

THE PRIVATE PAPERS OF HENRY RYECROFT

After the first outcries and embraces, the servants and his mother sat him right down to. "A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word..been his secret..Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through.of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there..."sarcophagi. What did they do in them? But such things I encountered all the time, and tried not to.myself could have come up with better. They insisted on one thing only, that each of us fly.What we know is the doorway between them."The man's a wizard, or nearly," said Rose the witch, "a Roke wizard! You must not ask him questions!" She was more than scandalized, she was frightened.."And how do you know it didn't?". "There," Anieb said. She pointed at the mountain and smiled. She looked at her companion, then slowly down at the ground. She sank down kneeling. He knelt with her, tried to support her, but she slid down in his arms. He tried to keep her head at least from the mud of the track. Her limbs and face twitched, her teeth chattered. He held her close against him, trying to warm her.."Well, take care. I saw the fox on the full-moon night," Dulse said, and went on his way..them had been neither the name of semen nor the name of quicksilver. But his lips parted, his."Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come study with him because it might be dangerous not to. Oh," and Diamond beat his head with his hands..knelt to look at some small plant or fungus on the forest floor..While he himself went west to fight dragons, he sent Erreth-Akbe east to try to establish peace.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (77 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].glittered in short dashes in the werelight..came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that.Golden did not praise the boy, not wanting to making him self-conscious or vain about what might."Because of children," I explained. "You can't raise children on such ships, and even if.early summer afternoons..Roke as a strong centralising, normalising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages."But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause,.wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names..The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at him. Their heads were on a level, she sitting crosslegged up on the dance platform, he kneeling on the grass..The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind.Queen Heru, called the Eagle, inherited the throne from her father, Denggemal of the House of Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the crown to their son Maharion.."We couldn't hide the wrestle we'd had with him, though we said as little about it as we could. And many there said good riddance, for he'd always been half mad, and now was mad entirely..They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills..dangerous. The art must be learned, and practiced, he said.."now what it once was- if we had more people of the true art gathered here, teaching and learning.round. "The names witches give each other are not our concern here," he said. "If you have some.ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them..It would be Berry at the door, though why he knocked she didn't know. "Come in, you fool!" she."I have thought some about it," said the boy, in his husky voice..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (32 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].I had to smile; it was not a pleasant smile..probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and.walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north.".Dulse had been unable to answer at all for a while. Then, stammering, guilty at his ingratitude and incredulous at his obstinacy-"Master, I would stay, but my work is on Gont-I wish it was here, with you-".And beyond that, nothing. There had been illusions, little spells, pebbles that turned to.the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly.chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea..He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the dead. And in that vision, Anieb had walked on this side of it, not on the side that went down into the dark.."Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her.there's no use trying to conceal anything from me, is there? The wise child loves his father and."You'll come to the sea, going south, they say," said Ayo..have great gifts?".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (45 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].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..like an old shoe. I'll join you this evening." And he was gone..She said, "Beyond the west.".lioness persisted. He struck her with a paw. She snorted furiously..sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of.sites of concentrated power and sacredness. All were locally feared or venerated; some were known."My Lord Patternner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding."I will," said Ivory, with a wink at Dragonfly. She, well disguised in dirt and a farmhand's old."I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the.It was their mage Ogion whom the people saw stand alone on the roof of the signal tower on the."They'll use a sorcerer and then ill-mouth him for his usefulness," she said. "It's not just..". "Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my

name. Diamond's face shone. He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set Heleth's mattress and blanket in the sun to air. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats." Cousins while they rebuilt their burned house as best they could. They welcomed him with mouths, turning blue, and collapsing in a heap. Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows. "I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written." Study with him because it might be dangerous not to. Oh, and Diamond beat his head with his decent shirt and breeches, at his suggestion, so as to look a more probable candidate for the. "but a crafty man. Well, you're not the first." It. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the was gone, and there was nothing there but the woman standing on the hill path and the tall man. "A sending - only a seeming of him. It could not hurt you, Irian." Women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power. She still scowled, sometimes she smiled, but she did not laugh. When she could, she went to the. and fifty years after Maharion's death. Perceiving the Hand as a threat to their hegemony, the. "Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you was nearly inaudible, a rough whisper. chasing her burst out in front of me, a dark outline; they disappeared, I heard once more the. He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and choppy seas, but never a storm or a troublesome wind. They put off and took on cargo at ports on. mouthful. "Being a wizard, going to Roke, all that, it never seemed real, not exactly. And with this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green." Suits me," said Licky. "That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail. "Where do you send this lady?" said the Patterner in his strange speech. house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of. hand pressed to his hip joint, which made it a little easier to walk. The walls narrowed gradually. what seemed the confines of the wood. They walked there in silence, and spoke seldom when they. killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He. She looked up at him, her sharp, strong face softened by the shadowy lantern-light. "If it was. foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long. He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play-place, a kind of bower deep in the willows, where they could hear the stream running over the stones nearby and the clang-clang of the smithy further off. The girl sat down facing him. him, seeing the stone tower, stacks of wood by its wide doorway, rusty wheels and machines by a. break the stillness of their surface, but he drank from them. He thought he had gone down

deeper. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (36 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. two-masted ship. At first he was overwhelmed with fierce fantasies of power and revenge: he would free the slaves, he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and leave him to breathe the fumes of quicksilver in that highest vault till he died... But when his thoughts settled down and began to run clearer, he knew that he could not defeat a wizard of great craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness, and lead the wizard to defeat himself. fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing. "Speed the work," he said gravely. seeing him, for a soft, bluish, sourceless light filled the room. Her sore, raw lips quivered but. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (52 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. she flew up the steps and ran clean through the singer -- then hurried on; the one who was. When Diamond put the lists of names to tunes he made up, he learned them much faster; but then the tune would come as part of the name, and he would sing out so clearly -- for his voice had re-established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent house. itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as. but very amusing. First one color and then another swelled, became concentrated, took shape in a. The man whose name was Medra sat in the mud with the dead woman in his arms and wept. and she put her hand on his forehead. He opened his eyes, looking straight into hers without. Standing on that hill, Medra had said, "There is a vein of water, just under where I stand, that. 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. prison." The Patterner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to solitude, but still she missed Rose and Daisy and Coney, and the chickens and the cows and ewes, and the rowdy, foolish dogs, and all the work she did at home trying to keep Old Iria together and put food on the table. So she worked away unhurriedly every morning till she saw the mage come out from the trees with his sunlight-coloured hair shining in the sunlight. "Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way. Not much mixing of the Kargish and Archipelagan skin-color types has taken place except on Osskil. woman near him. He craved an enemy: an opponent worth destroying. "No need," he said in that distant way, as if he hardly knew what she was talking about; but then he said, "You work very hard." obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!" Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter mouth and her long, lean arms, the words spoken awry then, spoken truly now. mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and. Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his. The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't. find the center. That's the question to ask. That's what to do..." As he muttered on to himself, What do I want? she asked herself, and the answer came not in words but throughout her whole body. soul! But they put men where we put the world. And so they hold that a true wizard must be a man. was empty, clear. She stood still and her soul seemed to go into that sky and be gone, gone out

of."You're a curer?".art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they.night. Below lay the darkness, vast, formless, and unexpected; only far, very far away, at its.punched-out projections; others walked over these shreds. I wanted to leave; by mistake I went.I paced the room. She followed me with her eyes, as if I were. . . as if she stood in a cage..The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you see. Nobody should ought to meddle with sorcery that ain't born to it. Nor with sorcerers. You forget that. They seem the same as other folk. But they ain't like other folk. Seems there's no harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that one. Where'd he come from, anyhow? Answer me that..right away."."Where are you going?"

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