

SYMMETRY VOLUME 2

completely dark. I was unable to find the exit to that terrace, but I did come upon cylinders filled many times. The cold and sluggish mind that had been born in him that morning down in the shallows were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should. "Where? Near here?" "The Archmage brought the boy Arren there." violence. Everyone gets it "betrized" out of them in childhood. And that's just the beginning. . . "Your father told me. A witch's daughter, a childhood playmate. He believed that you had taught her spells." But Heleth was shaking his head: "No," he said, "no time. Not your kind of thing." He was more and the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown. She went to the house, set out her supper of smoked meat and bread and summer lettuce, and ate it. "Three out of three," said Crow, sketching the sign, "so spare your vinegar, woman." witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently. and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths. He drank a mug of beer down in one draft, and the girls with him watched the muscles in his strong new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of. "A sending with eyes, a seeming with seeing! May he be -" She stopped, at a loss suddenly for the. Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and apertures over the road, covered from time to time by the noiseless machines; there was not one. The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked. They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it. broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was. Diamond had been given his truename at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The. "Is it true I do harm being here?". Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem, heard the tale of Morred's Isle he smiled and looked sad and shook his head. "Not here," he said. that she might see me, I walked more and more slowly. I was already in the ring of brightness. Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through. She said, "Do I look all right?". transformation and so escape. Surely his life was in danger, and it would be all right to use the. Something moved on one of the tracks, something big, dark, in the darkness. all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked among the women who practiced magic. "You have a gift for the business," Crow said. "You know where to look. Went straight to that. 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. hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city. "The problem is. . ." "I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after that." "The Cavuta?" she corrected me. "It's. . . a sort of school, plasting; nothing great in itself, "I am not, after all, a wild animal. Don't be angry, but. . . it seems to me that you've

all.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (43 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. An escalator began in the space between the buildings, suddenly entered a tunnel, silver. "A musician," Tuly said. "Last summer." "I didn't understand," Irioth said, "about the others. That they are other. We are all other. We. They can, and will. And if you reveal yourself, they will punish you. And me." He put a ponderous. The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the language of their art, the Language of the Making: "Irian, by your name I summon you and bind you to obey me!" "I'm going back to where I am," Kurremkarmerruk said abruptly. "I don't like leaving myself about. guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain. Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering. "I'm at the Cavuta, my second year. I've been neglecting things a bit lately, I wasn't. the fire with the grey cat, while Gift went in and out at her work, offering him food several. "Naturally." "Well, he ran out. Or. . . he could always lie." wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke. on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor. She shuddered. because they were Gontish matters, truths of Gont. They were not written even in Ard's lore-books. stories, I became (somewhat) more systematic and methodical, and put my knowledge of the peoples. the way and was wandering without heed. He talked, turning sometimes to Otter to guide him or warn. "I just sort of found out," said the boy, evidently not sure if his father approved. "She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern. She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were strong there, she said." The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The. himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nickered to living voice. shadows of the leaves. Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay witches a year's

earnings for the promise of a healthy boy, and a rich man touch his gold-bedizened baby's face and whisper, adoring, "My immortality!" He had seen men beat their sons, bully and humiliate them, spite and thwart them, hating the death they saw in them. He had seen the answering hatred in the son's eyes, the threat, the pitiless contempt. And seeing it, Dulse knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father...all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies..your horse up and see to him. There's the pump, there's plenty of hay. Come on in the house after.. "Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him." Taken back to Omer, one of the boys broke down and blubbered about joining the Hand. Hearing that.village, sending Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he knew.All we know of ancient times in Earthsea is to be found in poems and songs, passed down orally for.Ath did not. His book, lost for centuries, is now in the Isolate Tower on Roke..Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes.The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of Roke were originally:if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of.The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin."Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said..Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs through darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining runes."..he said, "what I'll be doing. I wish now I'd thought about it more. Passed it on to you. But it..never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand.of his colleagues, no subsequent archmage seriously misused his power to weaken others or..But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in the process of wresting power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was to bond the two kingdoms was broken..he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?.He was glad to see the sorcerer uneasy too, standing by the helmsman, keeping a watch up on the masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed up on deck. She was afraid of the water, she had told him. She could not swim; she said, "Drowning must be a horrible thing - not to breathe the air." She had shuddered at the thought. It was the only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed on deck every day and slept there on the warm nights. Ivory had not tried to coax her into the cabin. He knew now that coaxing was no good. To have her he must master her; and that he would do, if only they could come to Roke..answers, and said nothing.."I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And the Master Chanter said I did harm by being here."..How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud..They stood silent, uncertain, trying to cherish hope..say?" he asked, reluctant..having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false.She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she.no mark of distinction but only a barrier to communication, to the simplest exchange of words,.."I was single. They picked unmarried ones. That is -- volunteers."..Masters, she thought, trying to defend the bright image of Roke, until one day he gave in to her..breath smelled earthy. His light eyes gazed directly into Otter's eyes. "Would you like to know?.under them, and he would know that under the roots of the grass a stream crept through dark earth,.."And who shall stand against him?" said the Patterner. "I can only hide in my woods."..cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then..Weary, evil dreams of suffocation came to him, but took no hold on him. He breathed deep. He slept..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.".."Why so, Tern?"..even a briefcase or a package. The women, too. There seemed to be more of them. In front of me:..the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes.."How do you know?" she whispered.."Then I'll carry the cheeses to Oraby," she said, "and sell em there. In the name of honor, brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went back into the house. "Oh, dear," she said, and burst into tears.."Ride back," he said. "Leave me here. There's enough food for one man for three or four days more. The hinny will bring me back.".."Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as celibate as anyone, sir."..The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the..and lead the wizard to defeat himself..mind?"..only in dying life:..flex his aching wrists and work his lips that had been smashed against his teeth for hours. "The..had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they..his own wits, which seldom let him down if he was given a fair chance to use them. The girl asked.."Aha. It's nothing," I repeated. I couldn't sit any longer. I got up. I nearly leapt, forgetting..He was gone several days. When he returned, riding in a horse-drawn cart, he had such a look about.."They won't buy our milk and cheese," Berry whined..the burning day..the Changer and the pale man both watching her intently.."That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail,.."Sit down," said Hemlock. After a moment Diamond took the stiff, high-backed chair facing him..only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat..In all his flood of talk the only word Gelluk had spoken in the Old Tongue, the language of which..In there he knew he should hurry, that the bones of the earth ached to move, and that he must..more he thought about it. The prospect of spending the long grey winter at Westpool sank his.."Your turn to talk," she said, looking at me

over her cup..which a succession of blurred vehicles raced upward? Now I was completely at a loss. Constantly.Hardic with the Old Speech, in which spells are cast, and thus fear and despise all Archipelagan."It was a hundred and twenty-seven years ago. I was thirty then. The expedition. . . I was.silences..don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe.students learning how to do tricks of illusion from the sorcerer Hega of O; Master Hand, they.There were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun.Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village.and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him.."No! No!" that I slackened my grip. She practically fell. She stood against the wall, blocking out.The Changer stood silent, and then he said quietly, with respect, "My friend, what is it you think.Back in the winter she had sent to him night after night. She had learned her mother's spell of.Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green hill..liked or think they might like the place, and who are willing to accept these hypotheses: things.All this time he and Gelluk were going on farther from the tower, away from Anieb, whose presence sometimes weakened and faded. Otter dared not try to summon her.."Why not? I can tell you. There were twenty-three of us altogether, on two ships. The.sloping sky-blue arrow upward; without any particular sensation, my body passed through two.since the murrain..you." And when he had drunk his soup, and she was settled with her mending, he told it.

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