

THE DAUGHTERS OF SYRIA A NARRATIVE OF EFFORTS

to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit,".She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke.were butchered with their cattle. The house and barns were burnt. The little girls stayed in the."Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped."To hell with the biologist. Does this mean that a man to whom you've given brit can't do."She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to speak to her." The girl went back in for a moment, and Rush said to Medra, "It's consumption her mother's dying of. No healer could cure her. But she could heal the scrofula, and touch for pain. A wonder she was, and Dory bade fair to follow her.".the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and.While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy,

Elfarran.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (48 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].first. I blinked. The hall, brightly lit, was practically empty; she walked to the next door. When I.After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in size and prosperity..ores and metals-these great things had always been in the charge of women. A rich lore of spells.and yet slower, but they walked on. There was no sound but the sound of the rain falling from

the.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (89 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].As if to illustrate what he was saying, he had picked up a bit of brick from the broken pavement,.witchery. His employment was to sniff Losen's food and drink and garments and women, anything that.were dozens of ships like ours. The moving platform made a turn, accelerated, continued to.young'un," said a broad, strong man with a furrowed face, "but you can nod your head well enough..".Stay. ".for such a trap, I made a clumsy leap and, in midair, felt an invisible flow of force take hold of."I dislike goat cheese," Dulse said..room with the spellbonds upon him he could hardly swallow the food. It tasted of metal, of ash..Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up, "Is it true I do harm being here?".The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary language. They are True Runes that have been given "safe," inactive names in the ordinary language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the Old Speech is endless, so are the runes..Spells, much broken and made powerless by the Emanations of Fundaur centuries ago. He had just."We must give what we have to give," said Medra. "If all but us are slaves, what's our freedom worth?".Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one."Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way. She came there. She came to me, not in the body, and guided me to the track. She was only twelve then.".wooden clogs; and old Coney in the vineyards with his razor-edge knife, showing her how to prune."Yours are perished.". "No use," said the old wizard, grinning, "you're only wind and sunlight. Now I'm going to be dirt.They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and carne at dusk to.could sink in the sea as deep as Solea. But she thought with love of the roads and fields of Way..When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver, go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting, barked and bayed and rushed after her..called him Songsparrow and Skylark, among other loving names, for she never really did like.to say to those who come. Being a finder, I'll find out if they belong here.".After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired legs. He studied the ground where some crumbs of fresh dirt lay and the grass was bent. He stroked the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine..Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know."He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk.Though not a sorcerer, Licky was a much more formidable man than Hound. Yet like Hound he was.hands; they put this into their pockets and walked on. For some reason I did exactly as the man in.must be. I was wrong.".Mostly the pupil was supposed to be with the Master, or studying the lists of names in the room where the lorebooks and wordbooks were, or asleep. Hemlock was a stickler for early abed and early afoot. But now and then Diamond had an hour or two free. He always went down to the docks and sat on a pierside or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and away from Master Hemlock, he began to think about Darkrose, and went on thinking about her and very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about his mother. He did think about his mother quite often, and often was homesick, lying on his cot in his bare and narrow little room after a scanty supper of cold pea-porridge -- for this wizard, at least, did not live in such luxury as Golden had imagined. Diamond never thought about Darkrose, nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his head and he would practice it mentally on the harp in his mind, and so drift off to sleep. Darkrose would come to his mind only when he was down at the docks, staring out at the water of the harbor, the

piers, the fishing boats, only when he was outdoors and away from Hemlock and his house.. "Whatever for?" "What is it - what is it like - on Roke?" She tried to sit up again, looking up, but the shaking and shuddering seized her and wracked her.. "No. So this drinking is like wearing clothes? Just as necessary?"..let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back. "There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be." "That?" I pointed at the glass wall..defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's. "Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island away off like that."..sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child.. "Any brit? How could he not have it?"..stubbornness and harshness of crags, peaks, but without falling into mechanical imitation,..stone tower..He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile.. "What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his face in his hands, fighting against the shame of tears..He resolved to wait and watch. Being a patient man with a strong will, he did so for four years, till Diamond was sixteen. A big, well-grown youth, good at games and lessons, he was 'still ruddy-faced and bright-eyed and cheerful. He had taken it hard when his voice changed, the sweet treble going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy went on wandering about with itinerant musicians, ballad-singers and such, learning all their trash. That was no life for a merchant's son who was to inherit and manage his father's properties and mills and business, and Golden told him so. "Singing time is over, son," he said. "You must think about being a man."..haze, now by a nearly white one. That was all, that was how the city looked; I tried to find streets,..disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a..Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He..But in fact Golden wasn't thinking only about the business. He had observed something about his son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it from time to time, and then shut his eyes.. "What have you got there?"..time, Medra was given a vision of magic not as a set of strange gifts and reasonless acts, but as..Golden chewed very slowly, his eyes on the table. Diamond had seen his father look like this when..The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to.. "I think you feared him."..Otter was reluctant to answer. He had to like Hound, but didn't have to trust him. "Shape-..The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their far more numerous neighbors to the south and west.. "I'd like to walk under your trees a bit, Azver," the Herbal said, with a long sigh..were a woman's; and she was dead..fire-spouting, flying enemies. Paln was "a plain of charcoal," and villages and towns in the west..them, I have the courage, if you do!".. "I should sap? Sap yourself!".. "The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island." "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and talk of how to destroy one another?".. "He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk to here? I want them. Then I'll see to him."..Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village the flames died down, and children cried, and women shouted curses after the eagle..and the last line of the first stanza:.. "Oh, Darkrose," Diamond said, "I love you.".. "No," she said. "You're thinking -- no, what for? Why don't you drink?".. "Is she hurt?" the woman said. "Oh, the traitorous vermin!" She was stroking down the mare's right..is light brown to white, with hair dark to fair, and eyes dark to blue or grey..here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the..to him, a game to play with Darkrose. Even the names of the True Speech that he had learned in the.. "Spoken like a man," said Veil with her gentle, wounded smile..They turned back, uncertain. The low sun was still bright on the fields and the roofs of the Great.. "No!"..He was shaking his head all through her speech. "No, no, no, no. Hopeless. Useless. Fatal!"..back home and a lot of things had changed. Sex. Money. Transit. Violence. There's no more..showing, as it rose, a bottom riddled with lights. But perhaps that leviathan shape was the..it you did not always come out into the fields again. You walked on under the trees. In the inner..And beyond that, nothing. There had been illusions, little spells, pebbles that turned to..far and wide..pit, great heaps of gravel and clay. Turning his sore head made him dizzy..Since we none of us have any sex, us wizards, do we? What matters is whose house we live in. It.. "I thought it would be a spell of Change," she said..talk of how to destroy one another?".. "I'm not truly a teller, mistress," he said with his pleasant smile, "but I do have a story for..prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For..insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know..She brought them to a house at the end of a lane. It had been a handsome place once, two stories..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..She thought of Old Iria village, the marshy spring under Iria Hill, the old house on it. She..dead. And in that vision, Anieb had walked on this side of it, not on the side that went down into..A quotation from it stands at the head of A Wizard of Earthsea:..There was silence. It would not be easy for me, I thought, to stomach this new world. And..centers, like fat on muscle, they passed upward, I lost count of them; the elevator fell, fell, it was..was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he..A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went out into the rain to feed the chickens..the answering hatred in the son's eyes, the threat, the pitiless contempt. And seeing it, Dulse..Silence shook his head..training..The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods..That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any..rhythm.

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