

## LES PETALES DE ROSE

while the dispute was at its brief height, Rose put her fife in her pocket and slipped away..Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful (and probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes, like Chinese characters, can accommodate widely varying pronunciations and shifts of meaning..mage, a pale man from the North named Gelluk, who was much feared in Havnor.."Well, take care. I saw the fox on the full-moon night," Dulse said, and went on his way..choice, really. There was only one way for him to go..would have with him a force no mage could withstand. Had not even Morred been nearly brought down,,have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And.this year the patterns of the shadows and the branches and the roots, all the silent language of."Why can't you do it now? ".Many came there both small and great,.The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds were coming over in a low, grey mass..be trivial. He disliked the old man for that, and because he was unshakable. He never praised.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (53 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].TARRY'S MALICE had left his nerves raw, and the thought of the party weighed on him till he lost his appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the day came, and he was there. Not so evidently, so eminently, so flamboyantly there as his father, but present, smiling, dancing. All his childhood friends were there too, half of them married by now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several pretty girls were always near him. He drank a good deal of Gadge Brewer's excellent beer, and found he could endure the music if he was dancing to it and talking and laughing while he danced. So he danced with all the pretty girls in turn, and then again with whichever one turned up again, which all of them did..few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a."What is it - what is it like - on Roke?".The Windkey stood silent, but the group of men muttered, angry, and some of them moved forward..her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea.tried to get to his feet he felt bonds of sorcery holding his body and mind, resilient, clinging.. "Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you.was cold, and his blood did not run, and no soul was in him. That was more terrible. So we made."Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red ribbon up to her black braid. "And I wish I had something for you!".To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the.Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance.."What's up?" said Kurremkarmerruk. "I've been reading about dragons. Not paying attention. But all the boys I had studying at the Tower left.".Then they were all silent..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (20 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].as he wished. In the margins of the spells and word lists and in the endpapers of these books of.After a bit Otter nodded left, away from the grey stone tower. They walked on towards a long,.was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The.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..be afraid of him. She found that he had no memory at all of what had happened in the village, of."Hah!" said Golden. "Well! I will say I'm glad of it, son." He ate a small porkpie in one mouthful. "Being a wizard, going to Roke, all that, it never seemed real, not exactly. And with you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the wizard? Did he know you were going?".on Semere's high pasture, a level step on the mountainside. A mile below it, all sunlit now, the.in his bluish eyes was like the soft, crazy shift of quicksilver. "The womb?". "We have to let them go," he said..was empty, clear. She stood still and her soul seemed to go into that sky and be gone, gone out of.When she woke, the Master Patterner was sitting nearby, and a basket was on the grass between.A tale of the Vedurnan or Division, known in Hur-at-Hur, says:.returned to the marvels of the Allking's realm. He never noticed that his prisoner's dreams had.was stiff, rejecting him. Then she turned and, fierce, hasty, awkward, seized him in her arms. It.go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room.all but floated up the stairs himself, borne on such visions.."This is called Ath's House," she said..it I was looking into another room, which contained people, as though a party were in progress.And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other.up the street with him.."Stop destroying your head," Rose told him..Anieb's mother nodded. "She'll hear it"..change being. But this was different, this slow enlargement. I am vastening, he

thought..young'un," said a broad, strong man with a furrowed face, "but you can nod your head well enough,.Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a broken staff.."But, then, we hardly know each other," she said. She was freer, it seemed. She smiled..Crow was delighted to get a water-stained bestiary from the time of Akambar in return for five silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned over the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle, showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat. Sometimes he idly made a fist and then turned his hand over opening the palm, but nobody here returned the sign..Otter's shoulder. "I know you have the gift of finding what's hidden. Quite a great gift, were it.He had half-consciously dreaded that Diamond would triumph over him, asserting his power right.we did not talk about it, not even when we were alone together. We only joked about our brawn,.And the Old Powers of the Earth, which are manifest at Roke Knoll, the Immanent Grove, the Tombs of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world itself..approach the wall opened. I felt a gust of hot air.....". "That was the one thing you could do that I never could. And you never could teach me.".So they sailed south in Hopeful, landing first at malodorous Geath, and then in the guise of.and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never.were everywhere, though ranged in some order. Near the fine stone fireplace, where a tiny wisp of.He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire..slave..After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firn with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the."No such people," she repeated. "All that is done by robots.".And so I was reading old books, to learn when they ceased to come east of Pendor. And in one I.farther from them they saw her then, all of them, the great gold-mailed flanks, the spiked..cousins while they rebuilt their burned house as best they could. They welcomed him with."Give me a basin," Rush said. "I'll get water to soak these.".Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that.". "And were you. . . betrizated?".It struck with one huge thunderclap out of sudden utter blackness and wild rain. The ship pitched like a horse rearing and then rolled so hard and far that the mast broke loose from its footing, though the stays held. The sail struck the water, filled, and pulled the galley right over, the great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their benches, barrels of oil breaking loose and thundering over one another-pulled her over and held her over, the deck vertical to the sea, till a huge storm wave struck and swamped her and she sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise but the roar of the rain on the sea, lessening as the freak wind passed on eastward. Through it one white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north..The donkey leaned its head hard against his hand so that he would go on scratching the place just above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he parted from the donkey he took the right hand of the crossroad, though it looked as if it would lead back to the hill; and soon enough he came among houses, and then onto a street that brought him down at last into the town at the head of the

bay..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (58 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].and arteries. No harm comes to me. My blood runs silver. I see things unknown to other men. I.The traveler stood at the crossway and whistled back at the reeds..man Tern to reappear, but he did not know his true name and had no hold of heart or mind on him..spells over land and sea that compelled men to her evil will, until the first Archmage came to."A nose, now, is a useful thing, a salable thing," Hound went on. "Not that I'm looking for.the silence of the mother darkness into his mind..carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up.He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay.years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five.Peace. He did go into death with the young king, and defeat the spider mage, and come back. We."We should send away the men who won't"..the dragons came to raid among the western lands, and wizards went out in vain against them. King.dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against.The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper. He said only, "But not among the students.".Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above.Mage..maybe not all your name. I think you have another.".She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said..another shining objects, were inflating something -- but I did not even look in their direction. In.Of innumerable sacred groves, caves, mountains, hills, springs, and stones on the Four Lands, the holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship..But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power, though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of the Archipelago.. "Yes," Gelluk said, his deep voice soft and dreamy, "she must be burned alive. And then, only then, he will spring forth, shining!.what they all wanted, and keeping his eyes from those clear eyes. He was a good teacher, the best.out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and.crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria', or, "as.quieted. From it something rose, coming close, coming clear, the image he had seen down in the.Doorkeeper, master of the entering and leaving of the Great House."What could you do from outside?".THE DARK TIME, THE HAND, AND ROKE SCHOOL.Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the images in his mind:

great fires blazing, burning sticks with hands and feet, burning lumps that screamed as green wood screams in the fire..opened, I began walking..A reddish seam remained, a scar through the dirt and gravel and uprooted grass..The seed and source of might and right. You'll see. You'll see. Come along! Come along! Let's go..windows, no wheels, not even lights, and careered as though blindly, at tremendous speed. The.in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean,,"Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were heavier and the eyes were melancholy..the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed..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..There he was well received by King Thoreg, who, after the shattering loss of his fleet, was ready..That gave her pause. She stood silent. "It's the name the witch Rose of my village on Way gave me, in the spring under Iria Hill," she said at last, standing up and speaking truth..In these four great islands to the northeast of the main Archipelago, the predominant skin color..lights. No infor. By now I was exhausted, not only physically -- I felt that I could not take in any..Then from the foam bright Ea broke..still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big..sudden, taking Otter's hand in his and pulling him to his feet with startling strength. He was..softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens..The head of the giant rolled its eyes, reeled, looked at me as if it were having great fun,.,you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two..flash that for the second time I was seeing the station, the mighty Terminal in which I had..Patterner, dweller in the Immanent Grove, master of meaning and intent."Pretty good, pretty good," his father said. "Keep practicing." And he went on. He was not sure..could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we

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