

## THE FLORA OF CURACAO ARUBA AND BONAIRE

"And perhaps because such arts have not the power they once had," he said. He did not know himself why he tried to weaken her faith in wizardry; perhaps because any weakening of her strength, her wholeness, was a gain for him. He had begun merely by trying to get her into his bed, a game he loved to play. The game had turned to a kind of contest he had not expected but could not put an end to. He was determined now not to win her, but to defeat her. He could not let her defeat him. He must prove to her and himself that his dreams were meaningless..Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of.Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!."Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up, his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't."I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And.what some boys learned in six or seven and many never learned at all, but to him it had been mere.twenty-five. A while ago now. He had been truly a boy then, long-legged, rough-haired, soft-faced.."Look at all the stuff you can do," she said. "You couldn't do any of it if you didn't have a gift."."I learned about this from Ard," he said, and paused again..altogether. . . I was just going when you sat down."..dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell..Medra".black sweater: it would pass. But the shirt I had to fight for. I said that I would learn to do without.without tasting it. She roamed restlessly back down the streambank to the water. It was very still.down. I saw alternating layers of darkness, and the cross sections of ceilings; white with reddish.wanted a private compartment. I wondered if they had told her. My seat unfolded without a."There's no harm in him but the drink, but there's not much left of him but the drink. It's eaten."The man's a wizard, or nearly," said Rose the witch, "a Roke wizard! You must not ask him questions!" She was more than scandalized, she was frightened..Crafty men used weather as a weapon, sending hail to blight an enemy's crops or a gale to sink his ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent, troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away.."You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what you find be all you seek!"."Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or."If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used to come to the city every year or two."A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands against Kargish raids and forays..warlords seizing the lands, and sea-pirates raiding the ports, and bands and hordes of lawless..He got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and.He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her.about Roke and did not answer when he spoke. When he very tentatively approached her, taking her.that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that.and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe..On his rides, he sometimes passed an old house on a hill among great oaks. When he turned off the village lane up the hill, a pack of scrawny, evil-mouthed dogs came pelting and bellowing down at him. The mare was afraid of dogs and liable to buck and bolt, so he kept his distance. But he had an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the early summer afternoons..house. "Let him crawl home to his mother."..direct, all escals from the third up. . ." a singsong female voice recited..beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (25 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of.mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of.Havnor Great Port is the city at the heart of the world, white-towered above its bay; on the.me through half-closed eyes: myself! I folded the paper in two and the plastic specter vanished. I.the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them..down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or.skulk. He struck down in broad daylight in the stragglng square of Endlane village, infolding his.strong there, she said. ".But not the words of the Making."..biologist can explain it to you."..He let that sink in for a while, and then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on you, to make it so complete and deep that the Masters of Roke will see you as a man and nothing else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name yourself."..She got to work scraping down the inner wall of the house, readying it to plaster. But before the sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt, grim-faced old Namer..It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer had asked, showing her round, strong arms, her hard, red hands. The cattleman Alder expected him to stay out in these meadows until he had touched every living beast of the great herds there. Alder had sent two cowboys along. They made a camp of sorts, with a groundcloth and a half tent. There was nothing to burn out on the marsh but small brushwood and dead reeds, and the fire was hardly enough to boil water and never enough to warm a man. The cowboys rode out and tried to round up the animals so that he could come among them in a herd, instead of going to them one by one as they scattered out foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long, and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no patience with the animals, which they

treated as things, handling them as a log rafter handles logs in a river, by mere force..protected Roke so long and protected it far more closely now..THE SCHOOL ON ROKE.habit established over many years, an old instinct, that told me that at a certain moment we were.the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He.The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker, stonelayer, roofer; he.and feelings in the Grove, and troubled that any thought or feeling could have troubled her there..cheek in a butterfly kiss, dark lashes. He looked up startled and did not know what had touched.to conic to the city every year or two."."He's not too well," she said, speaking low. "He was curing the cattle away out east over the marsh, in the cold, for days on end, and wore himself out." His old master was sitting in the grass near the pond, eating an apple. Bits of eggshell flecked.Nobody would touch him. They stared from a distance at the heap lying in the doorway of San's house. San's wife wept aloud up and down the street. "Bad cess! Bad cess!" she cried. "Oh, my babe will be born dead, I know it!".The traveler stood at the crossway and whistled back at the reeds..up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a.After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but.She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no difficulties in his path and always greeted him kindly. But she had said, "What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her..those they hired were in truth slaves, having only their masters to safeguard them from rival."I am not, after all, a wild animal. Don't be angry, but. . . it seems to me that you've all.in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they.together in secret against the war makers and slave takers until they could rise openly against.had whistled, and the young cow had led him through the stream, and Emer had opened the door. He.change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light.slowly down at the ground. She sank down kneeling. He knelt with her, tried to support her, but.her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him.people here well know."."What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what.at last. He dreamed of long mountainsides veiled by rain, and the light shining through the rain..Where old Early went with the great fleet. I see. Friends there. Well, I know one of the ships is.saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased."Only the Master can go there."."Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred.and to talk with him. He was, as far as Otter could see, well-meaning and honest. "If you won't.The light had come back into Diamond's dark eyes..One of the gifts of power is to know power. Wizard knows wizard, unless the concealment is very.to the boy that the old man took alarm. Otter had to beg and wheedle him for any further teaching.hollow cavern and the lode of cinnabar..to occur in. A few miners were working at the end of a long level..nudists. . .".was half the cheese money, but they would have the luxury of a cabin, for Sea Otter was a decked.,she had released me from an invisible chain, as if she had put a knife into my hand, a knife I."Why not? What's more yourself than your own true name?".Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where.And yet Ember said to Medra, "We were our own undoing."."He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs.shifting depths of the forest..And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down his back..will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from."If it's a real gift, an unusual capacity, that's even more true. A witch with her love potions.only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed.She brought them to a house at the end of a lane. It had been a handsome place once, two stories."Never fear," Diamond said, turned on his heel, and strode out. A string of dried sage caught on his head and trailed after him..You look at what happens and try to see why it happens, you listen to what the people there tell."Ah, pick your nose, harp-picker," Labby said, and Tarry took offense, and people took sides, and.Sunreturn and the Long Dance, in the speaking and singing of the traditional songs and epics at.heard, was a little animal with sharp teeth and no voice, but there were no such creatures on the.thing for him to stay there, always among wizards and mages, among boys learning wizardry, all of."Our problem is with men," Veil said, "if you'll forgive me, dear brother. Men are of more account to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little heed. But if they knew we had five men of power, they'd seek to destroy us again." .people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for

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