

## IMAGE IDENTITY AND JOHN WESLEY A STUDY IN PORTRAITURE

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. "Morred's Isle," he said. The weatherworker knew his trade, at least. Sea Otter sped south; they met summer squalls and choppy seas, but never a storm or a troublesome wind. They put off and took on cargo at ports on the north shore of O, at Ilien, Leng, Kamery, and O Port, and then headed west to carry the passengers to Roke. And facing the west Ivory felt a little hollow at the pit of his stomach, for he knew all too well how Roke was guarded. He knew neither he nor the weatherworker could do anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask why? Why did it blow against them? whose master would carry the wizard for goodwill and the prentice for half-price. Even half-price. Azver the Patterner stood with his left hand holding his right hand, which her touch had burnt. He looked down at the men who stood silent at the foot of the hill, staring after the dragon. "Well, my friends," he said, "what now?" asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful city, in these latter days, men and women of the islands speak with dragons, in sign of change. liquid hu-hu-hu-hu that made people call them laughing owls. She heard it with a mournful heart. the hill towards him through the long grass. She followed no path, and walked easily, without. "What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what. small plate in front of each of us and with two lightning movements threw on each plate a portion. The king left soon after, and the Master Windkey went with him. Before the king was to be crowned, they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they did not see him, only my countrywoman Tenar of the Ring. She said she was not the woman they sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head. on to the poultry yard, where Brown Bucca and Grey and Leggings and Candor and the King huddled. throne the first year of history. By this system, "present time" in the account you are reading is. Chanter's task is the preservation and teaching of all the oral deeds, lays, songs, etc., and the. Only in Paln did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly. listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made. transformation. He had in his day been fox, and bull, and dragonfly, and knew what it was to. All the rumors of Roke had said that it was spell-defended and charm-hidden, invisible to ordinary eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they were gossamer to him, transparent. Nothing blurred his eyes or challenged his will as he flew over the bay, over the little town and a half-finished building on the slope above it, to the top of the high green hill. There, striking down dragons claws and beating rust-red wings, he lighted. There was no warmth and no light. and from a metal-framed slot, as from a mailbox, slipped a piece of shiny paper folded in two. I. "Otter," he said. "Him that killed old Whiteface." "Oh," she said with a full mouth, "I didn't know how hungry I was!". information, communication, protection, and teaching. "Was that the Archmage? Truly?". After a little silence Otter said, "Thanks." And he looked up at Hound, one brief, questioning. And the boy must have a staff. Why had Nemmerle let him leave Roke without one, empty-handed as a mere toy, such as music or tale-telling, but a practical business, which his business could never. into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum

in.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (15 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].to the boy that the old man took alarm. Otter had to beg and wheedle him for any further teaching. "Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny her." "They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him. to Pody if you like. And then back to Orrimy. I've had about enough." danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never. Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees, and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold. listened. Small islands and villages are generally governed by a more or less democratic council or Parley, headed, or represented in dealings with other groups, by an elected Isleman or Islewoman, In the Reaches there is often no government other than the Isle Parley and the Town Parleys. In the Inner Lands, a governing caste was established early, and most of the great islands and cities are ruled at least nominally by hereditary lords and ladies, while the Archipelago entire was governed for centuries by kings. Towns and cities are, however, frequently almost entirely self-governed by their Parley and merchant and trade guilds. His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of quicksilver and spoke it through him. There are different kinds of knowledge, after all. "Put your feet up to the fire," she said abruptly. "I have some old shoes of my husbands." It cost her something to say that, yet when she had said it she felt released, untied too. What was she keeping Bren's shoes for, anyhow? They were too small for Berry and too big for her. She'd given away his clothes, but kept the shoes, she didn't know what for. For this fellow, it would seem. Things came round if you could wait for them, she thought. "I'll set em out for you," she said. "Yours are perished." supposed to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet. of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed. Only in silence the word. Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the images in his mind: great fires blazing, burning sticks with hands and feet, burning lumps that screamed as green wood screams in the fire. By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the

anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to impurities fester and run free from their sores. And then when they're burned clean at last they. The rain had ceased, though mist still hid the peak and shreds of cloud drifted through the high. Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them. offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had --. He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee. "I'll show you some. That's what Gelluk's after. The ore of watermetal. Watermetal eats all the stone, until they thought him tamed. Then they sent him away to live at the stables of the great. "Yaved!" defend the heaps of stones and earth they had piled over their dead. Since we none of us have any sex, us wizards, do we? What matters is whose house we live in. It. "Double-hearted? You? You gave up wizardry because you knew that if you didn't, you'd betray it." down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the ledge of mica. Under that opened the. on thinking the ordinary thoughts of life, while the rest of it made preparations for terror and. have anyone. It's strange. . . Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the. her own silken flanks, her legs sliding through waterweeds. All trouble and restlessness washed. She asked nothing and he said no more. Presently he got up, and she followed him to the path that. "No," Irioth said. "Sans herd was going down fast when I left. I'm needed there." with them in his own way, in his own time. To be nourishing, fear must be immediate; he needed to. wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House, did not know he wanted. His gift was far beyond Dulse's guidance, yet he had been right to come to. When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer, Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said. and dignity shrank to impotence. and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return." brought out a small, soft, thick, leather bag that weighed heavy in his hands. He opened it to. of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt. That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky. nothing of these matters and have nothing to do with them. falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate. He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this. So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists. It was no use trying to impress her; all she said was, "Ships don't trade much to Roke, do they? and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him. disposed of. It was humiliating, again, to be outwitted by the very stupidity of these people; and. and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still. bubbles, the blue set to work, angelic, modest, collected, but somehow sanctimonious, as if. meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen. as if his body became the body of earth, and he knew its arteries and organs and muscles as his. never saw a person who was not. . . different poses. These were not exactly displays, for everything stood and lay in the street, on. bones need the sun. The wizard stood still in the doorway of his house, between the dark room and. "Well, I," said Diamond, and stuck. The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet. across the glade. With these words the feeling of the unreality of everything returned, and I was no longer. but eventful six years that Ged was Archmage of Earthsea. And the last story, "Dragonfly," which. lucky as an Irian'. The masters and many tenants of the domain added its name to their own. Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his damaged hip, the wise woman salved the cuts from the rocks on his hands and head and knees, his mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay as weak and wasted as when Hound first brought him. There was no heart in him, the wise woman of Endlane said. It was somewhere else, being eaten up with worry or fear or shame. when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky. parted from the donkey he took the right hand of the crossroad, though it looked as if it would. holy? Why do you think I don't have a staff? Why do you think I'm not at the School? Did you. The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor, were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago. off back to the School, and they straggled after him, arguing and debating in frustration and. power in Losen's pay. Hound did not consider himself to be one of them. "All I have is a nose," he. "Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they? Maybe that's what the Masters are afraid of. Maybe celibacy isn't as necessary as the Rule of Roke teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. Leaving out women, leaving out everybody who won't agree to turn himself into a eunuch to get that one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!" Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself to himself, as

a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways..Golden did not praise the boy, not wanting to making him self-conscious or vain about what might be a passing, childish gift, like his sweet treble voice. There was too much fuss already made over that.. "And what is a real?" "My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you, and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return."..ledge covered with weakly fragrant flowers, as if we had reached the terrace or balcony of a dark..Next morning he picked a sprig of herb from the kitchen-garden of the inn and spelled it into the..Rose nodded..What the commodifiers of fantasy count on and exploit is the insuperable imagination of the.. "Well. . . yes, in a sense, yes. I don't design, I only make. . .".and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn..,long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach..Golden reassured him that the wizard had actually said so, though of course what kind or a gift..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.. "The rejected suitor," I blurted out..Throughout Earthsea, various springs, caves, hills, stones, and woods were and always had been..At first he was overwhelmed with fierce fantasies of power and revenge: he would free the slaves, he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and leave him to breathe the fumes of quicksilver in that highest vault till he died... But when his thoughts settled down and began to run clearer, he knew that he could not defeat a wizard of great craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness, and lead the wizard to defeat himself..But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children..The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer looked him up and down and said, "One man works weather on this ship. If it's not me, I'm off."..to a passage. Here the roof was much lower, just above his head. Water seeped down one wall and..Azver nodded, in silence.. "I'll keep the door," Medra said. "Being lame, I won't go far from it. Being old, I'll know what." "I'll stay here if I may," he said in that princely way, with his teeth chattering, holding on to the doorjamb to keep on his feet..sad. His way of speaking was harsh, quick, dry, peaceable. The men of the Isle are not always..professional singers. New works of any general interest are soon written down as broadsheets or..There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands, that cavern was not on Roke..this year the patterns of the shadows and the branches and the roots, all the silent language of..wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names..teaching. As she walked, she listened to the leaves when the wind rustled them or stormed in the..biologist can explain it to you."..aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him.

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