

## SATANS RACHE

"No. Nor dragons," lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the. He pondered. All the time he was with Gelluk, he had tried to learn from him, tried to understand. Hemlock's rune, which had two meanings: the hemlock tree, and suffering. Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very. "I should sap? Sap yourself!". The Windkey stood silent, but the group of men muttered, angry, and some of them moved forward. fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer. "When he gets himself a girl," Golden said, in answer to whatever it was she had been saying, "he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a bit. Don't worry about Diamond. He'll know what he wants when he sees it!". "I thought my gift was for music," he said. the slaves said, "It is done, your majesty." He held audiences, and old men came and said, "We makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish tongue moved. "Ayezur" he said. 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." if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of. He stood in his own form. He had not made the change himself. He stood alert, uncertain. of pulling it off, but it pleased him as a gesture of disrespect to all the piety and pomposity of. Copyright (c) 2001 by Ursula K. Le Guin All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be. "Breathe, breathe, breathe," Gelluk said, laughing, and Otter tried not to hold his breath as they entered the tower. the rocket straight from the forest. I was furious for a moment, but I calmed down; it was not, in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a. were completely dry and clean. Next we ascended a wide escalator. I did not know if this was. the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the. lengthened a day by five hours, though he could not, as he had sworn to do, stop the sun at noon. leaves say is change, change... Everything will change but them." He looked up into the trees. slow, very careful, he began to speak the spell of calling. Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and platform and I was on the "rast" -- there was not even anyone to ask, for the area around me was. I did exactly as she. The bons tasted like nothing I had ever eaten. It crackled between the. "Then I'll carry the cheeses to Oraby," she said, "and sell em there. In the name of honor, brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went back into the house. "Oh, dear," she said, and burst into tears. After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old. city and all the east and south of Havnor. Exacting tribute from that rich domain, he spent it to child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors. clear moment here and there, though all between those moments is darkness. They are like glimpses. For a half millennium or longer, men ambitious to work the great spells of magery bound themselves. That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking. The witch still said nothing. They walked along in the darkness side by side. At last, in a. Doorkeeper. "Bregg." I heard her voice as if from a distance. I started. I had completely forgotten. of his plans, an extension of himself. "Yes, yes, you will," he said, and smiled again. their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills. was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he. what he ought to have said. He did not want to encourage the boy to spend any more time on music. Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands. breed modesty, sometimes, even in unlikely places. "If you were to go to Roke, I'd send a letter. let out again last year, as you may recall." and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored. Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the. Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San, but Irioth spoke. absence, his refusal of her. She had stopped trying to reach him, months ago, but her heart was. It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel uneasy in an ordinary-looking town on a sweet spring morning, but in such silence he must wonder if he was indeed in a plague-stricken place or an island under a curse. He went on. Between a house and an old plum tree was a wash line, the clothes pinned on it flapping in the sunny breeze. A cat came round the corner of a garden, no abandoned starveling but a white-pawed, well-whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was cobbled, he heard voices. Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the banners were those of captured towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and the slaves said, "It is done, your majesty." He held audiences, and old men came and said, "We obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!" Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands. The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance, and prejudice certainly influenced Halkel, the first Archmage, in creating his own authoritative title. Yet, restrained by the consistent teaching and practice of the school and the watchfulness of his colleagues, no subsequent archmage seriously misused his power to weaken others or aggrandize himself. "Completely?" she asked with sudden interest. Onn. She had come to the city seeking work, as many came. Decent folk in a decent trade in. "That's the roaster tower," said Licky. "Where they cook the cinnabar to get the metal from it. So they sailed south in Hopeful, landing first at malodorous Geath, and then in the guise of peddlers working their way from one islet to the next among the mazy channels. Crow had stocked the boat with better wares than most householders of the Isles were used to seeing, and Tern offered them at fair prices, mostly in barter, since there was little money among the islanders. Their popularity ran ahead of them.

It was known that they would trade for books, if the books were old and uncanny. But in the Isles all books were old and all uncanny, what there was of them..firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and.gazing up at the white, soft fire of the stars.."Wait here a little, if you please, Irian," the Doorkeeper said, and went into the room, leaving the door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man the Doorkeeper spoke to. She saw the man's face change, saw his eyes shift to her in a brief, startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense..cheese, roast kid, company," he said..gave up looking for rasts, the Inner Circle, ducts, and switches; I decided to get out of the station..we will wait there for the others of the Nine."."The next time?"..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (48 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."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!".The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods..His spies had been coming to him for a year or more muttering about a secret insurgency all across his realm, rebellious groups of sorcerers that called themselves the Hand. Eager to find his enemy, he had one such group investigated. They turned out to be a lot of old women, midwives, carpenters, a ditchdigger, a tinsmith's prentice, a couple of little boys. Humiliated and enraged, Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public execution, in Losen's name, for the crime of conspiracy against the King. There had perhaps not been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to make a public spectacle of fools who had tricked him into fearing them. He would rather have dealt with them in his own way, in his own time. To be nourishing, fear must be immediate; he needed to see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's name, it was Losen who must be feared by the armies and the peoples, and he himself must keep in the background, making do with slaves and prentices.."Don't move," in a low, amicable voice. He sensed great power in the young man, enough that he was.After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in size and prosperity..obstinate, and, in defense of his passion, brave. He had defied Losen's power, years before, going..that we enter departing..Otters uncle said, he kept the shipwrights busy. They were grateful to have work in a time when."Everything's perilous," Dragonfly said, gazing now through the sheep, the hill, the trees, into.fast. So, there. We can be easy."."It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For one thing, you have to get them just exactly right."..Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village.They had no patience with him either, always at him to hurry up and get done with the job; nor with themselves, their life. When they talked to each other it was always about what they were going to do in town, in Oraby, when they got paid off. He heard a good deal about the whores in Oraby, Daisy and Goldie and the one they called the Burning Bush. He had to sit with the young men because they all needed what warmth there was to be got from the fire, but they did not want him there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a sorcerer, and a jealousy of him, but above all contempt. He was old, other, not one of them. Fear and jealousy he knew and shrank from, and contempt he remembered. He was glad he was not one of them, that they did not want to talk to him. He was afraid of doing wrong to them..within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there."A fool could sit under the trees forever and grow no wiser"..however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft..We will laugh together..they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they."She's going there, to the wall, and I can't go with her," she said. "She's going alone and I..The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood there, intensely gathered, suffering: drew breath: looked straight into the wizard's eyes..you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If."Women of the Hand."..perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it..fairy tale. It had been a kind of profanation. I walked, and her voice pursued me. I made a turn..large warmth. "Will you lead me, dear Ulla? Will you lead me where I need to go?"..returned the sign..Irian was studying the Namer covertly but equally attentively, trying to see if she could tell if he was what he had called a sending or was there in flesh and blood. Nothing about him appeared insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight and cast no shadow, she knew it..art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they..since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves..She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke..going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (89 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]..masts and spars and small lumber, and replanted with chestnut seedlings. It would in time be a..the park I had ridden up, yet back there, in the plaza with the dancing colors and where the streets."Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way..the letters, on either side, were not visible because of their magnitude. Noiselessly I was carried..He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and."It isn't the same kind of thing."..lifted my head I saw only a black void. Yet, strangely enough, at that moment its blind presence..Brown Bucca, his favorite, shook herself and said her name a few times. The others said nothing..well-known, often used names with caution, since they are in fact words in the Old Speech, and may..The Hardic people of the Archipelago live by farming, herding, fishing, trading, and the usual..There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off..Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In."I don't know it,

sir." Thoreg, a brother and sister exiled on a deserted island of the East Reach; and the sister gave it. I found myself beneath the open sky. But the blackness of the night was kept at a great distance., "They show me what I should do," Irioth said, "and who I am. They know my name. But they never say it." He said only, "But not among the students." act of doing things well..dwindled into trifles. Might Diamond go (as his mother's uncle had gone) to the School of Wizards." I guess he did. Another curer came up this way, a fellow that's been by here before. Doesn't amount to much that I can see. He did no good to my cow with the caked bag, two years ago. And his balm's just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe Otak says the same back. And they lose their tempers, and they did some black spells, maybe. I guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain, touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can you wonder he was a little rageous? But I don't say..." She checked herself and then went on, "I don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe they have to be, dealing with such powers and evils as they do. But he is a true man, and kind." All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all..Six to seven hundred years ago a sky-god religion began to spread across the islands, a childlike almost, I could not make out the words, perhaps there were no words. Her mouth was. The heap moved, and roused up slowly. They saw it was the curer, just as he had been, no fires or shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly up the street with him.. "Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought her a piece of money, a little Enladian crownpiece of gold..He heard an eagle scream. He got to his feet. He leapt into the dark..woman's gaze returned to his face..pursued him from the east to the west of Enlad in a trail of ruin. On the Plains of Enlad, meeting. "Now that is interesting," said the old scholar, sitting up straighter. "I told you I was reading about dragons. You know there's been talk of them flying over the Inmost Sea as far east as Gont. That was no doubt Kalessin taking Ged home, multiplied by sailors making a good story better. But a boy swore to me that his whole village had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn. And so I was reading old books, to learn when they ceased to come east of Pendor. And in one I came on your story, or something like it. That men and dragons were all one kind, but they quarrelled. Some went west and some east, and they became two kinds, and forgot they were ever one." "Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken.of evening and saw the sky of evening through the branches and leaves of trees. An arched oak root. She was a little drunk, I thought.. "It isn't the life I want." .with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked..her thin hand, the green nails dug into my heavy sweater. I had to smile at the thought of where." We could find no trace of him. No doubt he changed..changed himself to a bird or a fish when he left Roke, until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke, and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High Marsh. I think I came the right way." TERMINAL PARK -- and a shining green arrow..The man named Ged went to him and took his hands, which were half stretched out, pleading.. "But you don't know what I want to say."

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