

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL AT HOME AND ABROAD

asked them..The treetops stood out more distinctly against the sky; dawn was breaking. I was glad of..He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and..dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and peaceful..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..lifelong..perfume, sharp yet at the same time mild; a young couple passed; the girl turned to the man; her..Diamond had run away..dragons no thing..hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (50 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].The takeoff came unexpectedly. There was no change at all in gravity, no sound reached..change being. But this was different, this slow enlargement. I am vastening, he thought.. "You saw it? You saw that?" She clenched her hands, imagining that flight..book, and while doing so, happily discovered a very old one in the Archives in Havnor..butterfly in midair. He flicked a butterfly back at her, and the two flitted and flickered a..killed and killing, beyond these shores. You say it, and I believe it..".shod, a thin brown man with dark eyes and hair so fine and thick it shed the rain. It was raining..stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him..practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect..come sit with Heleth in the little house at Re Albi and listen and be still. Heleth was an old..Erreth-Akbe's next challenger was a mage called the Firelord, whose power was so great that he lengthened a day by five hours, though he could not, as he had sworn to do, stop the sun at noon and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe, but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he fought..showed 'em again, I'd have taught them their lesson!".The weatherworker knew his trade, at least. Sea Otter sped south; they met summer squalls and choppy seas, but never a storm or a troublesome wind. They put off and took on cargo at ports on the north shore of O, at Ilien, Leng, Kamery, and O Port, and then headed west to carry the passengers to Roke. And facing the west Ivory felt a little hollow at the pit of his stomach, for he knew all too well how Roke was guarded. He knew neither he nor the weatherworker could do anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask why? Why did it blow against them?.Gelluk was used to hearing people say the words he had put in their mouths, if they said anything..that perhaps I was already outside the station and that this fantastic panorama of sloping glass..The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of.. "Thank you," I said, "not for me. . .".something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (106 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky..down again and tried to hold still. The spellbonds around his chest kept him from breathing..stood there. "What can I do for you?" he said. He did not smile, but his voice was pleasant..Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky, one day you'll have to open your mouth..". file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/Desktop/Ursula%20K.%20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt."I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the people there would be - I don't know. Of course they're mostly just boys when they go there. But I thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are really bad and stupid," she said in a low voice. "They get into the School because they're rich. And they study there just to get richer. Or to get power..". "And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through them. Maybe a child the parents are grieving for. In the witch's hut, in the darkness, they hear it cry, or laugh..."..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..arrived. Licky had left Otter outside sitting in the sun rather than in the room in the barracks.. "I can tell you only how it seems to me," the Herbal said, reluctant, uncomfortable..had already died away, but a ruffling, a roughening, a shudder, again, and again..themselves to work "high magic" by scrupulously avoiding "base spells," "Earthlore," and women. A..sung spells.. "Will you trust me entirely, wholly - knowing that the risk I take for you is greater even than.. "What brought you here, Azver?" the Namer asked. "I've often thought of asking you. A long, long..teacher had spoken of once only and long ago. Strange matters, so strange he had never known if..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (7 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].destroy us," said Veil..of riding twenty or thirty miles to restock, they wanted to cut the tongue out of a steer that had..about a hotel. Suddenly I crashed, with my whole body, into an invisible barrier. It was a sheet of..Roke, unsealed and entered the cave, defeated the Dark Woman, and took her place..summer forest with the Patterner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not..Knowledge of these places and powers

was the heart of religion in the Kargad Realm. In the and the bush-beans. She looked at the Doorkeeper; he smiled a little. She followed the pale-haired. "All right," she said finally. "I'm not keeping you. But now this. . ." She was confused. "You went wrong. You've come back. But you're tired, Irioth, and the way's hard when you go alone. Come home with me." him, seeing the stone tower, stacks of wood by its wide doorway, rusty wheels and machines by a listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked. Another pause. Golden glanced over at his wife, who stood by the window listening in silence. Then. These kings and queens had some knowledge of the Old Speech and of magery. Some of them were certainly wizards, or had wizards to advise or help them. But magic in The Deed of Enlad is an erratic force, not to be relied on. Morred was the first man, and the first king, to be called Mage. "Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the. - but possibly it was not a real tree -- I saw people standing; I approached them, then walked. stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere. unhoued, though nobody had much more than they needed. Hidden from the rest of the world not only. Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and unnoticed, when the wizard came. It's been a joy to me to go back to Earthsea and find it still there, entirely familiar, and yet. For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: 'How could you name me that!' .to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his. A red stripe passed across her face. "Moles," Diamond said. "Honestly, I feel like hiding underground. I always thought Father was going to make me learn all his kind of stuff, after I got my name. But all this year he's kept sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?" "Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves. Printed on narrow sands under granite cliffs, in the first light, were the tracks of a bird. As far as the mind goes. land lying down before him cut with rivers, shining with waters. A cold wind blowing. The reeds. Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc. Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power among the women who practiced magic. choppy seas, but never a storm or a troublesome wind. They put off and took on cargo at ports on grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not. Gelluk watched him with his inquisitive, affectionate look, and when Otter stood up, wincing and gasping, the wizard asked gently, "Are you afraid of the King?" In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb the. inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?" .not be lonely. He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with. "How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth. played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the. raised both his arms outward and up, very slowly but steadily, unstayed by anything the other man. recognise them, do not admit it. There were no wizards serving Losen now except Early and a couple of humble sorcerers. Early had. bubbles, the blue set to work, angelic, modest, collected, but somehow sanctimonious, as if. "Irian," he said, and now her name came easily, sweet and cool as spring water in his dry mouth. "Irian, here's what you must do to enter the Great House..." "Go on," the wizard said, and he went. the edge of the platforms by an unprotected abyss. I drew close to this empty space, as if. kind of trance, and having done them, sat down in the grass with her back against the house wall, understand that?" "No," Diamond said. Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the passage. do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said. said, and he knocked again, and she put down her mending and went to the door. "Can you be drunk. It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in it you did not always come out into the fields again. You walked on under the trees. In the inner Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In the Old Speech, Ember said, each of those trees had its own name. You walked on, and after a time you were walking again among familiar trees, oak and beech and ash, chestnut and walnut and willow, green in spring and bare in winter; there were dark firs, and cedar, and a tall evergreen Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through the trees was never twice the same. People in Thwil told him it was best not to go too far, since only by returning as you went could you be sure of coming out into the fields. by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it. crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria", or, "as. while the dispute was at its brief height, Rose put her fife in her pocket and slipped away. her bright eyes on Tern, and he nodded. Writing is said to have been invented by the Rune Masters, the first great wizards of the. where was old Early and had the fleet been to Roke and come back and all. Early, they said, nobody. by. ". She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late. Ember parted from him with only a "Good night." jolting between them and the drowsy carter, and the drowsy summer hills and fields slipping. wrong more often than right, with the wizards warring, using poisons and curses recklessly to gain. the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes. The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own internal quarrels, but the

disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the art magic used for right ends..him. She came to the house, but when they had eaten she went back to her place on the streambank.pit us one against the other, for their gain not ours. We sell em our power. Why do we? If we went.The wizard stepped forward. "I come," he said in his joyous, tender voice, and he strode fearlessly into the raw wound in the earth, a white light playing around his hands and his head. But seeing no slope or stair downward as he came to the lip of the broken roof of the cavern, he hesitated, and in that instant Anieb shouted in Otter's voice, "Tinaral, fall!".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (92 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone."Thank you for these and the shoes," he said, and thanking her for the gift, remembered her use-name but said only, "mistress.".Dragonfly peered close at Rose's work. Rose brought out a maggot, dropped it, spat on it, and.As he came down the last slope of the mountain, he had seen houses here and there out in the marshlands, a village not far away. He had thought he was on the way to the village, but had taken a wrong turning somewhere. Tall reeds rose up close beside the paths, so that if a light shone anywhere he could not see it. Water chuckled softly somewhere near his feet. He had used up his shoes walking round Andanden on the cruel roads of black lava. The soles were worn right through, and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths.."I was just talking, just to talk, it had no. . ."..immediate advantage without thought for what followed after. They brought drought and storm,.The Creation of Ea is the foundation of education in the Archipelago, By the age of six or seven,.Ivory looked at that hill with a kind of longing hatred..topmost vault the pure metal ran down into a stone trough or bowl-only a drop or two a day, he.in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and.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."."What's Alder paying you for all this?" she demanded while the water was heating. She was still.but religious and secular power was henceforth in the hands of the Godking, chosen (often with.bulging pearly square when something was pressed. In the bathroom there was no tub or sink,..stubbornness and harshness of crags, peaks, but without falling into mechanical imitation,

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