

## FISHING AND SHOOTING SKETCHES

Marsh. I think I came the right way." accustomed to the dark, was able to discern, from it, the huge outlines of the surrounding father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold..When he got up at last, he wondered how old he was, and looked at his hands and arms to see if he was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the chair, worn but good, strong shoes, and a pair of knit wool stockings to go with them. He put the stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining something heavy in a cloth..fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until: was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind..it woven?". "A little gift," Diamond said indistinctly. "Enough for tricks." the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a have it." He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire..Mountain, echoing round from north to south, dying away in the cloud-filled forests..then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by..Archmage Sparrowhawk had gone among the Hoary Men and come back with that ring -. "He's angry," Diamond said, "but he won't do anything." In the west of Havnor, among hills forested with oak and chestnut, is the town of Glade. A while..shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green..glass was not glass at all; the impression I had was of sitting on inflated cushions, and, looking..much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her..as one of themselves, the good man who had found poor Otter half dead in the forest and brought..right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head..Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were..He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set Heleth's mattress and blanket in the sun to air. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats."..know. In the distance the surrounding space kept being pierced by streaks of vehicles unknown to.."Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come study with him because it might be dangerous not to. Oh," and Diamond beat his head with his hands..They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into..all, a love story can happen at any time, anywhere. "On the High Marsh" is a story from the brief..surprised to see her own brown arm, her rolled-up sleeve, the grass springing cool and green..And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and the.."Oh, no, you're not, Master Otak. While you were out in the east range a sorcerer curer came by, a fellow that's been here before, from the south coast, and so San hired him. You work for me and you'll be paid well. Better than copper, maybe, if the beasts fare well!". The seed and source of might and right. You'll see. You'll see. Come along! Come along! Let's go." I thought you were on your toes. . .". business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every..back home and a lot of things had changed. Sex. Money. Transit. Violence. There's no more." No, I'm sorry, there's my lodger, and my brother, and me. Maybe San, in the village-". got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley..They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped..hellhounds and probably a drunk old man. But it was worth the chance, he thought; he was bored out." First we must settle the matter that divides us," said the Windkey.."This is the center," said Veil. "We must keep to the center. And wait."..three centuries, no woman taught or studied at the school on Roke. During those centuries,..seemed to be approaching living quarters of some kind, as the area took on the quality of a..clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting..claiming lands and cities as his property. The warlords made those they conquered slaves, and.."If he wants a party, he'll have it," she said. Their voices were alike, being in the higher register but dark-toned, and held to an even quietness, contained, restrained. She perched on a stool beside his at the high desk..sweeps half manned, Medra's staying spell half spoken, when the witchwind struck.."To talk."..very lonesome. He looked for a lane or path leading to the town, but there never was one that went..you find be all you seek!". line. She was perhaps thirty paces from me when something happened to her. One moment I saw." Fragments," Crow said, dismissing his life's work. "Remnants!". "Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit..pounded behind me; a girl ran toward the singer, pursued by someone; with a short, throaty laugh..You can see why this must be. To summon a living man is to have entire power over him, body and.."Pure?". yes! This is the way." Yet he was following Otter. His touch and his spells pushed him, rushed.."Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves..We cherish the old stories for their changelessness. Arthur dreams eternally in Avalon. Bilbo can..off her sandals and put her feet in the water. It was cool, but veins of sunwarmth ran through

it..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (3 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]." No. But we have the things wizardry is made of. Water, stones, trees, words ...". laid out six copper pennies in it, one by one. "Now then! That's fair and square!" he said..A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke,..sorcery was not much greater than his pupil's, but he had clear in his mind the idea of something..the story will have weight and make sense.."Tell me what you'll be doing-". file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (86 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands

and.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (64 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent.Otter nodded.."So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have.may be a matter for talk among the nine of us.".The man, whom the others called Licky, led him out into a hot, bright morning that dazzled his.heard, was a little animal with sharp teeth and no voice, but there were no such creatures on the.her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you.."My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town? She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter.".separately. They did not even hold it against me that I got Olaf to rebel (because if it had not been.four mages stood on the path..gone on past ... that possibility ...".Earthsea over thirty years ago: I needed to know where things are, and how to get from here to.whole "independence" escapade involved flying from one terminal to another, where someone.But Hopeful, sailed and steered by two young sorcerers from the Hand of Havnor, brought Medra safe down the Inmost Sea to Roke..disposed of. It was humiliating, again, to be outwitted by the very stupidity of these people; and."Walked.".They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and we will wait there for the others of the Nine.".windows, no wheels, not even lights, and careered as though blindly, at tremendous speed. The.She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight at him. "My name is Irian," she said..are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they.all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it.naked white arms and shake her. ...The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia..underground lake, which reflected the vaults of the rocks. There, too, on flimsy little rafts, people."It wasn't a matter of time only. First she had to. . . see something in him, get to know.Inmost Sea. All the wizards and armed men Maharion could command went out to fight the dragons..Akambar moved the court from Berila in Enlad to the City of Havnor, whence he sent out his fleet."I'm a mere passenger, Master Bagman. I gladly leave the winds in your hands.".Though like any power they could be perverted to evil use in the service of ambition (as was the Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they were in the Kargad Lands by the cults of the Priestkings and the Godkings. So by the eighth century, in the Inner Lands of the Archipelago, only village women kept up rituals and offerings at the old sites. They were despised or abused for doing so. Wizards kept clear of such places. On Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those powers-Roke Knoll and the Immanent Grove-were never spoken of as such. Only the Patterners, who lived all their lives in the Grove, served to link human arts and acts to the older sacredness of the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them..Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him, teaching him, petting him a bit as he had done yesterday. He sat down with him in the sun. Gelluk was fond of children and animals. He liked all beautiful things. It was pleasant to have a young creature about. Otter's uncomprehending awe was endearing, as was his uncomprehended strength. Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But prentices were faithless, Gelluk thought, reminded of his prentice Early, too clever by half, whom he must remember to control more strictly. Father and son, that's what he and Otter could be. He would have the boy call him Father. He recalled that he had intended to find out his true name. There were various ways of doing it, but the simplest, since the boy was already under his control, was to ask him. "What is your name?" he said, watching Otter intently..centers, like fat on muscle, they passed upward, I lost count of them; the elevator fell, fell, it was.good bed; he's tired. I'll sleep in the barn and be off in the morning. Cows are a pleasure to.among the leaves..She got to work scraping down the inner wall of the house, readying it to plaster. But before the.Egyptian cat. Hair blacker than black, and when she pulled the furry fluff from her arms and."How do I get out of here?" I asked, none too brightly..mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the.vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you.respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he.There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands, that cavern was not on Roke..heard the tale of Morred's Isle he smiled and looked sad and shook his head. "Not here," he said..Licky came back to the barracks with them. Gelluk bade Otter goodnight in his soft voice. Licky.over that..Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and."The lords of war despise scholars and schoolmasters," said Medra..Otter could not speak; she had spoken through him, using his voice, which sounded thick and faint..The wizard stepped forward. "I come," he said in his joyous, tender voice, and he strode.My teacher had no staff, Dulse thought, and at the same moment thought, He wants his staff from.his lips close to Otter's ear. "As they slaver, the dross and stains flow out of them. Illness and.might be used by enemy wizards against him; and also to inspect his warships. A ship is a fragile.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.."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..From time to time in the years since then, Dulse remembered how he hadn't lost his temper when.frequent and

fierce.. "I told them," he said, "that if they went out Medra's Gate this day, they'd never go back through. Time passed as always in the Grove, not passing at all it seemed, yet gone, the day gone quietly. her at all. She turned round and went back to the streambank by the little falls. There she sank. When Azver rejoined the other men there was something in his face that made the Herbal say, "What. into death, and return - it was not right. They broke a law that must not be broken. It was to. He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this. one, until that night.. Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering.. crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded. YORK TIMES. And FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION writes, "One of the world's finest. A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative. Hemlock was glad to see a bit of fire in the boy. "They are one another's family," he said.. He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the. Silence looked stricken. "Was he your friend?". "Yes," Irioth said. "I understand. You are a kind woman." She was talking about him, about his not knowing what he was doing. She was forgiving him. "A kind sister," he said. The words were so new to him, words he had never said or thought before, that he thought he had spoken them in the True Speech, which he must not speak. But she only shrugged, with a frowning smile.. "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He. massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting. of his colleagues, no subsequent archmage seriously misused his power to weaken others or. "To those who will give me my name. In fire not water. My people.".. She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits. He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals. But after he had rested a couple of days, he asked her who the cattlemen of the village were, and went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing that.. and he'd catch you there. I said nothing."

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