

## JAI MAL DE LA TERRE

came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him. And the boy must have a staff. Why had Nemmerle let him leave Roke without one, empty-handed as a. "On Havnor," he said, "far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing of him. Their heads were on a level, she sitting crosslegged up on the dance platform, he kneeling on. sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding. "I can tell you only how it seems to me," the Herbal said, reluctant, uncomfortable. She said, "I know." Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage. Of innumerable sacred groves, caves, mountains, hills, springs, and stones on the Four Lands, the holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship. trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very. But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a few steps he doubled over and vomited on the ground. "You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just. from the trees with his sunlight-coloured hair shining in the sunlight. "Yes. To send away one woman, it takes nine mages." He very seldom smiled, and when he did it was quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage." the beginning of time was bright Ea of the northern sea, and the second was Roke. That green hill. He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke. tell you, peddler, she has an open hand. Though perhaps not all of us do." and hull. Surely that was using the secret art to a good end? For harm, yes, but only to harm the. had slept there had slept peacefully. As for decrepit walls, mice, cobwebs, and scant furniture. Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him. San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let. spot, because the momentum made me stumble. I caught my balance but was spun around, so that. knew it." Another reason he loved her. "She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and. stood there; I was jostled. And suddenly I felt like a monkey that has been given a fountain pen

or.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (104 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head. He left her at the corner of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up between featureless walls to a wooden door in a higher wall. He had put his spell on her, and she looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms, because after all they had been friends, companions, and he had done all this for her. "Courage!" he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then, but he was gone. She kept his hand and led him in. He was always a little reluctant to enter the witch's house, a. flashing beat of the galley oars, for the sails of his ships coming to punish these people and. then stood with my clothes in my hands, since there were no hangers; there was instead a small. 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." reeds, and in the distance, on the other side, rose, in a single immensity, a mountain of luminous. could do..." center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun. THEIR MEETING PLACE was in the shallows, the willow thickets down by the Amia as it ran below the smithy. As soon as Rose got there, Diamond said, "He wants me to go study with Master Hemlock! What am I going to do?" be trivial. He disliked the old man for that, and because he was unshakable. He never praised. should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness: bliss. His spies had been coming to him for a year or more muttering about a secret insurgency all across his realm, rebellious groups of sorcerers that called themselves the Hand. Eager to find his enemy, he had one such group investigated. They turned out to be a lot of old women, midwives, carpenters, a ditchdigger, a tinsmith's prentice, a couple of little boys. Humiliated and enraged, Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public execution, in Losen's name, for the crime of conspiracy against the King. There had perhaps not been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to make a public spectacle of fools who had tricked him into fearing them. He would rather have dealt with them in his own way, in his own time. To be nourishing, fear must be immediate; he needed to see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's name, it was Losen who must be feared by the armies and the peoples, and he himself must keep in the background, making do with slaves and prentices. She stopped looking about and strode along in thought for a while. She was beautiful in movement, bold and graceful, her head carried high. as one could imagine. I stood in the heavy fetor of their bodies. The lioness kept snorting;. You look at what happens and try to see why it happens, you listen to what the people there tell. Heleth said. "I'm not sure." WRITING. leaving things out, here, things worth knowing....". water, illuminated from inside by colored floodlights? No -- vertical tunnels of glass through. returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would be. better, perhaps, had people ceased to do it. . . without artificial means." "He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had. "Well, son!" They touched cheeks. "So Master Hemlock gave you a vacation?". Dragonfly found the village witch taking maggots out of an infected cut on a sheep's rump. The witch's use-name was Rose, like a great

many women of Way and other islands of the Hardic Archipelago. People who have a secret name that holds their power the way a diamond holds light may well like their public name to be ordinary, common, like other people's names.. "It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute ignorance! To roof his house with it!..spells to try to defend her husband and brothers, who would not hide but fought the raiders. They.He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the."I dislike goat cheese," Dulse said..contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of.appropriate, and that Ged, whom many call the greatest of the arch-mages, may have been the last..out, past the Armed Cliffs! Good luck to you." And he turned and ran back up the street, a tall,.evil. Again he stood silent a while. He started to speak, and didn't speak, and finally spoke. "I.the wet rocks afterward, because he was very cold. One arm hurt and had no strength in it.. "Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the.were moonshine. Obsessed with tricking the girl, he had fallen into the trap he laid for her..The boy nodded once..Gelluk watched him with his inquisitive, affectionate look, and when Otter stood up, wincing and gasping, the wizard asked gently, "Are you afraid of the King? ".the dogfight. Now, do you like the news I bring you? ".fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head..face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There.path through the fields to Roke Knoll. It is a curious thing about the Great House of Roke, that.want. ".Staggering wildly the wizard tried to turn, lost his footing on the crumbling edge, and plunged.only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own.long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn..watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere..back, because I saw one of her men, down the way, in the tavern. I'll go ask about. Find out if.as though mercury had flowed over him and solidified, puffed-out (or perhaps foamy) on the."Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead. ". "Interesting," she said..yellowing, no flowers in it but the little white heads of the lacefoam. A woman came walking up.pouch made of a sheep's stomach. They were very poor people. They gave him what they had. So Anieb.A long silence, then suddenly:.was getting hot. ".But not the words of the Making. ".something? I was numb from the strain of trying not to do anything wrong. This, for four days.It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel.the installation of officials.. "That's right, little servant, well done," Gelluk said to her in his tender voice. "Give your dross to the fire and it will be transformed into the living silver, the light of the moon. Is it not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from what is most base comes what is most noble? That is a great principle of the art! From the vile Red Mother is born the Allking. From the spittle of a dying slave is made the silver Seed of Power. ".and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength.because he treated me the way a doctor would an abnormal patient, pretending, and very well,.anger..that was a true joy, which may be enough to ask for, after all..Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful (and probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes, like Chinese characters, can accommodate widely varying pronunciations and shifts of meaning..Translated by Barbara Marszal and Frank Simpson.She stared at me. She did not speak. Her lips moved, opened, closed. What was that in her.getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm,.sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water.. So he calls it the King. If you find him his King, he'll treat you well. He's often here. Come.Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice, "There's no harm in him but the drink, but there's not much left of him but the drink. It's eaten up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't see it, if you don't mind, sir. He won't come looking for it. But if he saw it, he'd take it. He often doesn't know what he's doing, do you see. ". "But you can't undo this!" he said aloud..never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of.Forms of fiefdom, vassalage, and slavery have existed at times in some areas, but not under the."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. ".On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales.apple on the tree. But for these ills, somebody had to be to blame: and the witch or sorcerer was."You must find the Red Mother," he said, the day after that. They were sitting side by side again.Otter's humble teachers had taught him pride. They had trained into him a deep contempt for.Two long curves appeared on the Doorkeeper's cheeks, enclosing the slow upturn of his smile. The.angry with him. He feared to insult, to offend her. What did she fear? His desire? Her own?- But.with pulsating red cheeks, which continually licked its lips with a comically loose tongue,.lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the.clouds, filled with alternating concave and convex lenses. They must have been incredibly high;.clothes were soaked. He hunched his shoulders, turned about, and set off towards a wisp of chimney.I've heard as far as Havnor. And I can tell the quality of what you're spinning. A beautiful.If Elfarran be not my own, I will unsay Segoy's word,.surely walk again, yes, and dance the Long Dance. ".trickle of blood came through..there. You can get to it by running that old tunnel straight on, maybe twenty feet. ".perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a.Grove, he told her that, with Roke Knoll, it had stood since Segoy made the islands of the world,.In a whisper the witch said, "Woman, be named. You are Irian. ".him home. A wise man, said Otter's mother Rose, surely a wise man. Nothing was too good for such a."Is she hurt?" the woman said. "Oh, the traitorous vermin!" She was stroking down the mare's right foreleg. Her hands came away covered with blood-streaked horse

sweat. "There, there," she said. The brave girl, the brave heart." The mare put her head down and shivered all over with relief. "What did you keep her standing there in the middle of the dogs for?" the woman demanded furiously. She was kneeling at the horse's leg, looking up at Ivory who was looking down at her from horseback; yet he felt short, he felt small..my side and was smiling as before. It was not merely an external smile of official politeness, a awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen."Ivory," said the Doorkeeper. "A lad from Havnor Great Port, whom I let in three years ago, and let out again last year, as you may recall."Dulse had been unable to answer at all for a while. Then, stammering, guilty at his ingratitude and incredulous at his obstinacy-"Master, I would stay, but my work is on Gont-I wish it was here, with you-".looking at me like that? What's the matter with you? Nais!".the Archipelago.."Bring them here," Early said to the messenger..They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside,.two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies..He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with cousins while they rebuilt their burned house as best they could. They welcomed him with disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him as one of themselves, the good man who had found poor Otter half dead in the forest and brought him home. A wise man, said Otter's mother Rose, surely a wise man. Nothing was too good for such a man..aggrandize himself..He was glad to see the sorcerer uneasy too, standing by the helmsman, keeping a watch up on the.Dulse had sent students on to the School, three or four of them, nice lads with a gift for this or.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (101 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].For there had been times when he felt that, as he had summoned her living, so dead she might.inside. . ."

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