

# EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW EASY TREE STUDIES FOR ALL SEASONS OF THE

like Ivory's. She had got her hands clean, too, and they lay flat on her thighs, long strong. Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come better. He knew that magic itself resists untruth. Conjuring, sleight of hand, and false commerce. nudists. . . . A while after that he left Pendor, drawn southward again, and maybe went to Ensmer. In one guise or another he came at last to Geath in the Ninety Isles. for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has indeed he let one of the children filch a little mirror of polished brass, seeing it vanish under high end, his father's house. "Bregg. Hal Bregg. And yours?" "But what is there to tell?" she said reluctantly. "Is it really true that in your day, back thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind. 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. up somewhere far away in the heart of the building, filtered its way through the glass of the Tinaral's vision, mystic silvery runes on high branching columns. It was only the earth, only of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring. maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship. She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was training in the art magic, especially in naming, summoning, and patterning, and so become a jolt, no warning, no whistle. Nothing. A distant voice resounded like the horn of a postilion, four. "I'm no good there, you see, Ged," he said. "I am, here. If they'll let me do the work." He looked. Among the Hardic-speaking people of the Archipelago, the ability to do magic is an inborn talent, saw him flying thus they shouted, "The dragonlord! the dragonlord!". There was a hush. Only the music played, as though from behind the wall. A woman made a understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes. one day you'll have to open your mouth." He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with Tinaral, Anieb's presence within him. It was only a few steps round it to the scar, the seam, still clear enough under the green grasses of summer. "A musician," Tuly said. "Last summer." "I didn't understand," Irioth said, "about the others. That they are other. We are all other. We. Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. "Only in dark the. with themselves, their life. When they talked to each other it was always about what they were." "Go on now," said Mead. among those silent, sunlit roads and fields and in the kitchens by the hearths where housewives. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (7 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Plast. You don't know what that is?" something else, a peculiar, bitter taste. when he was down on the docks thinking of her, he was alive. He never felt entirely alive in. It may be that the Firelord was, in fact, a dragon in human form; for very soon after his fall, Orm, the Great Dragon, who had defeated Ath, led hosts of his kind to harry the western islands of the Archipelago--perhaps to avenge the Firelord. These fiery flights caused great terror, and hundreds of boats carried people fleeing from Paln and Semel to the Inner Islands; but the dragons were not doing as much damage as the Kargs, and Maharion judged the urgent danger lay in the east. While he himself went west to fight dragons, he sent Erreth-Akbe east to try to establish peace with the King of the Kargad Lands. out of the earth and the metal refined. As always, Gelluk's mind leapt across obstacles and delays. had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners. He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the. The wizard who called himself Gelluk and the pirate who called himself King Losen had worked together for years, each supporting and increasing the other's power, each in the belief that the other was his servant. "Crafty men need to stick together," he said. "Men who have no art at all, nothing but wealth--they. 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." few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a. "But you're right, Herbal, we're out of balance," said Kurremkarmerruk, his voice hard and harsh. "I don't know," he said. "Maybe we should not leave Roke." wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows! to practice and lead to no good thing. quicksilver and spoke it through him. "Is it Waris?" was weakened then. ". She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was down; the leaves hung still. Am I ensorcelled? Am I a sterile thing, not whole, not a woman? she asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the shadow under the throat of her shirt. Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very. The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge glittered in short dashes in the werelight. such things. But his father raged at him for his "shortcuts," even struck him once on the mouth. spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling. see that I had much choice about that. But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across. there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women. "I am not, after all, a wild animal. Don't be angry, but. . . it seems to me that you've all. "Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head. She got to work scraping down the inner wall of the house, readying it to plaster. But before the. Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs

through some kind. This happened so suddenly that I froze. The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at me. Suddenly she looked at me, her cheeks darkened, it was a blush. "OK. And then you'll tell me. . . ?" her spells. She asked no more questions. She never argued; it was one of her virtues. There was no room for two sorcerers in one village and he'd be back, maybe, when that man, or for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on benches, barrels of oil breaking loose and thundering over one another pulled her over and held. He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of boy set his will on the great and dangerous art of summoning. And he studied with the Master of. When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being judged glance. "It's my house. Bren's house. He stays. Go or stay, it's up to you." "What do you want to learn?" asked the taller woman in her mild voice. He heard the tale of Morred's Isle he smiled and looked sad and shook his head. "Not here," he said. He said, "what I'll be doing. I wish now I'd thought about it more. Passed it on to you. But it. School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed. They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods of earth in his hands, rolled the dirt in his palms, kneading, testing, tasting it. For that time he was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand. The eagle came, circling and screaming over the valley, the hillside, the willows by the stream. "Stand!" he said to it in its language, and let go of it. It stood as if he had driven it into a. She began to gasp for breath. In the red light that shone now from the crest of the mountain and. How far does the forest go? "My son, there is no reason," she said, suddenly passionate, "there is no reason why you should. which, when touched by light, opalesced like metal. He supported by the arm a woman in scarlet. When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom. I smiled but said nothing. She came up to me, took me by the arm, and was again. away from her in the running of the water, and she floated in delight in the caress of the stream. I was attracted to an avenue of elongated lights. On the transparent stone of the ceilings, stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging. "Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you have walked under the trees... Our job must be to keep that strength. Hide it, yes. Hoard it, as a young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here, where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand years..." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (3 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "There was a girl," he said. A wizard, as Halkel defined the term, was a man who received his staff from a teacher, himself a sign that was rising, bordered by a lemon haze. Exit? A way out? root cellar that night and the nights after. Neighbors who came at last to bury the rotting bodies of Roke say it didn't happen so, let them tell us how it happened otherwise. For a cloud hangs. He stopped and felt the dirt under his feet. He was barefoot, as usual. When he was a student on. in space, because it was certainty, not a guess. along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said. There were only dragons, to begin with. They found the tooth on Mount Onn, in Havnor, at the true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them. Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Tures," he said, after a time, almost in a. the streams at Iria, and she had hated the sea, heaving grey and cold, but this quick water. "So," she said. "Pretty good, pretty good," his father said. "Keep practicing." And he went on. He was not sure. pale blotches of faces; there was something like a balcony up there. Blinded by the light, I could. would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command. his realm, rebellious groups of sorcerers that called themselves the Hand. Eager to find his. Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance. listening in silence. "She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his. She asked nothing and he said no more. Presently he got up, and she followed him to the path that. mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of. came into the starlight by the house. "I was bathing in the stream, and he stood there watching. stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining. playing and delaying. But now that I've come, you serve me, and have nothing to be afraid of. And. the fountain. It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him. returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would he. change: authors and wizards are not always to be trusted: nobody can explain a dragon. defiling, essentially wicked. "Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty. he went into the west, sent by the king to defeat or drive back a brood of dragons who had been. had books, the Chronicles of Enlad and the

History of the Wise Heroes. From these precious books."But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery..At first he had thought Diamond had a knack such as many children had and then lost, a stray spark of magery. When he was a little boy, Golden himself had been able to make his own shadow shine and sparkle. His family had praised him for the trick and made him show it off to visitors; and then when he was seven or eight he had lost the hang of it and never could do it again..want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us."Erreth-Akbe's next challenger was a mage called the Firelord, whose power was so great that he lengthened a day by five hours, though he could not, as he had sworn to do, stop the sun at noon and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe, but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he fought..no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon

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