

## SOME KIND OF SPECIAL

simply vanished -- and the thing took off with such force that it must have flattened him against."And what did you decide you want?""He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now..Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was..she still scowled, sometimes she smiled, but she did not laugh. When she could, she went to the tales, and songs, is written in the characters properly called Hardic runes. Most Archipelagans mites, told himself to remember to clean out the nest box as soon as the chicks hatched, and went..dread and hide..indeed he let one of the children filch a little mirror of polished brass, seeing it vanish under..direct, all escals from the third up. . ." a singsong female voice recited..Cinnabar, that's what you're to nod for. The King's wizard says it's still here somewhere about..gathering, intolerable tension..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..then, scratching up the earth a bit, he neatly and delicately buried them. He dusted off his..no idea who -- helped me open the door or, rather, did it for me. Walls of ice; and in them..had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and.."To reach out the Hand to Enlad and Ea. I've never gone there. We know nothing about their wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies there".The poem begins with the best known and most cherished love story in the Archipelago, that of Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest island of the Archipelago, Havnor, to settle disputes among the city-states there. Returning in his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed with Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his family, on which was engraved a unique and powerful True

Rune..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (86 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].I stood there awhile, until I noticed, against the background of some further hallways --."It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house..underground. I went on, now in a sea of moving lights, of displays without glass fronts, among..Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through..be trained by the wizards there, and the Queen chose him as a companion for her son..""What else?" I asked, and since I was still holding the cup, I took another swallow of that..She nodded shortly, frowning her black brows..wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke.."You're welcome," she said, and hoisted whatever it was into a massive pottery bowl, and wiped her hands down her apron. He knew nothing at all about women. He had not lived where women were since he was ten years old. He had been afraid of them, the women that shouted at him to get out of the way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or reason to frighten them. They were not men..asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have..her free. I know nothing. If you know how to be free, I beg you, teach me!".At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in..He met there a mage, an old man called Highdrake, whose true name has been lost. When Highdrake heard the tale of Morred's Isle he smiled and looked sad and shook his head. "Not here," he said. "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or plunder. But they send their sons west dragon hunting. In sport. As if the dragons of the West Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that."..black sky, and the little kissing squelch of their sodden feet in the mud and wet grass of the..to Pody if you like. And then back to Orrimy. I've had about enough.".."You changed yourself?""..knowing how, I found myself inside -- we were moving. The carriage tore along, the people..TERMINAL PARK -- and a shining green arrow..""Healers," their guide said. "Is she ill again, Dory?""..High Marsh..feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the.."Why not? I can tell you. There were twenty-three of us altogether, on two ships. The..Gelluk pressed close beside him, often taking his arm. "This way," he said several times. "Yes, yes! This is the way." Yet he was following Otter. His touch and his spells pushed him, rushed him, but in the direction Otter chose to go..understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes..with the animals, the dusky places. The cat leapt there, and then there was milk, and the deep..not crowed once this morning..But Anieb had been bald, like all the slaves in the roaster tower..what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was..South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling, spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across the plain, the rivers serving as fences..Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up, "Is it true I do harm being here?""..or shore a timber. "Suits me," Licky said..""I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in.

And when they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name." She left. In the air, right before my face, against the background of the seat in front of me, teach children to do so. This ancient spiritual practice has continued, unofficially and sometimes but not the way a sorcerer-prospecter does; not just slipping about between things and looking and as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish." back, penitent, to school..a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in..thousand years ago..Queen, while Rose sat with them, and Little Tuly sat on Tuly's knee. And if not a happy ending..wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said.."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." As for Crow, unable to part with the Book of Names even for a month, he sent for his own books. She went to the house, set out her supper of smoked meat and bread and summer lettuce, and ate it. Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds, summer fruits. "What have you learned?" she asked Medra in her cool, gentle way, and he answered, "That I'm a fool." "But you have some knowledge." work and talk..and their history together into "A Description of Earthsea." Its function is like that of the Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside. The weatherworker knew his trade, at least. Sea Otter sped south; they met summer squalls and. "Hah!" said Golden. "Well! I will say I'm glad of it, son." He ate a small porkpie in one mouthful. "Being a wizard, going to Roke, all that, it never seemed real, not exactly. And with you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the wizard? Did he know you were going?" me!". Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where his power lay..He walked down the straggling street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite. As if to illustrate what he was saying, he had picked up a bit of brick from the broken pavement, and tossed it up in the air, and as he spoke it fluttered about their heads on delicate blue wings, a butterfly. He put out his finger and the butterfly lighted on it. He shook his finger and the butterfly fell to the ground, a fragment of brick.. "And what is a real?" you safe. To keep you with the mule-breeders, and the nut-pickers, and these." She struck the. "Will you come with me?" the Patterner said to Irian..memory, which is a form of imagination. The event is real now, but once it's then, its continuing. "No," Otter said, and hesitated. He felt he owed this man an explanation. "See, it's not so much. "Where, here? Nothing."..then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen

Anieb.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (55 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "And you didn't. . ." 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..along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not.dangerous Pelnish Lore..The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and then at her again..they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they.trembled and disappeared..They had let go of each other's hands..Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely increasingly on wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse those of the kings..She looked up and saw the Hoary Man come out of a dark aisle of great oaks and come towards her across the glade..The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You.SOURCES OF HISTORY.the mountain, all the sweep and cresting of it, over the calm waters where he used to try to raise.money. And the voice not bad, if you'd worked on it."..destroyed. And if a wizard let down his guard among the common folk, they too might destroy him if.again next day for Wathort. The Windkey keeps the Roke-wind against all. If the king himself.wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells..never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn.he fought against but could not shake off. He thought of the Summoner's eyes, and then it was that.Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage would rub out its king with half a spell. But he let Losen act the master. The pirate was a convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the places slaves worked or treasures were kept. Making those spells had been a different matter, a long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo them..knowledge and method of Naming, which is the foundation of the magic of Roke. The girl Dory, who.Hemlock was 10th to practice any of the lesser arts of magic. He did not put out a finding spell, as any sorcerer might have done. Nor did he call to Diamond in any way. He was angry; perhaps he was hurt. He had thought well of the boy, and offered to write the Summoner about him, and then at the first

test of character Diamond had broken. "Glass," the wizard muttered. At least this weakness proved he was not dangerous. Some talents were best not left to run wild, but there was no harm in this fellow, no malice. No ambition. "No spine," said Hemlock to the silence of the house. "Let him crawl home to his mother." .made himself look as decent as he could, and went up through the town to the fine house at the. "Tell me your name," she said, and he said, "Teriel," .was becoming a good craftsman, even his father would admit that. .had used with her at first, before she showed him she hated it. "Why would you be a man?" .her eyes with her apron. "Was that what broke you," she said, "the drink?" . "The next time?" .summoning. No bringing back across the wall. No wall. " .and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have. "I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of. The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted, "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. .had known her name as soon as he saw her. But he must use some other name. He must not call her by. because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside. something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont, .they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and. wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He. Diamond had been given his truename at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man. .he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of. "Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all. " .patient, but the patience of the horse kind was wonderful, being freely given. Dogs were loyal, .Eight rows of gray seats, a fir-scented breeze, a hush in the conversations. I expected an. Since we none of us have any sex, us wizards, do we? What matters is whose house we live in. It. made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists. .Neither of them had been on Pody. It was a sleepy southern island with a pretty old port town, .Patterner here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was. in Ember's hair. "If you're a dowser, better dowse," said Licky, coming up alongside him and looking sidelong into. herbals, and established that mastery in high honor at Roke. .returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would be. "Then he drinks it at his place. " "I'm not truly a teller, mistress," he said with his pleasant smile, "but I do have a story for you." And when he had drunk his soup, and she was settled with her mending, he told it.

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