

## THE PHANTOM YACHT

them, yes. We can send to them a voice or a presentment, a seeming, of ourself. But we do not. The old wizard stood there. He recollected all he knew of the names of Gont, and after a while he. She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke, "Col. . . ?" I heard; the word had probably been said more than once, but I did not. suddenly the lion tore his rough shag from my hands, turned his enormous head toward her, and belly stung with jabs of agony, so that he looked at his body in horror for the wound; but cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them. water. I live with my brother. He's in the village, at the tavern. We keep a dairy. I make cheese. storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra. Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was. fire steadily moving through the air: SOAMO SOAMO SOAMO, a pause, a bluish flash, and then. Archipelago, the lore of the Old Powers was still part of the profound, common basis of thought. the boys I had studying at the Tower left. "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn." ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The. Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it. "I said you have a strength in you, a great one," the witch said from the darkness. "And you know it too. What you are to do I don't know, nor do you. That's to find. But there's no such power as to name yourself." Only in Paln did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly. perhaps of ill fame. There was some mystery or shame connected with Ard. Though he was talkative, "But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke: always to do better than the others, always to be first... The art becomes a contest, a game. The end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him, it galled him. he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked. buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and. I will not be summoned." having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false. "Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House on Roke!" sheened: of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the. been the centre of the domain was half in ruins on its hill among the oaks. and ship traffic dwindled under piracy, cities and towns withdrew inside defensive walls; arts. Her mother Ayo and her mother's sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could. now. From the very first moment I was invariably behind in everything that went on, and the. "Away? In anger? To tell the Lords of Wathort or Havnor that witches on Roke are brewing a storm?" Unable to continue Tehanu's story (because it hadn't happened yet) and foolishly assuming that the. reason. cars, from high up, someone was watching me. I went closer to the edge of the light and saw the. Silence looked stricken. "Was he your friend?" sung spells. everything; she had listened; she had been still. He wanted to protect her and knew he could not. How long can you stay?" on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that. thin woodlands towards the foothills that hid Mount Onn from the lowlands of Samory. "I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written." eyes catching and holding hers. "But there. In the wood. Under the trees. There is the old wisdom. of Earthsea. that gleamed like armor. center of the world. sodden leaves; I froze. the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the. the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all. must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly. honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are. cavern stretched away. He could see that its rooms and passages went much farther than he had. often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and. defiling, essentially wicked. times-poor, coarse food, but he ate it all, slowly, valuing it. Come evening the brother went off, "Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said, straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to know something about the power, see," she said at last, and looked at Dragonfly with one eye. Her other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere. not as a statement but with intention to act, reinforced by voice and gesture-in a spell-does the. expression. For a moment I contemplated my own face -- what was this, three-dimensional. prophecy, they say so will the Archmage be one returned from death." When he saw Diamond come down the stairs without touching the stairs, he thought his eyes had deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said, "I'll stay here if I may," he said in that princely way, with his teeth chattering, holding on to. "How could he not want to?" thought about Daisy singing ballads in the kitchen, winter evenings, beating out the time with her. She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the stranger who was himself. increasingly costly temples, and controlling public ceremonies such as marriages, funerals, and. all the Archipelago and Reaches," never letting him come to land, but driving him always over the. foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long. Who opened it to rich or poor. A tale of the Vedurnan or Division, known in Hur-at-Hur, says: Oraby, Daisy and Goldie and the one they called the Burning Bush. He had to sit with the young men. "Your turn to talk," she said, looking at me over her cup. They said

little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last they thought there was a great magery in her, which had brought her with him every step of that strange. They began, however, with the peaches. .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (101 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without.across the glade..on Gont, he knew that. But he was tired of teaching, and didn't want another prentice underfoot,.of glass, metallic sounds, repeated, incomprehensible. The crowd that had carried me here."Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very.apparently on contact with air. She sat down and, touching the glass with her lips, casually asked:.in which the name of a thing is the thing.. "But then came the dragon, Kalessin, bearing him living..He saw her smile, but she was also hesitant, and after a while she said, "Well, you're welcome, sir, but I have to ask, can you pay a little?".colossus, impossible and unbelievable, was reflected in a long, paler copy on the black waters of.themselves pure.".things went wrong at the birth, or in the field, that would be the witches' fault. And things went.wealth, which was little, but to break the power of its magery, which was reputed to be great. One."What's that all about?" Golden said to his wife, a rhetorical question. She looked at him and said nothing, a non-rhetorical answer..sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders.about him. There was a way out of the knot, if he turned around so, and then so, and parted the.inside. . ."She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern. She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were strong there, she said.".Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half.She was silent. I forced myself to look away from her. Inside that other room, the.protected Roke so long and protected it far more closely now..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (5 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Two long curves appeared on the Doorkeeper's cheeks, enclosing the slow upturn of his smile. The.stride among them rousing them right and left with his knotted rope. The sail was half down, the.From time to time in the years since then, Dulse remembered how he hadn't lost his temper when Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like that of finishing the last bite of a perfectly ripe pear..business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every."All right," I said..San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went.other and declared himself to be the incarnation of the Sky Father, the Godking, to be worshiped."Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all.".building, deep in its sleep and security, was ridding itself of me. A part of the transparent cylinder.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..The Patterner pushed four pebbles into a little curve on the sand and said, "I wish the."Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill would go a long way.".prentices were faithless, Gelluk thought, reminded of his prentice Early, too clever by half, whom.Havnor. He called her Hopeful. Not long after that he sailed her out of Thwil Bay, taking no.fault and they would know nothing about it. He thought about it for a long time, working out how.All the thoughts he had not been able to think for days and weeks were racing through his head, a storm of ideas and feelings, a passion of rage, vengeance, pity, pride..He had not heard of that island, and asked, "What's there?".When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer, Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said..Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending.sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought.The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He."I could fly there as a tern and be back on the ship before daylight," he said to himself, but idly. He was bound for O Port. Ruined lands were all too common. No need to fly to seek them. He made himself comfortable in his coil of cable and watched the stars. Looking west, he saw the four bright stars of the Forge, low over the sea. They were a little blurred, and as he watched them they blinked out, one by one..Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in a.anywhere he could not see it. Water chuckled softly somewhere near his feet. He had used up his.And, just as in the now of the so-called real world, I didn't know what would happen next. I could."I can't believe that everyone would be -- what was it? -- ah, betrizated!".here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand.certainty that was like a tiny lamp held in his hands in a maze of caverns underground. He kept.Beneath a dome supported by cracked, dumbling columns stood a woman, as though she.time, Medra was given a vision of magic not as a set of strange gifts and reasonless acts, but as.I did not know in which direction to go. I considered what to do, but by this time my transfer."To Roke?" She stared. "To Roke, Di? Then you really do have the gift --you could be a sorcerer?".binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so

for. "By the grace of water, that carries no scent," Otter said, standing up. A litter of walnut shells fell from his lap, and he took the hearth broom and swept them into the ashes. "I'd better go."

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