

## THE COLOUR OF DREAMS

could he think of her..and to the house of Iria. He cursed and cried and drank and made her drink, too, pledging to..light?" But he could not. He crawled in the dark till the sound of water was loud and the

rocks.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (90 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that..A long shudder went through her as she stood facing him. She felt herself larger than he was, larger than she was, enormously larger. She could reach out one finger and destroy him. He stood there in his small, brave, brief humanity, his mortality, defenseless. She drew a long, long breath. She stepped back from him..the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost..She glanced back at the land then. It was the only time he ever saw her look back..grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch. He..honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost..cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty.Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death. Maybe all magery was weakened then."..freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with..morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A..Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished..It was absolutely silent..where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great..or urgency, she felt that she was waiting. And that silent expectancy was deepest and clearest..disposed of. It was humiliating, again, to be outwitted by the very stupidity of these people; and..Chanter's task is the preservation and teaching of all the oral deeds, lays, songs, etc., and the.."That's very clever," Golden said.."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?".."Where are you going?"..He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning, using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though, and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have come."..The Hardic people of the Archipelago live by farming, herding, fishing, trading, and the usual crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute..He had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do."..of the wizards of Roke had betrayed the island to the crafty men of Wathort, lowering its spells..have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And..He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play-place, a kind of bower deep in the willows, where they could hear the stream running over the stones nearby and the clang-clang of the smithy further off. The girl sat down facing him..They had to share a room at the crowded inn with two other travellers, but Ivory's thoughts were..On his rides, he sometimes passed an old house on a hill among great oaks. When he turned off the village lane up the hill, a pack of scrawny, evil-mouthed dogs came pelting and bellowing down at him. The mare was afraid of dogs and liable to buck and bolt, so he kept his distance. But he had an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the early summer afternoons..between Sans house and the tavern..Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely to choose a sorcerer..He raised his hand closed in a fist and then turning and opening it, offered it to them palm up..All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves..The house vanished. No walls, no roof, nobody. Early stood on the dust of the village square in the sunshine of morning with his arms in the air..using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though..He came up on deck again. It was clearing, and as the sun set the clouds broke all across the..coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion."..Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands..It was peaceful here with the woman and the cat. He had come to a good house.."My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said.."It's not my word, it's Wari's. But they've refused. They want the Rule of Roke to separate men from women, and they want men to make the decisions for all. Now what compromise can we make with them? Why did they come here, if they won't work with us?"..drew back a little. She drew back. They sat back on their ankles..shift, and he saw the infinitely delicate, tender rise of her breasts. He drew her to him again..honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are..Spring came late again that year, cold and stormy. Medra set to boat-building. By the time the..Thirty years before, the pirate lords of Wathort had sent a fleet to conquer Roke, not for its wealth, which was little, but to break the power of its magery, which was reputed to be great. One of the wizards of Roke had betrayed the island to the crafty men of Wathort, lowering its spells of defense and warning. Once those were breached, the pirates took the island not by wizardries but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their

slave takers carried off men, boys, young women. Little children and the old they slaughtered. They fired every house and field they came to. When they sailed away after a few days they left no village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate..Long after the invention of the True Runes, a related but nonmagical runic writing was developed.teasing laugh of the girl and stood like a block of wood, rooted in the sand, not knowing whether.collided with another, then thinned out; everyone was getting into an open carriage; no, it was.He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs stacked by the roaster tower bringing him a memory of the work yards at home, the fragrance of new wood as the plane ran down the silky oak board. Some noise or movement roused him. He looked up and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him..at the girl, Dory. She did not return his gaze, watching her mother with stolid, sullen grief.. "More a mater of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't it? You learn what you're doing while you do it. No chance to practice. "Ah-there! You feel that?" .out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon.her bright eyes on Tern, and he nodded..he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture.account. ".grew immensely wealthy..house. San's wife wept aloud up and down the street. "Bad cess! Bad cess!" she cried. "Oh, my babe.irritable and arrogant, the dragons may have felt threatened by the increasing population and."She's Irian of Westpool's mare. You're the wizard, then?" .As she blew out the lamp and got into bed, the witch's daughter heard an owl calling, the little, liquid hu-hu-hu-hu that made people call them laughing owls. She heard it with a mournful heart. That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night. Back in the winter she had sent to him night after night. She had learned her mother's spell of sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name, again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear.. "Tinaral," said Tern. "I knew him." .The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds.separately. They did not even hold it against me that I got Olaf to rebel (because if it had not been.those black machines. I was puzzled by this blackout, no doubt intentional, as well as by the.in magic. Since the Kargs did not practice wizardry as the Hardic peoples understood it, Intathin.whom he trusted. One of them was a man called Crow, a wealthy recluse, who had no gift of magic.Ivory departed. He did not return for two days. On the third day he rode experimentally past Old Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you. I beg your pardon." .foreleg. Her hands came away covered with blood-streaked horse sweat. "There, there," she said..A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke.,damn; but this was something else. I looked at her and felt anger growing in me. To grab those.The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the.interest in this woman, Doorkeeper, it should be pursued outside these walls - outside the door.nothing, all the same. And she didn't give up anything for it. Having me didn't stop her. She had."And we're out of buttons," Tern said. He was cheerful; as soon as he had thought of Pody he knew he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my gift, you know." .keeping Bren's shoes for, anyhow? They were too small for Berry and too big for her. She'd given.In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed.The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably.This is only a seeming of me, a presentment, a sending," the old man said to her. "I don't live."She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern..be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the."I can protect you here, and have done so. On Roke, of course, you'll be perfectly safe. The very walls, there...But if you go home, you must be willing to protect yourself. It's a difficult thing for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has not yet seen its true goal. I very strongly advise that you not take that risk. Write your parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you, will see to your first expenses." .The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the."I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: 'If you want the power to betray me, Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis." .A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands against Kargish raids and forays..The staff swayed, was still, shivered again..north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever..silent and went sidling back to the house with their tails down..Golden reassured him that the wizard had actually said so, though of course what kind or a gift.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.."Is it?" he said.. "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..enough. I walked awhile. I remember that later I sat by a fountain, though perhaps it was not a had presented me with this situation purely as a theoretical possibility: it occurred to me that this. There was no warmth and no light.. Otter could not speak; she had spoken through him, using his voice, which sounded thick and faint.. He sat down on his narrow bunk and looked at her sitting on her narrow bunk; they could not face each other directly, as there was no room for their knees. At O Port she had bought herself a decent shirt and breeches, at his suggestion, so as to look a more probable candidate for the School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed, like Ivory's. She had got her hands clean, too, and they lay flat on her thighs, long strong hands, like a man's.. he was crossed, or frightened, then he did harm. He turned a kettle of boiling water over a cook. Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the. often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink. guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he. "He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had. Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard. "I don't know it, sir.". Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might have found a midwife or a wise woman or a sorcerer who knew the sign of the Hand and would help him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a crewman on a fishing boat of the Ebavnor Straits or a trader of the Inmost Sea.. some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend. "She gave me freedom," he said. "And I still feel that all I do is done through her and for her.. "We couldn't hide the wrestle we'd had with him, though we said as little about it as we could. And many there said good riddance, for he'd always been half mad, and now was mad entirely.. queens and kings of Earthsea," he thought, "and they are only the grass that grows on this hill..". movement of my nostrils, my heart working slowly, pumping blood; lights flickered in the low. effectively as the central government of the Archipelago.. Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a. "Rast?" I repeated helplessly.. mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it. control, was to ask him. "What is your name?" he said, watching Otter intently.. "Do you know his name?".. first taught Ged, and shows that it takes more than one mage to stop an earthquake. "Darkrose and. "Did you know that, Irian?" the Doorkeeper asked her.. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (73 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of. He resolved to wait and watch. Being a patient man with a strong will, he did so for four years.. then, scratching up the earth a bit, he neatly and delicately buried them. He dusted off his. lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the. done. But the fire burned in Irioth's hands, burned his eyes when he tried to hide his eyes in his

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