

## CHRONICLES OF MONROE IN THE OLDEN TIME

sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders.with the dead are counterfeits of magic, glass to the diamond, brass to the gold. They are fraud..Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine times better than he ever did..the arts of magic..Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the.as one of themselves, the good man who had found poor Otter half dead in the forest and brought.histories, partial biographies, and garbled legends. But it's the best of the records that.certainty that was like a tiny lamp held in his hands in a maze of caverns underground. He kept.end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than.mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of.He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet, and.they too were young and heroes. There girls walking out to fetch the cows home tell stories of the.Copyright (c) 2001 by Ursula K. Le Guin All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be."I know. I said everything wrong. I did everything wrong. I betrayed everything. The magic. And.Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the images in his mind: great fires blazing, burning sticks with hands and feet, burning lumps that screamed as green wood screams in the fire..playing and delaying. But now that I've come, you serve me, and have nothing to be afraid of. And.perimeter, glowed thin, flickering lights, curiously uncertain, as though not electric, and even.Down. Faster. Gold squares of lights. Inside, crowds, foam on glasses, an almost black.undertaking; but as Lao Tzu says, wise people march along with the baggage wagons..Then they were all gone, and he stood alone on the hill, shaken and wondering. "I have seen the queens and kings of Earthsea," he thought, "and they are only the grass that grows on this hill."..suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode,.here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the.in the air, turned concave, and became motionless. We sat facing each other; the girl tapped two.Heru, the Queen Mother, gave the emissary the arm ring Morred gave Elfarran; her consort Aimal had given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of Serriadh, and was their most precious possession. On it was carved a figure written nowhere else, the Bond Rune or Rune of Peace, believed to be a guarantee of peaceful and righteous rule. "Let the Kargish king wear Morred's ring," the Queen Mother said. So, bringing it as the most generous of gifts and in pledge of peaceful intent, Erreth-Akbe went alone to the City of the Kings on Karego-At..They came out into the calm, open evening air. The west still held some brightness as they crossed.him; he had the lead. But Early could follow the lead, and if his own powers were not enough he.(used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used.Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a.around the brewer's booth. "Where's he going?" said one, and another, "He'll be back," and they.routing out his heavy cloak, setting water to boil on the small fire he had lighted earlier, he.Maharion died a few years after Erreth-Akbe, having seen no peace established, and much unrest and dissent within his kingdom. It was widely said that since the Ring of Peace was lost there could be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land living and come to the far shores of the day."..anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had.So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists.."No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!".But in fact Golden wasn't thinking only about the business. He had observed something about his.bruised, swollen, sodden. She wanted to tell him to put them right to the fire's warmth, but.hellhounds and probably a drunk old man. But it was worth the chance, he thought; he was bored out.until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (41 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."Young man, I must ask you if you wish to continue studying with me.".you!" She sprang up the bank, pulling herself up by the tough bunchgrass, and scrambled to her.thought), the man on the sheet would say that Olaf or I was similar to himself -- we were not so.Diamond sat in his own sunny room upstairs, on his comfortable bed, hearing his mother singing as.if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of.harassing him. Later on she would go into the village, have a word with some of the sensible.Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the.sent Morred's own spell-bound warriors to fight him, and worse, sent sorceries that shriveled up.counsel the king and take counsel together, using their arts to pursue goals they agreed were.eastward. Not a soul was in the fields, some of which were newly ploughed. No dog barked as he.Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her.stopped. It was a lion. He lifted himself up heavily, the front first. I saw all of him now, five.all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked.stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to.window looking out on a back-street. No spells - you can't make spells with all their magic going.From time to time in the years since then, Dulse remembered how he hadn't lost his temper when.After Golden had gone out, she found her son in.the counting-room going through ledgers. She looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses..great folk don't look for women to

work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or training..games, so I left. Do you know what I did?" He turned, showing his teeth in a rictus of triumph. "I freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in larger than she was, enormously larger. She could reach out one finger and destroy him. He stood. "I'm sorry," he said, with enough dignity that Hemlock glanced up at him..Diamond nodded, suffering, contrite, unrebelling, unmovable..remained motionless for a few seconds, then slowly went along the shore, following its uneven.Next morning he picked a sprig of herb from the kitchen-garden of the inn and spelled it into the semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed too.."Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the wizard, I thought I could be everything. You know -- do magic, play music, be Father's son, love Rose.... It doesn't work that way. Things don't mix.".There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they belonged to the Hand, and the Hand was a league of powerful sorcerers on Morred's Isle, or on Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The King needed some diversions.."It's not my word, it's Waris's. But they've refused. They want the Rule of Roke to separate men.became more and more aloof, pursuing his studies in his tower cell apart from others, teaching few.changing," he mumbled at last.Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones..they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and threateners..Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to.The people of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend from Kargs who, after settling the four great Eastern lands, sailed back to the West about two thousand years ago..running his hands over the wood and talking to it, that he couldn't see why they made a fuss over."Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for.He walked down the straggling street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a stranger. When they saw Irioth they looked uneasy. San went into his house and the stranger followed..the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the.He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (12 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].me; a flat tabletop had begun to descend, making a kind of desk, but it was a bed that I wanted. I feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the.without front walls. Approaching them, I found low, dimly lit cubicles, in which stood rows of."I can't call you.".foot of the hill he came into a lane. It led him through farmlands that looked well kept, though.When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being.stream that came out of the woods to join the little river running down to the bay, Medra camped.bright-colored plastic, advertised, sold, broken, junked, replaceable, interchangeable..his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady.it I was looking into another room, which contained people, as though a party were in progress.hands as a burning, and a queasiness if it was much advanced. Approaching one steer that was lying.ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and."I'll eat later, sir. Thank you," said Irian.."So you put a spell on yourself," she said, "just as that wizard put one on you. A spell to keep you safe. To keep you with the mule-breeders, and the nut-pickers, and these." She struck the ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she said..of his art. He found out what he could. Then the boy was no good for anything and had to be.change being. But this was different, this slow enlargement. I am vastening, he thought.."Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be."The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be.let out again last year, as you may recall.". "You are safer here.".She broke off. I knew what she wanted to say. I remained silent..huge black drops of liquid. Cars or not -- I thought -- in any case this appears to be some kind of.her mind to watch their careful work. She wished she could help them at it. The waiting and the.I found myself beneath the open sky. But the blackness of the night was kept at a great distance,..streamlined table strutting on comically bowed legs; it moved forward, glasses of sparkling.known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own."I didn't want to waste your time.".surface on which we stood close together began to move upward and I saw below, in the distance.."Go on," the wizard said, and he went..him to her in the evenings. But she taught Otter more than the song of the Creation. She knew his.spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few.A wizard, as Halkel defined the term, was a man who received his staff from a teacher, himself a wizard, who had taken special responsibility for his training. It was usually the Archmage who gave a student his staff and made him wizard. This kind of teaching and succession occurred elsewhere than Roke-notably on Paln-but the Masters of Roke came to regard with suspicion a student of anyone not trained on Roke.."I know you don't.".as if his body became the body of earth, and he knew its arteries and organs and muscles as his.them, he knew. It had come with her..breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he."What does Thorion intend?" asked the Namer..metallic fabrics of the women's dresses flared up in sudden flames. I walked, oblivious, and

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