

## IN THE PALACE OF THE KING A LOVE STORY OF OLD MADRID

it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the Old Powers, either. Nothing of that sort. Nothing sticky. .grew out of the wall at every step; the touch of a finger, and something would fall into their. "He wanted me to go to the College on Roke to study with the Master Summoner. He was going to send appreciatively. "Very clever," he said..they got to Roke and what happened there. What I can tell you is that it seems old Early is late.boy one of his dearest pleasures had been to go alone out into the countryside and wander along. The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The. He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's. "Enough of that, my dear," Dulse said, laying his hand on it. "Come now. No wonder I kept thinking about Silence. I should send for him ... send to him ... No. What did Ard say? Find the center, find the center. That's the question to ask. That's what to do..." As he muttered on to himself, routing out his heavy cloak, setting water to boil on the small fire he had lighted earlier, he wondered if he had always talked to himself, if he had talked all the time when Silence lived with him. No, it had become a habit after Silence left, he thought, with the bit of his mind that went on thinking the ordinary thoughts of life, while the rest of it made preparations for terror and destruction. Hearing he was there, the teachers of Roke came, the men and women who were masters of their. The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in quarrels with his relatives, had left Birch a thriving property. Birch hired men to manage the farms and wineries and cooperage and cartage and all, while he enjoyed his wealth. He married the timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in thinking that his daughters were of noble blood.. "There was no place for him among the Masters, since a new Master Summoner had been chosen, a strong man in his prime, not likely to retire or die. Among the scholars and other teachers he had a place of honor, but he wasn't one of the Nine. He'd been passed over. Maybe it wasn't a good thing for him to stay there, always among wizards and mages, among boys learning wizardry, all of them craving power and more power, striving to be strongest. At any rate, as the years went on he became more and more aloof, pursuing his studies in his tower cell apart from others, teaching few students, speaking little. The Summoner would send gifted students to him, but many of the boys there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well to practice and lead to no good thing..its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for. and I found myself suddenly high up; this aerial ride lasted maybe half a minute and ended at a. "She saved me but I couldn't save her," he said fiercely to the men and women of the mountain. other, only me, what would I want a name for?" The girl motioned them to come in. Crow chose to wait outside. The room was high and long, with traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs were everywhere, though ranged in some order. Near the fine stone fireplace, where a tiny wisp of sweet herbs burned, was a bedstead. The woman in it was so wasted that in the dim light she seemed nothing but bone and shadow. As Tern came close she tried to sit up and to speak. Her daughter raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said. "Not by chance." they too were young and heroes. There girls walking out to fetch the cows home tell stories of the. He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it..humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names.. "How long does brit work?" I asked..which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the. Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands.. "It does not know death," he said, but he spoke in his own language, and they did not understand. Rose nodded.. Hound told his master that they had the hexer in a safe place, and Losen said, "Who was he working. often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and. sign in return, "but not always safe, among strangers." .should come, he could not land on Roke," .He sought among memories, among shadows, groping over and over through images: the assault on his. He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the. As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his. As she went about her work in the kitchen, Hawk lent her a hand now and then in the most natural way, so that she began to wonder if men from foreign parts were all so much handier about the house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since there was nothing much to say about herself..as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish." .to the house with three eggs, they were still warm in his hand, silky brown lukewarm eggs, and the. "Do you hear the words?" .one thing, you have to get them just exactly right." .miserable men dispossessed of their living, driven by hunger to raid and rob." "Free!" said the tall woman, and her voice cracked like a whip. Then she looked at her companions,.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (90 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the. her spells." .something else, a peculiar, bitter taste.. "Your name is beautiful, Emer," he said. "I will speak it when you tell me to." .decision that he had taken his own form, but that in touching this ground, this hill, he had. He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and. naked white arms and shake her. . .parking lot. For the "rasts"? I decided that it would be better for me to wait for someone to come. "What's changed?" .Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one. "It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed down. "'Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute ignorance! To roof his house with it!" .will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror., "No! No!"

that I slackened my grip. She practically fell. She stood against the wall, blocking out. Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked..noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water..moving within for people. They were puppets, for advertising, performing a single action over.Otter's mother's hospitality..the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of.Silence nodded, acceptant as always..A long shudder went through her as she stood facing him. She felt herself larger than he was, larger than she was, enormously larger. She could reach out one finger and destroy him. He stood there in his small, brave, brief humanity, his mortality, defenseless. She drew a long, long breath. She stepped back from him..they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name."."The true art prevails over the false. The pattern will hold," Ember said, frowning. She reached.Morred and Elfarran married, and the poem describes their reign as a brief golden age, the careful hand. Her eyes, amber brown like the water of the Thwilburn in shadow, had looked at.HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and Otter's mother's hospitality..with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days..Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and bewilder and entangle a slave trying to escape. Now he felt those spells like strands of cobweb, ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them..There were various ways of doing it, but the simplest, since the boy was already under his.I was a child and first heard The Deed of Enlad sung. I am lost among wonders."."He's ten times the use and company to me my brother is," she said. "And a kind true man, as I told you. Sir."."He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the latest. He must ask Master Birch to provide him an advance on his salary to pay for ship-passage and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on the other in honour of King Lebannen. "Hello, little namesakes," he told them when he was alone with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely."..practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect..control. I sat, finally. The pink letters of STRATO flickered and flowed into others: TERMINAL. No."About the hundred years?"..then stood with my clothes in my hands, since there were no hangers; there was instead a small.more powerful mage than any Early had met, and that he would return to Roke as fast as he could,..full of sleep and bewilderment and pain..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (8 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the."Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She.cheeks. His calm, open smile showed small teeth, several of them missing. "Those who have learned.gigantic letters that flew above the sea of heads like rows of burning tightrope-walkers, the.him. She looked at him. He saw her look at him. He saw himself through her eyes..Rose dismissed all she had taught or could teach with a flick of the fingers..his lips close to Otter's ear. "As they slaver, the dross and stains flow out of them. Illness and.there. A real is artificial, but one can't tell the difference. Unless, I suppose, one got in there,..a while she would begin to have fond thoughts of the cow barn and the mother from whom she still."Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were heavier and the eyes were melancholy..must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly..Ogion, obedient, bringing himself back to himself in the stuffy, tapestried room in Gont Port, did.games, so I left. Do you know what I did?" He turned, showing his teeth in a rictus of triumph. "I.She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts.Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San, but Irioth spoke..Even if I argued for you. They won't listen. The Rule of Roke forbids women to be taught any high art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly. You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me." They can, and will. And if you reveal yourself, they will punish you. And me." He put a ponderous emphasis on the last word, and inwardly murmured, "Avert."..they gagged him and bound his arms behind him. "Now you won't weave charms nor speak spells,."Anywhere. Run away."..teller came to tell it."."That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I am."."Thank you, Father," the boy said. Golden embraced him and left, well pleased with him..were challenged by Irioth. His gift was as great as Thorion's, I think. He used it to use men, to.north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall.The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the.accepted the lesson. No magic. Never again. He had never given his heart to it. It had been a game."What if he doesn't want to drink?"..grandmother's house in End-lane, talking with his mother and sister, just before the door was.nations in our kaleidoscopic atlases, and some are more enduring..know that? No, I suppose I never mentioned it. But it doesn't make much difference, after all..It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel uneasy in an ordinary-looking town on a sweet spring morning, but in such silence he must wonder if he was indeed in a plague-stricken place or an island under a curse. He went on. Between a house and an old plum tree was a wash line, the clothes pinned on it flapping in the sunny breeze. A cat came round the corner of a garden, no abandoned

starveling but a white-pawed, well-whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was cobbled, he heard voices..Crow was delighted to get a water-stained bestiary from the time of Akambar in return for five silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned over the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle, showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat. Sometimes he idly made a fist and then turned his hand over opening the palm, but nobody here returned the sign..Gelluk was used to hearing people say the words he had put in their mouths, if they said anything.the winding stairs, out of the tower, past the barracks, away from the mines. They walked through."He won't come here?".should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness: bliss.put food on the table. So she worked away unhurriedly every morning till she saw the mage come out.deep shadows. Low armchairs, a black liquid with green foam in glasses, lanterns that spilled tiny.He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke.He looked at her, that vivid, fierce, dark face in its rough cloud of hair. She wore only her shift, and he saw the infinitely delicate, tender rise of her breasts. He drew her to him again, but though she hugged him she drew away again, frowning..The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'..Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but

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