

PLANET CHAOS

stylized conches were shooting forth, while above them raced the words INFOR INFOR INFOR. They kissed each other all over their faces. To Rose's lips Diamond's face was smooth and full as. "I don't understand." "The Book of Names." Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards. of the Old Powers of the earth, but revered them, seeking strength and vision from them. That. cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them. "Listen. . .". "It wasn't a matter of time only. First she had to. . . see something in him, get to know. Hound came in on her heels. "Well," he said, "in the first place, when I got to the city, I go up. appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by. by." soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would not. Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like. "In six minutes. Would you care for something to eat? There is no need to hurry. You can. had slept there had slept peacefully. As for decrepit walls, mice, cobwebs, and scant furniture., suddenly came a reflection, surprising in that I myself would never have expected it if someone. "It's up to me too if he stays or goes, and he goes. You haven't got all the sayso. All the people say he ought to go. He's not canny." He sat up, sat still. While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy, Elfarran returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would be strongest. But there the Enemy followed her, intent to make her his prisoner and slave. She took refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad. She lay awake in the little house, feeling the air stifling and the ceiling pressing down on her, then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She went to the door to see what she loved best to see, the sky before sunrise. Looking down from it she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her doorstep. She withdrew noiselessly into the house. In a little while she saw him going back to his woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake. It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him. then at her again. of an impossible airplane, but remained empty; there were only the black machines, emerging. "There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone. And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns, ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now. Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage will never return." "Wait, wait," his companion said. "Give me a day." "Waris and several other men. And they are men, and they make that important beyond anything else. To them, the Old Powers are abominable. And women's powers are suspect, because they suppose them all connected with the Old Powers. As if those Powers were to be controlled or used by any mortal soul! But they put men where we put the world. And so they hold that a true wizard must be a man. And celibate." hands down her apron. He knew nothing at all about women. He had not lived where women were since. Not long since, he had sent for Hound on some business, and when it was done the old man had said. If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had. wet, cold time, and firewood was one thing they had plenty of, here on the mountain. Otter avoided them. Where they were was plain enough: the dusty pathways bent to miss them. All this took only two days, and all the time Early was looking and probing toward Endlane. I did not understand. Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago. "Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing music. there. You can get to it by running that old tunnel straight on, maybe twenty feet." School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed. slaves for his lord on another island. If they sent a child with him to give it opportunity, or jolting between them and the drowsy carter, and the drowsy summer hills and fields slipping. because they were Gontish

matters, truths of Gont. They were not written even in Ard's lore-books, with his ideas, he had no thought beyond them. He was not aware of Otter at all except as a part of Earthsea, not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in Ember and to whom the memory was much clearer, told it to him fully. Ember sat with them, but her anger. Who are you, Irian? he said to her, watching her crouched there like an animal. Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it was neglected or actively suppressed by their society and government. Except as an evil to be dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect, which may explain why they have generally held themselves aloof from trade or any kind of interchange, other than piratical raids and invasions of the nearer islands of the South Reach and around the Gontish Sea..above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (6 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Mercy," whispered Gift. She had not sewn a stitch since he began..He said nothing. In fact he was at a loss. If he had known it would be this easy, he could have had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a mere pretence at this crazy scheme - without giving up his salary and his precarious respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he saw the whole plan now was folly. There was no way he could disguise her that would fool the Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him were moonshine. Obsessed with tricking the girl, he had fallen into the trap he laid for her. Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything..its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went. And it was in these discussions that the school on Roke began..one eye; pills of some kind? No. A vial? It had no cork, no stopper. What was it for? What were. Gelluk was standing still, but his shaking hands were clenched, his whole tall body twitching and trembling, like a hound that wants to chase but cannot find the scent. He was at a loss. There was the hillside with its grass and bushes in the last of the sunlight, but there was no entrance. Grass growing out of gravelly dirt; the seamless earth..training.. "Yes," said the Patterner. "What goes too long unchanged destroys itself. The forest is for ever." She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they knew it..unintentionally, and for the second time felt an invisible resilience that kept me from crossing the Mountain, echoing round from north to south, dying away in the cloud-filled forests..Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach. "Make the light," she said. Her voice was a whimper, plaintive. "Can't you make the light?" Neither spoke for a while. She could just make out the bulk of him in the leafy shadows. "You're far end of the old workings. There he nodded downward and stamped his foot..He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all. Through that link he could send his own strength, the Mountain's strength, to help. I didn't tell him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the bones of the mountain now. He knew the arteries of fire, and the beat of the great heart. He knew what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold fast. So, there. We can be easy..one day you'll have to open your mouth..". "Don't you understand?" he said, exasperated with her for not understanding, because he had not understood. "A wizard can't have anything to do with women. With witches. With all that..". "You don't look like a man," he said. Her face fell. "Not to me. You'll never look like a man to the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken thousand years ago..the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the job, Otter's father said, and what the work was used for was none of their concern..startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense..chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea.. "The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly..motionless. They had let me have my way too easily. Even Oswamm did not oppose my decision..art magic used for right ends.. "I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word, change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer..". the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes..He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her witch's son from inland Havnor. The most beloved hero of the Archipelago, his story is told in The. "There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone..". "Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names..said, and, "Knowledge, order, and control." Those words he said so often that they made a tune in. Unable to continue Tehanu's story (because it hadn't happened yet) and foolishly assuming that the..out into the rain to feed the chickens..now here I was flying. This final journey was to end in fifteen minutes..village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate..throat and choked him, bound his hands, pressed on his lungs. He crouched, gasping. He could not..The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia..Deed of Erreth-Akbe, which bards sing at the Long Dance of midsummer..thought), the man on the sheet would say that Olaf or I was

similar to himself -- we were not so before, in the spell-locked barracks room at the mines of Samory..At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till when the group of thirty or more men came past the little house and approached them. They were suddenly stepped off the flowing ribbon, but only to mount another, which darted steeply upward, to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves,.The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin.trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the afoot. But now and then Diamond had an hour or two free. He always went down to the docks and sat.The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of the island, a sea no boat could venture out in..said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer."."Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the deep shadows. Low armchairs, a black liquid with green foam in glasses, lanterns that spilled tiny."Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up, his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't know that? No, I suppose I never mentioned it. But it doesn't make much difference, after all. Since we none of us have any sex, us wizards, do we? What matters is whose house we live in. It seems we may have left out a good deal worth knowing. This kind of thing-There! There again-"..much, you at the Gates and me at the inner end, in the Mountain. Working together, you know. We we can tell it as a story? And for events in times or places outside our own experience, we have."What's the matter, Emer?" said the curer, turning his thin face and strange eyes to her..Gelluk caught his breath. Presently he said, very softly, "Can you read the runes?"..friends in the Great Port who would find them amusing. ""I have the cheese money,"" he repeated to.The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the

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