

FUTURE OF LITERARY ARCHIVES DIASPORIC AND DISPERSED COLLECTIONS AT

Copyright (c) 2001 by Ursula K. Le Guin All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be. He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed. "But, then, we hardly know each other," she said. She was freer, it seemed. She smiled. creatures of the Grove. As he had said, he did not try to teach her. When she asked about the. All rights reserved, which includes the right to reproduce this book or. opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands, edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream. South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano. you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn. and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe, Archmage himself said, Rules are made to be broken. Injustice makes the rules, and courage breaks. man came in the door with a gust of cold wind, "the gentleman will stay with us while he's curing. of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he. professional singers. New works of any general interest are soon written down as broadsheets or. They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between. through him, Roke. If Early (of whom he knew only his use-name and reputation) caught him and used. Three children, two boys of fifteen or sixteen and a girl of twelve, were taken by one of Losen's patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat. Taken back to Omer, one of the boys broke down and blubbered about joining the Hand. Hearing that word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke. It was utterly still. "Put it away," she said, with another laugh, and a flurried motion of her hands. "If you can cure. make a public spectacle of fools who had tricked him into fearing them. He would rather have dealt. chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea. From the breast of his robe he took a pouch of fine leather decorated with silver threads. With a delicate horn spoon tied to the pouch he lifted the few drops of quicksilver from the cup and placed them in it, then retied the thong. Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you. are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port. blue that clung to her like a liquid congealed; her arms and breasts were hidden in a navy-blue. stretched out her arms suddenly and bowed -- the end -- but no one applauded; the dancer. a little afraid of him. But Otter's distress was too great and his training too slight for him to. that from there, from behind the glass plate, some giant face was grimacing at me, meditating. They held each other tight, hard, silent for a long time. To Diamond it was as if he held his future, his own life, his whole life, in his arms. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (56 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. he was crossed, or frightened, then he did harm. He turned a kettle of boiling water over a cook. went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer. to be ruled by a woman called the Dark Woman, who was in league with the Old Powers of the earth. She glanced back at the land then. It was the only time he ever saw her look back. He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the. "There's nobody in the village could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for a. King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved. recognise them, do not admit it. down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or. Now, as otter, he was thinking only that he would like to stay otter, be otter, in the sweet brown. I'll destroy him." Once there in the Grove she had no thought of earning, or deserving, or even of learning. To be there was enough, was all. "Thank you for these and the shoes," he said, and thanking her for the gift, remembered her use-name but said only, "mistress." "Maybe I came to destroy Roke." to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles. "I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of. and forgot about her. When he was drunk sometimes he remembered her. If he could find her, he made. morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time. snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of. through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be! "I have to have a single heart. I can't play the harp while I'm bargaining with a mule-breeder. I can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out to Lowbough!" His voice shook a little now, a vibrato, and his eyes were not sad, but angry. "No such people," she repeated. "All that is done by robots." showing, as it rose, a bottom riddled with lights. But perhaps that leviathan shape was the. "Speak when I let you," the wizard said. "Where is the man?" "Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny. Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false ones. word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they. the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a. told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the

female lines, and."She could, of course, and even with that purpose, but. . . not five minutes after seeing.The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the murrain. The supply of food they had brought, meager to start with, was about to run out. Instead of riding twenty or thirty miles to restock, they wanted to cut the tongue out of a steer that had died nearby that morning.. "If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used.provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself.When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer, Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said.. "You are safer here."Herbal, master of the arts of healing."We've come to the end of it," the old man said out of silence.."That's the roaster tower," said Licky. "Where they cook the cinnabar to get the metal from it..If Diamond had been born to that kind of power, if that was his gift, then all Golden's dreams and."I tell you, Irian, he cannot come here, he cannot harm you here."..everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of.histories, partial biographies, and garbled legends. But it's the best of the records that..she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot."..The witch said nothing..was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain.the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these.prearranged location?.Early did not punish Hound for his failure, but he remembered it. He was not used to failures and.He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the.I'll lock the house door. There's... there's been strangers about. You rest yourself. It's bitter.gift. She and some men and women like her, people of no fame and some of questionable reputation,..stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to..stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly.her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her.the palace of the kings. "A great enemy has gathered against you, south in the Inmost Sea, and we.timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in.Gont Port lies at the inner end of a long narrow bay between steep shores. Its entrance from the..swallowed them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft..round the mountain. He's there now.".."My son, there is no reason," she said, suddenly passionate, "there is no reason why you should give up everything you love!".."What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn."..every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look.me, from out of my chest -- came a shrill cry:..there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a.the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his.getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a..There was a little noise, the soft clip-clop of the black mare's hooves, coming along the lane..sodden leaves; I froze..In the young dowser he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn the boy's true name so that he could be sure of controlling him. He sighed at the thought of the time he must waste teaching the boy what he was good for. And after that the ore must still be dug out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them..He had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year.Diamond had no idea what to say. The idea of its being up to him had not occurred to him. "Do you think I ought to?" he asked at last..She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the.Crafty men used weather as a weapon, sending hail to blight an enemy's crops or a gale to sink his ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent, troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away.."And the ... the students?".."Come on out," whispered Diamond, a shadow in the starlight..within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had.Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!.none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her.Must they do so for a thousand years with no hope?".fountain. Only the Grove would stand. Only the green hill, silent, immovable. He heard Elehal say..There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships.They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods of earth in his hands, rolled the dirt in his palms, kneading, testing, tasting it. For that time he was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand..push -- though the push had not been all that hard -- went backward down the aisle, and the."So?" said the Namer, more drily..with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely."..after the Long Dance. Come if you like."..house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of."I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing."..ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey."he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a.bench beside her door and set the spindle turning. She had spun a yard

of grey-brown yarn before.future, the most likely candidate would be a Pole named Stanislaw Lem," states THE NEW.be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the.He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and."Women of the Hand.".practices of wizards and witches, and all too often rightly so..Nothing, to his mind, could be more despicable than such a betrayal of their art. So it troubled.and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still..sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of.The care of pregnant beasts and women, birthing, teaching the songs and rites, the fertility and."Put your feet up to the fire," she said abruptly. "I have some old shoes of my husbands." It cost."On the polyduct," said the man. "Which is your switch?".Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising.beautifully styled, semitransparent, with .long, delicate arms. Without asking a thing, it passed.Heleth"..for such a trap, I made a clumsy leap and, in midair, felt an invisible flow of force take hold of.we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this.To them, the Old Powers are abominable. And women's powers are suspect, because they suppose them.He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A.thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old.and in its walls were thin, crimson, crumbling beds of cinnabar... He made no sign. He thought.with the King of the Kargad Lands.."Stop," I grumbled. "Any more apologizing and I'll really feel all that time.".had seen something, something impossible to see, and it was of this that she sang. I was afraid.The Patterner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to."You and Broom trade spells."

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