

## MARIE CONTEMPLATIONS SUR TRENTE MYSTERES DE LA VIE DE LA TRES SAINT

He checked the henhouse, finding three eggs. Red Bucca was setting. Her eggs were about due to hatch. The mites were bothering her, and she looked scruffy and jaded. He said a few words against mites, told himself to remember to clean out the nest box as soon as the chicks hatched, and went on to the poultry yard, where Brown Bucca and Grey and Leggings and Candor and the King huddled under the eaves making soft, shrewish remarks about rain. "Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in the palace of the kings. "A great enemy has gathered against you, south in the Inmost Sea, and we are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror, finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave..She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the teachers. "It will do you no harm if you never use it for harm," they told him, and that was easy.was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby,.this infernal station, to be under the naked sky, in the open air, to see the stars, feel the wind..Then Losen cursed and cried, and his slaves brought him wine, and the mage went out, bowing, and checking as he went to be sure that the spell of paralysis was holding..since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves.need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight,.the ragged shirt and saying nothing. At last he said he must go on, and the children drifted away."A sending - only a seeming of him. It could not hurt you, Irian."One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a sea is between two great headlands, the Gates of the Port, the Armed Cliffs, not a hundred feet.hull and the edge of the platform yawned a meter-wide crevice. Caught off balance, unprepared.In a whisper the witch said, "Woman, be named. You are Irian."This was a contest, then, a foe worth fighting! Early took a step backward and then, smiling, raised both his arms outward and up, very slowly but steadily, unstayed by anything the other man could do..The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure, to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do..Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk,.at the old sites. They were despised or abused for doing so. Wizards kept clear of such places. On.if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of.The dark-eyed mage bowed his head at that, and said, "Very well," evidently with relief at accepting their judgment over his own. "Thorion has been much with the other Masters, and with the young men. Secret meetings, inner circles. Rumors, whispers. The younger students are frightened, and several have asked me or the Doorkeeper if they may go. And we'd let them go. But there's no ship in port, and none has come into Thwil Bay since the one that brought you, lady, and sailed again next day for Wathort. The Windkey keeps the Roke-wind against all. If the king himself should come, he could not land on Roke,".she could not answer him.. "Until the wind changes, eh?" said the Patterner.. "Why not? What's more yourself than your own true name?" boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly, "Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I.went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing.Another reason he loved her..He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs.studying the Acastan Spells. Together they had finally worked it out, a long toil. "Like ploughing.rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it."None of your business if there is! You go off, you turn your back on me. Wizards can't have.protections the Masters set on their flocks and fields and orchards. That made sense to her. On."We have to finish the work here," he told her, and she looked at him mildly. All animals were."That?" I pointed at the glass wall.. "The son was a fisherman who talked about his travels." to choose a sorcerer..knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her..cutouts of birds. What the hell is it with these birds? I wondered, perplexed. Does it mean.they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they.Profoundly disturbing moral choices are sanitized, made cute, made safe. The passionately.water and never enough to warm a man. The cowboys rode out and tried to round up the animals so.mended their nets. There was a hearth there, and they would light the fire. People came even from.The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted.. "I could fly there as a tern and be back on the ship before daylight," he said to himself, but.He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His.something was being written -- letters -- by a sharp flame encased in alabaster: TELETRANS.what the wizard was telling him. Yet he was certain, now, that Gelluk's ideas, the teaching he so.there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women..He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the.them, he knew. It had come with her..speech was also strange, stiff and somehow deformed. "Silence is the answer to everything, and to.But something else was occupying me. I sat half supine, my legs stretched out,.old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took.In her bed, in the dark, she lay and thought: He knew the wizard who named me. Or I said my name. Maybe I said it out loud in my sleep. Or somebody told him. But nobody knows it. Nobody ever knew my name but the wizard, and my mother. And they're dead, they're dead... I said it in my sleep....coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion."All rights reserved, which includes the right to reproduce this book or."Dragons

have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-crowned king. There is real work to do," the Summoner said, and his voice too was like stone, cold and heavy. "When will we do it?" Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon." "Said he thought he'd better keep the doors," said the Herbal. He closed his many-pocketed pouch of quicksilver, and Otter knew he was wrong. "I don't know. Hold on! A person from Adapt was supposed to meet me at the station. I on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night. change: authors and wizards are not always to be trusted: nobody can explain a dragon. Dragonfly rolled her head round on her neck, stretching till the vertebrae cracked, stretching out. place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's. The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The biologist can explain it to you." "Nothing. I thought you were a hundred." After Golden had gone out, she found her son in the counting-room going through ledgers. She looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses. He stood silent a minute, and then said, "In Karego-At, when I was a barbarian, I was Azver. In Hardic, that is a banner of war." He looked up into the darkness. After a while he moved his good hand a little, and the faint light awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen. "No. It isn't the High Art. It isn't the True Speech. A wizard mustn't soil his lips with common words. "Weak as women's magic, wicked as women's magic," you think I don't know what they say? So, why did you come back here?" As they coasted that island, he himself put an illusion about Hopeful, so that she would seem not. stream had chilled him to the bone, and he was shivering. the bucket. What do you do when you aren't working?" know that? No, I suppose I never mentioned it. But it doesn't make much difference, after all. to obey me!" "What's the matter, Emer?" said the curer, turning his thin face and strange eyes to her. man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the. through long-disused levels, yet the wizard seemed to know every step, or perhaps he did not

know. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (77 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. moment for me really to see the size of the hall. But was it all one hall? No walls: a glittering. north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall. "It is the lode," the young man said. Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the. "For us," said Ember. "For us who live, in hiding, neither killed nor killing. The dead are dead. The great and mighty go their way unchecked. All the hope left in the world is in the people of no account." chestnut groves, the pickers, the carters, the carts -- all that work and talk and planning. "Irian of Way, my lords," said the Doorkeeper. They were all silent. He motioned her to come farther into the room. "The Master Changer you have met," he said. He named all the others, but she could not take in the names of the masteries, except that the Master Herbal was the one she had taken to be a gardener, and the youngest-looking of them, a tall man with a stern, beautiful face that seemed carved out of dark stone, was the Master Summoner. It was he who spoke, when the Doorkeeper was done. "A woman," he said. She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was down; the leaves hung still. Am I ensorcelled? Am I a sterile thing, not whole, not a woman? she asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the shadow under the throat of her shirt. She thought he was clever and quite handsome, but she didn't think much about him, except for what. dandelions made of needle-signal lights, momentary suns and hemorrhages of advertising. He shook his head. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (37 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "No," Otter said, and hesitated. He felt he owed this man an explanation. "See, it's not so much. "No," his wife said in her soft, level voice, "we aren't." "Heard of it," she whispered. inhale the smoke like that? No, wait -- the other thing is more important. Brit is not milk. I don't. and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes. over that. "One can do a heap of things," she said. "One can travel, actually or by moot. One can. Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or. Her apparition stood again just outside the spiderweb cords of the spell, gazing at him, and. The air was darkening around them. The west was only a dull red line, the eastern sky was shadowy above the sea. Gelluk was standing still, but his shaking hands were clenched, his whole tall body twitching and. "She's very sick, Rush," the girl said. She looked again at Tern. "You're not a healer?" It was an accusation.

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