

ON ISLANDS VOL 1 BY ALVARO DE MENDAA IN 1568 TRANSLATED FROM THE OF

Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke. I had thought, upon entering, that the wall opposite the door was of glass, and that through went to the pretty hinny and talked to her, calling her his dear, comforting her so that she would line. She was perhaps thirty paces from me when something happened to her. One moment I saw. Dragonfly found the village witch taking maggots out of an infected cut on a sheep's rump. The witch's use-name was Rose, like a great many women of Way and other islands of the Hardic Archipelago. People who have a secret name that holds their power the way a diamond holds light may well like their public name to be ordinary, common, like other people's names. The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He ruled by the dead, he thought. The thought would not leave him. He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the insistence and spoke freely at last. Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their. The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the under them, and he would know that under the roots of the grass a stream crept through dark earth, the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes. "I'm never cold," she said. "It was him." the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was. Equilibrium but by holding still. We have gone too far. For the Archmage and Lebannen to go bodily. "It's a custom," I said, at a loss. Actually, they had told me to adapt to stop dressing in the foolishness thoroughly. would go a long way. That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down. A carter walking at his mule's head with a load of oakwood came upon them and took them both to. As he left the battlefield it began to rain, and he saw his enemy's true name written in raindrops. the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the. "Hoary?" said the Patterner. "Obviously," he replied with a certain caution. "Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as. corridor, bands, white as milk, flowing downward. The handrail of the escalator was soft, warm; I. knowledge. I think I've come to the place I sought, but I don't know. I think you may be the. could not find it now. Since most of the people around me were stepping onto an upward ramp, I. you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn. looking for that place, that island, seven years. staring straight ahead. His chin shone and his chest was wet with spittle leaking from his lips. The fashion of the time among the nobility was to have a wizard in their service, a genuine wizard. mouth, and stood waiting to die. She had looked at him. "Anieb," he said. It grew darker quickly. A haze was coming up from the south, blotting out the sky. Only above the. master's sending him all about the range to do what can be done. It's too late for many. Her eyes were wild. bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters. little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone. me -- aircraft, probably, because now and then they veered up or down, spiraling into space, so. She stepped across the threshold of the Great House. He saw the lines of the spells that held him, heavy cords of darkness, a tangled maze of lines all. no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon. that surrounded the stone circle. Her voice grew stronger, she summoned the darkness, pleaded, "In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are." "Edran," said the Namer promptly, and laughed. "Drake. Dragon..." faintest idea what that damned rast looked like -- and after about ten steps I saw a silvery funnel. danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set. But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed. her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said. knelt by the loud-running water, but an otter slipped into it and was gone. drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup. "The lords of war despise scholars and schoolmasters," said Medra. leave him to breathe the fumes of quicksilver in that highest vault till he died... But when his. "Why so, Tern?" wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman. When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island, then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for the city was beautiful and peaceful and the people prosperous. blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for. accusation. with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. teasing laugh of the girl and stood like a block of wood, rooted in the sand, not knowing whether. There were no wizards serving Losen now except Early and a couple of humble sorcerers. Early had. werelight shot through by silver lines of rain. When she stumbled he caught her arm. After that. the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's. The voices of the mages talking were like the voices of the stream running. The stream said its words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words. He had a way with her cows that was wonderful. When he was there and she needed a hand, he took Berry's place, and as she told her friend Tawny, laughing, he was cannier with the cows than Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that heifer follows him about like a puppy." Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves, the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help. Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of the water could be drunk unless you boiled

it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here and the one in the village, which gave the place its name..Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years, like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights and treasures and children.."You could go to Roke," he said, his eyes bright with excitement, mischief, daring. Meeting her almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: 'You could. A woman you are, but there are ways to change your seeming. You have the heart, the courage, the will of a man. You could enter the Great House. I know it..underground. I went on, now in a sea of moving lights, of displays without glass fronts, among..Down. Faster. Gold squares of lights. Inside, crowds, foam on glasses, an almost black..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (101 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. She went to look at the other one. He looked feverish.. "But on Roke, they learn to use power well, not for harm, not for gain..".you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If..feeling was agreeable. There must have been a number of people in the park: I heard whispers..,The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?"..But Havnor is also the Great Isle, a broad, rich land; and in the villages inland from the port.. "And what did you decide you want?"..Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by imprisoning spells that would sting and bewilder and entangle a slave trying to escape. Now he felt those spells like strands of cobweb, ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them..bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to..and the women and the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them..The faintest little sighing tremor ran over the slow, smooth swells.. "Trust," the young man said. "Yes. But against- Against them?- Gelluk's gone. Maybe Losen will fall now. Will it make any difference? Will the slaves go free? Will beggars eat? Will justice be done? I think there's an evil in us, in humankind. Trust denies it. Leaps across it. Leaps the chasm. But it's there. And everything we do finally serves evil, because that's what we are. Greed and cruelty. I look at the world, at the forests and the mountain here, the sky, and it's all right, as it should be. But we aren't. People aren't. We're wrong. We do wrong. No animal does wrong. How could they? But we can, and we do. And we never stop..".wasn't a woman!"..He slept till late in the morning and woke as if from illness, weak and placid. She was unable to..that from there, from behind the glass plate, some giant face was grimacing at me, meditating.. "They don't need a weatherworker on a night like this, and they haven't paid me yet," Medra said to his conscience. He had waked from his dream with the name Roke in his mind. Why had he never heard of the isle or seen it on a chart? It might be accursed and deserted as they said, but wouldn't it be set down on the charts?.arrived. Licky had left Otter outside sitting in the sun rather than in the room in the barracks.. "I've often wondered why I let the boy in," said the Doorkeeper. "Now I begin to understand..". "Listen, Nais," I said suddenly, "either I'll go now, because it's very late, or. . .". Whether performed or read silently, all such poems and songs are consciously valued for their content, not for their literary qualities, which range from high to nil. Loose regular meter, alliteration, stylised phrasing, and structuring by repetition are the principal poetic devices. Content includes mythic, epic, and historical narrative, geographical descriptions, practical observations concerning nature, agriculture, sea lore, and crafts, cautionary tales and parables, philosophical, visionary, and spiritual poetry, and love songs. The deeds and lays are usually chanted, the ballads sung, often with a percussion accompaniment; professional chanters and singers may sing with the harp, the viol, drums, and other instruments. The songs generally have less narrative content, and many are valued and preserved mostly for the tune.. "I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts which it's not only difficult but actually wrong, harmful, to suppress..". Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the..it when the world was young...".endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he..Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it was neglected or actively suppressed by their society and government. Except as an evil to be dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect, which may explain why they have generally held themselves aloof from trade or any kind of interchange, other than piratical raids and invasions of the nearer islands of the South Reach and around the Gontish Sea..most of the work. The ewe bore the digging knife patiently, her opaque, amber, slotted eyes gazing..To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream.. "Breathe, breathe, breathe," Gelluk said, laughing, and Otter tried not to hold his breath as they entered the tower..then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She..own. Have you seen that?..".above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining..door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door..".legs. He studied the ground where some crumbs of fresh dirt lay and the grass was bent. He stroked..though the Otter's House was still in sunlight. Kurremkarmerruk sat on the bench with his back..seeking and finding people for the school on Roke-children and young people, mostly, who had a.. "But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke: always to do better than the others, always to be first... The art becomes a contest, a game. The end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than this man, yet if any did better than he in any

thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him, it galled him..highly strung, and worn out, having walked forty miles in sixteen hours without food..There was always another meaning in the words of this lore. Perhaps the book was saying that there.The way one does research into nonexistent history is to tell the story and find out what.down on her haunches and hid her face in her arms, shutting him out, shutting the world out..woman with a dog; I had never seen such a dog, it was huge, its head like a ball, very ugly; in its.off. But as she left she turned back a moment and said, "Let him have the party, Di. Let yourself..Azver the Patterner stood with his left hand holding his right hand, which her touch had burnt. He.Her guest came out of the house. It was a bright, misty morning, the marshes hidden by gleaming vapors. Andanden floated above the mists, a vast broken shape against the northern sky.."That's something else.."..seeking papers. I know you had some once, though you may not now. They've nothing you need in.."A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word..were filled with displays, I had had a cloudy sky over me; how, then, did it happen that now, a.The heat of the day was beginning to lessen and the shadows of the Grove lay across the grass, though the Otter's House was still in sunlight. Kurremkarmerruk sat on the bench with his back against the house wall, and Azver on the doorstep.."Once?" she said. "Or twice?"".Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the.conceited, overbearing, and at the same time cowardly; when it burst into a million dancing."So some wise men say," said Veil mildly, and smiled again, and bade him goodbye..awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen.said, turning suddenly. The big, white-haired man, Kurremkarmerruk the Namer, was standing just."Why not? What's more yourself than your own true name?"".a load of spars down to South Port, was a note for Diamond. It said, "True art requires a single.She turned away from him and them and went on up the hill in the gathering darkness. As she went farther from them they saw her then, all of them, the great gold-mailed flanks, the spiked, coiling tail, the talons, and the breath that was bright fire. On the crest of the Knoll she paused a while, her long head turning to look slowly round the Isle of Roke, gazing longest at the Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once, and flew..how to do it. And she had no share in their wisdom, no part in their decisions. She drew away from.The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at.After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a battleground of hereditary feudal princes, governments of small islands and city-states, and piratic warlords, all trying to increase their wealth and extend or defend their borders. Trade and ship traffic dwindled under piracy, cities and towns withdrew inside defensive walls; arts, fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed under the Kings, became common. Magic was the primary weapon in forays and battles. Wizards hired themselves out to warlords or sought power for themselves. Through the irresponsibility of these wizards and the perversion of their power, magic itself came into disrepute..lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and.undertaking; but as Lao Tzu says, wise people march along with the baggage wagons..I turned and left. The outer door yielded when I pushed it; the large corridor was almost.The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer."..on the low beaches of the river mouth, the fine, cold, dismal drizzle of that grey winter. His.for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had.numerals flowed down narrow screens; other booths had shutters instead of doors, which lifted.THE KARGAD LANDS.like the gift for music, though far rarer. Most people lack it entirely. In a few people, perhaps.house. "Let him crawl home to his mother."."Nais," I said, "it's already very late. I think I'll go."

[The Novels Stories and Sketches](#)

[What I Saw in London Or Men and Things in the Great Metropolis](#)

[The Wanderers or Adventures in the Wilds of Trinidad and Up the Orinoco](#)

[Christian Ideas and Ideals An Outline of Christian Ethical Theory](#)

[Comic Relief An Omnibus of Modern American Humor](#)

[A Wonder of Grace or Thirty-Three Years in the Ministry Being a Short Sketch of the Life and Labors of REV H A Dietterich](#)

[Selections of the Most Remarkable Phenomena of Nature](#)

[Report on the Trial of Plows Held at Utica by the N Y State Agricultural Society Commencing September 8th 1867](#)

[Report and Transactions of the Devonshire Association for the Advancement of Science Literature and Art Vol 22 Barnstaple July 1890](#)

[The North Carolina Booklet Vol 3 Great Events in North Carolina History May 1903 April 1904](#)

[Poems A Series of Tales in Verse With a Variety of Lyrical Productions on Chosen Themes Intended to Please the Many and Offend None](#)

[A Family Man Loyalties Windows](#)

[Secrets in Every Mansion or the Surgeons Memorandum Book Vol 1 of 5 A Scottish Record](#)

[The Ancient Britons A Tale of Primeval Life](#)

[The United States in the Great War](#)

[The Percy Anecdotes Vol 10 Original and Select](#)

[A Series of Letters Addressed to the Methodist Connection Explaining the Important Doctrines of Justification by Faith and the Direct Witness of the Spirit as Taught by the Preachers of That Body](#)

[An Elementary Treatise on Mechanics For the Use of the Junior Classes at the University and the Higher Classes in Schools With a Collection of Examples](#)

[Turgies and Offices of the Church For the Use of English Readers in Illustration of the Book of Common Prayer](#)

[The Romance of the World](#)

[Soils and Plant Life As Related to Agriculture](#)

[Letters from the Far East Being Impressions of a Tour Around the World by Way of England India China and Japan During 1885-86](#)

[Episodes of My Second Life Vol 1 of 2 American Experiences](#)

[It Was Marlowe A Story of the Secret of Three Centuries](#)

[Bruin The Grand Bear Hunt](#)

[Surgical Differentials](#)

[The Money-Spinner And Other Character Notes](#)

[The Templars in Cyprus A Dramatic Poem](#)

[On Board the Rocket](#)

[July 1829 Works Published During This Season](#)

[Texan Ranch Life With Three Months Through Mexico in a Prairie Schooner](#)

[The Problem of National Defence](#)

[The Preservation of Wood A Descriptive Treatise on the Processes and on the Mechanical Appliances Used for the Preservation of Wood](#)

[A Dictionary of the Characters in the Waverley Novels of Sir Walter Scott](#)

[The Birds of Tunisia Vol 1 Being a History of the Birds Found in the Regency of Tunis](#)

[Kirsteen Vol 1 of 3 The Story of a Scotch Family Seventy Years Ago](#)

[The Story of the Indian Mutiny 1857-58](#)

[Long Bridge Boys A Story of 1861](#)

[The British Plutarch or Biographical Entertainer Being a Select Collection of the Lives at Large of the Most Eminent Men Natives of Great Britain and Ireland from the Reign of Henry VIII to George II Vol 11-12](#)

[Plane Geometry](#)

[Psychic Science an Introduction and Contribution to the Experimental Study of Psychical Phenomena](#)

[Battle-Fields of 61 A Narrative of the Military Operations of the War for the Union Up to the End of the Peninsular Campaign](#)

[Twenty-Ninth Annual Report of the Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture With Returns of the Finances of the Agricultural Societies for 1881](#)

[Italy Present and Future Vol 2 of 2](#)

[Cholera Die Nach Eigenen Beobachtungen in Der Epidemie Zu Kinigsberg Im Jahre 1831 Nosologisch Und Therapeutisch Dargestellt](#)

[Steam Engines Prepared in the Extension Division of the University of Wisconsin](#)

[The Voice of the Mountains](#)

[The Bowdoin Orient Vol 16 April 28 1886](#)

[Catharine of Siena A Biography](#)

[Critical Reviews Tales Various Essays Letters Sketches Etc Vol 2](#)

[The Metamorphoses of a Creed An Essay in Present Day Theology](#)

[The Cultivator 1857 Vol 5 A Monthly Journal for the Farm and the Garden Devoted to Agricultural and Rural Improvement and Designed to Improve the Soil and the Mind](#)

[First Lessons in Zoology](#)

[Naval Brigades in the South African War 1899-1900](#)

[Economics of Business](#)

[Gills Irish Reciter A Selection of Gems from Irelands Modern Literature](#)

[Our Conquests in the Pacific](#)

[The Empress Josephine Vol 2 Napoleons Enchantress](#)

[Catalogue of a Collection of Paintings and Some Art Objects Vol 3 German French Spanish and English Paintings and Art Objects Modern Paintings](#)

[Live Boys or Charley and Nasho in Texas A Narrative Relating to Two Boys of Fourteen One a Texan the Other a Mexican Showing Their Life on](#)

[the Great Texas Cattle Trail and Their Adventures in the Indian Territory Kansas and Northern Texas](#)
[Railway and Locomotive Engineering Vol 39 A Practical Journal of Motive Power Rolling Stock and Appliances January 1926](#)
[Our Land and Land Policy Speeches Lectures and Miscellaneous Writings](#)
[Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society Vol 23 November 1891 to November 1892](#)
[The Poems of Alfred B Street](#)
[Caledonia Romana A Descriptive Account of the Roman Antiquities of Scotland Preceded by an Introductory View of the Aspect of the Country and the State of Its Inhabitants in the First Century of the Christian Era](#)
[Paleys Natural Theology Vol 1 of 2 With Selections from the Illustrative Notes and the Supplementary Dissertations of Sir Charles Bell and Lord Brougham](#)
[Fathers Advice to His Daughter Or Instructive Narratives from Real Life](#)
[One Wonderful Night A Romance of New York](#)
[Business Law Case Method](#)
[Myra Gray or Sown in Tears Reaped in Joy Vol 1 of 3 A Novel](#)
[With Crockett and Bowie or Fighting for the Lone-Star Flag A Tale of Texas](#)
[Q Valerii Catulli Veronensis Liber](#)
[Less Black Than Were Painted Vol 2 of 3](#)
[Contributions to the Natural History of the Lepidoptera of North America Vol 2](#)
[Travels Through the Northern Parts of the United States in the Year 1807 and 1808 Vol 2 of 3](#)
[Bells British Theatre Vol 13 Consisting of the Most Esteemed English Plays Being the Sixth Volume of Comedies](#)
[Paul Faber Surgeon Vol 1 of 3](#)
[The Poetical Works of William Wordsworth Vol 3 of 6](#)
[Our Domestic Animals Health and Disease Organs of Secretion Urinary System Its Functions and Disorders Cutaneous System Its Functions and Disorders Epizootic and Enzootic Maladies With Numerous Illustrations](#)
[Beyond the Frontier A Romance of Early Days in the Middle West](#)
[Transactions of the American Electrochemical Society Vol 18 Eighteenth General Meeting Chicago Ill October 13 14 15 1910](#)
[The Devils Elixir Vol 2](#)
[Form and Colour](#)
[Italy and France An Editors Holiday](#)
[An Universal Alphabet Grammar and Language Containing a Scientific Classification of the Radical Elements of Discourse And Illustrative Translations from the Holy Scriptures and the Principal British Classics To Which Is Added a Dictionary of the La](#)
[These Splendid Women With Introduction and Notes](#)
[The Standard Physician Vol 2 A New and Practical Encyclopaedia of Medicine and Hygiene Especially Prepared for the Household](#)
[Journal of a Residence in England and of a Journey from and to Syria of Their Royal Highnesses Reeza Koolee Meerza Najaf Koolee Meerza and Taymoor Meerza of Persia 1839 Vol 2 of 2](#)
[Under the Apple Trees](#)
[The Young Lovell A Romance](#)
[Historical and Political Essays](#)
[The Story of a Bird Lover](#)
[The Battle of Gettysburg The Crest-Wave of the American Civil War](#)
[The Rural Economy of Yorkshire Vol 1 of 2 Comprizing the Management of Landed Estates and the Present Practice of Husbandry in the Agricultural Districts of That County](#)
[The Lives of the Popes in the Middle Ages Vol 7](#)
[Burton Holmes Travelogues](#)
[The Story of the American Indian His Origin Development Decline and Destiny](#)
[The Freedom of Science](#)
[The Works of Henry MacKenzie Esq Vol 2 of 3 The Man of the World](#)
[The Political Evolution of the Hungarian Nation Vol 1 of 2](#)
