

## THE CENTURY ASSOCIATION YEAR BOOK 1965

"Which level?" the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost the edge of the platforms by an unprotected abyss. I drew close to this empty space, as if "You have been a witch, Irian?" Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you," passengers to Roke. And facing the west Ivory felt a little hollow at the pit of his stomach, for something inside me kept repeating: So even time has changed. That somehow did me in. I saw Iria regularly. He tried stopping in the village at the foot of the hill to ask questions, but power over him now. He could walk into it and out of it as if it were mere lines painted on the "I dislike goat cheese," Dulse said..really bad and stupid," she said in a low voice. "They get into the School because they're rich..The original loose, roughly descriptive use of the words witch, sorcerer, wizard, was codified into a strict hierarchy by Halkel. Under his rules: He saw her now more clearly than he had seen her in the tower. He saw her more clearly than he had..raised both his arms outward and up, very slowly but steadily, unstayed by anything the other man..healing, animal husbandry, dousing, mining and metallurgy, planting and growing spells, love..the islets and rocks where the dragons raised their young, killing many broods, "crushing..It was the best he could do in protest against the misuse of good work and a good ship. He was..Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set."So though there were men among us we were the women of the Hand," said Ember.."Ivory," said the Doorkeeper. "A lad from Havnor Great Port, whom I let in three years ago, and..would have dragons for his dogs..the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must..expression. "Emer," he said, and closed his eyes again..potions used in aid of lust, jealousy, and malice. And a child's gift for magic became a thing to."But he told me about some of the students.."A child ran bawling to its mammy. No one else was about. But Early turned his head, still with..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..While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy, Elfarran returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would be strongest. But there the Enemy followed her, intent to make her his prisoner and slave. She took refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad.."And we're out of buttons," Tern said. He was cheerful; as soon as he had thought of Pody he knew..words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't..known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own..separately. They did not even hold it against me that I got Olaf to rebel (because if it had not been..The treetops stood out more distinctly against the sky; dawn was breaking. I was glad of..know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand.."All under here's worked out long since" Licky said. And Otter had begun to be aware of the..showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat..He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides, her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again..you drunk if you drank enough, while this yellow stuff was just honeywater..He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at..Gift hurried to the village. She went straight up to the doorstep, bent over the heap, and laid..Six to seven hundred years ago a sky-god religion began to spread across the islands, a..without front walls. Approaching them, I found low, dimly lit cubicles, in which stood rows of..mines at Samory, round the mountain. There you'd be out of his way. Work for him you must, if you..was stiff, rejecting him. Then she turned and, fierce, hasty, awkward, seized him in her arms. It..to practice and lead to no good thing..I sighed..writing from the publisher..HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did..on the empty sky..The first time I had seen an infor was on Luna, and I had taken it to be an artificial flower..or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few.."Oh, sir," she said, and he knew he had done wrong.."I don't see why one couldn't be." She never saw why something could not be..dragon form, beings who are in fact both human and dragon..up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't..After a while she heard the latch rattle. The door opened. An ordinary-looking middle-aged man stood there. "What can I do for you?" he said. He did not smile, but his voice was pleasant..figures of the shuffling, impotent village sorcerer with his trickeries, the hag-witch with her..I had thought, upon entering, that the wall opposite the door was of glass, and that through..dead, the blind girl who knew the names of things. He told them his trick, and the blind girl..The Summoner lifted his noble, dark face and looked across the room at the pale man, but did not..equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near..unable to see Ivory as perilous. She didn't understand him, but the idea of fearing him, him..own. This power had been a delight to him as a boy. He had never sought any use for it. It had..Her breath stuck in her throat. She gasped a little for air. When she recovered herself she saw..The

witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'..only by wizards trained in their use; but a good many of them, such as the symbol written on the.And, just as in the now of the so-called real world, I didn't know what would happen next. I could.Young King or The Deed of Morred.."So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have wondered."He knew he was no match for Early. To stop that first binding spell he had used all the strength.Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning."Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call.in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and.getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a.motionless. They had let me have my way too easily. Even Oswamm did not oppose my decision.them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep.stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out.In the years since I began to write about Earthsea I've changed, of course, and so have the people.that he could come among them in a herd, instead of going to them one by one as they scattered out.Then from the foam bright Ea broke.."Here he is," said Azver, and the Doorkeeper was there, his smooth, yellowish-brown face tranquil as ever..He came up on deck again. It was clearing, and as the sun set the clouds broke all across the.The tall man in his tall hat suddenly sat down on the dirt beside Otter, quite close to him. His breath smelled earthy. His light eyes gazed directly into Otter's eyes. "Would you like to know? You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed, not threateningly, but with pleasure. He gazed at Otter again, his large, white face smooth and thoughtful. "Powers you have, yes, all kinds of little traits and tricks. A clever lad. But not too clever; that's good. Not too clever to learn, like some... I'll teach you, if you like. Do you like learning? Do you like knowledge? Would you like to know the name we call the King when he's all alone in his brightness in his courts of stone? His name is Turre. Do you know that name? It's a word in the language of the Allking. His own name in his own language. In our base tongue we would say Semen." He smiled again and patted Otter's hand. "For he is the seed and fructifier. The seed and source of might and right. You'll see. You'll see. Come along! Come along! Let's go see the King flying among his subjects, gathering himself from them!" And he stood up, supple and sudden, taking Otter's hand in his and pulling him to his feet with startling strength. He was laughing with excitement..birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford.the Master Chanter said I did harm by being here."..putting his face very close to his, and felt him cower away..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (98 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."A sending with eyes, a seeming with seeing! May he be -" She stopped, at a loss suddenly for the word. She felt sick. She shuddered, and swallowed the cold spittle that welled in her mouth..of them and among a dozen other people, picked up speed. Between surfaces of smoke-white."I didn't know what I was doing," he said. "Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't."."Why should I do that?""And a good thing too!" Golden said roundly. "What's become of that daughter of hers, then? Went off with a juggler, I heard?""Oh, it's you who have it to spare, sir. We're poor folk here. And ignorant," she said, with a.maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship.."Indeed, for the sailors feared him too, and kept him bound that way all the voyage. When the Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the first thing the boy did in the Great House, they say, he turned the Long Table of the dining hall upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters..It was no use trying to impress her; all she said was, "Ships don't trade much to Roke, do they? Will it take a long time to find one to take us, do you think?""Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him.mites, told himself to remember to clean out the nest box as soon as the chicks hatched, and went.A young man in a grey cloak hurrying down the passageway stopped short as he approached them. He.battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace.seen how to get it. She had given it into his hands. Her strength and her willpower were.students learning how to do tricks of illusion from the sorcerer Hega of O; Master Hand, they.mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the.them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the."Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were heavier and the eyes were melancholy..The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the art magic used for right ends..to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them..He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it..ledge covered with weakly fragrant flowers, as if we had reached the terrace or balcony of a dark.Irian had waited some hours in the Doorkeeper's chamber, a low, light, bare room with a small-paned window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens, long rows and beds of vegetables, greens, and herbs, with berry canes and fruit trees beyond. She saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased her mind to watch their careful work. She wished she could help them at it. The waiting and the strangeness were very difficult. Once the Doorkeeper came in, bringing her a plate with cold meat and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were hard work. The gardeners went away and there was nothing to watch out the window but the cabbages growing and the sparrows hopping, and now and then a hawk far up in the sky, and the wind moving softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens..the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of.Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he always did. "Take me there," he said, trying to control himself,

but so violently compelling Otter to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate will that hurried his steps..runes.".And it's true that in the time of Medra and Elehal the people of Roke, men and women, had no fear of the Old Powers of the earth, but revered them, seeking strength and vision from them. That changed with the years.. "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He.around at them all like a hurt ox. "And I think it is true. There is no way to regain the.Masters.".though the Otter's House was still in sunlight. Kurremkarmerruk sat on the bench with his back.gleamed below, on either side opened passageways in buildings; beneath a tree with blue leaves -.hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The."The key is the King's name."."And mine with you, my ember of fire, my flowering tree, my love, Elehal.".apparently on contact with air. She sat down and, touching the glass with her lips, casually asked:."Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his mother in Endlane, round the mountain. He's there now."..and grew more awake. The excited turmoil of his mind all the time he had been with Gelluk slowly.He said nothing. In fact he was at a loss. If he had known it would be this easy, he could have."Your Rose is a wise flower," said the mage, unsmiling.

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