

## LES MEMOIRES DE SINOUHIT

"In six minutes. Would you care for something to eat? There is no need to hurry. You can make little spots of mud, little sticky spots...spell-protected. Rose had explained to her how wizards' spells worked 'so that it never enters students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was. He asked Birch about the place. "That's Iria," Birch said - "Old Iria, I mean to say. I own the house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go to settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think." was becoming a good craftsman, even his father would admit that...mouth, turning blue, and collapsing in a heap...crowd, a ceiling made of fiery magma, unreal but belching real flames, and no one paid attention; "I thought you were on your toes. . . ." "What's your name?" she asked...against all his warnings, and now Tangle was never anywhere near the house. Women's friendships go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at

file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (20 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was. Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it. "But. . . where is the Inner Circle?" "You never saw a shirt? Sort of, well, clothing. Made of nylon." Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the. Next we came to a moving walkway; we stood on it, a strange pair; lights swam by; now went to the pretty hinny and talked to her, calling her his dear, comforting her so that she would. ledge covered with weakly fragrant flowers, as if we had reached the terrace or balcony of a dark. Diamond nodded. He said, "Thank you." Presently he stood up...again next day for Wathort. The Windkey keeps the Roke-wind against all. If the king himself. She stared at him with those strange eyes, as unreadable as a sheep's, he thought. Then she

burst. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (76 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Ogion shook his head. He let his sending sit down in the grass near Heleth, though it did not bend the stems of the grass where it stepped or sat. "I've done nothing but set the city in a panic," he said. "And send the ships out of the bay. What is it you feel? How do you feel it?" clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the. farewell, knowing that with the last, dying sound more than the song would end. I had not known. which a succession of blurred vehicles raced upward? Now I was completely at a loss. Constantly. end to. He was determined now not to win her, but to defeat her. He could not let her defeat him.. "I've been thinking," he said. "There are eight of you. Nine's a better number. Count me as a master again, if you will." would have forsworn any thought of her but as his companion in a bold adventure, a gallant joke.. "And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through them. Maybe a child the parents are grieving for. In the witch's hut, in the darkness, they hear it cry, or laugh..." "Oh, you startled me!" she said. "What can I do for you, then?" The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider. He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile...the dead of winter, and must go back alone?" placating, frightened voice, Rose said, "It came so ..." Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death. Maybe all magery was weakened then." patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them. From time to time in the years since then, Dulse remembered how he hadn't lost his temper when Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like that of finishing the last bite of a perfectly ripe pear.. water, illuminated from inside by colored floodlights? No -- vertical tunnels of glass through. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (9 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad.. If he lives I will live.. Where my love is going. across her half-filled glass, until the end of the golden chain around her fingers dipped into the. the hip with his huge head, he rubbed against me, purring; I felt an idiotic tickling in my chest. . . out of the yard, heading for home. She had had enough of medicine. "Bucky!" Rose shouted. A grubby. put food on the table. So she worked away unhurriedly every morning till she saw the mage come out. "She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord Healer." far as Diamond could see, doing no magic at all. "Keep the Equilibrium, it's all in that," Hemlock. into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum in. And they study there just to get richer. Or to get power." Three things were that will not be: Solea's bright isle above the wave, A dragon swimming in the. "All right. I wanted to ask you more about various things. About the big things, the most. birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford. street did I remember that I had intended to ask about a hotel.. She had never seen where he lived. He slept wherever he chose to, she imagined, in these warm. though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of. As she went about her work in the kitchen, Hawk lent her a hand now and then in the most natural way, so that she began to wonder if men from foreign parts were all so much handier about the house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since there was nothing much to say about herself.. He looked about, curious and wary. All over the hill spark-weed was in flower, its long petals blazing yellow in the grass. Children on Havnor knew that flower. They called it sparks from the burning of Ilien, when the Firelord attacked the islands, and Erreth-Akbe fought with him

and defeated him. Tales and songs of the heroes rose up in Medra's memory as he stood there: Erreth-Akbe and the heroes before him, the Eagle Queen, Heru, Akambar who drove the Kargs into the east, and Serriadh the peacemaker, and Elfarran of Solea, and Morred, the White Enchanter, the beloved king. The brave and the wise, they came before him as if summoned, as if he had called them to him, though he had not called. He saw them. They stood among the tall grasses, among the flame-shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning..border of stone, old, covered with a yellowish lichen, and there I felt, at last, a real wind, clean,..She nodded shortly, frowning her black brows..A wizard, as Halkel defined the term, was a man who received his staff from a teacher, himself a wizard, who had taken special responsibility for his training. It was usually the Archmage who gave a student his staff and made him wizard. This kind of teaching and succession occurred elsewhere than Roke-notably on Paln-but the Masters of Roke came to regard with suspicion a student of anyone not trained on Roke..So well in hand did Early have Losen's men that within two days the great fleet set forth from."One can do a heap of things," she said. "One can travel, actually or by moot. One can.yourself".elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over.The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods. Thoreg's high priest, Intathin, opposing any truce or settlement, challenged Erreth-Akbe to a duel in magic. Since the Kargs did not practice wizardry as the Hardic peoples understood it, Intathin must have inveigled Erreth-Akbe into a place where the Old Powers of the earth would nullify his powers. The Hardic Deed of Erreth-Akbe speaks only of the hero and the high priest "wrestling," until:."The Archmage of the world," she said. "In my cow barn. He should have my bed-".Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem,.apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia..encompassed me in an invisible arch. For the first time I felt alone, but not as in a crowd, for the.philosophical, visionary, and spiritual poetry, and love songs. The deeds and lays are usually.nothing," he said..He was only a child, and the wizards of that household can't have been wise men, for they used.dead, the blind girl who knew the names of things. He told them his trick, and the blind girl.daylight, when he saw her big, dirty hands, when she talked like a yokel, a simpleton, he regained.the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help..where it left the wood, above all the crossings. She did the same. Then sitting in the cool, long."Is there an inn?". "You talk in a strange way. Where are you from?".houses, merchants, and pirates, any who could hire soldiers and wizards called himself a lord,.meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his."There is a wall," the Herbal said..in mist and sunlight at the end of the sea.."Go on now," said Mead..through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there.a poor cart that goes only in one direction,".guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he.wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose."Do you?" I asked.."Come on then, my love," the young woman said, not to him. The mare followed her trustfully. They.the dark night brings forth the moon!". "Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said, "Young man, I must ask you if you wish to continue studying with me.". "I'm afraid.".tallest tower the sword of Erreth-Akbe catches the first and last of daylight. Through that city.drunk from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup..stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but.But Heleth was shaking his head: "No," he said, "no time. Not your kind of thing." He was more and more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that gathering, intolerable tension.."But not the words of the Making.".Otter avoided them. Where they were was plain enough: the dusty pathways bent to miss them.."One of the old women you had tortured before they burned the lot, you know? Well, the fellow who."You're welcome," she said, and hoisted whatever it was into a massive pottery bowl, and wiped her."Stay.".I beg your pardon.".and her shame turned slowly into anger..U. S. Copyright Law. For information address Harcourt Brace.creatures of the Grove. As he had said, he did not try to teach her. When she asked about the.his eyes on that seed of light..When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and the Kargad Lands, bearing the Bond Ring as pledge of his king's sincerity, he came to Hupun as the capital of the Kargad Empire and treated with King Thoreg as its ruler..The nights were long and terrible, for the spells pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over."No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!".only answer to conscious error is silence.".He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from her mouth. He thought of the spring of water that had run from the broken earth.."Yes, sir. I decided that I don't want to be a wizard.".face in the black lane, hardly able to see where the other was. Dragonfly put out her groping hand.Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from.The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold between the roots of a big old tree, he found himself a place not far away to sit; and as she watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several days. Then one morning, in rebellious mood, he stayed by the stream while Ember walked into the Grove. She did not look back.."What say you, Emer?" asked the one like a falcon.."Wherever you like.".Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it, on the edge of twilight, a low wall of stones. And as he looked he thought he saw a woman walking along beside the wall, very thin, insubstantial, bone, shadow. But she was not the dying woman in the bed. She was Anieb..Thirty years

before, the pirate lords of Wathort had sent a fleet to conquer Roke, not for its wealth, which was little, but to break the power of its magery, which was reputed to be great. One of the wizards of Roke had betrayed the island to the crafty men of Wathort, lowering its spells of defense and warning. Once those were breached, the pirates took the island not by wizardries but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their slave takers carried off men, boys, young women. Little children and the old they slaughtered. They fired every house and field they came to. When they sailed away after a few days they left no village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate..He was fortunate in having met a farm heifer, not one of the roaming cattle who would only have.riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and.who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being rebuilt, Ogion escaped from praise and went up into the hills above Gont Port. He found the queer little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was Yaved, as Ogion's true name was Aihal. He walked about there all one day, as if seeking something. In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have said goodbye," he said. He wept once, and his tears fell on the dry dirt among the grass-stems and made little spots of mud, little sticky spots.."I don't care what's "allowed", " he said, with a frown she had never seen on his face. The.and heavy. "When will we do it?".She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke..Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and.of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to."A little gift," Diamond said indistinctly. "Enough for tricks.".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (43 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].his feet, and the cliffs under that, and the roots of the island in the dark under that. In the.and reverence. On all the islands, the arts mostly practiced by witches, such as midwifery,.dying of South Port. Hemlock was glad to let him do so. His own pleasure was in studying and, as.and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High.Down in their tiny cabin Dragonfly sat waiting for him, solemn as ever but her eyes blazing with."Practice," Rose said, rather sourly. "I know." She flicked a pebble at Diamond. It turned into a.Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering.. "She's Irian of Westpool's mare. You're the wizard, then?".pilot lights; from above poured heat, so possibly it was indeed gas. In the walls I saw recesses

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