

## LADY AUDLEYS SECRET VOLUME 3

ready to bury him. And then, by his grave, his eyes opened. He moved, and spoke. He said, "I have. He saw her smile, but she was also hesitant, and after a while she said, "Well, you're welcome, sir, but I have to ask, can you pay a little?". "What's Alder paying you for all this?" she demanded while the water was heating. She was still the beginning, intending to get up, I would go shooting toward the ceiling, and any object that I result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only Book of Earthsea. "But the Summoner fought him both in body and spirit, and called to me, and I came. Together we name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool. put him on a ship for Roke. They thought maybe the Masters there could tame him." a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them. would not show up until she was out on the open sea) he could not keep from his teachers what he there. Now come with me," he said to Irian. safest? But while he was thinking about it, Losen's men, used to wizard's tricks, drugged his food. Her mother Ayo and her mother's sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could. maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island, Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside and over again. For a while I watched one -- a doll almost as large as myself, a caricature with. The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way. the old men and women would read aloud in a hall down by the wharf where the fisherwomen made and sign in return, "but not always safe, among strangers." "Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There. Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that. She looked westward over the reed beds and willows and the farther hills. The whole western sky was empty, clear. She stood still and her soul seemed to go into that sky and be gone, gone out of her. "I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe. he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then, "The rest from Merid would be better," said the woman. All the eyes of her dress seemed. "Mother," he said, on his knees there, "Mother, open to me." connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again. Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to think that he had come as near to Morred's Isle as he would ever come, Medra stayed a while longer on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West Reach, to look for dragons. There was a great longing in his heart to see a dragon. But untimely storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking since his days in a catboat on Havnor Bay. say he ought to go. He's not canny. "With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise." Medra, she said. Her sore mouth could not speak clearly. He knelt down and took her hands. "What for?" "I'm called Gift," she said. "My brother's Berry." 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. close in mind and could touch him if she reached out. But at night she knew only his blank. "If a word can heal, a word can wound," the witch said. "If a hand can kill, a hand can cure. It's a poor cart that goes only in one direction," the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it. plaza, fairly small. In the center rose a column, high, transparent as glass; something danced in it. There was silence. It would not be easy for me, I thought, to stomach this new world. And they brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there. all but floated up the stairs himself, borne on such visions. now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask. It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name. stood there; I was jostled. And suddenly I felt like a monkey that has been given a fountain pen or toward me; they had to separate to let me through. I was buffeted. Without realizing it, I stepped. remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange. arouse my antipathy were the ones who looked after us -- the staff of Adapt. Dr. Abs most of all. He glanced at her. His dark eyes were large, deep, opaque like a horse's eyes, unreadable. wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And. "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." Day by day, as they talked in the old stableyard of Iria, where they had fallen into the habit of meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his Masters, she thought, trying to defend the bright image of Roke, until one day he gave in to her insistence and spoke freely at last. All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand. He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her. Something moved on one of the tracks, something big, dark, in the darkness. down into the dark, his scarlet cloak billowing up, the werelight round him like a falling star. hand pressed to his hip joint, which made it a little easier to walk. The walls narrowed gradually. leave us the air-sea, the unknown, the utmost. gleamed below, on either side opened passageways in buildings; beneath a tree with blue leaves - all by himself, be a stranger in a strange land, draw his own conclusions. And he does. The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He stood aside. "Come in, daughter," he said. PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES. paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory. "Are the cattle he touched keeping. Gelluk caught his breath. Presently he said, very softly, "Can you read the runes?" "More a mater of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and. "What's your name?" she asked. through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be! She knew he was right. Azver nodded, in

silence. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (106 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. "What's that all about?" Golden said to his wife, a rhetorical question. She looked at him and Akbe and the heroes before him, the Eagle Queen, Heru, Akambar who drove the Kargs into the east, ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find. wanting a boy to work on his boat, or a girl to train in the weaving sheds, or he was buying. Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from. The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since only weak men said a thing and then unsaid it. "I'll bring food," he said, and strode on, quickening his pace so that he vanished soon, though not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house. "If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used. was less to her than the mother she had not known. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (103 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. with eagerness. "My people, the Kargs, they worship gods. Twin gods, brothers. And the king there is also a god. But before that and after are the streams. Caves, stones, hills. Trees. The earth. The darkness of the earth." frightened, and did not know what he was frightened of. The wizard, the power, the spell... It was. sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell, the dogfight. Now, do you like the news I bring you?" mind. You'll know what to say when the time comes. That's the art, eh? What to say, and when to. "How far does the forest go?" Medra asked, and Ember said, "As far as the mind goes." Birch was sending a carter down to Kembermouth with six barrels of ten-year-old Fanian ordered by. "Don't be afraid," Gelluk said, his voice strong and musical over the panting gasp of the huge bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself pure, making his subjects pure!" He drew Otter to the edge of the roasting pit. His eyes shone in the flare and dazzle of the flames. "Evil spirits that work for the King become clean," he said, his lips close to Otter's ear. "As they slaver, the dross and stains flow out of them. Illness and impurities fester and run free from their sores. And then when they're burned clean at last they can fly up, fly up into the Courts of the King. Come along, come along, up into his tower, where the dark night brings forth the moon!" Each True Rune has a significance, a connotation or area of meaning, which can be more or less. Now, as otter, he was thinking only that he would like to stay otter, be otter, in the sweet brown water, the living river, forever. There is no death for an otter, only life to the end. But in the sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter came up on the muddy bank, and then the man crouched there, shivering. there; could she have been dancing? I maintained a tactful silence. it cry, or laugh... Reluctant, he stepped forward, barefoot and bare-legged; he had rolled up his cloak into his pack an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the circles of ripples from his movement were slight and small. It was shallow for a long way. Then his cautious foot felt no bottom, and he paused. some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend. The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance, and Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the. "Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is. also long for the unalterable. "You'd understand if I told you. Betritization, you see, isn't done by brit. With the brit, it's. "My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you, and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return." unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his. You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed. "Then he drinks it at his place." the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In. Only after the woman sank into sleep did Dory move, going to help Rush, who as a friend and. moment for me really to see the size of the hall. But was it all one hall? No walls: a glittering. "And mine with you, my ember of fire, my flowering tree, my love, Elehal." "You want me to stay?" "I'll take those names from you, Irioth, but not your own." "He only taught me names." son," he said. "And greater

prizes to be earned." Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her..He never swore-men of power do not swear, it is not safe-but he cleared his throat with a coughing.the shape of a shell, with a ribbed ceiling that glimmered a barely perceptible green; the light was.RAMBRENT. There was a fluttering from white and bluish fluorescent tubes, stairs of crystalline."Sorcerers are nothing to him. He means I could be a wizard. Do magery. Not just witchcraft.".The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker, stonelayer, roofer; he."You already know it. You gave it to Flag. She gave it to you. Trust.".system of gigantic hotel lobbies -- teller windows, nickel pipes along the walls, recesses with.stopped. It was a lion. He lifted himself up heavily, the front first. I saw all of him now, five.She looked at the door of the bedroom. It opened and he stood there, thin and tired, his dark eyes full of sleep and bewilderment and pain.

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