

A CLOSER LOOK LANDSCAPE

When he came home he had a three-year-old daughter with him. He turned her over to the housekeeper and forgot about her. When he was drunk sometimes he remembered her. If he could find her, he made her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him and to the house of Iria. He cursed and cried and drank and made her drink, too, pledging to honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and pledges and tears and the slobbered caresses that followed them. She escaped, if she could, and went down to the dogs and the horses and the cattle, and swore to them that she would be loyal to her mother, whom nobody knew or honoured or was true to, except herself..fleet on the sea, and the slaves were near rebelling, so the master brought her home as quick as there, for I haven't a penny of copper or ivory, nor seen one for a month."..submitted to her absolutely. When she said, "Move your foot!" the mare moved her foot. The woman..He was glad to see the sorcerer uneasy too, standing by the helmsman, keeping a watch up on the masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed up on deck. She was afraid of the water, she had told him. She could not swim; she said, "Drowning must be a horrible thing - not to breathe the air." She had shuddered at the thought. It was the only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed on deck every day and slept there on the warm nights. Ivory had not tried to coax her into the cabin. He knew now that coaxing was no good. To have her he must master her; and that he would do, if only they could come to Roke.."We couldn't hide the wrestle we'd had with him, though we said as little about it as we could. And many there said good riddance, for he'd always been half mad, and now was mad entirely..Who found his way to work his will..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (23 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once..into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the.."There was," I said glumly. There might not have been. Sure! I could have climbed into..But Hopeful, sailed and steered by two young sorcerers from the Hand of Havnor, brought Medra safe down the Inmost Sea to Roke..Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes..Spring came late again that year, cold and stormy. Medra set to boat-building. By the time the peaches flowered, he had made a slender, sturdy deep-sea boat, built according to the style of Havnor. He called her Hopeful. Not long after that he sailed her out of Thwil Bay, taking no companion with him. "Look for me at the end of summer," he said to Ember.."Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in the dead of winter, and must go back alone?"..had held him. "Tell Thorion we will meet him on Roke Knoll," he said. "When he comes, we will be.."No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in..mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him.."We have to let them go," he said..Medra.."He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said..on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West..He had turned up on Dulse's doorstep a few years ago. Well, no, twenty years ago it must be, or..afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was..It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name.."But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause,..off with a juggler, I heard?"..their courtesy but the words would not come. She nodded stiffly to them, turned round, and strode..ones.."He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to, I'll destroy him.."reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in..not recall how or when I entered a wide avenue; at an intersection I slackened my pace, lifted my.."What did you keep her standing there in the middle of the dogs for?" the woman demanded.."What could you do from outside?"..every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice..Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs through.."Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took the crown himself. And some say that's wrong, and he doesn't rightly hold the throne. But others say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil ends.."Well, son!" They touched cheeks. "So Master Hemlock gave you a vacation?"..particularly of the words of the Language of the Making. His Book of Names became the foundation..watermetal's long gone. Listen, young'un, do you even know what cinnabar is?"..about him. There was a way out of the knot, if he turned around so, and then so, and parted the..nonexistent room behind glass, an enormous male head sang without sound; I saw the dark read..observations concerning nature, agriculture, sea lore, and crafts, cautionary tales and parables,..Knowledge of these places and powers was the heart of religion in the Kargad Realm. In the..Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the.."Oh, it's you who have it to spare, sir. We're poor folk here. And ignorant," she said, with a..to choose a sorcerer.."Very well," said the Herbal, with his patient, troubled look; and he went aside a little, and knelt to look at some small plant or fungus on the forest floor..He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the incantation, and beat the air in fury. Then he looked eastward, straining his eyes for the flashing beat of the galley oars, for the sails of his ships coming to punish these people and save him..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..had whistled, and the young cow had led him through the stream, and Emer had opened the door. He wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman.Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was daylight, clouds racing across a bright sky, and across the sea he saw the sunlit curve of a high green hill. He woke with the vision still clear in his mind, knowing he had seen it ten years before, in the spell-locked barracks room at the mines of Samory.. "What if he doesn't want to drink?".The Patterner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to solitude, but still she missed Rose and Daisy and Coney, and the chickens and the cows and ewes, and the rowdy, foolish dogs, and all the work she did at home trying to keep Old Iria together and put food on the table. So she worked away unhurriedly every morning till she saw the mage come out from the trees with his sunlight-coloured hair shining in the sunlight..Small islands and villages are generally governed by a more or less democratic council or Parley,.were completely dry and clean. Next we ascended a wide escalator. I did not know if this was. "Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em thick with worms as a dead dog on a dunghill.".Havnor Great Port, Roke has remained without an archmage. It appears that this office, not.and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength.to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he.roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young.on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night.. "Captain," he said, "I'm sorry, I must wait to spell your sails. An earthquake is near. I must warn the city. Do you tell them down there, every ship that can sail make for the open sea. Clear out, past the Armed Cliffs! Good luck to you." And he turned and ran back up the street, a tall, strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag..My neighbor to the left -- corpulent, tan, with eyes that shone too much (from contact.over her face, looked closely into her glassy eyes, as though I wished to know her fear, to share it..vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White-.when he was talking to the work, and insisted that he do his carpentry with tools, in silence..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..against Kargish raids and

forays..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (67 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her

and.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (97 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes.And Tuly smiled and stroked his hand.. "Ran away! Why?".on to the poultry yard, where Brown Bucca and Grey and Leggings and Candor and the King huddled.years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on."Your impression is right. How is it between men and women?".her cheeks. Her face hardly changed..She stopped looking about and strode along in thought for a while. She was beautiful in movement.,give birth to her master. That is why, to give him birth, she must be burned alive.".clamour and racket of barking that woke everybody for a half-mile round except the Master, sodden."My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what."Yes," Irioth said. "I understand. You are a kind woman." She was talking about him, about his not."Come" she said, "before you fall asleep there," and he followed her obediently to Berry's room, which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the chimney. Berry would come in, drunk, in a while, and she'd put down the pallet in the chimney corner for him. Let the traveler have a good bed for a night. Maybe he'd leave a copper or two with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days.. "No. A bathing suit. . . But there were groups of people in my day, they were called."You won't find out. It's all lies, shams. Old men playing games with words. I wouldn't play their.corners of the walls shone, brightened by streaks of luminous paint. In the darkest place the girl."I want to go home," she said..companion with him. "Look for me at the end of summer," he said to Ember..She nodded..Summoner, master of the spells that call the spirits of the living and the dead.The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken man. But wizards carried no staff in those years, and Erreth-Akbe certainly was an unbroken man and a powerful mage when he faced the dragon Orm..straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to."How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth the digging and the roasting?".word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they.the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman."Stay.".tried again, and stood up. Then he started forward..Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if the wizard, driven by his visions, forgot to guard himself-and if Otter could learn his name..He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile..movement of my nostrils, my heart working slowly, pumping blood; lights flickered in the low.Earthsea over thirty years ago: I needed to know where things are, and how to get from here to.He got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and.I practically fled. It was no window. A television screen. I quickened my pace. I was.that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that.teachers. "It will do you no harm if you never use it for harm," they told him, and that was easy.during its first decades; but since during the Dark Time women, witchery, and the Old Powers had."No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party.

You've been working hard. We'll hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?" .protected by armed men and spells of defense. Sorcerers and witches were drowned in the poisoned.Maharion died a few years after Erreth-Akbe, having seen no peace established, and much unrest and dissent within his kingdom. It was widely said that since the Ring of Peace was lost there could be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land living and come to the far shores of the day." .Diamond hesitated and said, "No." He looked a question at his father..dirt, rock, water. The air was cool and still. Away from the dripping of the stream it was silent..so much before. Could they be flying columns? People were hurrying toward it from all.All the thoughts he had not been able to think for days and weeks were racing through his head, a.house. San's wife wept aloud up and down the street. "Bad cess! Bad cess!" she cried. "Oh, my babe."I used him to help me get here and to tell me what to say to the Doorkeeper," Irian said. "I'm.After the first outcries and embraces, the servants and his mother sat him right down to.high about them, she heard a call - a horn blowing, a cry? - remote, on the very edge of hearing..Her thin voice was hidden by the many-voiced rain sweeping over the hills and through the trees..foreleg. Her hands came away covered with blood-streaked horse sweat. "There, there," she said..Staggering wildly the wizard tried to turn, lost his footing on the crumbling edge, and plunged.The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of dragons and humans, but this may be because the poem in its presumed original form, in the Language of the Making, dated back to a time before the separation. The best evidence in the poem for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes Atl and Htha) "word-beings," "those who say words," and therefore could mean, or include, dragons. Sometimes the word used is alherath, "true-word-beings," "those who say true words," speakers of the True Speech. This could mean human wizards, or dragons, or both. In the arcane Lore of Paln, it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon..There were no wizards serving Losen now except Early and a couple of humble sorcerers. Early had

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