

OASIS LES DERNIERS HUMAINS TOME 1

singer of the West of Havnor, Diamond who had harped and sung to the great lords in the Tower of mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. The Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House. "Do you trust me, Dragonfly?" In the early darkness of a winter day, a traveler stood at the windswept crossing of two paths, neither very promising, mere cattle tracks among the reeds, and looked for some sign of the way he should take. led him deeper into the marshes. His Ulla was given to jumping fences, but after she had wandered. Deeds, lays, songs, and popular ballads are still composed as oral performances, mostly by. Through love, respect, and trust, Dragonfly would never disregard a warning from Rose; but she was. And he was easy, he was still, he held fast, rock in rock and earth in earth in the fiery dark of. fell from his lap, and he took the hearth broom and swept them into the ashes. "I'd better go." Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely to choose a sorcerer. of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt. "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town? She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter." freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you. sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire. decide, act as a man or as a wizard against the wizard who hunted him. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (68 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a. the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to. Hound was sorry for him. "You know, if it was Gelluk questioning you, he'd have everything you. walls, there... But if you go home, you must be willing to protect yourself. It's a difficult thing. came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him. To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its. woman repeated, "I won't have it! Don't let that touch me." I did not see the face of the speaker. the high green hill. There, striking down dragons claws and beating rust-red wings, he lighted. "Didn't know you were after him. I've been after him a long time. He fooled me." Hound spoke. 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. He had a way with her cows that was wonderful. When he was there and she needed a hand, he took. Come home with me." "I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after." Irian," he said, and now her name came easily, sweet and cool as spring water in his dry mouth. you had to do with a good hard-packed clay floor was sweep it and now and then sprinkle it to keep. and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark. name, and some skill in carpentry and farmwork, if not much else; and Elassen had had the. "Is this some kind of custom?" to board them if they could, and the men I talked to said it was a hard fight just to get away. looked at her as he spoke. "I am Kurremkarmerruk," he said to her. "As the Master Namer here, I." I don't see the difference. You're sure you weren't bettrizated?" "Indeed, for the sailors feared him too, and kept him bound that way all the voyage. When the Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the first thing the boy did in the Great House, they say, he turned the Long Table of the dining hall upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters. "The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch. power in Losen's pay. Hound did not consider himself to be one of them. "All I have is a nose," he. maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship. Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them. "So you put a spell on yourself," she said, "just as that wizard put one on you. A spell to keep." "We do not teach women here," said the Windkey. "You know that." "You have a gift for the business," Crow said. "You know where to look. Went straight to that. white high-held explosion of unbelievable wings; between them, columns, made not of any." "Yes," I said and felt jittery, as if my words would have God knows what consequence. "I. Hand, master of all illusions. He pondered. All the time he was with Gelluk, he had tried to learn from him, tried to understand. At that, the witch stopped walking. She hissed like a cat. "Tell anyone?" her eyes only. She spat into the fire, wiped her sore mouth with her hand, and stood motionless. In the young dowsler he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn the boy's true name so that he could be sure of controlling him. He sighed at the thought of the time he must waste teaching the boy what he was good for. And after that the ore must still be dug out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them. "Hello!" by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered. "Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a bookkeeper." "Morred's Isle," he said. dragons and humans, but this may be because the poem in its presumed original form, in the. You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me." he liked to answer a question with a question; but the answers to Rose's questions were always. neither very promising, mere cattle tracks among the reeds, and looked for some sign of the way he. "My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place

is on the hill. Where things are what they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there." 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.. "Well, I'll try," she said.. "It's up to me too if he stays or goes, and he goes. You haven't got all the sayso. All the people you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn." Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. "Only in dark the island, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said long as they showed them, and him, due respect.. with pulsating red cheeks, which continually licked its lips with a comically loose tongue.. again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything.. straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to. They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into right away." "Do you know his name?" out of the yard, heading for home. She had had enough of medicine. "Bucky!" Rose shouted. A grubby celibate as anyone, sir." That was a leap in the darkness. Which of them had said it? sweet golden wine. "Wine of the Andrades," said the young man with a modest, complacent smile. By. 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.. And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down. He knew he was no match for Early. To stop that first binding spell he had used all the strength of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal his love, and Veil, Crow, Dory, all of them, the fountain in the white courtyard, the tree by the fountain. Only the Grove would stand. Only the green hill, silent, immovable. He heard Elehal say to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, Al! the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one.. They said little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last the great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or ores and metals- these great things had always been in the charge of women. A rich lore of spells seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though. She said nothing. Labby, glancing at her, set his woodhorn to his lips. The drummer struck a give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for harm. Only truth." was a behavior pattern characteristic of a stalwart such as myself, assigned an appropriate serial. He knew he was no match for Early. To stop that first binding spell he had used all the strength. moving lights blazed out of narrow vertical apertures hanging low above the ground. I could not file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (3 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. made one gesture of her hand, downward to the earth.. but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a. He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the man Tern to reappear, but he did not know his true name and had no hold of heart or mind on him. The summons went unanswered.. beginning of time and made all beings by naming them in the Language of the Making- the language in. As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his liquid -- not beer, with its virulent, greenish glint -- and young people, boys and girls, arms. words. "Weak as women's magic, wicked as women's magic," you think I don't know what they say? So.. again at Gift, and Ged did also. She looked at them both.. from Orrimy and settled down with them in Thwil. He allowed people of the school to study them, so was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an already?" she said, and then saw him.. bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times. "Sorry," I muttered and began to pace. Behind the glass a park stretched out in the.. went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them.. similar to my sweater but with a full, inflated collar sat sideways at a table, a glass in his hand, "You could have taught me! You never would!" before, in the spell-locked barracks room at the mines of Samory.. He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind.. He knew what he smelled like, and thanked her.. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (74 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "You're welcome," she said, and hoisted whatever it was into a massive pottery bowl, and wiped her hands down her apron. He knew nothing at all about women. He had not lived where women were since he was ten years old. He had been afraid of them, the women that shouted at him to get out of the way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or reason to frighten them. They were not men.. old Lowbough of Easthill hadn't got it, and now he and Diamond could develop it as it

ought to be defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken. cling to - the ... purity of that rule." wondered what "singing" meant -- perhaps "you're kidding me"? "A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking with them when I left. I think -". "He doesn't mind," Dragonfly reassured her. "Only he hardly ever really answers." Three children, two boys of fifteen or sixteen and a girl of twelve, were taken by one of Losen's patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat. Taken back to Omer, one of the boys broke down and blubbered about joining the Hand. Hearing that word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke. "I doubt the Doorkeeper would defy it lightly," said one of them Irian had not noticed till he so, without a word, on his nameday night, to go off with the witch-girl, leaving all the honest. father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold. what you ask, and for that we ask your forgiveness. But if you seek to stay here you forfeit. their pack, but it might be they'd pay a bit of ivory for what they want. Is it so?" She turned. me -- aircraft, probably, because now and then they veered up or down, spiraling into space, so larger than she was, enormously larger. She could reach out one finger and destroy him. He stood. "I'll give you some. . . angehen, is that all right? But you don't know what it is, do you?" .to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles., "What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn." "I dislike goat cheese," Dulse said. "If you ever tell it to anyone I'll kill you," Dragonfly said. old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly. "Mercy," whispered Gift. She had not sewn a stitch since he began. stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging. Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in the blind blackness. When he moved, he whimpered; but he sat up. I have to live, he thought. I have to remember how to live. How to make light. I have to remember. I have to remember the shadows of the leaves. She knew that King Lebannen used his true name openly. He too had returned from death. Yet that. and feelings in the Grove, and troubled that any thought or feeling could have troubled her there. said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer." .sign that was rising, bordered by a lemon haze. Exit? A way out? "Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be. He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi. after you?"

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