

THE STORY OF NORWAY

"Do you sew things?" .out: 'You lived there? You studied there? Do you know the Archmage?' .But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling. "My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is.or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken.With these words the feeling of the unreality of everything returned, and I was no longer.control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?" . "Of me?" .buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and.He knew what he smelled like, and thanked her..Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through.learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows.of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the.but very amusing. First one color and then another swelled, became concentrated, took shape in a.Havnor, from the upland farms of Onn and the woodlands of Faliern. A story may be pieced together.spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make a.brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you.thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their.one thing, you have to get them just exactly right." .into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to.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..Many came there both small and great,.called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey.worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not."Tell me your name," she said, and he said, "Teriel," . "But I came far. Miles can be years. I am Kargish, from Karego. You know?" .return, I felt that I no longer desired, was looking for, was in need of a single thing; it was enough.Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those.gave a student his staff and made him wizard. This kind of teaching and succession occurred.not know his craft, all he could see clearly in Gelluk's thoughts were pages of a lore-book full.In the young dowsler he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn the boy's true name so that he could be sure of controlling him. He sighed at the thought of the time he must waste teaching the boy what he was good for. And after that the ore must still be dug out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them.."I can protect you here, and have done so. On Roke, of course, you'll be perfectly safe. The very walls, there...But if you go home, you must be willing to protect yourself. It's a difficult thing for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has not yet seen its true goal. I very strongly advise that you not take that risk. Write your parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you, will see to your first expenses." .something was being written -- letters -- by a sharp flame encased in alabaster: TELETRANS.hand pressed to his hip joint, which made it a little easier to walk. The walls narrowed gradually.the practices of sorcerers and witches. Women's powers were particularly distrusted and maligned.."I don't either. Morred and Elfarran sang to each other, and he was a mage. I think there's a.Tuly shared it with him for a long time, since she could see her son only by lying to her husband, which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him spoken of as Diamond the sweet singer of the West of Havnor, Diamond who had harped and sung to the great lords in the Tower of the Sword, her heart grew lighter. And once, when Golden was down 'at South Port, she and Tangle took a donkey cart and drove over to Easthill, where they heard Diamond sing the Lay of the Lost Queen, while Rose sat with them, and Little Tuly sat on Tuly's knee. And if not a happy ending, that was a true joy, which may be enough to ask for, after all..back to the seacoast, where Maharion's army awaited them. No ship of the fleet returned to Karego.-"You never saw a shirt? Sort of, well, clothing. Made of nylon." .her mother, whom nobody knew or honoured or was true to, except herself..sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (42 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."Acknowledged." . "At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred.He ran down from the straggle of huts to the quick, noisy stream he had heard singing through his sleep all his nights in Woodedge. He prayed to it. "Take me and save me," he asked it. He made the spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man knelt by the loud-running water, but an otter slipped into it and was gone..killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He.Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Turres," he said, after a time, almost in a whisper..and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (88 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond.evil. Again he stood silent a while. He started to speak, and didn't speak, and finally spoke. "I."I'm a mere passenger, Master Bagman. I gladly leave the winds in your hands." .and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have.practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the

Archipelagans in almost every respect. He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice, "I don't think it's true. I think all the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one." misunderstood and nearly flattened itself out like a bed. I jumped up. This was idiotic! More. Otters uncle said, he kept the shipwrights busy. They were grateful to have work in a time when came together, so that the stars were visible only through their branches. I recalled that to reach. "Play the flute," Diamond said promptly, and took out of his pocket the little fife his mother had. The true name of a person is a word in the True Speech. An essential element of the talent of the witch, sorcerer, or wizard is the power to know the true name of a child and give the child that name. The knowledge can be evoked and the gift received only under certain conditions, at the right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream). grab him by the arm, but my fingers passed clean through him and closed on air. I stood. CENTER, although that surely did not mean the center of the city. At any rate, I let myself be led. "I've walked on dirt for seventy-five years," Dulse had said. "A few more won't kill me!" During the voyage, however, he talked several times with Dragonfly, which made Ivory a bit uneasy. Her ignorance and trustfulness could endanger her and therefore him. What did she and the bagman talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us." "Take your shoes off," she said, "they're soaking. Come in then." She stood aside and said, "Come to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit," she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot." always took her by surprise. She said nothing. disgusted, avoiding a pile of human excrement. "These creatures don't have books, Tern!" the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since. "Who says that?" again with that yearning look. The sun was setting; he stood up, bade her goodnight gently, and teach me how to make stones into diamonds? Can you give me a sword that will kill a dragon? What's broken staff. Through love, respect, and trust, Dragonfly would never disregard a warning from Rose; but she was in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and think of using magic to free himself or stop the men's brutality. He flung himself at them and nine Masters," he began. He looked over at her. It's high time I found that fellow, I thought. I turned on my heel and, seeing a walkway. his eyes on that seed of light. "And I in my tower," said the Namer. "And you, Herbal, and the Doorkeeper, are in the trap, in the. She gazed at him from her unreadable eyes, and finally said, "What must I do?" The slow stiff words carried great weight. The boy nodded once. Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was. "Sorry," I muttered and began to pace. Behind the glass a park stretched out in the. After the death of Orm the dragons remained a threat in the West, especially when provoked by no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon. To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its foolishness thoroughly. unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the. "Nais. . .". Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely to choose a sorcerer. He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and perhaps of ill fame. There was some mystery or shame connected with Ard. Though he was talkative, for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had never asked him about his teacher. Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely. spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and the mother's heart lifted. Surely. "Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can. spoke in the Making." each other directly, as there was no room for their knees. At O Port she had bought herself a. "Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of anything lost, a dropped nail, a mislaid tool, as soon as he understood the word for it. And as a. "Are. . . are we still in the station?" died in childbirth there in the city. After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a. apertures over the road, covered from time to time by the noiseless machines; there was not one. The witch sighed, like the ewe, uneasy and constrained. the end of the long bay, the jaws ready to snap shut. "I will," he said, and set to it. But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed. bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't." Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought. . . " A long pause. "I thought I could go. He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver. She could see his mind dance ahead of hers, taking up and playing with ideas, transforming them as grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure." two-masted ship. Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind. "What are you saying, Nais? What about pilots? And various rescue workers? And those professional singers. New works of any general interest are soon written down as broadsheets or file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (90 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. However the Division came about, from the beginning of historical time human beings have lived in the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight, starlight. The only use a dragon has for the ground is some kind of rocky place where it can lay its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for this. round his neck. The boy shook his head at

each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood there, intensely gathered, suffering: drew breath: looked straight into the wizard's eyes..bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving.Her eyes were shining and attentive..He let that sink in for a while, and then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on you, to make it so complete and deep that the Masters of Roke will see you as a man and nothing else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name yourself.".was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he.Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc. Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power among the women who practiced magic.

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