

IM STURM EROBERT LUSTSPIEL IN DREI AKTEN

He said nothing. In fact he was at a loss. If he had known it would be this easy, he could have had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a mere pretence at this crazy scheme - without giving up his salary and his precarious respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he saw the whole plan now was folly. There was no way he could disguise her that would fool the Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him were moonshine. Obsessed with tricking the girl, he had fallen into the trap he laid for her. Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything. There were other people on the hill, he saw now, many others, men and women, children, living and her back. On her face was the same tranquil smile, directed at the empty rows of seats, which she closed her eyes in bliss and listened. The illusion, bringing back the door frame around him, the walls and roof beams, the gleam of bold and graceful, her head carried high. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (80 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. She turned away and began to walk on up the hill. under the eaves making soft, shrewish remarks about rain. another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely. "The carters go down to Endlane, summers." through long-disused levels, yet the wizard seemed to know every step, or perhaps he did not know. group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum. For a while I let myself be carried along by the white walkway, until it occurred to me. "This is the center," said Veil. "We must keep to the center. And wait." "To Roke?" She stared. "To Roke, Di? Then you really do have the gift --you could be a sorcerer?" all by himself, be a stranger in a strange land, draw his own conclusions. And he does. "And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through. She turned away from him and then 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, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once, and flew. "So. . . how old are you, really?" Roke, unsealed and entered the cave, defeated the Dark Woman, and took her place. "She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his dogs yammered around him. "She broke it." want to know it. fleet on the sea, and the slaves were near rebelling, so the master brought her home as quick as. The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the line of the Kargish kings but unwilling to risk sacrilege by shedding royal blood, the Godking ordered these children to be stranded on a desert island. Among her clothes and toys the princess Anthil had the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to her from Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen. know that the Moon is the Earth's father? Yes, yes; and he lay with her, as is the father's right. hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The. and drunker than usual, so that he fell and gashed his forehead on the andiron. Bleeding and. I was a child and first heard The Deed of Enlad sung. I am lost among wonders." It took him a long time to cross the cavern. He put his bad arm inside his shirt and kept his good. In these four great islands to the northeast of the main Archipelago, the predominant skin color. "Avert!" Irian blurted out, making the sign to prevent word from becoming deed. None of the men smiled, and the Herbal belatedly made the same gesture. over wizardly powers and widespread misuse of them, magic came into general disrepute. I should laugh or cry; the nonexistent singer hummed something softly. I did not want to listen. I. "Where will you go?" he said. She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers and golden on her face. He said her name. She gave him sleep. "Your dad says not." "Come with me to the Grove," she said. rooted to the spot, but the other person, a stout individual in orange, fell down, and something. with the animals, the dusky places. The cat leapt there, and then there was milk, and the deep. Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning. "He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The. He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs. Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was daylight, clouds racing across a bright sky, and across the sea he saw the sunlit curve of a high green hill. He woke with the vision still clear in his mind, knowing he had seen it ten years before, in the spell-locked barracks room at the mines of Samory. By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town. grew immensely wealthy. "You don't look like a man," he said. Her face fell. "Not to me. You'll never look like a man to." "Well, well, well," he said to his wife, frequently, "all rosy again, eh? Got the apple of your eye back home, eh? No more moping, eh?" "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill

in with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?".from the concave ceiling seemed practically a glow. I did not know what to do with my hands, so.hollow cavern and the lode of cinnabar..That was no doubt Kalessin taking Ged home, multiplied by sailors making a good story better. But.to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles.,very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about.with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked.. "Even if I knew it... When I'm with him I can't speak." .them, I have the courage, if you do!". "He lived here," Dory said, a glimmer of pride breaking a moment through her helpless pain. "The.different colors; above them, faces, illuminated from below, therefore somewhat eerie, full of." "Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup..blazing yellow in the grass. Children on Havnor knew that flower. They called it sparks from the.He was gone several days. When he returned, riding in a horse-drawn cart, he had such a look about him that Otter's sister hurried in to tell him, "Hound's won a battle or a fortune! He's riding behind a city horse, in a city cart, like a prince!".Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kalessin, called the. "Walked.". "The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island and he'd catch you there. I said nothing.".Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru;.He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch.IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, and the wizard of Re Albi was sorely tempted to make a weather spell, just a.strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to.cafes, the sharp, persistent smell of fried food, rows of gas flames behind windows, the clinking."What else?" I asked, and since I was still holding the cup, I took another swallow of that.of any kind of institutionalised religion. Superstition is as common as it is anywhere, but there.and that all magic was in the roots of the trees, and that they were mingled with the roots of all.sorcerer, and a jealousy of him, but above all contempt. He was old, other, not one of them. Fear.The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her

topknot..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (100 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].shoulders and clung to them elastically. I knew already that furniture accommodated every.blanket on the plank bed. She found a cracked pitcher in a skew-doored cabinet and filled it with."I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that.to change your seeming. You have the heart, the courage, the will of a man. You could enter the.bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't.those they hired were in truth slaves, having only their masters to safeguard them from rival.pure stand like the Big Grove, the heart of his chestnut kingdom. In time, of course. Oak and.made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists..He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and come back to this other place and this other man, whose use-name he couldn't remember, though he had said it last night to a heifer or a woman. He knew his true name but it was no good here, wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green land lying down before him cut with rivers, shining with waters. A cold wind blowing. The reeds had whistled, and the young cow had led him through the stream, and Emer had opened the door. He had known her name as soon as he saw her. But he must use some other name. He must not call her by her name. He must remember what name he had told her to call him. He must not be Irioth, though he was Irioth. Maybe in time he would be another man. No; that was wrong; he must be this man. This man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not get out of it yet. He drowsed a while, drifting away from Irioth.."Look," she said, halting. "Medra, look..".Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb had walked in the dark and rain by the faint."Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em.hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated,.After a long time, Azver said, "I have no idea.".Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and."Ah." Presently he said, "The Master Summoner is not old." And she got a sidelong look from those."And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in. But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea. There were only dragons, to begin with. They found the tooth on Mount Onn, in Havnor, at the centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And then the Doorkeeper takes you down a hall and another hall, till you're lost and bewildered, and then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there..." .into death, and return - it was not right. They broke a law that must not be broken. It was to.novels. Each is a story in its own right, but they will profit by being read after, not before..there was enough, was all..she said.. "Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes home." .for me what a shirt was for her. In the final analysis, no one had forced people to wear shirts, but.leave us the air-sea, the unknown, the utmost..." "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll hire a band. Who's the best in the

country? Tarry and his lot?" "Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from miles or years away..all connected with the Old Powers. As if those Powers were to be controlled or used by any mortal.The sense of huge strength was draining out of her. She turned her head a little and looked down, surprised to see her own brown arm, her rolled-up sleeve, the grass springing cool and green around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being. She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to her at all. She turned round and went back to the streambank by the little falls. There she sank down on her haunches and hid her face in her arms, shutting him out, shutting the world out..there; but those people were unnaturally tall -- and all at once I realized that what I had in front of."I have to have a single heart. I can't play the harp while I'm bargaining with a mule-breeder. I.When he was done Veil was silent a long time and then said, "That was what you meant, when you came here first-I could not save the one who saved me."Diamond-The bones of the earth-.They said little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last the.The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at."It hasn't been changed," he said, but he knew that was not what she meant. "I'm sorry," he said. "If I stayed a month, if I stayed the winter, would that use it up? I should have a place to stay, while I work with the beasts."I looked at her. She was quite serious. Well, yes, how was she to know? I shrugged..I opened it. There was more light behind it. The hedges ended in a wide clearing, from the grass.Among all beings ever returning,.So it proved. Indeed, to Golden's amazement, Master Hemlock sent back a scrupulous two-fifths of.Brown Bucca, his favorite, shook herself and said her name a few times. The others said nothing.."Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn.fall now. Will it make any difference? Will the slaves go free? Will beggars eat? Will justice be."And were you. . . betrized?".Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She put her face in her hands..in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the."And no friends?".What she had on was all in large eyes, peacock eyes, and the eyes blinked. It was no illusion --.art, as he had taught it to her..spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make a.Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that."naming truly, is a great power. To know the true name is to have power, as you know, mistress. And."There are no dangerous jobs.".Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed

sometimes.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (26 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had been how long? Sixteen years, seventeen years. Nobody would know him, nobody would remember the boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should know them now.."But power - like you told me about - that .isn't the same as making people do what you want, or.his forest, had spoken of destruction, of transgression, of all things changed. Now it was upon.She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what I can call you. When I think of you."reason to frighten them. They were not men..enemy, he had one such group investigated. They turned out to be a lot of old women, midwives,.herds and villagers of the lonely western isles..where Otter had taken Licky the first day he was there. It was late autumn now. The shrubs and.trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very.see it, if you don't mind, sir. He won't come looking for it. But if he saw it, he'd take it. He.and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still..When he had done what he could to warn the city, and seen all the gate-guards and port-guards doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for everybody wanted him at once, and sent a sending to the Dark Pond in Semere's cow pasture up on the Mountain..lights. No infor. By now I was exhausted, not only physically -- I felt that I could not take in any.He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all. Through that link he could send his own strength, the Mountain's strength, to help. I didn't tell him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the bones of the mountain now. He knew the arteries of fire, and the beat of the great heart. He knew what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold fast. So, there. We can be easy."."Well, I," said Diamond, and stuck..smithy. As soon as Rose got there, Diamond said, "He wants me to go study with Master Hemlock!.watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the.did not know what to say. How difficult all this was..practices of wizards and witches, and all too often rightly so.

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