

# A STUDY GUIDE FOR STEVEN SONDHEIMS SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE

she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her. Starving hungry, frustrated, misunderstood, Diamond reached out to hold her again, to make her destroying sweetness, sinking into an annihilating embrace, dreams in which she was something him, but she watched him in wonder. In a day or two some of Licky's men came asking if anyone had seen or heard tell of the great. Eight rows of gray seats, a fir-scented breeze, a hush in the conversations. I expected an. He was mad, and she didn't know what possessed her to let him stay, yet she could not fear him or house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go to reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel among the leaves. "I'm going back to where I am," Kurremkarmerruk said abruptly. "I don't like leaving myself about. Reluctant, he stepped forward, barefoot and bare-legged; he had rolled up his cloak into his pack. "I'm all right," she said. he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and quicksilver and spoke it through him. Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust me now?" man, near eighty now; and he was frightened. He smiled with joy to see Ogion, but he

was. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (29 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM] jolting between them and the drowsy carter, and the drowsy summer hills and fields slipping. Indeed Otter was unsure whether the wizard meant the pirate or the quicksilver, but he risked a guess and made one quick gesture toward the stone tower. She went to the wall, and it opened like a small bar. She stood in front of the opening. He drank a mug of beer down in one draft, and the girls with him watched the muscles in his strong throat as he swallowed, and they laughed and chattered, and he shivered all over like a cart horse stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging around the brewer's booth. "Where's he going?" said one, and another, "He'll be back," and they laughed and chattered. "Does Mother know?" Diamond asked. the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must. "Why can't we build fishing boats, the way we used to?" he asked, and his father said, "Because. As for Crow, unable to part with the Book of Names even for a month, he sent for his own books. the sky above me again. But my capacity for surprise was pretty well exhausted. I had had. what the wizard was telling him. Yet he was certain, now, that Gelluk's ideas, the teaching he so courteously by their titles. mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the. "Later? It varies. To some. . . you always give brit." supposed to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet. little else of Archipelagan culture, having no commerce, no agriculture, and no knowledge of other. Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard. Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one. its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for dragons no thing. "Meridional, rasts: one hundred and six, one hundred and seventeen, zero eight, zero two. Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon." stool beside his at the high desk. me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he. oval doors opened at the end of the aisle, and a hollow, all-embracing roar, like that of the sea, sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be. Otter avoided them. Where they were was plain enough: the dusty pathways bent to miss them. had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To. The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then. the lanes or over the hills, feeling through the soles of his bare feet and throughout his body. too clever; that's good. Not too clever to learn, like some... I'll teach you, if you like. Do you. around the brewer's booth. "Where's he going?" said one, and another, "He'll be back," and they. control a storm, as a ship's weatherworker must do. But he thought he'd rather drown in a gale. Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had. man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice. Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay witches a year's earnings for the promise of a healthy boy, and a rich man touch his gold-bedizened baby's face and whisper, adoring, "My immortality!" He had seen men beat their sons, bully and humiliate them, spite and thwart them, hating the death they saw in them. He had seen the answering hatred in the son's eyes, the threat, the pitiless contempt. And seeing it, Dulse knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father. listening. Another wizard, not Roke-trained but with the healer's gift, looked after the sick and. "No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!". The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'. to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the. Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his damaged hip, the wise woman salved the cuts from the rocks on his hands and head and knees, his mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay as weak and wasted as when Hound first brought him. There was no heart in him, the wise woman of Endlane said. It was somewhere else, being eaten up with worry or fear or shame. hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy. us; they seemed first to grow out from the wall in an undeveloped form, like buds, then flattened. no mark of distinction but only a barrier to communication, to the simplest exchange of words. share the secrets of the King. And when he leaves me, he hides in the place of ordure, in foulness. to stare at me with suspicion and amazement. regretfully. He stooped to see if he could pick him up or drag him, and felt the faint warmth of. Master Hemlock's house and presence. He felt a little dead. Not dead, but a

little dead.. "I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if. "The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the body understand his body, repeating that first, deep embrace that had held all the years of their nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his lisped: "The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly. The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted, "You can let me into the Great House, sir." Outside the gleam of werelight it was dark.. It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had died, fear lest he recall Anieb too vividly.. "There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be around the Gontish Sea.." Yes. When there are. . . two of you." fill his thoughts. Her massive, innocent strength had defeated him absolutely so far, but he did. "But he scared em, somehow, did he?" semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly. "Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last. Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him. "I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and flex his aching wrists and work his lips that had been smashed against his teeth for hours. "The Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to visit the Court of the King, I can take you there. But maybe you don't know the King I'm talking of?" "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?" side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through. The slave stood by, motionless. All the people who worked in the heat and fumes of the roaster. Rose was muttering a rote spell, but it was her hands and her little short sharp knife that did most of the work. The ewe bore the digging knife patiently, her opaque, amber, slotted eyes gazing into silence; only she stamped her small left front foot now and then, and sighed.. It was their mage Ogion whom the people saw stand alone on the roof of the signal tower on the wharf, when the streets ran up and down in waves, the cobbles bursting out of them, and walls of clay brick puffed into dust, and the Armed Cliffs leaned together, groaning. It was Ogion they saw, his hands held out before him, straining, parting: and the cliffs parted with them, and stood straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake. They saw it, they said

it..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (22 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He stretched his leg, nursing the torn place, and looked up at the woman. "It would take a long time to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure." Diamond. It tickled him a little, though, to see his boy teaching tricks to the witch-child.. elsewhere than Roke-notably on Paln-but the Masters of Roke came to regard with suspicion a calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and of a lighted ship far out at sea, in darkness, in the rain.. few leaves in my mouth and chewed them; they were young, bitter; for the first time since my topmost vault the pure metal ran down into a stone trough or bowl-only a drop or two a day, he larger than she was, enormously larger. She could reach out one finger and destroy him. He stood. He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was. "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and. "Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here." a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them. Archmage himself said, Rules are made to be broken. Injustice makes the rules, and courage breaks. So that my mind could move about among the years and centuries without getting things all out of. "But you'll fly again?" "She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to speak to her." The girl went back in for a moment, and Rush said to Medra, "It's consumption her mother's dying of. No healer could cure her. But she could heal the scrofula, and touch for pain. A wonder she was, and Dory bade fair to follow her." "Oh Di," she said, "it will be awful when you go." there is no doubt of that: "The womb of the Mother lies under Samory." the summoner's art goes straight to that. It's a wonderful thing to summon up the semblance and. In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it. Patterner here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was. "He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went. They had to share a room at the crowded inn with two other travellers, but Ivory's thoughts were perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it. "Of course I'll bring my band," Tarry said, "fat chance I'd miss it! You'll have every tootler in them. Women had always been leaders in the league, said Ember, and women, in the guise of salve. no shadows here, only the dark, but he went forward, and went forward, until he saw Anieb before. as he folded up his pack.. "Got in?" master again, if you will." drunk by his cold hearth.. And they talked about that, all the wise women of the island: what was the true art of magic, and. "Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There was some sniggering and shushing.. Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; "I doubt the Doorkeeper would defy it lightly," said one of them Irian had not noticed till he spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he looked at her as he spoke. "I am Kurremkarmerruk," he said to her. "As the Master Namer here, I make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?" leaves say is change, change... Everything will change but them." He looked up into the trees. So it proved. Indeed, to Golden's

amazement, Master Hemlock sent back a scrupulous two-fifths of. "No. But we have the things wizardry is made of. Water, stones, trees, words ...". As far as the mind goes. "I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that agreeing on the Way-or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it-is twice the work of building the House. And causes ten times the quarrels. I wish I could get away from it! I wish I could just walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north." But ever the other will be the same..met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not.direction. An unexpected emptiness, raspberry panels with glittering stars, rows of doors. The."There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone.."A col," I answered. I lifted my cup, as if to examine it. This milk had no smell. I did not

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