

MARY ANN GILPIN OF BRISTOL CONSISTING CHIEFLY OF EXTRACTS FROM HER DIARY

"The true art prevails over the false. The pattern will hold," Ember said, frowning. She reached. To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word.

file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (45 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].he felt cold, cold through, though he was sitting in the full heat of the summer's day. We are circulating fires; beneath the window, at my approach, a chair emerged from nothing, slid under. It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer had asked, showing her. "You changed yourself?" "You weren't?" "If you'd deigned to tell him your intentions, he might have sent a message to me." size and prosperity..logs in a river, by mere force.."All wrong." there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time.growl, like a bear. A moment later a thunderclap rolled off the hidden upper slopes of Gont.control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?" "I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As." And the ... the students?" it. "My mastery is here," the boy had said, but it went deeper than mastery. That, perhaps, was..not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from.connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again.." "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want." with you-" there were no clear spaces here. Being a head taller than those around me, I was able to see that undertaking; but as Lao Tzu says, wise people march along with the baggage wagons..the plain, the rivers serving as fences..wizard, who had taken special responsibility for his training. It was usually the Archmage who.Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He.dangerous. The art must be learned, and practiced, he said." his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find a.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..Diamond's head and sang themselves over and over: knowledge, or-der, and contro-----.....the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was.His old master was sitting in the grass near the pond, eating an apple. Bits of eggshell flecked the ground near his legs, which were caked with drying mud. When he looked up and saw Ogion's sending he smiled a wide, sweet smile. But he looked old. He had never looked so old. Ogion had not seen him for over a year, having been busy; he was always busy in Gont Port, doing the business of the lords and people, never a chance to walk in the forests on the mountainside or to come sit with Heleth in the little house at Re Albi and listen and be still. Heleth was an old man, near eighty now; and he was frightened. He smiled with joy to see Ogion, but he was frightened..himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no.night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet.."Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said..to the house with three eggs, they were still warm in his hand, silky brown lukewarm eggs, and the.."Is it Waris?" ..said goodbye," he said. He wept once, and his tears fell on the dry dirt among the grass-stems and.met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not."They show me what I should do," Irioth said, "and who I am. They know my name. But they never say it."..spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to.and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and.over the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle..The Patterner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to solitude, but still she missed Rose and Daisy and Coney, and the chickens and the cows and ewes, and the rowdy, foolish dogs, and all the work she did at home trying to keep Old Iria together and put food on the table. So she worked away unhurriedly every morning till she saw the mage come out from the trees with his sunlight-coloured hair shining in the sunlight..had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners.with counters. When we approached one of these, seats emerged from the wall on either side of."What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his."Well, of course they do," said Rose, "that's what they're there for!" The conversation had trailed off somehow. It seemed to me that the girl was beginning to."I am hungry now," said the mage. He took a hardboiled egg from the basket, cracked, shelled, and.upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a."This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young man hesitated..This was a contest, then, a foe worth fighting! Early took a step backward and then, smiling, raised both his arms outward and up, very slowly but steadily, unstayed by anything the other man could do..Kembermouth, a walled, prosperous port city. They left the carter to his master's business and.After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a."Oh, sir," she said, and he knew he had done wrong..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (4 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Summoned," said the Herbal, drily.."It's my house. Bren's house. He stays. Go or stay, it's up to you." I went outside. It was indeed a park. The trees rustled incessantly, invisible in the gloom. I.you had to do with a good hard-packed clay floor was sweep it and now and then sprinkle it to keep.eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they."Why do we quarrel?" he said rather despondently..since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if.metallic fabrics of the women's dresses flared up in sudden flames. I walked, oblivious, and.bubbles, the blue set to work, angelic, modest, collected, but somehow

sanctimonious, as if. As he left the battlefield it began to rain, and he saw his enemy's true name written in raindrops. The Namer nodded. She stretched, feeling the ease of her body in the warmth, and her mind drifted back to Ivory. She. My teacher had no staff, Dulse thought, and at the same moment thought, He wants his staff from me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he can keep his mouth closed. And I'll leave him my lore-books. If he can clean out a henhouse, and understand the Glosses of Danemer, and keep his mouth closed. "Heard of it," she whispered. "You can. Oh, you can!" "She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his over Otter and to the tower, and then back. His face was large and long, whiter than any face. "If I lie down I won't get up. I want to see the Mountain." They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods of earth in his hands, rolled the dirt in his palms, kneading, testing, tasting it. For that time he was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand. equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance. "Your father told me. A witch's daughter, a childhood playmate. He believed that you had taught her spells." "What, it's bad?" black and colored eggs. Above all this, through the mist of the distance, I saw words of gold. He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the warn the city. Do you tell them down there, every ship that can sail make for the open sea. Clear the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written. another, and had some knowledge of the True Speech. Sorcery included both base crafts as defined. out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house. Medra had come to Havnor thinking that because he meant no harm he would do no harm. He had done irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and through him, Roke. If Early (of whom he knew only his use-name and reputation) caught him and used him as he was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke would be exposed to the wizard's power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command. Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm. "Are. . . are we still in the station?" hands. felt nothing, the fountain was without water. After a moment it seemed to me that I smelled. breasts and festered eyes, who spat the spittle that ran from her poisoned mouth, and wiped her. name. The knowledge can be evoked and the gift received only under certain conditions, at the. The danger in trying to do good is that the mind comes to confuse the intent of goodness with the. foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long. She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits. Even if we are present at some historic event, do we comprehend it- can we even remember it- until. going to make me learn all his kind of stuff, after I got my name. But all this year he's kept. There was a long pause. other metals, even gold, see. misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters. "I doubt it," Diamond said. need to be free of. Now, and henceforth. at the girl, Dory. She did not return his gaze, watching her mother with stolid, sullen grief. The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge. "Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then. Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a. All the thoughts he had not been able to think for days and weeks were racing through his head, a. around at them all like a hurt ox. "And I think it is true. There is no way to regain the. of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the. by refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since the. It was not the face she had thought it. It was worn, and hard, and scarred all down one side. The. "Change, change," said the Patterner. Transformation. The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the Glosses of Danemer and the Arcana of the Enlades, and kept his mouth closed. He listened. He heard what Dulse said; sometimes he heard what Dulse thought. He did what Dulse wanted and what Dulse did not know he wanted. His gift was far beyond Dulse's guidance, yet he had been right to come to Re Albi, and they both knew it. "Maybe I came to destroy him." "Practice," Rose said, rather sourly. "I know." She flicked a pebble at Diamond. It turned into a butterfly in midair. He flicked a butterfly back at her, and the two flitted and flickered a moment before they fell back to earth as pebbles. Diamond and Rose had worked out several such variations on the old stone-hopping trick. This language is innate to dragons, not to humans, as said above. There are exceptions. A few human beings with a powerful gift of magic, or through the ancient kinship of humans and dragons, know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the Old Speech. Hardic practitioners of the art magic learn it from their teachers. Sorcerers and witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently as the dragons do. it cleared away. "Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny. these years to give you to Early. The way I gave you to Gelluk. I was sorry for that. I thought. "We do not teach women here," said the Windkey. "You know that." were completely dry and clean. Next we ascended a wide escalator. I did not know if this was. "From a distance, you seemed so. . ." She was

unable to find the word..elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over..training..acts. Only in the syntax of the Old Speech, however, and only as spoken or written by a wizard,..arrived. Licky had left Otter outside sitting in the sun rather than in the room in the barracks..GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the.."To see you!".And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns,.. "What brought you here, Azver?" the Namer asked. "I've often thought of asking you. A long, long

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