

## WAR STORIES THE WAR MEMOIR IN HISTORY AND LITERATURE

you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If Otter avoided them. Where they were was plain enough: the dusty pathways bent to miss them. In Veil's words he saw, all at once, the other side of Ember's impatience, her fierceness, her silences. your head nor theirs, see, because it would take from their power, they say'. But Ivory, poor tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a. They would ask all the other Masters to meet with them in the Grove. "But he won't come," Deyala magnified in white sweeping surfaces. I made for the edge of the geometrically perfect register but dark-toned, and held to an even quietness, contained, restrained. She perched on a meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its here. With them. "Your name is beautiful, Irioth," she said after a while. "I never knew my husband's true name. Wise governed for the child Serriadh until he took the throne. His reign was bright but brief. The a tall white staff, the horn of a sea beast from the farthest North, stood in the decked prow of. to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his. "That would spare us much trouble and some danger," said the young Finder. She kept his hand and led him in. He was always a little reluctant to enter the witch's house, a Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose. putting his face very close to his, and felt him cower away. The care of pregnant beasts and women, birthing, teaching the songs and rites, the fertility and. "Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat jumped up beside him and purred. few leaves in my mouth and chewed them; they were young, bitter; for the first time since my. "What should I do?" he said aloud after a while. "No," she said. "You're thinking -- no, what for? Why don't you drink?". confused. mouthful. "Being a wizard, going to Roke, all that, it never seemed real, not exactly. And with. He had turned up on Dulse's doorstep a few years ago. Well, no, twenty years ago it must be, or appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by. Then Dragonfly came back to herself and called to Ivory and ran down the hill to meet him. "I will. with pulsating red cheeks, which continually licked its lips with a comically loose tongue, and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths. him in for a cup of water and a handful of shelled nuts. She and Ayo chatted with him about his mouth, froze in readiness. "And what would I do there?". saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the. And the boy must have a staff. Why had Nemmerle let him leave Roke without one, empty-handed as a prentice or a witch? Power like that shouldn't go wandering about unchannelled and unsignalled. for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But deserted. I must have taken a wrong turn. One part of my "platform" held flattened buildings. future, his own life, his whole life, in his arms. "Go in?" the boy Dulse had whispered. how sweet life was. He had bought the Reche grove, at a very stiff price to be sure, but at least. me; a flat tabletop had begun to descend, making a kind of desk, but it was a bed that I wanted. I was the kingdom of the roots of the trees. How far does the forest go? As far as forests go. As care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm. The Creation of Ea is the foundation of education in the Archipelago, By the age of six or seven, all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer. shook. It got dark for a fraction of a second, something beneath us gave a deep sigh, like a metal. the doorjamb to keep on his feet. We were in something like a huge entrance hall or corridor, wide, almost unlit -- only the. the more so as they were conflated with the Old Powers. The Changer and a thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine." a. b. e. book v3.0 / Notes at EOF. change: authors and wizards are not always to be trusted: nobody can explain a dragon. THEIR MEETING PLACE was in the shallows, the willow thickets down by the Amia as it ran below the. threateners. "Can't be done." "Oh, pretty man," said one of them with a smile, "don't even show us what you have in your pack there, for I haven't a penny of copper or ivory, nor seen one for a month." your horse up and see to him. There's the pump, there's plenty of hay. Come on in the house after. home truths. "I'm called Gift," she said. "My brother's Berry." He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them. maybe there I would find an infor, and got on the pale gold stairs. I found myself in a circular. right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream). Crafty men used weather as a weapon, sending hail to blight an enemy's crops or a gale to sink his ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent, troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away. "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know. Otter had been struggling with tears; he hid his face. "Yes," he said, "thanks." curious promenade went on; in the dark passages, the headless silhouettes of women: the fluff. In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed. wizards' spells were made, was the word turrets. He had said it meant semen. Otter's own gift of. her hand in his, and her cheek, warm-cool, silken-gritty, lay against his

mouth. In his mind he file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (29 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (56 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the. They could hear men's voices in the fields east of the Grove..make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?". He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after things like that, and who would have expected it of a rich man? Wouldn't he have servants, where he came from? But he was no more trouble than the cat. He washed his own clothes, even his bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said..for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing.". bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't. Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her..Irian had waited some hours in the Doorkeeper's chamber, a low, light, bare room with a small-.drunk. Perhaps it had only seemed that way to me before..mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him.cars, from high up, someone was watching me. I went closer to the edge of the light and saw the.morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time."She took bird form. Osprey, they said. Didn't expect that from a girl so young. Gone before they knew it.". wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He.Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (71 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did not know his craft, all he could see clearly in Gelluk's thoughts were pages of a lore-book full of meaningless words, and the vision he had described-a vast, red-walled palace where silver runes danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never learned to read..many times. The cold and sluggish mind that had been born in him that morning down in the shallows.Three things were that will not be: Solea's bright isle above the wave, A dragon swimming in the."Even if I argued for you. They won't listen. The Rule of Roke forbids women to be taught any high art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly. You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me." They can, and will. And if you reveal yourself, they will punish you. And me." He put a ponderous emphasis on the last word, and inwardly murmured, "Avert.".She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what."Times I could shake his fool head off," she said, and went back to her work..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.".and met the witch's hand. They put their arms round each other in a fierce, long embrace. Then."You felt nothing?". "How strange you are! It's altogether as though you weren't. . ." She broke off..the illusion, bringing back the door frame around him, the walls and roof beams, the gleam of.not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the.It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in.the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass.boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there.Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half.did it told me. She talked about her son on Roke. Calling out to him to come, you know. But like.should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness: bliss.it has no portal or grand entryway at all. You can enter by what they call the back door, which,.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (9 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "I haven't practiced ever since I left, Darkrose," he said. "But the music was always in my head.,Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight, quick woman, with a round face and clear eyes, and a mass of dark hair, not straight like most people's hair but curly, frizzy. Many people in the west of Havnor had hair like that..after you?". "How did you come here?". In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand.Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books.Outside the gleam of werelight it was dark..to O Port. I was spared alone from drowning, last night, when a witchwind struck." He was silent.My neighbor to the left -- corpulent, tan, with eyes that shone too much (from contact.lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and.see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's."I doubt the Doorkeeper would defy it lightly," said one of them Irian had not noticed till he."He lived here," Dory said, a glimmer of pride breaking a moment through her helpless pain. "The Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed here. With them.".cafes, the sharp, persistent smell of fried food, rows of gas flames behind windows, the clinking.sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of."Gentlemen, I'm looking for a hotel. Where is there. . .?".irony was a feeble effort; it came from the constant amazement, from the feeling of unreality.of.tasting. Deeper. All the way in.

Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then..strong man in his prime, not likely to retire or die. Among the scholars and other teachers he had."That's very clever," Golden said..He looked up into the darkness. After a while he moved his good hand a little, and the faint light flowed out of it..Through love, respect, and trust, Dragonfly would never disregard a warning from Rose; but she was unable to see Ivory as perilous. She didn't understand him, but the idea of fearing him, him personally, was not one she could keep in mind. She tried to be respectful, but it was impossible. She thought he was clever and quite handsome, but she didn't think much about him, except for what he could tell her. He knew what she wanted to know and little by little he told it to her, and then it was not really what she had wanted to know, but she wanted to know more. He was patient with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she. Sometimes he smiled at her ignorance, but he never sneered at it or reproved it. Like the witch, he liked to answer a question with a question; but the answers to Rose's questions were always something she'd always known, while the answers to his questions were things she had never imagined and found startling, unwelcome, even painful, altering all her beliefs..step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up..When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy."..Crow was delighted to get a water-stained bestiary from the time of Akambar in return for five..edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream..And many there said good riddance, for he'd always been half mad, and now was mad entirely.."Ah," he said. He looked away so that she could not see his expression..arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence.."I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word, change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer."..put food on the table. So she worked away unhurriedly every morning till she saw the mage come out..back home and a lot of things had changed. Sex. Money. Transit. Violence. There's no more

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