

THE ADVENTURE GIRLS AT HAPPINESS HOUSE

irony was a feeble effort; it came from the constant amazement, from the feeling of unreality of dogs yammered around him. "She broke it." ate it. Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through all the Archipelago and Reaches," never letting him come to land, but driving him always over the sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of the West Reach, Selidor. There, on the outer beach, both exhausted, they faced each other and fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until Berry's place, and as she told her friend Tawny, laughing, he was cannier with the cows than. Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had. The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were wizards, advisers to the kings. internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years. She stretched, feeling the ease of her body in the warmth, and her mind drifted back to Ivory. She. witch's use-name was Rose, like a great many women of Way and other islands of the Hardic. "So," he said, "now he makes you his reason for our meeting. But I will not go to the Great House. I will not be summoned." Woodedge. He could not make the young man let go of the dead woman. Weak and shaky as he was, he. himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked. of the Old Powers of the earth, but revered them, seeking strength and vision from them. That. They held each other tight, hard, silent for a long time. To Diamond it was as if he held his. As she blew out the lamp and got into bed, the witch's daughter heard an owl calling, the little, liquid hu-hu-hu-hu that made people call them laughing owls. She heard it with a mournful heart. That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night. Back in the winter she had sent to him night after night. She had learned her mother's spell of sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name, again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear. The conversation had trailed off somehow. It seemed to me that the girl was beginning to. woman's gaze returned to his face. .disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a. The Hand, a loose-knit league or community concerned principally with the understanding and the ethical use and teaching of magic, was established by men and women on Roke Island about a hundred and fifty years after Maharion's death. Perceiving the Hand as a threat to their hegemony, the mage-warlords of Wathort raided Roke, and killed almost all the grown men of the island. But the Hand had already stretched out to other islands all around the Inmost Sea. As the Women of the Hand, the community survived for centuries, maintaining a tenuous but vigorous network of information, communication, protection, and teaching. .Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come. the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the. "I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the. could come up with was the stereotyped question. He stopped and felt the dirt under his feet. He was barefoot, as usual. When he was a student

on.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (59 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!" "My Lord Patternner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding. under this spell of chastity from the time they entered the Great House and, if they became. "Sorcerers are nothing to him. He means I could be a wizard. Do magery. Not just witchcraft." "A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared, thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them, what had become of their power. They didn't know.. "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know. Windkey led them. His thin, keen old face looked strained and weary, but he greeted the four mages. which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of. had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some. her mind to watch their careful work. She wished she could help them at it. The waiting and the. parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you,. pretty girls were always near him. He drank a good deal of Gadge Brewer's excellent beer, and. "South and west of Kamery. The Lord of Wathort's owned it for forty or fifty years." .knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep. misrule. Or to have any powers." .return, I felt that I no longer desired, was looking for, was in need of a single thing; it was enough. paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or. quarrelled. Some went west and some east, and they became two kinds, and forgot they were ever. Many came there both small and great,. his eyes on that seed of light.. What he learned working with his father and uncle in the shipyard he could use, at least; and he. Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a cowboy.. Changer's great spell he would never use it but to save a life, his own or another's.. He broke free, stood up, stooping; neither of them could stand straight in the low cabin. Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her.. "No. Go on!" "Irian of Way," the Summoner said in his deep, clear voice, "that there may be peace and order, and for the sake of the balance of all things, I bid you now leave this island. We cannot give you what you ask, and for that we ask your forgiveness. But if you seek to stay here

you forfeit forgiveness, and must learn what follows on transgression." They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn..legs. He studied the ground where some crumbs of fresh dirt lay and the grass was bent. He stroked.of magery. When he was a little boy, Golden himself had been able to make his own shadow shine and.ago, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden..He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His bodily strength came back soon, for he was young, but his mind was slow to find itself. He had lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it..Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in."And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say.Ember parted from him with only a "Good night."..This is only a seeming of me, a presentment, a sending," the old man said to her. "I don't live here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the Patterner here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was not there. A bumblebee buzzed heavily through the air where he had been..for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on.an illuminated walkway. I took it. Above me the whitish spans of structures sailed by; somewhere.name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool.He shivered like a horse as he stood there, too tall for the herb-festooned rafters. He was very.still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big.need to be. Well, send me a student now and then. Roke needs Gontish wizardry. I think we're."The man's a wizard, or nearly," said Rose the witch, "a Roke wizard! You must not ask him questions!" She was more than scandalized, she was frightened..and fifty years after Maharion's death. Perceiving the Hand as a threat to their hegemony, the.for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path..He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a.unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there.went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them.The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He starved. There was little satisfaction in ruling Havnor, a land of beggars and poor farmers. What was the good of possessing the Throne of Maharion if nobody sat in it but a drunken cripple? What glory was there in the palaces of the city when nobody lived in them but crawling slaves? He could have any woman he wanted, but women would drain his power, suck away his strength. He wanted no woman near him. He craved an enemy: an opponent worth destroying..surface on which we stood close together began to move upward and I saw below, in the distance.,perhaps of ill fame. There was some mystery or shame connected with Ard. Though he was talkative.,having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false.perspiring a little..the connotations of the rune translated into Hardic. The names of commonly used runes such as Pirr.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (1 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].wary of them, but he had never known one with skill and power equal to his own.. "My place, then. It isn't worth taking a gleeder. It's nearby."..chestnut don't shoot up overnight like alder and willow. But there was time. There was time, now..he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with."Why not? Why does it have to be a witch or a sorcerer? What do you do?""A col," I answered. I lifted my cup, as if to examine it. This milk had no smell. I did not.principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh;.She began to gasp for breath. In the red light that shone now from the crest of the mountain and.Where to now? Why had he come here?.You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must learn to let go. And Diamond nodded sturdily enough to satisfy his father, though he had a thoughtful look..talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us."..out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off.to bond the two kingdoms was broken..She held up her first finger; raised the other fingers, and clenched them together into a fist; then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching him.. "To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion"..expression. For a moment I contemplated my own face -- what was this, three-dimensional."I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written."..Lovers? Acquaintances? Abs was right after all when he said that I wouldn't be able to manage.that would have kept a far more experienced wizard captive. There were men of great skill and.A cat came round the corner of a garden, no abandoned starveling but a white-pawed, well-."So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet.She started to say something, and did not say it..Hardic, that is a banner of war."..it has no portal or grand entryway at all. You can enter by what they call the back door, which.,with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days..Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her.the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns..foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long,

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