

## FINDING IT

Irioth's head drooped as if in utter weariness. All tension and passion had gone out of his body..He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's.His father had named him Banner of War. He had come west, leaving all he knew behind him, and had learned his true name from the trees of the Immanent Grove, and become the Patterner of Roke, All this year the patterns of the shadows and the branches and the roots, all the silent language of his forest, had spoken of destruction, of transgression, of all things changed. Now it was upon them, he knew. It had come with her..isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since.She stared at him with those strange eyes, as unreadable as a sheep's, he thought. Then she burst.along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not.She reached out and touched his hand. He drew his breath sharply..dangerous. The art must be learned, and practiced, he said."..word haath, "dragon," in the Old Speech.)..can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of.After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old. As old as Gont Island."..screamed as green wood screams in the fire..as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose.who brought us hope. A promise was made, made through me, I spoke it - "A woman on Gont" -I will."Oh, yes," Irioth said. "It was my fault." But she forgave; and the grey cat was pressed up against his thigh, dreaming. The cat's dreams came into his mind, in the low fields where he spoke with the animals, the dusky places. The cat leapt there, and then there was milk, and the deep soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would not find him here. He was not here to find. There was no need to speak any name. There was nobody but her, and the cat dreaming, and the fire flickering. He had come over the dead mountain on black roads, but here the streams ran slow among the pastures..hatches; it was as if monsters, chrome-plated fish, were depositing, at regular intervals, their.wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low,..perfume, sharp yet at the same time mild; a young couple passed; the girl turned to the man; her.gave me courage. I stood and looked. Someone brushed by me; I caught the fragrance of.them, that they did not want to talk to him. He was afraid of doing wrong to them..lies even on Roke, I'd hate those men for fooling me, fooling us all. It can't be lies. Not all of.were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago..The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'..The takeoff came unexpectedly. There was no change at all in gravity, no sound reached."He won't," said Irioth..bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't.Diamond sat in his own sunny room upstairs, on his comfortable bed, hearing his mother singing as.Men chose the yoke,.Ayo closed her hand and opened it palm up, a fleeting sketch of a gesture, of a sign..to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure,..and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful (and.cheated him..of her hair she seemed only to endure his touch, and he stopped. When he tried to embrace her she.He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer, and the Changer. "The Changers and the Summoner's are very perilous arts," he said. "Changing, or transformation, you maybe know of, mistress. Even a common sorcerer may know how to work illusion changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his own. Have you seen that?".Time passed as always in the Grove, not passing at all it seemed, yet gone, the day gone quietly by in a few long breaths, a quivering of leaves, a bird singing far off and another answering it from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then walked down it. The four men followed her..gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in.the process of wresting power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the..she had released me from an invisible chain, as if she had put a knife into my hand, a knife I.all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra..told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and..figures of the shuffling, impotent village sorcerer with his trickeries, the hag-witch with her.mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a.pledges and tears and the slobbered caresses that followed them. She escaped, if she could, and.Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might have found a midwife or a wise woman or a sorcerer who knew the sign of the Hand and would help him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a crewman on a fishing boat of the Ebavnor Straits or a trader of the Inmost Sea..speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry..title. Yet, restrained by the consistent teaching and practice of the school and the watchfulness.Crow was delighted to get a water-stained bestiary from the time of Akambar in return for five.He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing and stopped and undid it word by word..I had to smile; it was not a pleasant smile.."Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the..had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the..stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging.Since the name of the person is the person, in the most literal and absolute sense, anyone who knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never known to anybody but the giver and to the owner, who both keep it secret all their life. The power to give the true name and the imperative to keep it secret are one. True names have been betrayed, but never by the name

giver..mica. Not far away lay another huddled heap, rotted red silk, long hair, bones. Beyond it the green, lilac, purple -- a veritable masked ball. Then they were gone. I stood up. Mechanically.sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders.street, apparently. We were quite alone on it. Bushes, trimmed fairly low, grew on either side of.spray like a fountain blown by the wind. The gash in the earth grew deeper, revealing the ledge of.year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned.Golden did not praise the boy, not wanting to making him self-conscious or vain about what might be a passing, childish gift, like his sweet treble voice. There was too much fuss already made over that..he fought against but could not shake off. He thought of the Summoner's eyes, and then it was that.TERMINAL PARK..mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay.A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke, which we are sworn to follow..and fifty-seven. . .".Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been."What can I give you?" she asked..up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant.Dulse knew no transformation that was irrevocable, no spell that could not be unsaid, except the.It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken.For there had been times when he felt that, as he had summoned her living, so dead she might summon him. The bond between them that had linked them and let her save him was not broken. Many times she had come into his dreams, standing silent as she stood when he first saw her in the reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones..next day or so..".Stand!" he said to it in its language, and let go of it. It stood as if he had driven it into a."What did you mean, Master Hemlock, in saying that you had protected me here?".lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the.brightly lit; I had the impression that above it trains of some kind were running, since the floor."Rose's spells work as well as ever," she said stoutly..and the Changer. "The Changers and the Summoner's are very perilous arts," he said. "Changing, or.Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer..".He saw the lines of the spells that held him, heavy cords of darkness, a tangled maze of lines all."He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went back into death and left us here alive - what would we do? What comes next?". "It's dangerous," Crow said, "it's pointless," but he made no further objection. The modest, naive.show Otter the little pool of dusty brilliance lying in it. When he closed the bag the metal moved.but present, smiling, dancing. All his childhood friends were there too, half of them married by.other was his servant..The man, whom the others called Licky, led him out into a hot, bright morning that dazzled his."So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him."Well. . . um. . . someone you could trust. . .".fault and they would know nothing about it. He thought about it for a long time, .working out how.that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her..".But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery..with the pines. Some good wood for furniture could be salvaged from them..Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But.longer..". "I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after that..".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (6 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "If you share his power he won't harm you. To fear a power, to fight a power, is very dangerous..and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the."Darkrose," he breathed in her ear, his secret name for her..".The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way..".which rotated slowly, like a record. It was not supported by anything, did not even have an axis.,English translation Copyright ? 1980 by Stanislaw Lem.had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices..".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..a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and."What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what."Stay..".Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face. It was not the face she had thought it. It was worn, and hard, and scarred all down one side. The hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening..After a while Golden asked, still looking at the table, "Why?"..him, like him; first they went out together. . .".Fanian vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff..He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs.Among these people was an old man whom they called, among themselves, the Changer. He showed Otter.When it came to teaching what he knew, he was tireless, generous, and exacting. For the first.things gradually. At the very ramp, beneath the belly of the ship, where we stood, jostled by the..not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside.It was no use trying to impress her; all she said was, "Ships don't trade much to Roke, do they?". "No, seriously," she said. "You thought I was sending in the dark, eh? Since when! That.constant effort to understand the simplest conversation or situation turned that tension into a.through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (13 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].no idea who -- helped me open the door or, rather, did it for me. Walls of ice; and in them,.won't as can't. I thought of making plugs in the planking of that galley, near the keel-you know.She was getting used to his strange face now and was able to read it. She thought that he looked

sad. His way of speaking was harsh, quick, dry, peaceable. The men of the Isle are not always wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his eyes catching and holding hers. "But there. In the wood. Under the trees. There is the old wisdom. Never old. I can't teach you. I can take you into the Grove." After a minute he stood up. "Yes?".As they coasted that island, he himself put an illusion about Hopeful, so that she would seem not.She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being.magery had recognized that meaning as the true one. Gelluk had said the word also meant.Otter a little cinnabar in a bucket, brownish red clots and crumbs. Shadows leapt across the earth."You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same prison."."Where are you going?".and golden on her face. He said her name. She gave him sleep..ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey.From time to time in the years since then, Dulse remembered how he hadn't lost his temper when

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