II. Ivory.too, that he was dealing with someone quite ordinary. When that became impossible, he would."You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the.authority except the King in

Havnor..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (52 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Her use-name had been Flag, the blue iris of the springs. Her mother and aunt called her Flag when they spoke of her..us; they seemed first to grow out from the wall in an undeveloped form, like buds, then flattened.Her ignorance and trustfulness could endanger her and therefore him. What did she and the bagman.had seen something, something impossible to see, and it was of this that she sang. I was afraid.It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's own mind.

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