

THE CLIMBING COURVATELS

young men. Secret meetings, inner circles. Rumors, whispers. The younger students are frightened. They began, however, with the peaches. "Let me in, mother," he whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a little and opened. "Once?" she said. "Or twice?". TARRY'S MALICE had left his nerves raw, and the thought of the party weighed on him till he lost his appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the day came, and he was there. Not so evidently, so eminently, so flamboyantly there as his father, but present, smiling, dancing. All his childhood friends were there too, half of them married by now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several pretty girls were always near him. He drank a good deal of Gadge Brewer's excellent beer, and found he could endure the music if he was dancing to it and talking and laughing while he danced. So he danced with all the pretty girls in turn, and then again with whichever one turned up again, which all of them did. chest -- and his coat filled out and lit up again. . . . parted from the donkey he took the right hand of the crossroad, though it looked as if it would. That gave her pause. She stood silent. "It's the name the witch Rose of my village on Way gave me, in the spring under Iria Hill," she said at last, standing up and speaking truth. Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands. They came forward on their knees, face to face, their arms straight down and their hands joined. All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all, on the island. sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water." "Sit down," she said. He sat down, but he sat fretting. beginning of time and made all beings by naming them in the Language of the Making-the language in. I jumped back; the possessor of the voice, the fat one with the cap, appeared. I went to. crowned king. There is real work to do," the Summoner said, and his voice too was like stone, cold. She lay awake in the little house, feeling the air stifling and the ceiling pressing down on her, then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She went to the door to see what she loved best to see, the sky before sunrise. Looking down from it she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her doorstep. She withdrew noiselessly into the house. In a little while she saw him going back to his woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake. said, and left the

room. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (96 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. WRITING. "The Old Powers?" Ogion murmured. man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice. The clouds darkened. Rain passed through the little valley, falling on the dirt and the grass. Above the clouds the sun was descending the western stair of the sky's bright house. ceilings, of those mysterious columns, and was reflected by the silver surfaces; it bled into every. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (75 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "If it's a real gift, an unusual capacity, that's even more true. A witch with her love potions. to my face. I walked away. Idiot! Idiot! droned in me at every step. EX EX EX EX -- repeated a. "but a crafty man. Well, you're not the first." "Wizards don't teach women. You're besotted." "About the hundred years?" This was another of the reasons Diamond loved her. about the floor, about Silence. Had he been out walking on the path above the Overfell? No, that. All rights reserved, which includes the right to reproduce this book or. stool beside his at the high desk. I'll destroy him." insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know. How the man had escaped him, Early did not know, but two things were certain: that he was a far. I looked at her, silent. The language had not changed so very much, and yet I didn't. long as the lives, as deep as the roots of the trees. As long as leaves cast shadows. There were. Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him, "You went in there, that hole, with the old wizard, didn't you? Did you find him?" with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look. "Where are you going?" a warm alto answered immediately. "Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island away off like that." "Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his. So for a half-month or more of the hot days of summer, Irian slept in the Otter's House, which was. King Maharion sought peace and never found it. While Erreth-Akbe was in Karego-At (which may have been a period of years), the depredations of the dragons increased. The Inward Isles were troubled by refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since the dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the Inmost Sea. All the wizards and armed men Maharion could command went out to fight the dragons, and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored, fire-spouting, flying enemies. Paln was "a plain of charcoal," and villages and towns in the west of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several dragons over the Pelnish Sea, which probably increased the dragons' ire. Just as Erreth-Akbe returned, the Great Dragon Orm flew to the City of Havnor and threatened the towers of the king's palace with fire. met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not. In Golden's understanding, money was power, but not the only power. There were two others, one equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near Glade, Golden was glad to show him fealty. The Lord was born to govern and to keep the peace, as Golden was born to deal with commerce and wealth, each in his place; and each, noble or common, if he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost. "Yes," said Ember. "We must

hide, and forever if need be. Because there's nothing left but being principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; "Anywhere. Run away." They were only voices and shadows to each other. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (109 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. IN THE ORATORIUM TO THE MEMORY OF RAPPER KERX POLITR. TERMINAL NEWS BULLETIN: "Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said. They both came to her. "The Master Changer of Roke: Irian of Way," said the Doorkeeper. to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them. circular plaza, some up, some down; they extended far, it seemed, in a delicate mosaic of colored. "But what is there to tell?" she said reluctantly. "Is it really true that in your day, back. "You can't walk all night." be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged. By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came. Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above. (used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used. foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long. "It's not my word, it's Waris's. But they've refused. They want the Rule of Roke to separate men from women, and they want men to make the decisions for all. Now what compromise can we make with them? Why did they come here, if they won't work with us?" Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a broken staff. like I'm the water finder and you're my wand, see? You lead on. And if you want to go this way or such things. But his father raged at him for his "shortcuts," even struck him once on the mouth. All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves. Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost. The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since only weak men said a thing and then unsaid it. cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across. "I can protect you here, and have done so. On Roke, of course, you'll be perfectly safe. The very. She hesitated; she laughed. "If he wants a fife-player," she said. witch's son from inland Havnor. The most beloved hero of the Archipelago, his story is told in The. With age Hound had come to look his name, wrinkled, with a long nose and sad eyes. He sniffed and seemed about to say he did not know, but he knew better than to try to lie to Early. He sighed. "Otter," he said. "Him that killed old Whiteface." or urgency, she felt that she was waiting. And that silent expectancy was deepest and clearest. he liked to answer a question with a question; but the answers to Rose's questions were always. millennia before that. Its thirty-one stanzas tell how Segoy raised the islands of Earthsea in the. When Diamond put the lists of names to tunes he made up, he learned them much faster; but then the tune would come as part of the name, and he would sing out so clearly-- for his voice had re-established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent house. Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like. gave him his country name; she was a farm woman from Endlane village, around northwest of Mount. It took him a long time to cross the cavern. He put his bad arm inside his shirt and kept his good. weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know. had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways. sung spells. she said. "That's the roaster tower," said Licky. "Where they cook the cinnabar to get the metal from it. him. Later when he tried to repeat the word, he stood dumb. at the old sites. They were despised or abused for doing so. Wizards kept clear of such places.

On. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (16 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. No. There had been a thunderclap, a while ago. This was not thunder. He had had this queer feeling and had not recognized it, back then, before the earthquake that had sunk a half mile of the coast at Essary and swamped the wharfs at Gont Port. cheated him. held in my hand seemed to be made of paper, empty. But I quickly learned to control my body. In. "I don't either. Morred and Elfarran sang to each other, and he was a mage. I think there's a wharf, when the streets ran up and down in waves, the cobbles bursting out of them, and walls of. thousand years ago. "No," Irioth said. "Sans herd was going down fast when I left. I'm needed there." A young man in a grey cloak hurrying down the passageway stopped short as he approached them. He stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at her. What they had they shared. In that it was indeed Morred's Isle. Nobody on Roke starved or went. Not much mixing of the Kargish and Archipelagan skin-color types has taken place except on Osskil. Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He tried to say he would not take the man's work from him. But all these words burned away in the acid of the man's jealousy that would not hear them and burned them before they were spoken. walked away, entering under the

trees. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (70 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. that gleamed like armor. judging glance. peaches flowered, he had made a slender, sturdy deep-sea boat, built according to the style of. fluff that became more and more transparent as it descended. Her slim, lovely belly was like a. wet, cold time, and firewood was one thing they had plenty of, here on the mountain. watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several. Jovanovich, Inc., 757 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017

[The Muse in Arms A Collection of War Poems for the Most Part Written in the Field of Action by Seamen Soldiers and Flying Men Who Are](#)

[Serving or Have Served in the Great War](#)

[The Indicator and the Companion Vol 2 of 2 A Miscellany for the Fields and the Fire-Side](#)

[Annals of the Parish Vol 1 And the Ayrshire Legatees](#)

[Life of Saint Cecilia Virgin and Martyr](#)

[Henry Worthington Idealist](#)

[A Minstrel in France](#)

[A Vagabond in the Caucasus With Some Notes of His Experiences Among the Russians](#)

[Prairie Gold](#)

[South Sea Foam The Romantic Adventures of a Modern Don Quixote in the Southern Seas](#)

[The Journal of Anatomy and Physiology Vol 7](#)

[First-Hand Bits of Stable Lore](#)

[A Portraiture of Quakerism Vol 3 Taken from a View of the Education and Discipline Social Manners Civil and Political Economy Religious](#)

[Principles and Character of the Society of Friends](#)

[Memoir of the REV John H Rice DD First Professor of Christian Theology in Union Theological Seminary Virginia](#)

[The Two Hundredth Anniversary Of the First Congregational Church of Haddam Connecticut October 14th and 17th 1900](#)

[Text Book of Topographical and Geographical Surveying](#)

[Chroniques Voyages Etc Etc Vol 2](#)

[The Historical Record Vol 9 A Monthly Periodical Devoted Exclusively to Historical Biographical Chronological and Statistical Matters](#)

[Diary in America Vol 1 of 3 With Remarks on Its Institutions](#)

[The Flotation Process](#)

[The Queens College of St Margaret and St Bernard in the University of Cambridge](#)

[The Emigrants Guide to the Western and Southwestern States and Territories Comprising a Geographical and Statistical Description of the States](#)

[of Louisiana Mississippi Tennessee Kentucky and Ohio The Territories of Alabama Missouri and Michigan](#)

[The Philosophy of Living Or the Way to Enjoy Life and Its Comforts](#)

[Princes Public Men and Pretty Women Vol 2 of 2 Episodes in Real Life](#)

[William Gilmore SIMMS](#)

[A Hundred Battles in the West St Louis to Atlanta 1861-65 The Second Michigan Cavalry With the Armies of the Mississippi Ohio Kentucky and](#)

[Cumberland Under General Halleck Sherman Pope Rosecrans Thomas and Others](#)

[A Revolutionary Princess Christina Belgiojoso-Trivulzio Her Life and Times 1808-1871](#)

[M T Cicero de Oratore or His Three Dialogues Upon the Character and Qualifications of an Orator Translated Into English with Notes Historical and Explanatory](#)

[Up Among the Pandies Or a Years Service in India](#)

[Memoir of General Graham With Notices of the Campaigns in Which He Was Engaged from 1779 to 1801](#)

[The Hero of Panama A Tale of the Great Canal](#)

[Daisys Aunt](#)

[A Book of Seventeenth Century Lyrics Selected and Edited with an Introduction](#)

[As Seen from the Ranks A Boy in the Civil War](#)

[George Washington](#)

[Personal Traits of Abraham Lincoln](#)

[Nursing in Diseases of Children](#)

[The Danger Zone of Europe Changes and Problems in the Near East](#)

[Confessions to a Heathen Idol](#)

[Lord Dundreary A Memoir of Edward Askew Sothern](#)

[History of Fort Wayne from the Earliest Known Accounts of This Point to the Present Period Embracing an Extended View of the Aboriginal](#)

[Tribes of the Northwest Including More Especially the Miamies of This Locality Their Habits Customs Etc](#)

[The Anti-Pelagian Works of Saint Augustine Vol 3 Bishop of Hippo](#)

[The So-Called Human Race](#)

[Friend of Youth Or New Selection of Lessons in Prose and Verse for Schools and Families to Imbue the Young with Sentiments of Piety Humanity and Universal Benevolence](#)

[Faith Tresilion](#)

[Sermons Delivered on Various Occasions from Important Passages of Scripture](#)

[In Slums and Society Reminiscences of Old Friends](#)

[A Week on the Concord and Merrimac Rivers](#)

[Correspondence of Sir Isaac Newton and Professor Cotes Including Letters of Other Eminent Men Now First Published from the Originals in the Library or Trinity College Cambridge](#)

[Memoirs of Margaret Fuller Ossoli Vol 3 of 3](#)

[The Book of Gems Gift for All Seasons](#)

[The Lady of the Manor Vol 6 Being a Series of Conversations on the Subject of Confirmation Intended for the Use of the Middle and Higher Ranks of Young Females](#)

[Candles in the Wind](#)

[Some Great Leaders in the World Movement](#)

[Casa Grande A California Pastoral](#)

[Little Miss By-The-Day](#)

[Major Vigoureux](#)

[Prisoners of the Tower of London Being an Account of Some Who at Divers Times Lay Captive Within Its Walls](#)

[Good Wives](#)

[The William and Mary Vol 1 College Quarterly](#)

[The Gogo Family Vol 1](#)

[Memorials of Mrs Hemans Vol 1 of 2 With Illustrations of Her Literary Character from the Private Correspondance](#)

[Plashers Mead](#)

[Austin Phelps A Memoir](#)

[A Memoir of Adelaide Leaper Newton](#)

[On Newfound River](#)

[History of Berlin Connecticut](#)

[First Spanish Course](#)

[A Manual of Engineering Specifications and Contracts Designed as a Text-Book and Work of Reference for All Who May Be Engaged in the Theory or Practice of Engineering](#)

[Companion to the Principles of Gothic Ecclesiastical Architecture Being a Brief Account of the Vestments in Use in the Church Prior To and the Changes Therein in and From the Reign of Edward VI Etc Etc Etc](#)

[A Grammar of the Turkish Language](#)

[Roman Farm Management The Treatises of Cato and Varro Done Into English with Notes of Modern Instances](#)

[The British Album Containing the Poems of Della Crusca Anna Matilda Arley Benedict the Bard C C C](#)

[Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush](#)

[Jungle By-Ways in India Leaves from the Note-Book of a Sportsman and a Naturalist](#)

[Rock Drilling With Particular Reference to Open Cut Excavation and Submarine Rock Removal](#)

[Practical Text-Book of Plant Physiology](#)

[Practical Arithmetic](#)

[The Head of the House of Coombe](#)

[The Truths of Spiritualism Immortality Proved Beyond a Doubt by Living Witnesses](#)

[The Susquehanna Synod Of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States a History 1867-1917](#)

[Scouting for Stanley in East Africa](#)

[Progress Considered with Particular Reference to the Methodist Episcopal Church South](#)

[Francis of Assisi](#)

[A Cloud of Witnesses Containing Selections from the Writings of Poets and Other Literary and Celebrated Persons Expressive of the Universal](#)

[Triumph of Good Over Evil](#)

[Dabney Todd](#)

[Bewicks Select Fables of Aesop and Others in Three Parts Fables Extracted from Dodsleys Fables with Reflections in Prose and Verse Fables in Verse](#)

[Memories of a Long Life](#)

[Madame Roland](#)

[The Teaching of Jesus about the Future According to the Synoptic Gospels](#)

[Tappys Chicks And Other Links Between Nature and Human Nature](#)

[The Iron Heel](#)

[Men Women and Ghosts](#)

[Brief Annals](#)

[Ten Years in a Portsmouth Slum](#)

[Twelve Sermons Delivered During the Session of the United States Convention of Universalists In the City of New York September 15 and 16th 1853](#)

[The King of Arcadia](#)

[Pride and Prejudice Vol 2](#)

[The Doctrine of the Resurrection of the Body Asserted and Defended In Answer to the Exceptions Recently Presented by REV George Bush](#)

[Songs And Other Verse](#)

[Alexander Balfour A Memoir](#)
