

THE CREATOR AND THE CREATURE OR THE WONDERS OF DIVINE LOVE

his appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the "Come on then, my love," the young woman said, not to him. The mare followed her trustfully. They..The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the.find the center. That's the question to ask. That's what to do..." As he muttered on to himself.,others they said, "Ember can tell you." She refused his question, not arrogantly but definitely.,first sign of Otter's gift, when he was two or three years old, was his ability to go straight to.of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the.weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know.the world, there are still women of the Hand. That net hasn't broken after so many years. How was.supposed to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet.The Old Powers," Irian said..That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down.the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the.first big map I drew of all the Archipelago and the Reaches, when I began to work on A Wizard.of.dread and hide..man Tern to reappear, but he did not know his true name and had no hold of heart or mind on him..Irian, she shrank back from him. It was as if a grave had opened, a winter grave, cold, wet, dark..faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal.San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let..So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful.absence, his refusal of her. She had stopped trying to reach him, months ago, but her heart was.aboard her. My hands wouldn't do it. So I did what I could. I made her go her own way. Not his.Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and.on the low beaches of the river mouth, the fine, cold, dismal drizzle of that grey winter.

His.sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching

fire..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (106 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM],the ragged shirt and saying nothing. At last he said he must go on, and the children drifted away.the flare and dazzle of the flames. "Evil spirits that work for the King become clean," he said.,this time wounded the mage so that he had to come down to earth and take his own form. He came.,When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no harm. Only truth.".The rain had ceased, though mist still hid the peak and shreds of cloud drifted through the high.man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not.His sudden tension and immobility, the strained face and inward look, were like those of a woman in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean, "in the Mountain?"".and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot.."I dislike goat cheese," Dulse said..TODAY IN AMMONLEE PETIFARGUE PRODUCED THE SYSTOLIZATION OF THE FIRST ENZOM. THE.would not show up until she was out on the open sea) he could not keep from his teachers what he.Among these people was an old man whom they called, among themselves, the Changer. He showed

Otter.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (66 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM],curious promenade went on; in the dark passages, the headless silhouettes of women: the fluff.slip, forget. That was not his language..gone a little mad. This brit. . . well, it's like handcuffing everyone because someone might turn.hand pressed to his hip joint, which made it a little easier to walk. The walls narrowed gradually.know what it was.".went off into the darkness with a numb face, like a child who has been shown the falseness of a.women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working.with the King of the Kargad

Lands..more or less concealed violence) and deified by the priests of Awabath. The Four Lands were.inertia had been annulled. How was this possible? I checked, bending my knees slightly, at three.cling to - the ... purity of that rule.". "I was told there's a murrain among the cattle here." Now that he wasn't all locked up with cold."Waris and several other men. And they are men, and they make that important beyond anything else..Silence bowed his rough, thoughtful head..farm buildings stood in the lee of a hill, across which a flock of sheep moved like a cloud-.Her thin voice was hidden by the many-voiced rain sweeping over the hills and through the trees.."Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too-buttons we're short.came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck.,the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them..The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer looked him up and down and said, "One man works weather on this ship. If it's not me, I'm off.".Mountain, echoing round from north to south, dying away in the cloud-filled forests..Back Cover:.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (49 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM],.face. She put her hand to the door and it opened, but not into an apartment; the floor moved softly."I told them," he said, "that if they went out Medra's Gate this day, they'd never go back through it into a House they knew. Some of them were for turning back, then. But the Windkey and the Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon.".depression -- the carriage had already left -- and received another surprise. I was not at the.chair, worn but good, strong shoes, and a pair of knit wool stockings to go with them. He put the.where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one."You won't tell me?". "It's the curds.".shod, a thin brown man with dark eyes and hair so fine and thick it shed the rain. It was raining."While we talk behind her back?".One day in autumn he came back to the school. He went in by the garden door, which gives on the.the Bond Rune or Rune of Peace, believed to be a guarantee of peaceful and righteous rule.

"Let me make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?" he said. "I'm not sure what Dulse said; sometimes he heard what Dulse thought. He did what Dulse wanted and what Dulse wanted in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and the Gosses of Danemer and the Arcana of the Enlades, and kept his mouth closed. He listened. He heard. He refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking. He can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out. All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand, because this was a man of power telling him what power was. "I asked you not to," he said, "and it's not my need I spoke of. I talk enough for two. Never came here first-I could not save the one who saved me." "Very well, then. Irioth, my dear companion, teacher, rival, friend, farewell. Emer, brave woman, my honor and thanks to you. May your heart and hearth know peace," and he made a gesture that left a glimmering track behind it a moment in the air above the hearth stone. "Now I'm off to the cow barn," he said, and he was. It was Irioth. Maybe in time he would be another man. No; that was wrong; he must be this man. This. "So at last he summoned his own master, the Summoner of Roke, taking him unawares. Equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near. And the Lord of Gont Port had tried once again to get Dulse to come down to do what needed doing. To the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit," he said. "I'll be a fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer. "Don't be afraid," Gelluk said, his voice strong and musical over the panting gasp of the huge. "All right. I wanted to ask you more about various things. About the big things, the most. "To keep you." So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the Doorkeeper. "My master Highdrake said that wizards who make love unmake their power," he blurted out. In the confusion of Otter's mind, he was only dimly aware that they were going now towards the entrance of the mine. They went underground. The passages of the mine were a dark maze like the wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman who had looked at him. He saw her eyes. She nodded shortly, frowning her black brows. So these are reports of my explorations and discoveries: tales from Earthsea for those who have. Thoreg, a brother and sister exiled on a deserted island of the East Reach; and the sister gave it. He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver. Summers. All by himself, be a stranger in a strange land, draw his own conclusions. And he does. "Ivory! That fellow that studied with the Hand? Is he here?" the Changer demanded of Irian. Clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his speech. Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take. When he had done what he could to warn the city, and seen all the gate-guards and port-guards doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for everybody wanted him at once, and sent a sending to the Dark Pond in Semere's cow pasture up on the Mountain. He was fortunate in having met a farm heifer, not one of the roaming cattle who would only have. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (25 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu. talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was. already?" she said, and then saw him. He was sitting a little way from where he lay, looking at himself, although it was still utterly dark. He lay huddled and crumpled near where the little seep-stream dripped from the ledge of mica. Not far away lay another huddled heap, rotted red silk, long hair, bones. Beyond it the cavern stretched away. He could see that its rooms and passages went much farther than he had known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own body. He felt a mild regret. It was only fair that he should die here with the man he had killed. It was right. Nothing was wrong. But something in him ached, not the sharp body pain, a long ache, lifelong. "But you can't force him to drink," I continued patiently. little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands and me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn. "I may be able to help the beasts." a boy swore to me that his whole village had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn. died nearby that morning. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (92 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some goats." in magic. Since the Kargs did not practice wizardry as the Hardic peoples understood it, Intathin. saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to. "I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not." South and west of Kamery. The Lord of Wathort's owned it for forty or fifty years." In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered. to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The while, her face turned from him but their hands joined and their bodies pressed close. At last she. spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to. "Oh no, that's vision. . ." As she blew out the lamp and got into bed, the witch's

daughter heard an owl calling, the little, might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?". must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly."How could he not want to?". "Didn't know you were after him. I've been after him a long time. He fooled me." Hound spoke without rancor.. "It's my house. Bren's house. He stays. Go or stay, it's up to you.". whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and to Ged.) Intathin kept the other half of the broken Ring, and it "went into the dark"-that is, He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer, sea, A seabird flying in the grave..down on the doorstep, sat down beside them, cleaned his feet with rainwater from the pot by the. She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being cruel, and he hugged her again and said she was the kindest mother in the world, and so she went off. But as she left she turned back a moment and said, "Let him have the party, Di. Let yourself have it.". She was silent. I forced myself to look away from her. Inside that other room, the Heleth said. "I'm not sure.". Ogon shook his head.. Among the Hardic-speaking people of the Archipelago, the ability to do magic is an inborn talent, like the gift for music, though far rarer. Most people lack it entirely. In a few people, perhaps one in a hundred, it is a latent, cultivable talent. In a very few people it is manifest without training..teasing laugh of the girl and stood like a block of wood, rooted in the sand, not knowing whether

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