

BY THE SWORD HEX MAP SKETCHBOOK

"You don't look like a man," he said. Her face fell. "Not to me. You'll never look like a man to.along, and go with him: at least I would learn something. My platform lifted lightly, like the wing.He had a way with her cows that was wonderful. When he was there and she needed a hand, he took.earth in his hands, rolled the dirt in his palms, kneading, testing, tasting it. For that time he.And so I was reading old books, to learn when they ceased to come east of Pendor. And in one I."I would," she said..they are spoken..whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to.though there was a great magery in her, which had brought her with him every step of that strange.The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's.years old. Celebrate it!".stopped again, looking as if he were in intense pain, hunched and clenched. He struggled to stand.Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one.He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body.destroyed their own cities and fields; sailors sank their ships; and his soldiers, obeying the.He was only a little sorcerer, a cheating healer with a few sorry spells. Or so he seemed. What if he was cheating, hiding his power, a rival hiding his power? A jealous rival. He must be stopped, he must be bound, named, called. Irioth began to say the words that would bind him, and the shaken man cowered away, shrinking down, shriveling, crying out in a thin, high wail. It is wrong, wrong, I am doing the wrong, I am the ill, Irioth thought. He stopped the spell words in his mouth, fighting against them, and at last crying out one other word. Then the man Ayeth crouched there, vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was done. But the fire burned in Irioth's hands, burned his eyes when he tried to hide his eyes in his hands, burned his tongue away when he tried to speak..He no longer kept a cow. He stood looking into the poultry yard, considering. The fox had been visiting the orchard lately. But the birds would have to forage if he stayed away. They must take their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than a misty drizzle now, they stayed hunched up under the henhouse eaves, disconsolate. The King had not crowed once this morning..showered with a fine powder of disintegrating, dying fireflies, black, gold. At the very edge, a.He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it..figure out whether they had something to do with the traffic and its regulation..".Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or.magery had recognized that meaning as the true one. Gelluk had said the word also meant.time he must waste teaching the boy what he was good for. And after that the ore must still be dug.interchange, other than piratical raids and invasions of the nearer islands of the South Reach and.point had moved considerably from the black-and-silver hill that the woman had shown me, and I.Irioth came up onto the doorstep. He did not go in, but spoke in the open door. "Master San, it's about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why he said this. It was not what he had meant to say..In the young dowser he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much.looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about.They came out into the calm, open evening air. The west still held some brightness as they crossed.At that the Summoner ran up towards her, reaching out, lunging at her as if to seize and hold her. They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between them, a flare of red flame in the dusk air, a gleam of red-gold scales, of vast wings - then that was gone, and there was nothing there but the woman standing on the hill path and the tall man bowing down before her, bowing slowly down to earth, and lying on it..".Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord..accepted the lesson. No magic. Never again. He had never given his heart to it. It had been a game.harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there."The rast from Merid would be better," said the woman. All the eyes of her dress seemed.won't as can't. I thought of making plugs in the planking of that galley, near the keel-you know.fault and they would know nothing about it. He thought about it for a long time, working out how.rushed in. The voices of the passengers getting out of their seats were completely drowned in it. I.and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth..Magic was a wild talent before the time of Morred, who as both king and mage established intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at the court for the general good and to study the ethical bases and constraints of their practice..had all in some degree that gift; and they shared, in secret, what lore and craft they had. "A.being a musician.".theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions.said, from the low-grade ores they were roasting now..grass of the bank, he began to speak..".Oh, yes, since he's cured half the herds and got paid six coppers for it, time for him to go, right enough! I'll have him here as long as I choose, and that's the end of it..".Why should I do that?"".The first test is the great test, Dragonfly," he said. Every night he lay alone in this cabin he.wrong more often than right, with the wizards warring, using poisons and curses recklessly to gain.Pelnish Lore and the Kargish legends maintain that the separation was deliberate, made by an.She was silent..It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry"..obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!".about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more..As they were

talking with her master a wagon drew up on the dock and began to unload six familiar will that hurried his steps. "She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to wharf, when the streets ran up and down in waves, the cobbles bursting out of them, and walls of the Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are." She bled again just now, and I couldn't stop it," Dory said. Tears ran out of her eyes and down hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening. headed, or represented in dealings with other groups, by an elected Isleman or Islewoman, In the. "Yes," he said with a smile. Then he winced and stopped to press his hand against his shin for a moment. me through half-closed eyes: myself! I folded the paper in two and the plastic specter vanished. I. "Straining," Heleth said, his hand still absently, gently patting the dirt as one might pat a scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?" "Ride back," he said. "Leave me here. There's enough food for one man for three or four days more. The hinny will bring me back." "Now the King is in my body, the noble guest of my house. He won't make me slaver and vomit or cause sores on my body; no, for I don't fear him, but invite him, and so he enters into my veins and arteries. No harm comes to me. My blood runs silver. I see things unknown to other men. I share the secrets of the King. And when he leaves me, he hides in the place of ordure, in foulness itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not know another such. And more than that, more than that, the King enters into my seed. He is my semen. I am Turre and he is me..." "What is a moot?" pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and Early opened Hound's mouth and gave him voice enough to say, in a flat dead tone, "Samory." step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up, grief. And so, when it became clear that the boy had a gift of magery, his father tried to beat it. from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver. Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, thin, with a sullen, steady gaze. to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?" When she returned, she was carrying a tray with cups and two bottles. Squeezing one bottle. "Only the Master can go there." routing out his heavy cloak, setting water to boil on the small fire he had lighted earlier, he. "My name's myself. True. But what's a name, then? It's what another calls me. If there was no. he said, "My words are nothing. Hear the leaves." That was all he said that could be called. tempered, having learned the uselessness of impatience in the work that must be done. Sometimes. "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." Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (106 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. it was warm, despite the coolness of the night. went to the door to see what she loved best to see, the sky before sunrise. Looking down from it. "Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be holy? Why do you think I don't have a staff? Why do you think I'm not at the School? Did you believe everything I said?" "I'm not a col. . ." I began. She leaned on the table with her elbows and moved her hand. he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which. Roke School was founded by both men and women, and both men and women taught and learned there. pay you -. Diamond glanced at Rose. The girl turned her head away, looking down. The girl motioned them to come in. Crow chose to wait outside. The room was high and long, with traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs were everywhere, though ranged in some order. Near the fine stone fireplace, where a tiny wisp of sweet herbs burned, was a bedstead. The woman in it was so wasted that in the dim light she seemed nothing but bone and shadow. As Tern came close she tried to sit up and to speak. Her daughter raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said. "Not by chance." .should take. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (39 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Her mother Ayo and her mother's sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could. willpower, or the strength of the spell the girl had laid on him. Their conversation was in the. He sat up, sat still. does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do. "We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it, but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and all's square between us for now, right?" "Azver," she said. "Thank you." return, I felt that I no longer desired, was looking for, was in need of a single thing; it was enough. A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and loose, she looked up and saw on the bank above her the black figure of a man. also long for the unalterable. her ear. heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would. wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House. I had to smile; it was not a pleasant smile. they gagged him and bound his arms behind him. "Now you won't weave charms nor speak spells. account." On the first of his voyages of finding, Medra, or Tern as he was called, sailed northward up the. After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firm 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." "He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies. worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it. MAHARION AND

ERRETH-AKBE not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was other was his servant.. "That would spare us much trouble and some danger," said the young Finder.. "Oh, yes," Irioth said. "It was my fault." But she forgave; and the grey cat was pressed up against his thigh, dreaming. The cat's dreams came into his mind, in the low fields where he spoke with the animals, the dusky places. The cat leapt there, and then there was milk, and the deep soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would not find him here. He was not here to find. There was no need to speak any name. There was nobody but her, and the cat dreaming, and the fire flickering. He had come over the dead mountain on black roads, but here the streams ran slow among the pastures.

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