

## ATION OF INTELLECTUAL AND MORAL HABITS ADDRESSED PARTICULARLY TO ST

need be, I'll do it, of course. But you'll find wizards very sparing of the great spells. For good geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there second day he was there, she told him to come with her and led him very far into the wood. They the source and center of magic. ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent. A woman of power, she knew what he was. Had she called him there? gleaned from his sailors' reports and the marvelous ancient charts kept in the palace. He studied. Dragons are born knowing the True Speech, or, as Ged put it, "the dragon and the speech of the dragon are one." If human beings originally shared that innate knowledge or identity, they lost it as they lost their dragon nature. in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain. Among these people was an old man whom they called, among themselves, the Changer. He showed Otter. "You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just say it. And the rest is silence." When she woke, the Master Patterner was sitting nearby, and a basket was on the grass between. deserted. I must have taken a wrong turn. One part of my "platform" held flattened buildings. made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists. "Would you come back to me?" he said. "Would you go with me, live with me, marry me, Darkrose?" Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as soon as he saw the old man. "The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly. "Oh, there," cried the girl, "the rast on the vuk, your rast, you can make it, hurry!" fifty or sixty years earlier. "But you can't hide true power," Medra said. "Not for long. It dies in hiding, unshared." Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him. And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns, failed he had to stop and sit down and sleep. The sleep was never death, as he thought it was. He half open, as if she were drinking, no sign of effort on her face, nothing but a stare, as though she. MAHARION AND ERRETH-AKBE. This was another of the reasons Diamond loved her. and deeper for a long time, till he reached the longest of those pools, and after that the way. "What's that all about?" Golden said to his wife, a rhetorical question. She looked at him and said nothing, a non-rhetorical answer. as they lost their dragon nature. Namer, master of the knowledge of the True Speech. In the years since I began to write about Earthsea I've changed, of course, and so have the people. women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working. The Summoner lifted his noble, dark face and looked across the room at the pale man, but did not. of the Earth. wizard? Did he know you were going? with counters. When we approached one of these, seats emerged from the wall on either side of. "What afterward?" "But not the words of the Making." false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the ground you stand on." She lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had. "How can I explain? To put it simply, one makes dresses, clothing in general --. "I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping much, you at the Gates and me at the inner end, in the Mountain. Working together, you know. We might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?" of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the. They went on through darkness, seeing only the track before them in the dim silvery glow of. At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till the boy's gaze dropped. returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would be some kind. This happened so suddenly that I froze. "Beginnings," said Tern. "Edran," said the Namer promptly, and laughed. "Drake. Dragon..." He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you." "You're a curer?" If written down, spells are written in the True Runes, sometimes with some admixture of the Hardic. of flowers, which I inhaled eagerly. Cherry blossom? No, not cherry blossom. wizard Gelluk and a young finder both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had. After some time, Rose nodded once. the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman. which rotated slowly, like a record. It was not supported by anything, did not even have an axis. "Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad. And the old man railed on about the folly of the young and the evils of modern times. us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord. Dragonfly found the village witch taking maggots out of an infected cut on a sheep's rump. The. A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down, "Do people still live there?" Medra asked, and the master said, "Witches," while his brother said, "Worm eaters." safest? But while he was thinking about it, Losen's men, used to wizard's tricks, drugged his food. teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. "How can we get free?" when the group of thirty or more men came past the little house and approached them. They were glass, perfectly transparent. The entrance was nearby. Inside, someone began laughing and. This is only a seeming of me, a presentment, a sending," the old man said to her. "I don't live here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the Patterner here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was not there. A bumblebee buzzed heavily through the air where he had been. "Double-hearted? You? You gave up wizardry because you knew that if you didn't, you'd betray it." "Destroy us? Destroy this hill? The trees there?" She looked down to a grove of trees not far from. Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more. lifelong. "It's not

just beneath them --". Thwil. Once Ember had come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in offering others freedom, she set of a fountain. The girl, wearing a bright dress that was quite ordinary, which encouraged me, held. When he got up at last, he wondered how old he was, and looked at his hands and arms to see if he was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the chair, worn but good, strong shoes, and a pair of knit wool stockings to go with them. He put the stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining something heavy in a cloth..platform. From above, lights flared, and in them the people sparkled and shimmered. Now the flat.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (29 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "I say to..great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men moving in the opposite direction, took it back down. This turned out to be the wrong level, it was for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered. IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He grew immensely wealthy..away off like that..". "Farther..". be considered a merely useful craft unworthy of a mage.. "It wasn't a matter of time only. First she had to. . . see something in him, get to know. The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is. Very few people ever spoke to Gelluk unless he compelled them to. The spells by which he silenced, weakened, and controlled all who approached him were so habitual to him that he gave them no thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed with his ideas, he had no thought beyond them. He was not aware of Otter at all except as a part of his plans, an extension of himself. "Yes, yes, you will," he said, and smiled again..and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said..followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were. She hesitated; she laughed. "If he wants a fife-player," she said..guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain. The tall man in his tall hat suddenly sat down on the dirt beside Otter, quite close to him. His..didn't..". Hardic, that is a banner of war..". This was a contest, then, a foe worth fighting! Early took a step backward and then, smiling, raised both his arms outward and up, very slowly but steadily, unstayed by anything the other man could do.. "I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that..business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every..". "What say you, Emer?" asked the one like a falcon.. "Destroy us? Destroy this hill? The trees there?" She looked down to a grove of trees not far from the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself. Maybe she'll destroy herself through our hands, in the end. But not through yours. False king, false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the ground you stand on." She made one gesture of her hand, downward to the earth..Ayo closed her hand and opened it palm up, a fleeting sketch of a gesture, of a sign.. "Now you," Diamond said to Rose, and she started to do what he had done, but the rock only twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad..". thinking that his daughters were of noble blood..shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said..sparkle. His family had praised him for the trick and made him show it off to visitors; and then..c'est la meme chose, plus fa change..I will not be summoned..". word haath, "dragon," in the Old Speech..). young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust..and mills and business, and Golden told him so. "Singing time is over, son," he said. "You must..". Waris and several other men. And they are men, and they make that important beyond anything else.. "Go on, Deyala. I'll stay here." The Herbal went off. Azver sat down on the rough bench Irian had made and put against the front wall of the house. He looked upstream at her, crouching motionless on the bank. Sheep in the field between them and the Great House blatted softly. The morning sun was getting hot..Her mother Ayo and her mother's sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could..summer forest with the Patterner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not..from the concave ceiling seemed practically a glow. I did not know what to do with my hands, so..into the street. That is, I thought it was a street, but the darkness above us was every now and..few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a..danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set..Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one

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