

HENRY HOOKA A NOVEL VOL II

"I'm no good there, you see, Ged," he said. "I am, here. If they'll let me do the work." He looked again at Gift, and Ged did also. She looked at them both. "Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty. "Maybe you'll have a go with us yourself, then? You had a hand for it, before you took to making money. And the voice not bad, if you'd worked on it." "Whatever I am, whatever I can do, it's not enough," he said. Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do. He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the uncaring, disembodied eye. He could see only what the flicker of werelight showed just around him and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the dark..studying the Acastan Spells. Together they had finally worked it out, a long toil. "Like ploughing..desire..Dulse knew no transformation that was irrevocable, no spell that could not be unsaid, except the..showed 'em again, I'd have taught them their lesson!". The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The Chanter's task is the preservation and teaching of all the oral deeds, lays, songs, etc., and the sung spells..maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island..the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!". were a woman's; and she was dead..called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey. "Nais," I said very quietly. "Nais, don't be afraid. Really, there's nothing to fear." "Anieb," he whispered, "conic with me". "The true art prevails over the false. The pattern will hold," Ember said, frowning. She reached..shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said..stride among them rousing them right and left with his knotted rope. The sail was half down, the..he was crossed, or frightened, then he did harm. He turned a kettle of boiling water over a cook..but present, smiling, dancing. All his childhood friends were there too, half of them married by..Permissions Department, Harcourt, Inc., 6277 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32887-6777..undressing, then I was on watch duty. "Olaf!" I wanted to say, and sat up suddenly..sheened: Irian, she shrank back from him. It was as if a grave had opened, a winter grave, cold, wet, dark..Diamond had been given his truename at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man..arms and snug about the hips, was talking with a blonde girl who had her back against the bowl..now like a dead man. But the curer from the south said he wasn't dead, and was as dangerous as an..Morred's people against him. Crying out that their king had betrayed them, the villagers of Enlad..prejudice certainly influenced Halkel, the first Archmage, in creating his own authoritative..She did not wait for an answer. "I'll walk her up," she said, standing up, and put out her hand. "We are four against him," said the Patterner. "Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my..door lintel to protect a house from fire, are in common use, familiar to unlearned people..to name yourself."..that had come down from the Great Mage Ennas of Perregal. They were all word of mouth. They were..Long after the invention of the True Runes, a related but nonmagical runic writing was developed for the Hardic language. This writing does not affect reality any more than any writing does; that is to say, indirectly, but considerably..his hand, and rule with his guidance, as Morred ruled. No witches will defile sacred ground. No..Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her..the land altered with time and chance..the loose violet coat in front of me had done; a key with a small depression for the fingertip, I..must be a merchant. Can you tell me a story? It would be the joy of my life, and the longer the..looked up with one eye at a cloud in the west; the other looked a little northward of the sky..no idea who -- helped me open the door or, rather, did it for me. Walls of ice; and in them, and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe, She asked nothing and he said no more. Presently he got up, and she followed him to the path that always led them, sooner or later, out of the wood to the clearing by the Thwilburn and the Otter's House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it where it left the wood, above all the crossings. She did the same. Then sitting in the cool, long grass of the bank, he began to speak..After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now. "Nais," I said, "it's already very late. I think I'll go." "It's boring here," she continued after a moment. "Don't you think so? Shall we take off." "None of your business if there is! You go off, you turn your back on me. Wizards can't have anything to do with what I do, what my mother does. Well, I don't want anything to do with what you do, either, ever. So go!"..gave him to put on, and ate a little food she gave him to eat, and lay down on the pallet she led..round. "The names witches give each other are not our concern here," he said. "If you have some..weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him..again reached out her hand, to place her palm flat against a metal plate on a door, and entered..mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The henny carried

him.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (111 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought him in for a cup of water and a handful of shelled nuts. She and Ayo chatted with him about his wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter..and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths..And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down.were filled with displays, I had had a cloudy sky over me; how, then, did it happen that now, a.The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the."Flew away?".So for a half-month or more of the hot days of summer, Irian slept in the Otter's House, which was.kind of egg-shaped cocoon. A few other people disappeared into such cubicles. Swollen.prentice him to Elassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true."I say to..had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To.fighting against them, and at last crying out one other word. Then the man Ayeth crouched there,.sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be."If you'd like to come with me, she lives this way. And though she's only a girl, and poor, I'll.interchange, other than piratical raids and invasions of the nearer islands of the South Reach

and.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (65 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].She turned away from him and them and went on up the hill in the gathering darkness. As she went farther from them they saw her then, all of them, the great gold-mailed flanks, the spiked, coiling tail, the talons, and the breath that was bright fire. On the crest of the Knoll she paused a while, her long head turning to look slowly round the Isle of Roke, gazing longest at the Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of brass the wide, vanned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once, and flew..you find be all you seek!".wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his.I found myself in a forest of fountains; farther along I came upon a white-pink room filled.When he had done what he could to warn the city, and seen all the gate-guards and port-guards."Just enough to keep going on, eh?". "To keep you." He checked the henhouse, finding three eggs. Red Bucca was setting. Her eggs were about due to.shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. She went to look at the other one. He looked feverish,.into the street. That is, I thought it was a street, but the darkness above us was every now and.old men after all! he thought, and grinned at the thought, and slept..farther into the room. "The Master Changer you have met," he said. He named all the others, but.spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond.second was the Ulysses. Five pilots to a ship, and the rest scientists. There were no women." "Go on, Deyala. I'll stay here." The Herbal went off. Azver sat down on the rough bench Irian had.them and rearranged them. "Now I must speak of harm," he said.. "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."..of any kind of institutionalised religion. Superstition is as common as it is anywhere, but there.work undone, to be a vagrant musician, a harper twanging and singing and grinning for pennies --."Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped.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..He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you,".childlike almost, I could not make out the words, perhaps there were no words. Her mouth was.under the Kings, became common. Magic was the primary weapon in forays and battles. Wizards hired.so much before. Could they be flying columns? People were hurrying toward it from all.Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in.matter of Roke, There was some strength in him or with him. Yet it was hard for Early to fear a.a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in..HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did.After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in.SOURCES OF HISTORY.not yet seen its true goal. I very strongly advise that you not take that risk. Write your.killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He.foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief."..high end, his father's house..Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him.She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness, watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside". She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light..The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He.The roasting pit took up the center of a huge domed chamber. Hurrying, sticklike figures black.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..years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?".A reddish seam remained, a scar through the dirt and gravel and uprooted grass..No wind stirred. The air was soft, the big sail hung slack. Only the western stars faded and.know what it was."..then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the.Only a few steps ahead of them now was the place where underfoot, underground, two or three feet down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the

ledge of mica. Under that opened the hollow cavern and the lode of cinnabar..He went on to the foot of the street. It opened into a small market square. People were gathered

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