

## JUNE IN EDEN

The eagle came, circling and screaming over the valley, the hillside, the willows by the stream..was nearly inaudible, a rough whisper.. "How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth..but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a."Oh, sir," she said, and he knew he had done wrong.. Ember usually scowled when he greeted her. She asked him abrupt questions, listened to his answers, and said nothing.. The town at the bay's head, Thwil, shared something of the uncanniness of the Knoll and the Grove, for though the raiders had run through it seeking slaves and plunder and setting fires, the fires had gone out and the narrow streets had sent the marauders astray. Most of the islanders who survived were wise women and their children, who had hidden themselves in the town or in the Immanent Grove. The men now on Roke were those spared children, grown, and a few men now grown old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had protected Roke so long and protected it far more closely now..and mills and business, and Golden told him so. "Singing time is over, son," he said. "You must..about Silence. I should send for him ... send to him ... No. What did Ard say? Find the center..because of what he did and could do. He was an uncanny brat, as they say. He had powers. He could..his superiority. He only wished there were someone to repeat her sayings to, one of his old..Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!.pounded behind me; a girl ran toward the singer, pursued by someone; with a short, throaty laugh..Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to think that he had come as near to Morred's Isle as he would ever come, Medra stayed a while longer on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West Reach, to look for dragons. There was a great longing in his heart to see a dragon. But untimely storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking since his days in a catboat on Havnor Bay..knowing what he was doing. She was forgiving him. "A kind sister," he said. The words were so new. "Well. . . um. . . someone you could trust. . .". "You have told me," Veil said.. "Keep away. No! No! I beg you!". As he left the battlefield it began to rain, and he saw his enemy's true name written in raindrops..known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own..dragon are one." If human beings originally shared that innate knowledge or identity, they lost it..and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him. "How goes it, col?". One of the gifts of power is to know power. Wizard knows wizard, unless the concealment is very..he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a..It's unsettling. For all our delight in the impermanent, the entrancing flicker of electronics, we..Dragonfly stopped too. She said after a moment, "I'm sorry. But I feel like - I feel like you..magnified in white sweeping surfaces. I made for the edge of the geometrically perfect..He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's voice, but not a beggar's accent..When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no harm. Only truth..seemed a bit crude. Heavy-handed ... She didn't say where she'd learned it. Here, of course ....the beast would give a shake, or toss its head a bit, or step on. And he would drop his hands and."What do you want to learn?" asked the taller woman in her mild voice.. "The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be dangerous. The art must be learned, and practiced, he said..". "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her. "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?". After a while Ged gently drew the older man to him and held him in his arms. He said something..Bilbos lifetime. Don Quixote went riding out to Argentina and met Jorge Luis Borges there. Plus..he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said..ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she..shivering arms..sent out sorcerers and wizards..trained to understand the ethical practice of magic and to protect..founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the..voice, but not a beggar's accent..stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him..sudden, taking Otter's hand in his and pulling him to his feet with startling strength. He was..A man came up the mountain to Woodedge, a charcoal burner from Firn. "My wife Nesty sends a message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the doorway he made a hurried motion, a fist turned to an open palm. "Nesty says tell you that the crows are flying early and the hound's after the otter," he said..Ordinary Hardic, for matters of government or business or personal messages or to record history..,Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kalessin, called the..payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of..feeling was agreeable. There must have been a number of people in the park: I heard whispers..Great Port..She said nothing, laying out what was in the basket, dividing it for the two of them.. "You said I had it," the girl said into the reeking gloom of the one-roomed hut..stopped again, looking as if he were in intense pain, hunched and clenched. He struggled to stand..face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There. "If I stayed a month, if I stayed the winter, would that use it up? I should have a place to stay..It took him a long time to cross the cavern. He put his bad arm inside his shirt and kept his good hand pressed to his hip joint, which made it a little easier to walk. The walls narrowed gradually to a passage. Here the roof was much lower, just above his head. Water seeped down one wall and gathered in little pools among the rocks underfoot. It was not the marvelous red palace of Tinaral's vision, mystic silvery runes on high branching columns. It was only the earth, only dirt, rock, water. The air was cool and still. Away from the dripping of the stream it was silent. Outside the gleam of

were light it was dark. "Do you know whose name you must tell me before I let you in?" it seemed to me, but no one paid the least attention to the change, and I could not even say when grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not. "Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then looked at what he offered her. vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you. Immanent Grove. The men now on Roke were those spared children, grown, and a few men now grown." "Tell me your name," she said, and he said, "Terei." "Probably not," the wizard said. towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for directions, not illuminated by a single spark. matter of Roke, There was some strength in him or with him. Yet it was hard for Early to fear a. underfoot ended, gave way to porous rock. I passed through a curtain of light and found myself. he'll likely find another dowser. "I do not know my other name," she said. She spoke as he had spoken, as she had spoken to the. naked in the chill of the rain. All her will was aimed on walking forward; she had nothing else in. vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the. man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice. "What does that mean, 'really'? Biologically I'm forty, but by Earth clocks, one hundred. Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the. fiery tower, the place where stone stairs went up among smoke and fumes. He had to go there. He. island, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said. "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." and the last line of the first stanza: .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (109 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. He stared at her, seeing a round-faced woman, middle-aged, short and strong, with grey in her hair and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth. the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the. "What, to send them back into death?" the Namer said, and the Patterner, "Who is to say what is the law?" The wizard kept the name Roke in his memory, and when he heard it again, and in the same connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again. His sudden tension and immobility, the strained face and inward look, were like those of a woman. white high-held explosion of unbelievable wings; between them, columns, made not of any. and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never. The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods. Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him close in mind and could touch him if she reached out. But at night she knew only his blank absence, his refusal of her. She had stopped trying to reach him, months ago, but her heart was still very sore. "Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to. There will I go. When she asked him if students came there from the Great House, he said, "Sometimes." Another time. "So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have wondered." it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves. listening. Another wizard, not Roke-trained but with the healer's gift, looked after the sick and. "Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was. eye back home, eh? No more moping, eh?" Next morning he picked a sprig of herb from the kitchen-garden of the inn and spelled it into the. without the eight months at Adapt. But now, perhaps even more than before, I did not want to go

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