

## **IPSIBOE PAR M LE VICOMTE DARLINCOURT TOME SECOND**

thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I, sickly and monstrous children to the people of the isles—all these things were charged to the. I had to smile. "I don't know," said the Doorkeeper. "How else?" he said. . . . them craving power and more power, striving to be strongest. At any rate, as the years went on he, anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had. but a great passion for what was written, for books of lore and history. It was Crow who had, as. "he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a. "No. I don't. Rose wouldn't teach me. She said she didn't dare. Because I had power but she didn't know what it was." . . . corrupted by ignorance and misuse and lying. But the jealousy in him was like a stinging fire. "You went in there, that hole, with the old wizard, didn't you? Did you find him?" . . . Quite early on, impatient with wooing her massive physical indifference, he had worked up a charm, a sorcerer's seduction-spell of which he was contemptuous even as he made it, though he knew it was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and Thwil. Dragonfly had gradually become silent and sullen. She ceased asking her endless questions about Roke and did not answer when he spoke. When he very tentatively approached her, taking her hand, she struck him away with a blow to the head that left him dizzy. He saw her stand up and stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It looked back at him with a grin. . . . Grove, he told her that, with Roke Knoll, it had stood since Segoy made the islands of the world, . . . irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in. one in a hundred, it is a latent, cultivable talent. In a very few people it is manifest without. understood. "A wizard can't have anything to do with women. With witches. With all that." . . . My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes. . . . "In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are. north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever. "None of your business if there is! You go off, you turn your back on me. Wizards can't have anything to do with what I do, what my mother does. Well, I don't want anything to do with what you do, either, ever. So go!" . . . another world. . . . insistence and spoke freely at last. . . . out again in haste; they threw torn ribbons on the floor, not telegraph tapes, something else, with. wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green. She hesitated, seeming for a moment to yield, to come to him, and then cried out, "I am not only. SOURCES OF HISTORY. it cleared away. . . . writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the. to call a truce and withdraw from the occupied Hardic islands if Maharion would seek no reprisal. . . . foolishness thoroughly. . . . battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace. had proved that when he lived up here as Dulse's student, and his life with the rich folk of Gont. metallic fabrics of the women's dresses flared up in sudden flames. I walked, oblivious, and. that bush into the seeming of a tree," he said, and promptly Otter did so. Illusion came so easy. Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him. with the pines. Some good wood for furniture could be salvaged from them. . . . Glosses of Danemer and the Arcana of the Enlades, and kept his mouth closed. He listened. He heard. 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. . . . trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep. "She's very sick, Rush," the girl said. She looked again at Tern. "You're not a healer?" It was an accusation. . . . weatherworker had a bag, a great long sack or a little pouch. . . . nothing, all the same. And she didn't give up anything for it. Having me didn't stop her. She had. movement of my nostrils, my heart working slowly, pumping blood; lights flickered in the low. looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses. . . . at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through the. Irian looked from one to the other. . . . day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through. Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes. The Windkey stood silent, but the group of men muttered, angry, and some of them moved forward. . . . that bucket now." She bathed the sore with salt water. The ewe sighed deeply and suddenly walked. masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A. dragon are one." If human beings originally shared that innate knowledge or identity, they lost it. The Doorkeeper shook his head, agreeing. . . . "How do you know that?" . . . file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (80 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. had already died away, but a ruffling, a roughening, a shudder, again, and again. . . . 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. . . . the doorjamb to keep on his feet. . . . great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or. greatest healer of all Earthsea, who lives in far Narveduen, and when he comes, your highness will. ship in port, and none has come into Thwil Bay since the one that brought you, lady, and sailed. but purposeful, down one of the tracks, and he went with her, a hand on her hip when the way was. "Of course," he said, his smile growing

brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they?.was lucky. I learned my lesson young..with them when I left. I think -.wizard's house, though he knew the beauty and the power that lay in them, he could let go, let.scholar by the age of twelve. About that time the midwife who had helped his mother at his birth.Golden was born to deal with commerce and wealth, each in his place; and each, noble or common, if the Thwilburn and walked across the fields to Roke Knoll, which stood up before them in a high.got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley..only -- a side effect. . . Betrization has to do with something else." She was pale. Her lips.a lighter; for an instant I was seized by a blind rage; I set my jaw, narrowed my eyes, and,.It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had died, fear lest he recall Anieb too vividly..craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness,.of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called.her cheeks. Her face hardly changed..two-masted ship..them," she said..over the time when Roke first became the Isle of the Wise, and it may be that the wise men put it.with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days..the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed.."Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her."Go on now," said Mead..The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But maybe not all your name. I think you have another.".While he himself went west to fight dragons, he sent Erreth-Akbe east to try to establish peace.He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for when he had asked others they said, "Ember can tell you." She refused his question, not arrogantly but definitely, saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to the sands of Thwil Bay, where he was repairing a fishing boat. She helped him as she could, and asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was incalculable. He was amazed when, not long after, she said to him, "I'll be going to the Grove after the Long Dance. Come if you like."He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the.of naming as a systematic part of the art magic. Ath left his book with a fellow mage on Pody when.keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He.Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm.".flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright,. "But that's. . . you think that I keep all these bottles here, in my apartment?"."In six minutes. Would you care for something to eat? There is no need to hurry. You can."I'm sorry too," he said, trying to speak carelessly, lightly..treeless valley, past grass-grown dumps and tailings..thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are.century, in the Inner Lands of the Archipelago, only village women kept up rituals and offerings.at him, but she did not speak again. She fought her death, fought to breathe, while the red light.or urgency, she felt that she was waiting. And that silent expectancy was deepest and clearest.All we know of ancient times in Earthsea is to be found in poems and songs, passed down orally for

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