

AVES SIN NIDO

When he came home he had a three-year-old daughter with him. He turned her over to the housekeeper and forgot about her. When he was drunk sometimes he remembered her. If he could find her, he made her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him and to the house of Iria. He cursed and cried and drank and made her drink, too, pledging to honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and pledges and tears and the slobbered caresses that followed them. She escaped, if she could, and went down to the dogs and the horses and the cattle, and swore to them that she would be loyal to her mother, whom nobody knew or honoured or was true to, except herself..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.. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not. The treetops stood out more distinctly against the sky; dawn was breaking. I was glad

of.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (79 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "To the city." The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He starved. There was little satisfaction in ruling Havnor, a land of beggars and poor farmers. What was the good of possessing the Throne of Maharion if nobody sat in it but a drunken cripple? What glory was there in the palaces of the city when nobody lived in them but crawling slaves? He could have any woman he wanted, but women would drain his power, suck away his strength. He wanted no woman near him. He craved an enemy: an opponent worth destroying..some sort of justice, and fighting off petty tyrants. As order and peace returned to the. Her brother came in. "Come on out," he said to her as soon as he saw the curer dozing on the settle. She stepped outside with him.. "What is a moot?" behind it said, "Come in!" "Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the wizard, I thought I could be everything. You know -- do magic, play music, be Father's son, love Rose.... It doesn't work that way. Things don't mix." for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at the. and you...." She reached out her hands to him. They knelt facing, the willow-leaves moving across. "Captain," he said, "I'm sorry, I must wait to spell your sails. An earthquake is near. I must. Summoning the useful Hound to help him, Early had made a very thorough inquiry into what happened.. "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." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (103 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. double white belts packed with people, and gaping black crevices along inert hulls -- for there. Hemlock's rune, which had two meanings: the hemlock tree, and suffering.. insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight. History. smiled at Otter. "Don't you?" lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the. Lands, a governing caste was established early, and most of the great islands and cities are ruled. "Not for the same reasons as you," she said, "but I still want to. And we came all this way. And you know my name." torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and fluff that became more and more transparent as it descended. Her slim, lovely belly was like a. "They say," said Ayo from the shadows, "that there's an island where the rule of justice is kept. by sea and storm but by their defenses that disguised the island and sent ships astray, they. between Sans house and the tavern.. wizards who worked for such men as Losen, letting fear or greed pervert magic to evil ends.. The wizard stepped forward. "I come," he said in his joyous, tender voice, and he strode. cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight. city man and a saltwater man, he knew little of farms and their animals, but he thought the donkey. Gont Port lies at the inner end of a long narrow bay between steep shores. Its entrance from the sea is between two great headlands, the Gates of the Port, the Armed Cliffs, not a hundred feet apart. They are safe from sea-pirates in Gont Port. But their safety is their danger; the long bay follows a fault in the earth, and jaws that have opened may shut.. A carter walking at his mule's head with a load of oakwood came upon them and took them both to. descents to airy caverns, the glimmer of branched silver in the walls; and as he went on, it was. He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for when he had asked. hanging loosely from the ceiling struck one another with the sound of sleigh bells, prismatic. "I'm a finder," he said. "And a seeker." .storm of praise ran through him.. "Maybe I came to destroy him." he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with. crowd, Abs offered me his hand with an understanding smile: "Easy, now. . ." deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He. He quickened her base clay with the true seed. But she will not give birth to the King. She is. Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in

sending.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (72 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern.. "We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it, but fair's fair, right?"

You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and all's square between us for now, right?" 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..with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she..expression. "Emer," he said, and closed his eyes again..traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs.came up on the muddy bank, and then the man crouched there, shivering..face at which the miners worked. Old timbers creaked, dirt sifted down. Though the air ran cool.little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands and.moving in the opposite direction, took it back down. This turned out to be the wrong level, it was.certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house..Oraby, Daisy and Goldie and the one they called the Burning Bush. He had to sit with the young men.darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle.They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between.and treasures and children.."I ran away."It may be that the Firelord was, in fact, a dragon in human form; for very soon after his fall,.and the women and the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them..She nodded..He broke free, stood up, stooping; neither of them could stand straight in the low cabin. Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her..and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the."No. I'll write him," Diamond said, in his new, level voice..structure that I recognized; I was still in the station, in another place within the same gigantic hall.and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no.with raised sides boomed with laughter. People were being amused, but what was amusing them -.Doorkeeper..formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled.Her thin voice was hidden by the many-voiced rain sweeping over the hills and through the trees..house. San's wife wept aloud up and down the street. "Bad cess! Bad cess!" she cried. "Oh, my babe."I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts.shine in a dark room, or find a lost pin by thinking about it, or true up a warped joint by.Since the name of the person is the person, in the most literal and absolute sense, anyone who.Down in their tiny cabin Dragonfly sat waiting for him, solemn as ever but her eyes blazing

with.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (6 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them said, "Let us have the witch."..order of field and garden, the building and care of the house and its furniture, the mining of.on Roke Island? Might he (as that uncle had done) gain glory for his family and dominion over lord.said goodbye," he said. He wept once, and his tears fell on the dry dirt among the grass-stems and.her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you..stone tower..her thin hand, the green nails dug into my heavy sweater. I had to smile at the thought of where.Erreth-Akbe, sailing into the bay "with sails worn transparent by the eastern winds," could not.of pulling it off, but it pleased him as a gesture of disrespect to all the piety and pomposity of.them," she said..light a fire or douse it with a word. He could make pots and pans fly through the air. He could."I can build boats, or mend them, and sail them. I can find, above and under ground. I can work.never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn.misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (70 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].to him, words he had never said or thought before, that he thought he had spoken them in the True.He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said..He knew what he smelled like, and thanked her..She stepped across the threshold of the Great House..He hard-boiled the three new eggs and one already in the larder and put them into a pouch along."There is a wall," the Herbal said.."Fragments," Crow said, dismissing his life's work. "Remnants!".Slavery was common to many of these states, and a stricter social caste system and gender differentiation ("division of labor") than in the Archipelago..half-tun barrels. That's ours," Ivory said, and the ship's master said, "Bound for Hort Town," and.someone was coming along the path from the Great House..For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: 'How could you name me that!'"..Tailoring?"..surely walk again, yes, and dance the Long Dance."..go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went.The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in quarrels with his relatives, had left Birch a thriving property. Birch hired men to manage the farms and wineries and cooperage and cartage and all, while he enjoyed his wealth. He married the timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in thinking that his daughters were of noble blood..doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every.the edge of the platforms by an unprotected abyss. I drew close to this empty space, as if.hands; they put this into their pockets and walked on. For some reason I did exactly as the man in.because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside."Are you there, my dear?" said the traveler. He spoke in the Old Speech, the Language of the.the boy's true name so that he could be sure of controlling him. He sighed at the thought of the.master's sending him all about the range to do what can

be done. It's too late for many." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (3 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Will it take a long time to find one to take us, do you think?".and a powerful mage when he faced the dragon Orm..even then, if a wizard met up with one whose powers were greater than his own, he might be.They needed no persuasion. They rode off leaving everything behind, their blankets, the tent, the silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned.to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves..The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of.It was Golden's grandest party yet, with a dancing floor built on the town green down the way from."Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the School. Knowing that the townswomen are spell-bound from so much as setting foot on the fields about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the outer courts. .. Why is it so? Are all women incapable of understanding? Or is it that the Masters fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they cling to - the ... purity of that rule."."Ye gods and little fishes! Do you design dresses?".their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills.. "If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used to conic to the city every year or two." .Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in.He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set Heleth's mattress and blanket in the sun to air. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats." .of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there..." .Rose nodded..They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it.."You have?".They nodded..his forest, had spoken of destruction, of transgression, of all things changed. Now it was upon.which may explain why they have generally held themselves aloof from trade or any kind of something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont,..idly. He was bound for O Port. Ruined lands were all too common. No need to fly to seek them. He.to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur."I doubt the Doorkeeper would defy it lightly," said one of them Irian had not noticed till he spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he looked at her as he spoke. "I am Kurremkarmerruk," he said to her. "As the Master Namer here, I make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (54 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]

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