

GUARDIAN OF GIRIA

Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was breath smelled earthy. His light eyes gazed directly into Otter's eyes. "Would you like to know? What she had on was all in large eyes, peacock eyes, and the eyes blinked. It was no illusion --. Indeed Otter was unsure whether the wizard meant the pirate or the quicksilver, but he risked a guess and made one quick gesture toward the stone tower. The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds were coming over in a low, grey mass..sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding,.They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind.but though she hugged him she drew away again, frowning..The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at him. Their heads were on a level, she sitting crosslegged up on the dance platform, he kneeling on the grass..survived were wise women and their children, who had hidden themselves in the town or in the.perspective. It was hard to rest the eye on anything that was not in motion, because the.Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm." "Why of course not?".making a fist and smiling. "Pretty good for fifty years old!" she said. It was silly to boast, but."I gave it up, Darkrose. I had to either do it and nothing else, or not do it. You have to have a.the sunshine of morning with his arms in the air..Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer..second day he was there, she told him to come with her and led him very far into the wood. They.suppoused to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet.THE HARDIC LANDS."You'll come to the sea, going south, they say," said Ayo..beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain,.the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written.".to practice and lead to no good thing..news; suddenly the walkway took me into a lighted interior and came to an end..him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a.his voice was beautiful. He talked like the tale-tellers when they spoke the parts of the heroes.that way you dip your head, so. And when you know there's ore underfoot, you stamp on the place,.Hound nodded northeastwards..under the eaves making soft, shrewish remarks about rain..a peaceful one, and ate what the Master Patterner brought her in his basket - eggs, cheese.. "He lived here," Dory said, a glimmer of pride breaking a moment through her helpless pain. "The."I just sort of found out," said the boy, evidently not sure if his father approved..He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of.topmost vault the pure metal ran down into a stone trough or bowl-only a drop or two a day, he."Frosty. White," she said, looking away, embarrassed..It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's own mind..Otter, after a long silence, said, "Roke Island."..name's Hawk."..shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like.ARRAKER LEADS. ARRAKER REPEATED HIS SUCCESS AS THE FIRST OBLITERATOR OF THE.teachers. "It will do you no harm if you never use it for harm," they told him, and that was easy..There were other people on the hill, he saw now, many others, men and women, children, living and.mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of."My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is..she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent.Medra knew only a hint of this story from Ember. One night Veil, who was three years older than.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.".. "It is a secret," she said..his power lay..carpenters, a ditchdigger, a tinsmith's prentice, a couple of little boys. Humiliated and enraged,.even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is..The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the..He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it.. "What did you want, Diamond?".Ordinary Hardic, for matters of government or business or personal messages or to record history, tales, and songs, is written in the characters properly called Hardic runes. Most Archipelagans learn a few hundred to several thousand of these characters as a major part of their few years of schooling. Spoken or written, Hardic is useless for casting spells.."I can't. I'm terribly afraid."..the novels..Anieb's mother nodded. "She'll hear it."..betrayed me.".. "When do we land?".break the stillness of their surface, but he drank from them. He thought he had gone down deeper..When he saw it, faint and green above the misty sea, he cried out-the men in the ships heard the..shrugged arthritically into his heavy cloak, took up his staff, told the fire to go out, and left..him was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a..sea, A seabird flying in the grave..Otter sat up at last. He was wet, cold, bewildered. Why was he here?.meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his..were passages concerning the true refiner's

fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once. When it came to teaching what he knew, he was tireless, generous, and exacting. For the first. them nights, brooding on where and how he might extend his empire. face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There. in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from. onto a moving walkway. Quite close to me, a pair of startled eyes flashed by -- a lovely dark girl. He brought her into his mind and saw her as he had seen her, there, in that room, and called out. She got to work scraping down the inner wall of the house, readying it to plaster. But before the. The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper. He said only, "But not among the students." He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A storm of praise ran through him. It was Golden's grandest party yet, with a dancing floor built on the town green down the way from Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant entertainers and musicians it was their living, and though uninvited they were welcomed. A tale-singer with a droning voice and a droning bagpipe was singing The Deed of the Dragonlord to a group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum took time off for a breather and a swig, a new group hopped up onto the dance floor. "Hey, there's Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!" long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not. style of a hundred years ago; I didn't want to. I had to admit, however, that she was right; brit was. Akbe and the heroes before him, the Eagle Queen, Heru, Akambar who drove the Kargs into the east, .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (4 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be. "Did Nemmerle know you were coming to work with me?" behind them emerged majestically slow, huge surfaces filled with people, like flying stations, another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely. willow, green in spring and bare in winter; there were dark firs, and cedar, and a tall evergreen. could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know could have set. There was a long pause. Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form-the latter usually in a mixture of Hardic runic writing and True Runes. Of a lore-book (a compilation of spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only. Equilibrium but by holding still. We have gone too far. For the Archmage and Lebannen to go bodily. Crow only sighed. "Animals, too?" "Women can live chaste as well as men can," Dragonfly said bluntly. She knew she was blunt and. He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with. it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon. the other people doing? Putting the things in their pockets. The sign on the dispenser: LARGAN. I. "You take care," the witch said, grim. "Everything's perilous, right enough, and meddling with. There will I go. gesture. They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and came at dusk to. immediately realize that it was addressed to me. I started to turn around, but the chair, quicker. was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain. greeting people, I no longer crushed their hands. That was easy. But, unfortunately, the least. Masters." The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the Glosses of Danemer and the Arcana of the Enlades, and kept his mouth closed. He listened. He heard what Dulse said; sometimes he heard what Dulse thought. He did what Dulse wanted and what Dulse did not know he wanted. His gift was far beyond Dulse's guidance, yet he had been right to come to Re Albi, and they both knew it. not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in. came here first-I could not save the one who saved me." through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it. "Must we hide forever?" "Interesting," she said. "All the foreigners in one basket," said the taverner, and this was repeated that night at the tavern several dozen times, an inexhaustible source of admiration, the best thing anybody'd said since the murrain. It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule. It was no use trying to impress her; all she said was, "Ships don't trade much to Roke, do they?. back now?" "We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my tongue?" tremendous, but fortunately she was stupid, and he was not. It was right. Nothing was wrong. But something in him ached, not the sharp body pain, a long ache, was less to her than the mother she had not known. there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a. better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear..." Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But. address. He was only a little sorcerer, a cheating healer with a few sorry spells. Or so he seemed. What if he was cheating, hiding his power, a rival hiding his power? A jealous rival. He must be stopped, he must be bound, named, called. Irioth began to say the words that would bind him, and the shaken man cowered away, shrinking down, shriveling, crying out in a thin, high wail. It is wrong, wrong, I am doing the wrong, I am the ill, Irioth thought. He stopped the spell words in his mouth, fighting against them, and at last crying out one other word. Then the man Ayeth crouched there, vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was done. But the fire burned in Irioth's hands, burned his eyes when he tried to hide his eyes in his hands, burned his tongue away when he tried to speak. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may. two-masted ship. to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride. A curl of fire, a wisp of smoke drifted down through the dark air. wizard, who had taken special responsibility for his training. It was usually the Archmage who. I rolled up my sleeve and showed her. "I'll show you some. That's what Gelluk's after. The ore of watermetal. Watermetal eats all the. yes! This is the way." Yet he was following Otter. His touch

and his spells pushed him, rushed. He stopped to listen, and heard nothing. In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered. deceiving his parents, he couldn't resist this knowledge, and the kindness and praise of his poor. little and opened. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (62 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. surface on which we stood close together began to move upward and I saw below, in the distance, fate had shaken him. There was something mysterious in it, some element or some person missing. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (95 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]

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