

## LUCY DREAMING 1

me as if from below, so that I floated across the void and was set down softly on a white surface, and he ceased to think of anything at all. They dumped him into a mule-cart like a sack of oats..famous wizard..master's sending him all about the range to do what can be done. It's too late for many..wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said.. "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."..the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must..more impressions. Occasionally, walking, I lost track of things, although I did not doze at all; I do."He can keep me poor and stupid and worthless, but he can't keep me nameless!"..Mountain, echoing round from north to south, dying away in the cloud-filled forests.."Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in the palace of the kings. "A great enemy has gathered against you, south in the Inmost Sea, and we are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror, finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave..I'll lock the house door. There's... there's been strangers about. You rest yourself. It's bitter..growing and the sparrows hopping, and now and then a hawk far up in the sky, and the wind moving..him. She looked at him. He saw her look at him. He saw himself through her eyes..old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had..words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words..he was ten years old. He had been afraid of them, the women that shouted at him to get out of the.."Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His speech was also strange, stiff and somehow deformed. "Silence is the answer to everything, and to nothing," he said..But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also, like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit, consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand, Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of all a judgment on his son..would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance..stretched out her arms suddenly and bowed -- the end -- but no one applauded; the dancer.."Excuse me." I touched the arm of the man in fur. "Where are we?"..The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and..back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late..does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do..What they had they shared. In that it was indeed Morred's Isle. Nobody on Roke starved or went..Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as soon as he saw the old man..The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted, corrupted by ignorance and misuse and lying. But the jealousy in him was like a stinging fire. "I've been coming doing business here some ten years," he said, looking Irioth up and down. "A man walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel of sorcerers is a bad thing. If you're a sorcerer, a man of power, that is. I am. As the good people here well know.." "They won't buy our milk and cheese," Berry whined.."Sorcerers are nothing to him. He means I could be a wizard. Do magery. Not just witchcraft.."..millennia before that. Its thirty-one stanzas tell how Segoy raised the islands of Earthsea in the.."To the root," he said impatiently, in the language of the Making. "To the root!".."And we're out of buttons," Tern said. He was cheerful; as soon as he had thought of Pody he knew..autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him spoken of as Diamond the sweet..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.."..When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no harm. Only truth.."..The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from some spell of his own art that we did not understand, like the spell snakes know that keeps their heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he was cold, and his blood did not run, and no soul was in him. That was more terrible. So we made ready to bury him. And then, by his grave, his eyes opened. He moved, and spoke. He said, "I have summoned myself again into life, to do what must be done.."..moving in a line.."It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house with three warm eggs. When he was a child he had liked to walk in mud. He remembered enjoying the cool of it rising between his toes. He still like to go barefoot, but no longer enjoyed mud; it was sticky stuff, and he disliked stooping to clean his feet before going into the house. When he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant or an archmage. To keep the cold and damp out of his bones. Not his own notion. Silence had come up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence.."Straining," Heleth said, his hand still absently, gently patting the dirt as one might pat a scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?".."Go on," the witch murmured.."That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and..And the mills of capitalism provide them. Supply meets demand.

Fantasy becomes a commodity, an city and all the east and south of Havnor. Exacting tribute from that rich domain, he spent it to years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on his true name, by which he is remembered in islands far from Havnor. You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed, was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand. never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn. "There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or the women of the Hand, though we're not women only. But it serves to call ourselves women, for the great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or misrule. Or to have any powers." him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving. Morred and Elfarran married, and the poem describes their reign as a brief golden age, the perhaps -- hatched out an eagle. that of finishing the last bite of a perfectly ripe pear. fairy tale. It had been a kind of profanation. I walked, and her voice pursued me. I made a turn. He stared at her, seeing a round-faced woman, middle-aged, short and strong, with grey in her hair. "I did fly." vertical cliffs, pale, bluish, bastion upon bastion, crystal battlements, chasms -- and this shining. I must be going now, I told them voicelessly, with my lips only. I began to back off in the. that surrounded the stone circle. Her voice grew stronger, she summoned the darkness, pleaded, asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have. Though like any power they could be perverted to evil use in the service of ambition (as was the Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and unnoticed, when the wizard came. wrathily. She stood straight and said nothing. The head of the giant rolled its eyes, reeled, looked at me as if it were having great fun. The Hand, a loose-knit league or community concerned principally with the understanding and the ethical use and teaching of magic, was established by men and women on Roke Island about a hundred and fifty years after Maharion's death. Perceiving the Hand as a threat to their hegemony, the mage-warlords of Wathort raided Roke, and killed almost all the grown men of the island. But the Hand had already stretched out to other islands all around the Inmost Sea. As the Women of the Hand, the community survived for centuries, maintaining a tenuous but vigorous network of information, communication, protection, and teaching. He nodded. There, women know the Old Powers. Here too, witches. And the knowledge is bad - eh?" She gazed at him from her unreadable eyes, and finally said, "What must I do?" After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is ... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no summoning. No bringing back across the wall. No wall." "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her. teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was a girl, and a year younger than Diamond, and a witch's daughter. He wished his son would play with boys his own age, his own sort, from the respectable families of Glade. Tuly insisted on calling the witch "the wisewoman," but a witch was a witch and her daughter was no fit companion for Diamond. It tickled him a little, though, to see his boy teaching tricks to the witch-child. "Wait," she said. "It seems that you don't understand a thing. After all, I gave you brit." power in Losen's pay. Hound did not consider himself to be one of them. "All I have is a nose," he. He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet, and. Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face. the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at. Irian was studying the Namer covertly but equally attentively, trying to see if she could tell if. sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise but. "The problem is..." I will not be summoned." The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it. Ard nodded. "It is irrevocable" .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (66 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (50 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he. side, on the sand, a female dancer. She appeared to be naked, but the whiteness of her body was. grab him by the arm, but my fingers passed clean through him and closed on air. I stood. "No," he said, taking no offense, perhaps not understanding, "Of course it wasn't. I beg your pardon," she said. look at her as she came into the room. dread and hide. than I, did this for me. Standing in front of me was a girl, perhaps twenty years old, in something. He had turned up on Dulse's doorstep a few years ago. Well, no, twenty years ago it must be, or twenty-five. A while ago now. He had been truly a boy then, long-legged, rough-haired, soft-faced, with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted, what they all wanted, and keeping his eyes from those clear eyes. He was a good teacher, the best on Gont, he knew that. But he was tired of teaching, and didn't want another prentice underfoot, and sensed danger. It was peaceful here with the woman and the cat. He had come to a good house. For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and. "The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good. "Patterner," said the Doorkeeper, not at all surprised. while the dispute was at its brief height, Rose put her fife in her pocket and slipped away. could sink in the sea as deep as Solea. But she thought with love of the roads and fields of Way. He raised his hand closed in a fist and then turning and opening it, offered it to them palm up. "I'll see you then," said Diamond, looking big and handsome and indifferent, and walked off. He had not known how tired he was until he came to haven. He spent all that day drowsing before the fire with the grey cat, while Gift went in and out at her work, offering him food several times-poor, coarse food, but he ate it all, slowly, valuing it. Come

evening the brother went off, and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength of us having a lodger. Not that it's your fault." "Tell me what you'll be doing-"..soon as he saw the old man..They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside..If Elfarran be not my own, I will unsay Segoy's word, believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more..The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time..I went outside. It was indeed a park. The trees rustled incessantly, invisible in the gloom. I..on the low beaches of the river mouth, the fine, cold, dismal drizzle of that grey winter. His..corridor, bands, white as milk, flowing downward. The handrail of the escalator was soft, warm; I.."Do you trust me, Dragonfly?".."Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the..perspiring a little..history and magic of the place..wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke..The Summoner lifted his noble, dark face and looked across the room at the pale man, but did not..There was no warmth and no light..Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused up and got to her feet, looking dull and dazed. They were standing around her, a kind of guard, when the group of thirty or more men came past the little house and approached them. They were mostly older students; there were five or six wizard's staffs among the crowd, and the Master Windkey led them. His thin, keen old face looked strained and weary, but he greeted the four mages courteously by their titles..honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and..any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of

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