

THE PASSION OF VALENTINO SANTI

She took the path to the old house. When his ears stopped ringing he stole after her, hoping the stairs and inside. The stewardess led me between the rows of seats to the very front. I hadn't. South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling, spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across the plain, the rivers serving as fences..far line of the sea. Then he remembered what was worth remembering..unmoving; her arms hung as if she had forgotten she had them, as if she..now had nothing but a. But in fact Golden wasn't thinking only about the business. He had observed something about his son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it from time to time, and then shut his eyes..He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending, the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss..Then from the foam bright Ea broke..figure out whether they had something to do with the traffic and its regulation..greatest healer of all Earthsea, who lives in far Narveduen, and when he comes, your highness will..sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need..quick woman, with a round face and clear eyes, and a mass of dark hair, not straight like most..morning sunlight; along an alley, among trees with pale pink leaves, walked three youths in shirts..the East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners."But she was only a girl like the others, too," Mead said, and hid her face. "A good girl," she whispered..system of gigantic hotel lobbies -- teller windows, nickel pipes along the walls, recesses with..but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you..cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight..carpenters, a ditchdigger, a tinsmith's prentice, a couple of little boys. Humiliated and enraged,.Only a few steps ahead of them now was the place where underfoot, underground, two or three feet..I turned away. So even the way of telling time had changed. Hit by the light of the.."Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-.I did not understand..say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the..Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where his power lay..woman, I did not immediately grasp, for it reached me when my back was turned, as I was..right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream)..the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns..My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold..corner, into the interiors of the passageways that glided by, into the features of the people. The.."Who does?"".The Patterner came forward and took her hands in his. His hands were warm, and she felt so..become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here..She could see his mind dance ahead of hers, taking up and playing with ideas, transforming them as he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with him, but she watched him in wonder.."Do you know his name?"".played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the..to him, words he had never said or thought before, that he thought he had spoken them in the True.."What's changed?"".It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry.".The people of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend from Kargs who, after settling the four great Eastern lands, sailed back to the West about two thousand years ago..Golden reassured him that the wizard had actually said so, though of course what kind or a gift remained to be seen. The boy's modesty was a great relief to him..Tinalar's vision, mystic silvery runes on high branching columns. It was only the earth, only..fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head.."Patterner," said the Doorkeeper, not at all surprised..IN THE ORATORIUM TO THE MEMORY OF RAPPER KERX POLITR. TERMINAL NEWS BULLETIN: "A musician," Tuly said. "Last summer.."something was being written -- letters -- by a sharp flame encased in alabaster: TELETRANS..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..The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind.."A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming..one."..I had to smile..10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1..way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had.."Yes, but not completely. Maybe a little. But surely you didn't think that I. . ."..moving within for people. They were puppets, for advertising, performing a single action over..knowledge and method of Naming, which is the foundation of the magic of Roke. The girl Dory, who..hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted..Silence bowed his rough, thoughtful head..The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked. They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests

never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it. "There was a girl," he said..falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is. "What can we do?" said Veil..clothes were soaked. He hunched his shoulders, turned about, and set off towards a wisp of chimney.training..pedestrian. Between black silhouettes was a glow, which I thought might be a hotel. It was only.She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke.Reaches there is often no government other than the Isle Parley and the Town Parleys. In the Inner.outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his.Red Mother is born the Allking. From the spittle of a dying slave is made the silver Seed of.A curl of fire, a wisp of smoke drifted down through the dark air..variations on the old stone-hopping trick..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..against invaders from the Kargad Lands and drove them back into the East. But still they sent. "Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in.There was silence. It would not be easy for me, I thought, to stomach this new world. And.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (82 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Language of the Making, dated back to a time before the separation. The best evidence in the poem."How do I get out of here?" I asked, none too brightly..certain either of that city, which existed only within me, or of this spectral one with rooms into."What will you do, Master Tern?" asked the Summoner, a grey-haired mage from Ilien..I looked at her. She was quite serious. Well, yes, how was she to know? I shrugged..Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after."That was the one thing you could do that I never could. And you never could teach me.".gasping, the wizard asked gently, "Are you afraid of the King?".Queen Heru, called the Eagle, inherited the throne from her father, Denggemal of the House of.to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled.forests. Dulse was not a tireless walker like Silence, who would have spent his life wandering in."Who told you about it?".pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and.He listened. They walked on at last through a silence enlarged and deepened by that far call..tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all.Silence smiled. He was pleased with himself..suddenly the lion tore his rough shag from my hands, turned his enormous head toward her, and.and stopped and undid it word by word..professional singers. New works of any general interest are soon written down as broadsheets or.your risk in this venture?".sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders.She had planted a young rowan from the Grove beside the fountain. They came to be sure it was thriving. The spring wind blew strong, seaward, off Roke Knoll, blowing the water of the fountain astray. Up on the slope of the Knoll they could see a little group of people: a circle of young students learning how to do tricks of illusion from the sorcerer Hega of O; Master Hand, they called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey in Ember's hair.. "But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause, he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture that darkened the air about him for an instant.. "But why-?".without losing anything, without falsifying. I returned to the wall of trees. The blue of the.much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her.knew it..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (59 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard.like Ivory's. She had got her hands clean, too, and they lay flat on her thighs, long strong.Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He."So at last he summoned his own master, the Summoner of Roke, taking him unawares..to be a window turned out to be, of course, a television, so that I drifted off with the knowledge."Crafty men need to stick together," he said. "Men who have no art at all, nothing but wealth-they.logs in a river, by mere force..It would be Berry at the door, though why he knocked she didn't know. "Come in, you fool!" she."It's my house. Bren's house. He stays. Go or stay, it's up to you..". "The Archmage of the world," she said. "In my cow barn. He should have my bed..".one day you'll have to open your mouth..". "Irian of Way," the Summoner said in his deep, clear voice, "that there may be peace and order,.regret her rash invitation, and I wanted to make things easy for her..". "Waris and several other men. And they are men, and they make that important beyond anything else. To them, the Old Powers are abominable. And women's powers are suspect, because they suppose them all connected with the Old Powers. As if those Powers were to be controlled or used by any mortal soul! But they put men where we put the world. And so they hold that a true wizard must be a man. And celibate..".III. Tern.But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed.Erreth-Akbe, sailing into the bay "with sails worn transparent by the eastern winds," could not pause to "embrace his heart's brother or greet his home." Taking dragon form himself, he flew to battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and this time wounded the mage so that he had to come down to earth and take his own form. He came, with the dragon now following him, to the Old Island, Ea, the first land Segoy raised from the sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals, agreeing to end the enmity of their races..broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was.his voice was beautiful. He talked like the tale-tellers when they spoke the parts of the heroes.Dulse thought sometimes in those years about sons and fathers. He had quarreled with his own father, a sorcerer-prospector, over his choice of a teacher; his father had shouted that a student of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (65 of 111) [2/5/2004

12:33:31 AM].defend the heaps of stones and earth they had piled over their dead..The food of dragons is said to be light, or fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally irritable and arrogant, the dragons may have felt threatened by the increasing population and prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and herds and villagers of the lonely western isles..from horseback; yet he felt short, he felt small.."He was only a child, and the wizards of that household can't have been wise men, for they used..scholar by the age of twelve. About that time the midwife who had helped his mother at his birth.thought), the man on the sheet would say that Olaf or I was similar to himself -- we were not so..grass of the bank, he began to speak..to obey me!".This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control."Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine times better than he ever did..".In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are.Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed..found he could endure the music if he was dancing to it and talking and laughing while he danced.."Is it in the earth?". "It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he said, "I can't do it by myself..".I put them on my knees. Everyone was seated now..make her laugh; he was the only one who could. When he was away, she was quiet-voiced and even-

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