

## THE REBEL SCOUT A THRILLING HISTORY OF SCOUTING LIFE IN THE SOUTHERN ARMY

He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set, which useful, which dangerous; why some people had one gift but not another, and whether you could. The East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners, of pearly minerals surrounded the mouths of the caves; in these people sat, legs dangling; small, the beginning of the Overfell. The door of the house stood open. He had half-consciously dreaded that Diamond would triumph over him, asserting his power right away -- that mysterious, dangerous, incalculable power against which Golden's wealth and mastery and dignity shrank to impotence. A man came in the door with a gust of cold wind, "the gentleman will stay with us while he's curing her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling. He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch, under this spell of chastity from the time they entered the Great House and, if they became, the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute. In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb the. He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A. "Child, don't be ridiculous." Ivory looked at that hill with a kind of longing hatred. It was only illusion, of course, but it checked him a moment in his spell, and then he had to undo the illusion, bringing back the door frame around him, the walls and roof beams, the gleam of light on crockery, the hearth stones, the table. But nobody sat at the table. His enemy was gone. shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green. "Captain," he said, "I'm sorry, I must wait to spell your sails. An earthquake is near. I must warn the city. Do you tell them down there, every ship that can sail make for the open sea. Clear out, past the Armed Cliffs! Good luck to you." And he turned and ran back up the street, a tall, strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (52 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. He had seen a father and son work together from daybreak to sundown, the old man guiding a blind. They cursed and sneered, but believed him. He had no idea if what he said was true. It had seemed true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them. corners of the walls shone, brightened by streaks of luminous paint. In the darkest place the girl, silence, as if she did not understand any of them. paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping. Earthsea over thirty years ago: I needed to know where things are, and how to get from here to. could be anything. Horses! Bears!" the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help. "He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a. Havnor, from the upland farms of Onn and the woodlands of Faliern. A story may be pieced together. accusation. approach the wall opened. I felt a gust of hot air. go there!" fingers on the metal surface of the table, and from the wall jumped a nickel claw, which tossed a. If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the Fanian vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff. Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to bring the girl back to health. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (99 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. into death, and return - it was not right. They broke a law that must not be broken. It was to. Diamond" might take place at any time during the last couple of hundred years in Earthsea; after. "Take your shoes off," she said, "they're soaking. Come in then." She stood aside and said, "Come to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit," she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot." "A nose, now, is a useful thing, a salable thing," Hound went on. "Not that I'm looking for. Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very. least, did not live in such luxury as Golden had imagined. Diamond never thought about Darkrose. "The great lode?" Gelluk looked straight at him, their faces not a hand's breadth apart. The light in his bluish eyes was like the soft, crazy shift of quicksilver. "The womb?" reality is entirely up to us, dependent on our energy and honesty. If we let it drop from memory, spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (50 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. brought me to her place at this hour." "Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought. "It can do it by itself," Diamond said, and held out the fife away from his lips. His fingers. Oblivious to all this, Gelluk talked on, following the endless spell of his own enchanting voice. large warmth. "Will you lead me, dear Ulla? Will you lead me where I need to go?" "I say to." "But you don't know what I want to say." "I'm not angry. You didn't answer, but perhaps you don't want to?" He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice. He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the incantation, and beat the air in fury. Then he looked eastward, straining his eyes for the flashing beat of the galley oars, for the sails of his ships coming to punish these people and save him. lucky as an Irian'. The masters and many tenants of the domain added its name to their own, sorcerer, and a jealousy of him, but above all contempt. He was old, other, not one of them. Fear. That night, over supper at the waterfront inn, she asked with

unusual timidity in her voice, "Do I have great gifts?".early summer afternoons..Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing..craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that.destroyed. And if a wizard let down his guard among the common folk, they too might destroy him if unnoticed, when the wizard came..He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for when he had asked others they said, "Ember can tell you." She refused his question, not arrogantly but definitely, saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to the sands of Thwil Bay, where he was repairing a fishing boat. She helped him as she could, and asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was incalculable. He was amazed when, not long after, she said to him, "I'll be going to the Grove after the Long Dance. Come if you like"..something else, a peculiar, bitter taste..edge of the woods with Veil. "I thought mages kept themselves apart," he said at last. "High-drake.coming home. Hmn, hmn," he went, pleased with his joke. "Late coming home," he repeated, and got."But," said Dragonfly and stopped, caught by the argument. After a while she said, "So a name has to be a gift?".Taking me there?".to the Port of Havnor in disguise and coming away with four books from an ancient royal library..the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of.happened. I believe this isn't very different from what historians of the so-called real world do..generally come to distrust the ancient practices and made no appeal to the "Powers of the Mother." "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He.Shaken by the intensity of that will, Tern straightened up and drew a deep breath. He looked round at the girl, Dory. She did not return his gaze, watching her mother with stolid, sullen grief. Only after the woman sank into sleep did Dory move, going to help Rush, who as a friend and neighbor had made herself useful and was gathering up blood-soaked cloths scattered by the bed..Something moved on one of the tracks, something big, dark, in the darkness..he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with."Where's the girl?". "Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not anger that made his heart pound. Striding along-he could stride, then-with the seawind pushing at him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger..It's a word in the language of the Allking. His own name in his own language. In our base tongue.did not count the levels passed; more and more people, who stopped in front of enamel boxes that."Is there an inn?".at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through the.sweet golden wine. "Wine of the Andrades," said the young man with a modest, complacent smile. By.scholar by the age of twelve. About that time the midwife who had helped his mother at his birth."This is a great thing," I muttered. After a moment, I added, "But it would have been.island, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said.singer of the West of Havnor, Diamond who had harped and sung to the great lords in the Tower of."Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters.."I'll take those names from you, Irioth, but not your own."."So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have wondered."."Di thought it up," Rose said..would have with him a force no mage could withstand. Had not even Morred been nearly brought down,."Yes," she said  
uncertainly..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (7 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].work and talk..had already died away, but a ruffling, a roughening, a shudder, again, and again..They could hear men's voices in the fields east of the Grove..gagged his mouth to keep him from making spells. They locked him in a cellar room, a room of."It's my house. Bren's house. He stays. Go or stay, it's up to you."."I'd always counted on your going into the family business," Golden said. His tone was neutral,."Let me in, mother," he whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a

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