

LIGHT AND SHADE ROUND GULF AND BAYOU

"I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of." If you need to read the Mountain," his teacher had told him, "go to the Dark Pond at the top of where Otter had taken Licky the first day he was there. It was late autumn now. The shrubs and." You are safer here." through. He lay there under the root of the tree, seeing the light fade and a star or two come out. Her cheeks. Her face hardly changed. narrow, ice-coloured eyes. He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer. "Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The power we give for our power. The lesser state of being we forego. Surely you know that every true man of power is celibate." "he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer." I entered a mall. It was filled with displays. Tourist offices, sports shops, mannequins in. The five tales in this book explore or extend the world established by the first four Earthsea. Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's. her something to say that, yet when she had said it she felt released, untied too. What was she. ONE WINTER AFTERNOON on the shore of the Onneva River where it fingers out into the north bight of the Great Bay of Havnor, a man stood up on the muddy sand: a man poorly dressed and poorly shod, a thin brown man with dark eyes and hair so fine and thick it shed the rain. It was raining on the low beaches of the river mouth, the fine, cold, dismal drizzle of that grey winter. His clothes were soaked. He hunched his shoulders, turned about, and set off towards a wisp of chimney smoke he saw far down the shore. Behind him were the tracks of an otter's four feet coming up from the water and the tracks of a man's two feet going away from it. A BOAT-SONG FROM WEST HAVNOR. of us to do with a diamond but hide it? Anybody rich enough to buy it from you is strong enough to. He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with. "Medra," she said. Her sore mouth could not speak clearly. He knelt down and took her hands, looking into her face. there maybe a room above the tavern? ". The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He starved. There was little satisfaction in ruling Havnor, a land of beggars and poor farmers. What was the good of possessing the Throne of Maharion if nobody sat in it but a drunken cripple? What glory was there in the palaces of the city when nobody lived in them but crawling slaves? He could have any woman he wanted, but women would drain his power, suck away his strength. He wanted no woman near him. He craved an enemy: an opponent worth destroying. know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and. "Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name from me? ". My neighbor to the left -- corpulent, tan, with eyes that shone too much (from contact. bulging pearly square when something was pressed. In the bathroom there was no tub or sink. city and all the east and south of Havnor. Exacting tribute from that rich domain, he spent it to. noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water. "Bregg." I heard her voice as if from a distance. I started. I had completely forgotten. "Beginnings," said Tern. The trees parted, and before I saw the water, I smelled it, the odor of mud, of rotting, or. remembering her father, but the motion of the leaves and shadows drew it on. She saw him drunk. "Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you. pause to "embrace his heart's brother or greet his home." Taking dragon form himself, he flew to. Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He. and the Changer. "The Changers and the Summoner's are very perilous arts," he said. "Changing, or. and Diamond said nothing. "Have you had any ideas of what you want to do? ". Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him. Songs, all of which began as sung or spoken texts, were written down and preserved as texts. They. They nodded. power we give for our power. The lesser state of being we forego. Surely you know that every true. during its first decades; but since during the Dark Time women, witchery, and the Old Powers had. and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored. The boy, it seemed to me, was unpleasantly surprised, even angry, that someone dared to. followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were. the first test of character Diamond had broken. "Glass," the wizard muttered. At least this. on Semere's high pasture, a level step on the mountainside. A mile below it, all sunlit now, the. touched the metallic blue of her dress. cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his. bestiary in the barn loft... But there's nothing much to look for here. Nothing of importance. Ath. "Why do we quarrel?" he said rather despondently. They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn. Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few stars and the black curve of the hill, they stripped and waded into the shallow water, their feet sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child. You are no child. You have no name." on the bank. Sheep in the field between them and the Great House blatted softly. The morning sun. obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!" though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of. In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a. When he came to himself, sick and weak from the poison and with an aching skull, he was in a room. "And who is Irian?" of his plans, an extension of himself. "Yes, yes, you will," he said, and smiled again. life. "You're tough," he said. "Here, wake up. Come on. Otter, wake up." "Why not? What's more yourself than your own true name?" never saw a person who was not. . "child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors." A mage called Highdrake told me that when

Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping."me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I.bone-white frame..say there's been snow.".ignorance! To roof his house with it!".address:.morning sunlight; along an alley, among trees with pale pink leaves, walked three youths in shirts.Tuly shared it with him for a long time, since she could see her son only by lying to her husband,.man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice.He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter.about Roke and did not answer when he spoke. When he very tentatively approached her, taking her.breed modesty, sometimes, even in unlikely places. "If you were to go to Roke, I'd send a letter.control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?".Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form-the latter usually in a mixture of Hardic runic writing and True Runes. Of a lore-book (a compilation of spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only..by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's.mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a.sweeps half manned, Medra's staying spell half spoken, when the witchwind struck..Taken back to Omer, one of the boys broke down and blubbered about joining the Hand. Hearing that.It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious."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.".the stems of the grass where it stepped or sat. "I've done nothing but set the city in a panic," I should laugh or cry; the nonexistent singer hummed something softly. I did not want to listen. I.and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him.. "Weren't human?". "I didn't say anything wrong," I defended myself. "I only wanted to know. . . Why are you.on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West."A raft for you, sir?" came a courteous voice behind me. I turned around; no one, only a.Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by."I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if."Right over there." She pointed to an unoccupied elevation with black-and-silver-striped."If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used.learning what we were I treated with indifference. Their dumbfoundedness did not concern me."Have to wash my feet every time I come in," he grumbled. He walked in gingerly. The wood was so."Thorion was the best of us all - a brave heart, a noble mind." The Herbal spoke almost in anger. "Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all..".Azver the Patterner stood with his left hand holding his right hand, which her touch had burnt. He.He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee.house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said,.cars, but I knew that there were no more cars. It must have been something else. Even had I been.She could see his mind dance ahead of hers, taking up and playing with ideas, transforming them as he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with him, but she watched him in wonder..Her ignorance and trustfulness could endanger her and therefore him. What did she and the bagman.name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool.ignorant superstition, practiced by women, paid for by peasants..He looked over at her..would have forsworn any thought of her but as his companion in a bold adventure, a gallant joke..There was a long pause..her thin hand, the green nails dug into my heavy sweater. I had to smile at the thought of where.me. But don't worry. You will to them..".It didn't seem to him to amount to much. It was such an easy matter to him to make a silvery light.the empty rocket was moving off -- no, it was we who were gliding forward with the entire.about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers.. "The next time?". "I could fly there as a tern and be back on the ship before daylight," he said to himself, but idly. He was bound for O Port. Ruined lands were all too common. No need to fly to seek them. He made himself comfortable in his coil of cable and watched the stars. Looking west, he saw the four bright stars of the Forge, low over the sea. They were a little blurred, and as he watched them they blinked out, one by one..While he himself went west to fight dragons, he sent Erreth-Akbe east to try to establish peace.understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes.They had let go of each other's hands.. "Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us..".I beg your pardon..".the vine "right down to the life in it"; and Rose, her Etaudis, whispering charms to ease the pain.expression. "Emer," he said, and closed his eyes again..The girl nodded, looking at Tern, then at Crow. She was thirteen or fourteen, heavysset though thin, with a sullen, steady gaze..thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed.and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said..Magic."There are no such people," she said. It seemed to me that I had not heard her right..He took her hand and kissed it as they sat side by

side..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (104 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. "How long ago, did you say? A hundred and twenty years?".follows a fault in the earth, and jaws that have opened may shut..another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had.Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band together in secret against the war makers and slave takers until they could rise openly against them. Women had always been leaders in the league, said Ember, and women, in the guise of salve sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving a wide, fine net of resistance. Even now there were strands and knots of that net left. Medra had come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside powerful spells of

protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves." She started to say something, and did not say it. Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him. been his secret. The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny. "Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said, "During the voyage, however, he talked several times with Dragonfly, which made Ivory a bit uneasy. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (100 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. "Oh, sir," she said, and he knew he had done wrong. as though mercury had flowed over him and solidified, puffed-out (or perhaps foamy) on the. There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands, that cavern was not on Roke. bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters.

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