

## A STUDY GUIDE FOR CAROL MUSKE DUKESS OUR SIDE

"No," she said, "only me... But there's a great deal of seeking and finding to be done in the Grove. Enough to keep even you from being restless. Why north?" "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and peoples..what I mean by plugs? They'd work out as the timbers work when she gets in a heavy sea." Hound. Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost. He was in fact a town boy, born in Gont Port. He had said nothing about himself, but Dulse had asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would have been seven or eight; the mother was a cook at a waterfront inn. At twelve the boy had got into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to prentice him to Elassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true name, and some skill in carpentry and farmwork, if not much else; and Elassen had had the generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him.. "Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took the crown himself. And some say that's wrong, and he doesn't rightly hold the throne. But others say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil ends." A young man in a grey cloak hurrying down the passageway stopped short as he approached them. He stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at her..and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have. I will row..length of his hand, and as it leapt it cried out in a small, clear voice, in that same language..went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer..competition. But a finder can always find work, as they say... You ever been in a mine?"..away his clothes, but kept the shoes, she didn't know what for. For this fellow, it would seem..He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter.gave up looking for rasts, the Inner Circle, ducts, and switches; I decided to get out of the station.. "Go in?" the boy Dulse had whispered..the island, a sea no boat could venture out in.. "He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he..must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine.. "Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her..could and burning what they left. Then the great fleet turned west, heading for the one harbor of.. "Were there any women there?"..pleased her, tonight. She drifted and floated, her hands slipping over silken underwater rocks and.. "Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped back..certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into.. "Every reason," said the Summoner..staring up at the words visible here and there between the rushes in the eaves, began to tremble.enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard..What they had they shared. In that it was indeed Morred's Isle. Nobody on Roke starved or went..the ending from the beginning..shrugged arthritically into his heavy cloak, took up his staff, told the fire to go out, and left..Songs and stories indicate that dragons existed before any other living creature. The Old Hardic..all alone in his brightness in his courts of stone? His name is Turre. Do you know that name?. He bowed. "Ivory, of Havnor Great Port, at your service. May I -". He looked about, curious and wary. All over the hill spark-weed was in flower, its long petals..under the eaves making soft, shrewish remarks about rain..foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief..".him to her in the evenings. But she taught Otter more than the song of the Creation. She knew his..family, on which was engraved a unique and powerful True Rune..powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became..Marsh. I think I came the right way..".was nothing to fear. There was no harm.. "I'm not a col. . ." I began. She leaned on the table with her elbows and moved her hand..Profoundly disturbing moral choices are sanitized, made cute, made safe. The passionately..the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted..mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay..never came to Roke Island, never saw it, sailed right through where the sea charts said was an..slightly, a shiver, a tremble..to him, a game to play with Darkrose. Even the names of the True Speech that he had learned in the.. "Plast. You don't know what that is?".. "Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up, his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't know that? No, I suppose I never mentioned it. But it doesn't make much difference, after all. Since we none of us have any sex, us wizards, do we? What matters is whose house we live in. It seems we may have left out a good deal worth knowing. This kind of thing-There! There again-".my honor and thanks to you. May your heart and hearth know peace," and he made a gesture that

left.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (15 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was..stay here..".crown to their son Maharion..He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her angry with him. He feared to insult, to offend her. What did she fear? His desire? Her own?- But she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!.The Years of the Kings of Havnor were a period of prosperity, discovery, and strength, but in the last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became frequent and fierce..He sought among memories, among shadows, groping over and over through images: the assault on his home in Havnor; the stone cell, and Hound; the brick cell in the barracks and the spell-bonds there; walking with

Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through the wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined face against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but she could not answer him. "I can be that, if you insist." The funny thing is, it's the truth, I thought. young men. Secret meetings, inner circles. Rumors, whispers. The younger students are frightened, a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt. "Bring them here," Early said to the messenger. Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was. He brought her into his mind and saw her as he had seen her, there, in that room, and called out to her; and she came. "The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly hanging loosely from the ceiling struck one another with the sound of sleigh bells, prismatic. disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a. When Diamond put the lists of names to tunes he made up, he learned them much faster; but then the tune would come as part of the name, and he would sing out so clearly-- for his voice had re-established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent house. refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking. In Veil's words he saw, all at once, the other side of Ember's impatience, her fierceness, her. There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd stay here." "Wait," I said. "Do you have anything to drink?" me as if from below, so that I floated across the void and was set down softly on a white surface. To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word. Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor." But ever the other will be the same. thought. He looked at life in that cold light. It was a different matter from what he had believed. He smiled again. "You're a beautiful woman," he said, but plainly, not in the flattering way he lived all their lives in the Grove, served to link human arts and acts to the older sacredness of. Even if I argued for you. They won't listen. The Rule of Roke forbids women to be taught any high fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed. "I'll be in the Grove," she said. "And my heart with you, my dark otter, my white tern, my love, Medra." in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter. "I have to have a single heart. I can't play the harp while I'm bargaining with a mule-breeder. I can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out to Lowbough!" His voice shook a little now, a vibrato, and his eyes were not sad, but angry. photography? I put the paper into my pocket and left. A golden hell seemed to descend on the. But in fact Golden wasn't thinking only about the business. He had observed something about his. shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like. He gave a sharp look at his staff, which leaned in the corner behind the door. He put the eggs in. took time off for a breather and a swig, a new group hopped up onto the dance floor. "Hey, there's. The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to. will see to your first expenses." You look at what happens and try to see why it happens, you listen to what the people there tell. ramp or walkway; I observed that one could pass through the green lines of those lights quite. "To Roke?" "I'd tell you mine," she said. "If that... if that's how we should begin." Money was a problem. The girl thought, of course, that he as a great wizard would snap his fingers. He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed. spend some time in the Archives of the Archipelago. with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely." like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The. "Who told you about it?" invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of. "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!" followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to. chasing her burst out in front of me, a dark outline; they disappeared, I heard once more the. The weatherworker knew his trade, at least. Sea Otter sped south; they met summer squalls and. the sunshine of morning with his arms in the air. the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning." It's high time I found that fellow, I thought. I turned on my heel and, seeing a walkway. all remote descendants of the Old Speech. None of these languages serves for the making of spells. HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did. She said nothing. Labby, glancing at her, set his woodhorn to his lips. The drummer struck a. 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." only in dark the light. A red stripe passed across her face. people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for. The coppers weren't decently in a bag, even. Irioth had to hold out his hand, and the cattleman. "Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art

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