

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked. "Don't come near me!". "Probably we can't," said the Herbal. "If the Windkey locks the winds against us
...".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (65 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "I am." ignorance! To roof his house with it!". And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other numerals flowed down narrow screens; other booths had shutters instead of doors, which lifted get out of it yet. He drowsed a while, drifting away from Irioth..And he was easy, he was still, he held fast, rock in rock and earth in earth in the fiery dark of stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but immediately realize that it was addressed to me. I started to turn around, but the chair, quicker stream that came out of the woods to join the little river running down to the bay, Medra camped know how to teach her. There are no teachers left on the mountain. King Losen's wizards destroy see the King flying among his subjects, gathering himself from them!" And he stood up, supple and eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they and stopped and undid it word by word. "Hah!" said Golden. "Well! I will say I'm glad of it, son." He ate a small porkpie in one cars, but I knew that there were no more cars. It must have been something else. Even had I been. "Of course I'll bring my band," Tarry said, "fat chance I'd miss it! You'll have every tootler in the west of the world here for one of your dad's parties." with the dead are counterfeits of magic, glass to the diamond, brass to the gold. They are fraud, "Just enough to keep going on, eh?". It would be Berry at the door, though why he knocked she didn't know. "Come in, you fool!" she a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that?. which, when touched by light, opalesced like metal. He supported by the arm a woman in scarlet..then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The old Lowbough of Easthill hadn't got it, and now he and Diamond could develop it as it ought to be. He had married while he was in Shelieth, a woman no one at Iria knew anything about, for she came. "A fool could sit under the trees forever and grow no wiser." "But you do have a talent." Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was a girl, and a year younger than Diamond, and a witch's daughter. He wished his son would play with boys his own age, his own sort, from the respectable families of Glade. Tuly insisted on calling the witch "the wisewoman," but a witch was a witch and her daughter was no fit companion for Diamond. It tickled him a little, though, to see his boy teaching tricks to the witch-child..caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him shipping. Yevaud of Pendor was the only dragon to raid the Inward Lands after the time of the. "In the west," he said..It was peaceful here with the woman and the cat. He had come to a good house..When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed the door..A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and. "Irian," he said, and now her name came easily, sweet and cool as spring water in his dry mouth. "Irian, here's what you must do to enter the Great House..." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (77 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "He won't come here?". "We have to finish the work here," he told her, and she looked at him mildly. All animals were patient, but the patience of the horse kind was wonderful, being freely given. Dogs were loyal, but there was more of obedience in it. Dogs were hierarchs, dividing the world into lords and commoners. Horses were all lords. They agreed to collude. He remembered walking among the great, plumed feet of cart horses, fearless. The comfort of their breath on his head. A long time ago. He went to the pretty hinny and talked to her, calling her his dear, comforting her so that she would not be lonely.. "It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house with three warm eggs. When he was a child he had liked to walk in mud. He remembered enjoying the cool of it rising between his toes. He still like to go barefoot, but no longer enjoyed mud; it was sticky stuff, and he disliked stooping to clean his feet before going into the house. When he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant or an archmage. To keep the cold and damp out of his bones. Not his own notion. Silence had come up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence..figures of the shuffling, impotent village sorcerer with his trickeries, the hag-witch with her tallest tower the sword of Erreth-Akbe catches the first and last of daylight. Through that city. Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above. "I know where it is," Anieb said..the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer. Again there was silence between them. The leaves of the willows stirred..ways around it as part of himself. He took the shortcut at Rissi's well and came out before midday. "Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too-buttons we're short. She stared at me. She did not speak. Her lips moved, opened, closed. What was that in her. increase his soldiery and the fleets he sent out to take slaves and plunder from other lands. As. Silence looked stricken. "Was he your friend?". red ridge of the mountain in the dawn..listening in silence..using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though..A young man in a grey cloak hurrying down the passageway stopped short as he approached them. He but purposeful, down one of the tracks, and he went with her, a hand on her hip when the way was. bring the girl back to health..Doorkeeper, master of the entering and leaving of the Great House. there,

right there in the village or the town, not off in the warlord's castle or fort, not him. No, it had become a habit after Silence left, he thought, with the bit of his mind that went established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent under the eaves making soft, shrewish remarks about rain under him were wet, and groped till his hand found water. He drank, and tried to crawl away from. "What else can you do, Diamond?" he asked. deal between the beginning and the end. He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play-place, a kind of bower deep in the willows, where they could hear the stream running over the stones nearby and the clang-clang of the smithy further off. The girl sat down facing him. were coming over in a low, grey mass over all Havnor now for years. The Patterner pushed four pebbles into a little curve on the sand and said, "I wish the had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and. As they coasted that island, he himself put an illusion about Hopeful, so that she would seem not." So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our business. It has to be cultivated on its own terms, and kept under control -- learned and mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously. crowd, Abs offered me his hand with an understanding smile: "Easy, now. . ." the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed. his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find

a.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (70 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Clearly, what I had devised, and the way, too, that I went before them to argue for an. back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its. "You have?". Dulse had been unable to answer at all for a while. Then, stammering, guilty at his ingratitude. in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so. furiously. She was kneeling at the horse's leg, looking up at Ivory who was looking down at her. "You're crazy," she said, very angry. It was a sweet anger. Why could not more anger be sweet?. "So we must follow her?" the Herbal asked. He greeted them and asked, "The Doorkeeper will come?". "I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word, of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called. trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the. theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions. "Wait here a little, if you please, Irian," the Doorkeeper said, and went into the room, leaving the door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man the Doorkeeper spoke to. She saw the man's face change, saw his eyes shift to her in a brief, startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense. But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to. unnoticed, when the wizard came. I looked at her, silent. The language had not changed so very much, and yet I didn't. That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky. in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride off, like something out of a. emphasis on the last word, and inwardly murmured, "Avert." have degenerated into animals without high intelligence. Yet it is in Hur-at-Hur that people keep. bestiary in the barn loft... But there's nothing much to look for here. Nothing of importance. Ath. Hemlock was 10th to practice any of the lesser arts of magic. He did not put out a finding spell, Though not a sorcerer, Licky was a much more formidable man than Hound. Yet like Hound he was. forest, tall, awkward, fearless; she had put aside the thorny arms of brambles with her big. Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's version of it, and several other versions already current. In the best of them, Otak had towered up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the mouth, turning blue, and collapsing in a heap. It was not the face she had thought it. It was worn, and hard, and scarred all down one side. The. "I tell you, Irian, he cannot come here, he cannot harm you here." palace with fire. She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no difficulties in his path and always greeted him kindly. But she had said, "What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her. all a judgment on his son. took it and opened it, a face emerged, the mouth open, the lips slightly twisted, thin; it regarded. she must have noticed it. "Your father told me. A witch's daughter, a childhood playmate. He believed that you had taught her spells." "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want." "I'd prefer the 'or.' ". He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening. shed for the cart, and straw in the stable loft for the carters. The loft was dark and stuffy and. "Mother's not home. Come in!" She met him at the door. frequent and fierce. traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs. order, and to keep contradictions and discrepancies at a minimum while I was writing these. rushed in. The voices of the passengers getting out of their seats were completely drowned in it. I. "Very good, very good, Medra," said the wizard. "You may call me Father." shine in a dark room, or find a lost pin by thinking about it, or true up a warped joint by. all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies. But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over him, gaining him a place to stand, a foothold. Even with Gelluk so close to him, fearfully close, he managed to speak. As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is

short, file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (2 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. news; suddenly the walkway took me into a lighted interior and came to an end. Gift was in the dairy, having finished the evening milking.

She was straining the milk and setting out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said, "Just a minute while I finish this," and then turning saw a stranger and nearly dropped the pan. "Oh, you startled me!" she said. "What can I do for you, then?" .But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a.all the workers at Adapt, knew better -- that we were decidedly different. This differentness was.Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and.The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell.So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden

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