

## THE FIRE LAST TIME 1968 AND AFTER

sorcerer, and a jealousy of him, but above all contempt. He was old, other, not one of them. Fear. fields by Serrenen to show him the one spell of true change he knew. "First let's see you turn." "Yes," she said uncertainly. . . the vine "right down to the life in it"; and Rose, her Etaudis, whispering charms to ease the pain. "No. A bathing suit. . . But there were groups of people in my day, they were called. the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?". "What I have to do, you see," the old wizard said, still talking to Silence because it was a comfort to talk to him even if he was no longer there, "is get into the mountain, right inside; but not the way a sorcerer-pro prospector does; not just slipping about between things and looking and tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in the high pasture, in the noon light, Heleth opened his arms wide in the gesture of invocation that opens all the greater spells; and he spoke. . . My eyes still closed, I touched my chest; I had my sweater on; if I'd fallen asleep without. "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised. gazing up at the white, soft fire of the stars. . . Enlades. Though it is one of the great isles of the Earthsea Archipelago, there aren't many. them and rearranged them. "Now I must speak of harm," he said. . . There Medra walked with Elehal, on the white pavement, before there were any walls built round it. . . Printed in the U. S. A. . . deal between the beginning and the end. . . Re Albi, and they both knew it. . . me; a flat tabletop had begun to descend, making a kind of desk, but it was a bed that I wanted. I. for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are. made himself comfortable in his coil of cable and watched the stars. Looking west, he saw the four. He resolved to wait and watch. Being a patient man with a strong will, he did so for four years, till Diamond was sixteen. A big, well-grown youth, good at games and lessons, he was 'still ruddy-faced and bright-eyed and cheerful. He had taken it hard when his voice changed, the sweet treble going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy went on wandering about with itinerant musicians, ballad-singers and such, learning all their trash. That was no life for a merchant's son who was to inherit and manage his father's properties and mills and business, and Golden told him so. "Singing time is over, son," he said. "You must think about being a man." "Excuse me." I touched the arm of the man in fur. "Where are we?" . . . him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the. around the other one, Otak, like a wavering fire, and shadows jumping, and his voice not like any. "I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And. wanted a private compartment. I wondered if they had told her. My seat unfolded without a. The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were wizards, advisers to the kings. . . "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." . . The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of. which it's not only difficult but actually wrong, harmful, to suppress." . . Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his. He thought what he must do, and how he must do it. He wasn't sure whether he had summoned her or. and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot. . . Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it, on the edge of twilight, a low wall of stones. And as he looked he thought he saw a woman walking along beside the wall, very thin, insubstantial, bone, shadow. But she was not the dying woman in the bed. She was Anieb. . . This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the heart of the teaching of magic. . . the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's. Nothing happened, and he had time to regret the sunlight and the seawind, and to doubt the spell, and to doubt himself, before the earth rose up around him, dry, warm, and dark. . . come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had. you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that. warn the city. Do you tell them down there, every ship that can sail make for the open sea. Clear. governments," said tall Veil in her mild voice. . . rushed in. The voices of the passengers getting out of their seats were completely drowned in it. I. another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard. their blood ran mingled, making the sand red. . . encompassed me in an invisible arch. For the first time I felt alone, but not as in a crowd, for the. heard, was a little animal with sharp teeth and no voice, but there were no such creatures on the. Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes; the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In the East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair. . . the beginning of time was bright Ea of the northern sea, and the second was Roke. That green hill. . . He said nothing. She could see the warmth coming into him, untying him. . . He hard-boiled the three new eggs and one already in the larder and put them into a pouch along. "That girl you liked, witch's Rose, she's tuning about with Labby, I hear. No doubt they'll come. Neither spoke for a while. She could just make out the bulk of him in the leafy shadows. "You're bigger than you were," she said. "Can you still make a light, Di? I want to see you." "I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in the silence, in the cell in the tower. Nobody else knew what was going on. We fought. A long time we fought. And then it was over. He broke. Like a stick breaking. He was

broken. But he fled away. The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And not a shred of power left in me to follow him with. So he got away from Roke. Clean gone.. "Very well," said the Herbal, with his patient, troubled look; and he went aside a little, and. "Which level?". They needed no persuasion. They rode off leaving everything behind, their blankets, the tent, the iron pot. "How do we get all that back to the village?" he asked the hinny. She looked after the two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies.. "I was born in Havnor and trained as a shipwright and a sorcerer. I was on a ship bound from Geath to O Port. I was spared alone from drowning, last night, when a witchwind struck." He was silent then. The thought of the ship and the chained men in her swallowed his mind as the black sea had swallowed them. He gasped, as if coming up from drowning.. "I guess he did. Another curer came up this way, a fellow that's been by here before. Doesn't. Not long since, he had sent for Hound on some business, and when it was done the old man had said. now on their own began to roll up, to furl, like fleshy flowers, some faster, some a little more. not there. A bumblebee buzzed heavily through the air where he had been.. THE ISLAND OF SEMEL lies north and west across the Pelnish Sea from Havnor, south and west of the. "Yes," Gelluk said, his deep voice soft and dreamy, "she must be burned alive. And then, only. Later he knew he should never have let the boy leave the house. He had underestimated Diamond's. which went in various directions, passed one another, lifted, and seemed to merge by tricks of. a tall white staff, the horn of a sea beast from the farthest North, stood in the decked prow of. "But it was you who said. . .". neared the western plains, they stopped at a farmhouse that offered stabling for the horses, a. island of the Archipelago, Havnor, to settle disputes among the city-states there. Returning in. ores and metals- these great things had always been in the charge of women. A rich lore of spells. Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In. Wordless at first, he simply shook his head. After a while he was able to laugh. "I think we've gone on past . . . that possibility . . .". "Free!" said the tall woman, and her voice cracked like a whip. Then she looked at her companions,. So these are reports of my explorations and discoveries: tales from Earthsea for those who have. someone were at my heels. The next street headed up and ended at an escalator. I thought that. "I can tell you only how it seems to me," the Herbal said, reluctant, uncomfortable.. But the boy played no tricks against his father. He took his beatings in silence and learned to. plunder. But they send their sons west dragon hunting. In sport. As if the dragons of the West. you wonder he was a little rageous? But I don't say..." She checked herself and then went on, "I. "Why not? Why does it have to be a witch or a sorcerer? What do you do?". from some other island, it was said, somewhere in the west, and she never came to Iria, for she. Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a. He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides, her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again.. mental transformation. Archetypes turn into millstones, large simplicities get complicated, chaos. "To a man?". had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a. "You have?". These kings and queens had some knowledge of the Old Speech and of magery. Some of them were. "What's the matter, Emer?" said the curer, turning his thin face and strange eyes to her.. "My son, there is no reason," she said, suddenly passionate, "there is no reason why you should give up everything you love!". marshlands, a village not far away. He had thought he was on the way to the village, but had taken. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (43 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Wait," I said. "Do you have anything to drink?". it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come. The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods.. to obey me!". wondered if he had always talked to himself, if he had talked all the time when Silence lived with. "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?". then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb. now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several. In her bed, in the dark, she lay and thought: He knew the wizard who named me. Or I said my name.. for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has. of him on Roke Dulse did not know. Silence did not say. He had learned there in two or three years. joke. I had had enough of his direct approach and joviality. If asked about it (or so, at least, I. "Where do you send this lady?" said the Patterner in his strange speech.. He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee. however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft. pressed, and into my palm fell a colored, translucent tube, slightly warm. I shook it, held it up to. Old Speech. Hardic practitioners of the art magic learn it from their teachers. Sorcerers and. must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly.. number in their psycho-technical tables. They permitted me to fly -- why? Because experience. topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own.. girl, my initiation, her fear, the bluish cliff of the Terminal above the black lake, the singer, the. The nights were long and terrible, for the spells pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over.. Silence before. There was a very long pause.. "Did you talk at all to Master Hemlock?". The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He. 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..bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself." "Why of course not?". ways around it as part of himself. He took the shortcut at Rissi's well and came out before midday.in the spring under Iria Hill," she said at last, standing up and speaking truth..richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in.with women. As I walked by I put my hand, without thinking, into the jet of an illuminated.Of innumerable sacred groves, caves, mountains, hills, springs, and stones on the Four Lands, the holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship.

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