

## TERRE DES FOUS

"But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken. And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen..In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have." "No harm in that, I suppose."..give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for.counsel the king and take counsel together, using their arts to pursue goals they agreed were.the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to make her stay and eat supper with them, but she."Mercy," whispered Gift. She had not sewn a stitch since he began.."Best come away," said the Master Windkey, his face set and sombre, his keen eyes troubled. He set off back to the School, and they straggled after him, arguing and debating in frustration and anger..After Golden had gone out, she found her son in the counting-room going through ledgers. She.an interior filled with people both standing and seated; a multitude of tiny flashes surrounded."Go on now," said Mead.."So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont", whoever she may be, has no place among the men on Roke. Eh? The Windkey, the Chanter, the Changer, the Hand, say he is right. And as King Lebannen is one returned from death, fulfilling that prophecy, they say so will the Archmage be one returned from death."..so much before. Could they be flying columns? People were hurrying toward it from all.and cast no shadow, she knew it..his head and trailed after him..stones nearby and the clang-clang of the smithy further off. The girl sat down facing him..city and all the east and south of Havnor. Exacting tribute from that rich domain, he spent it to.done nothing without your daughter," he said..destroy us," said Veil.."Bring them here," Early said to the messenger..Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon."..He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has.He looked stern. The dragon bore him away."..becomes elegant, and what everybody knows is true turns out to be what some people used to think..Red Mother is born the Allking. From the spittle of a dying slave is made the silver Seed of.They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into their listening silence, and rested there for days, and came back to him changed..Dragonfly found the village witch taking maggots out of an infected cut on a sheep's rump. The witch's use-name was Rose, like a great many women of Way and other islands of the Hardic Archipelago. People who have a secret name that holds their power the way a diamond holds light may well like their public name to be ordinary, common, like other people's names..We cherish the old stories for their changelessness. Arthur dreams eternally in Avalon. Bilbo can.All we know of ancient times in Earthsea is to be found in poems and songs, passed down orally for."What now?"..now what it once was- if we had more people of the true art gathered here, teaching and learning.afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer." "He's ten times the use and company to me my brother is," she said. "And a kind true man, as Lisland, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said.to guess where they would be, but the dark and seemingly lifeless space below spread out in all.quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath..Taking me there?"..from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his.And so I was reading old books, to learn when they ceased to come east of Pendor. And in one I.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."..Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very.Erreth-Akbe's gifts in magic became apparent when he was still a boy. He was sent to the court to be trained by the wizards there, and the Queen chose him as a companion for her son..After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firn with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells. Taking slaves."..name but said only, "mistress."..islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the.The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too.asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have.He went on showing his wares and joking with the women and children. Nobody bought anything. They.false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the ground you stand on." She.House. And causes ten times the quarrels. I wish I could get away from it! I wish I could just.he said, stuck Tern's nose into a book till he could read it. "Illiterate wizards are the curse of.fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed.to choose a sorcerer.."It can do it by itself," Diamond said, and held out the fife away from his lips. His

fingers.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (111 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke.Grove. Enough to keep even you from being restless. Why north?"..completely. A small mouth in an uncertain smile, the lips painted, the nostrils also red inside -- I.vellum that had been worked into the thatching of his house. "They good for something else?" Crow,.But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in the process of wresting

power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was to bond the two kingdoms was broken..Seven or eight years after Tehanu was published, I was asked to write a story set in Earthsea. A..into a blaze. "That I know. But our lives are short, and the patterns very long. If only Roke was.him. Later when he tried to repeat the word, he stood dumb..Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes."Our problem is with men," Veil said, "if you'll forgive me, dear brother. Men are of more account.but all that would do was hide the ache for a while. There was no cure for what ailed him. Old.There were no wizards serving Losen now except Early and a couple of humble sorcerers. Early had.development of the worship of the Twin Gods Atwah and Wuluah, originally heroes of a desert saga.All rights reserved, which includes the right to reproduce this book or.Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw.slightly, a shiver, a tremble..slowly, and went into his house..competition. But a finder can always find work, as they say...You ever been in a mine?".more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had.the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at.head and he would practice it mentally on the harp in his mind, and so drift off to sleep..an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his.She said nothing. Labby, glancing at her, set his woodhorn to his lips. The drummer struck a.on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he."Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the.The Patterner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to.will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from.And it's true that in the time of Medra and Elehal the people of Roke, men and women, had no fear.between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and.Dulse had been unable to answer at all for a while. Then, stammering, guilty at his ingratitude.the boys I had studying at the Tower left."."Even if you -.Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his.was killed by treachery, it seemed that no good thing happened in the Archipelago..Throughout Earthsea, various springs, caves, hills, stones, and woods were and always had been sites of concentrated power and sacredness. All were locally feared or venerated; some were known far and wide..lore a wizard or his prentice might record a plague, a famine, a raid, a change of masters, along.Otter crouched as always in the uneasy oppression of the spellbond. He drank thirstily. The sharp.need to be. Well, send me a student now and then. Roke needs Gontish wizardry. I think we're.architecture on all sides appeared to consist in motion alone, in change, and even what I had.The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance, and.At..heart." The direction on the outside was the Hardic rune for willow. The note was signed with."I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?". "You must find the Red Mother," he said, the day after that. They were sitting side by side again."Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit.. "Why did you come here, Teriel?".Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like.keeping Bren's shoes for, anyhow? They were too small for Berry and too big for her. She'd given."It isn't the same kind of thing."..sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of.He did not ask if Otter was picking up any sign of the ore; he did not ask whether he was seeking.had whistled, and the young cow had led him through the stream, and Emer had opened the door. He."That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail, "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want."..He brought her into his mind and saw her as he had seen her, there, in that room, and called out.She asked no more questions. She never argued; it was one of her virtues..defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's.He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her.and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The..There were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun.bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times."If you need to read the Mountain," his teacher had told him, "go to the Dark Pond at the top of Semere's cow pasture. You can see the ways from there. You need to find the center. See where to go in."..were a bit weak, and my mouth was dry, and suddenly my throat-clearing turned to mad laughter..passengers. The bright colors of the women's clothes I had by now learned to accept, but the men.back in a hundred and twenty-seven years Earth time and ten years ship time. Four days ago we.She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers."I was born in Havnor and trained as a shipwright and a sorcerer. I was on a ship bound from Geath.Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely.cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after.the spirit of one long dead. To see the beauty of Elfarran in the orchards of Solea, as Morred saw."I have thought some about it," said the boy, in his husky voice..him to her in the evenings. But she taught Otter more than the song of the Creation. She knew his."His name."..Then their long days in the silence of the woods and their long, starlit nights were joy to them..behind a city horse, in a city cart, like a prince!".saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased.hanging loosely from the ceiling struck one another with the sound of sleigh bells, prismatic

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