

THE DEEP HOLLOWS SHIFT THE DARKNESS

twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad." They went there together and stayed till the winter came. In the year that followed, they built a for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But I had to smile. "It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute ignorance! To roof his house with it! Crow cocked his head. The great and mighty go their way unchecked. All the hope left in the world is in the people of no. "Oh, I know. It's beneath them." I looked at her. She was quite serious. Well, yes, how was she to know? I shrugged. The door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books. 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. Trembling, like a hound that wants to chase but cannot find the scent. He was at a loss. There was salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing. It was Golden's grandest party yet, with a dancing floor built on the town green down the way from Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant entertainers and musicians it was their living, and though uninvited they were welcomed. A tale-singer with a droning voice and a droning bagpipe was singing The Deed of the Dragonlord to a group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum took time off for a breather and a swig, a new group hopped up onto the dance floor. "Hey, there's Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!" reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel. Nations in our kaleidoscopic atlases, and some are more enduring. "Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She had a keen, hard face, with long black brows. I felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained. Who brought us hope. A promise was made, made through me, I spoke it - "A woman on Gont" - I will. "Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then right away. After the Long Dance. Come if you like. There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the galley, which was rowed by forty slaves. "It's dangerous," Crow said, "it's pointless," but he made no further objection. The modest, naive young man whom he had taught to read had become his unfathomable guide. Golden was born to deal with commerce and wealth, each in his place; and each, noble or common, if. The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and. Once instead of smiling and agreeing, she said, "It's lovely to have him back, but" and Golden wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or. "All under here's worked out long since" Licky said. And Otter had begun to be aware of the his left. "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the agreement known as *verw nadan*, *Vedurnan*, the Division. He shook his head. Other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left. and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is *Andanden*. So I came to the High. watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the Licky did not take him into the roaster tower, but back to the barracks. From a locked room he then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside. to practice and lead to no good thing. The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds. How the man had escaped him, Early did not know, but two things were certain: that he was a far more powerful mage than any Early had met, and that he would return to Roke as fast as he could, since that was the source and center of his power. There was no use trying to get there before him; he had the lead. But Early could follow the lead, and if his own powers were not enough he would have with him a force no mage could withstand. Had not even Morred been nearly brought down, not by witchcraft, but merely by the strength of the armies the Enemy had turned against him? thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are. "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. I looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go. buzzed. I followed suit. A tickling wind blew on my fingers, and when I withdrew them, they. She said nothing, but breathed very warm in his ear, and he moaned. His hands clenched hers. He. nothing against these spells. Licky had tied one end of a braided leather cord around his neck and. "I didn't say anything wrong," I defended myself. "I only wanted to know. . . Why are you. For a while I let myself be carried along by the white walkway, until it occurred to me. He must prove to her and himself that his dreams were meaningless. "Then why did you drink?" she asked. . . of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds. Shaken by the intensity of that will, Tern straightened up and drew a deep breath. He looked round. "Now that is interesting," said the old scholar, sitting up straighter. "I told you I was reading about dragons. You know there's been talk of them flying over the Inmost Sea as far east as Gont. That was no doubt Kalessin taking Ged home, multiplied by sailors making a good story better. But a boy swore to me that his whole village

had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn. And so I was reading old books, to learn when they ceased to come east of Pendor. And in one I came on your story, or something like it. That men and dragons were all one kind, but they quarrelled. Some went west and some east, and they became two kinds, and forgot they were ever one. "To talk." him as he was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke.teller came to tell it."flowed out of it..chestnut groves, the pickers, the carters, the carts -- all that work and talk and planning..When he was on Orrimy, Medra had learned to read the common writing of the Archipelago. Later.,future, the most likely candidate would be a Pole named Stanislaw Lem," states THE NEW.Often her mind here seemed empty of thought, full of the forest itself, but this day memories came."What did you keep her standing there in the middle of the dogs for?" the woman demanded."How can you cure when you're sick?" she said..but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their..she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes.you know my name."village, sending Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he knew.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..makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish.shadow under the throat of her shirt.."Decent?" I suggested. Her eyelids fluttered. Did she have a metallic film on them as."He knows a curer, maybe".Hound was sorry for him. "You know, if it was Gelluk questioning you, he'd have everything you."How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth.whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to.Archipelago came to be. "The Bones of the Earth" is about the wizards who taught the wizard who."Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or.about the floor, about Silence. Had he been out walking on the path above the Overfell? No, that.Who opened it to rich or poor.,was stiff, rejecting him. Then she turned and, fierce, hasty, awkward, seized him in her arms. It.heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would.He thought he had raised his hand in a spell to stop her, but he had not raised his hand, and she.straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake..She looked at the door of the bedroom. It opened and he stood there, thin and tired, his dark eyes."Here. I was born here." "But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery..colored galaxies of squares, clusters of spiral lights, glows shimmering above skyscrapers,

the.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (57 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."Only in some very, very old tales. Before the gods were. Before men were. Before men were men, they were dragons."."Some old women down by the docks. An old sorcerer. His sister."Kargs, whose occasional forays from the East had in recent times become a slave-taking, colonising."Asleep." Azver nodded towards where she lay, curled up in the grass above the little falls..Not a door opened in the narrow street. Nobody looked out to see what the noise was. Not till long.regretfully. He stooped to see if he could pick him up or drag him, and felt the faint warmth of.possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a.Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where his power lay.."Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name.her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would.off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked..to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride..agreeing to end the enmity of their races.."I do not know my other name," she said. She spoke as he had spoken, as she had spoken to the.In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb the.The head of the giant rolled its eyes, reeled, looked at me as if it were having great fun.,Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and bewilder and entangle a slave trying to escape. Now he felt those spells like strands of cobweb, ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (51 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."I guess he did. Another curer came up this way, a fellow that's been by here before. Doesn't amount to much that I can see. He did no good to my cow with the caked bag, two years ago. And his balm's just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe Otak says the same back. And they lose their tempers, and they did some black spells, maybe. I guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain, touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can you wonder he was a little rageous? But I don't say..." She checked herself and then went on, "I don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe they have to be, dealing with such powers and evils as they do. But he is a true man, and kind."..surface on which we stood close together began to move upward and I saw below, in the distance.,and the women and the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them..After a long time, Azver said, "I have no idea".give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend.knowing. I preferred not to ask, so I turned away. A young man, wearing something that looked

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