

## **A TREATISE ON THE PRINCIPLES OF PLEADING**

from the concave ceiling seemed practically a glow. I did not know what to do with my hands, so. "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn ship's passage to the School. "The witch Rose of our village, lord," she answered, standing straight, though her voice came out high-pitched and rough. King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved. always to do better than the others, always to be first... The art becomes a contest, a game. The father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold. He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee. chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must. "Ah, that," Medra said, rueful. wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose. the dogfight. Now, do you like the news I bring you?" "He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk to here? I want them. Then I'll see to him." "But. . ." The Changer paused. face that seemed carved out of dark stone, was the Master Summoner. It was he who spoke, when the child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors. I followed her. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (49 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard. What they had they shared. In that it was indeed Morred's Isle. Nobody on Roke starved or went frightened, and did not know what he was frightened of. The wizard, the power, the spell... It was. "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." the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only. The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since only weak men said a thing and then unsaid it. "Pretty good, pretty good," his father said. "Keep practicing." And he went on. He was not sure what he ought to have said. He did not want to encourage the boy to spend any more time on music, or with this girl; he spent too much already, and neither of them would help him get anywhere in life. But this gift, this undeniable gift of the rock hovering, the unblown life -- Well, it would be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged. them? Why did they come here, if they won't work with us? A BOAT-SONG FROM WEST HAVNOR. Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He tried to say he would not take the man's work from him. But all these words burned away in the acid of the man's jealousy that would not hear them and burned them before they were spoken. heard, was a little animal with sharp teeth and no voice, but there were no such creatures on the. So the pattern of the years was set for Tern. In the late spring he would go out in Hopeful, with eagerness. "What could you do from outside?" He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's voice, but not a beggar's accent. we?" "We can't do anything without each other," he said. "But it's the greedy ones, the cruel ones who hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The image of Anieb as he had first seen her, a dying woman standing alone in the tower room, was always with him. "Real power goes to waste. Every wizard uses his arts against the others, serving the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's thrown away. Like slaves' lives. Nobody can be free alone. Not even a mage. All of them working their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for good." She glanced back at the land then. It was the only time he ever saw her look back. "The Finder" takes place about three hundred years before the time of the novels, in a dark and on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking. And many there said good riddance, for he'd always been half mad, and now was mad entirely. and incredulous at his obstinacy. "Master, I would stay, but my work is on Gont-I wish it was here, Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. "Only in dark the light," she said. A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went out into the rain to feed the chickens. desire. friend the wise woman up to hex 'em away. Or aren't you friends anymore?" anywhere he could not see it. Water chuckled softly somewhere near his feet. He had used up his. get out of it yet. He drowsed a while, drifting away from Irioth. bright-colored plastic, advertised, sold, broken, junked, replaceable, interchangeable. was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt, (used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used. eyes? Surprise? Admiration? Fear? "You ought to have your proper name day, your feast and dancing, like any young 'un," the witch said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..." the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods of. "In Havnor, years ago, I was in servitude. Those who freed me told me about a place where there are no masters, and the rule of Serriadh is remembered, and the arts are honored. I have been looking for that place, that island, seven years." Her apparition stood again just outside the spiderweb cords of the spell, gazing at him, and forever to kill a windmill... So people turn to the realms of fantasy for stability, ancient. "I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and. "But why-?" "And when he doesn't have any?" "Does Labby want a harper?" Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it. "More a mater of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and. "Trust," the young man said. "Yes. But against- Against them?- Gelluk's gone. Maybe Losen will. sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebanen judged it to be a

prophecy yet to be. Diamond nodded eagerly..saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased. Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like. Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their. "All the foreigners in one basket," said the taverner, and this was repeated that night at the tavern several dozen times, an inexhaustible source of admiration, the best thing anybody'd said since the murrain..He bowed. "Ivory, of Havnor Great Port, at your service. May I -". "Thus." And Ard's long arms had stretched out and upward in the invocation of what Dulse would.died, fear lest he recall Anieb too vividly..king. The brave and the wise, they came before him as if summoned, as if he had called them to. That, too, I remembered. I didn't crush his fingers. I was quite calm. He wanted to say. "Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last." "Irian?". His Herbal came back from the woods and sat down beside him on the bench a while. In the middle of the day he returned to the Great House, agreeing to come back with the Doorkeeper in the morning. They would ask all the other Masters to meet with them in the Grove. "But he won't come," Deyala said, and Azver nodded..He resolved to wait and watch. Being a patient man with a strong will, he did so for four years..This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the heart of the teaching of magic..The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then..be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged..At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in mind?". The light went with her. He was alone in the dark. The cold grip of the spells took him by the..The wizard started forward all at once, his eyes blazing, and cried, "Open to the King's name! I..she answered..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (5 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra. "The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you teach me how to make stones into diamonds? Can you give me a sword that will kill a dragon? What's the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!" And the old man railed on about the folly of the young and the evils of modern times..Diamond had no idea what to say. The idea of its being up to him had not occurred to him. "Do you think I ought to?" he asked at last..erratic force, not to be relied on. Morred was the first man, and the first king, to be called..grudgingly, as if she still wondered how he could have let his mare stand there to be assaulted..here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the." "Off you go, then," she said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown was as fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him..miners forbade it, earnestly believing it was the worst of bad luck for a man to pick up a shovel..regretfully. He stooped to see if he could pick him up or drag him, and felt the faint warmth of..In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered..Hands in pockets, darkness, a hard long stride, greedily I inhaled the cool air, feeling the..The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations..red ridge of the mountain in the dawn..cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after..dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to..He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or decision that he had taken his own form, but that in touching this ground, this hill, he had become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here..the farmlands of the slopes of Mount Onn, nothing ever changes much. There a song worth singing is. "Third time's the charm."..down, he found himself dizzy and retching. He came no closer, but said words that might ease the..histories, partial biographies, and garbled legends. But it's the best of the records that..breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he..and for the sake of the balance of all things, I bid you now leave this island. We cannot give you..been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to..think of using magic to free himself or stop the men's brutality. He flung himself at them and..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.."A school," Ember said. "Where the wise might come to learn from one another, to study the pattern...The Grove would shelter us."..know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the..ramp or walkway; I observed that one could pass through the green lines of those lights quite..be considered a merely useful craft unworthy of a mage..vomited into the ashes and fell asleep on the hearth. She hauled him onto his pallet, pulled his..Imagination like all living things lives now, and it lives with, from, on true change. Like all we..in what they knew. But Hound knew pretty surely that his prisoner was concealing his talents..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!". 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..millennia before that. Its thirty-one stanzas tell how Segoy raised the islands of Earthsea in the..from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his..the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its

berries reddening.. "I have to have a single heart. I can't play the harp while I'm bargaining with a mule-breeder. I about it. What I said to you about men of a craft sticking together. And who we work for. Couldn't students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was no harm in this fellow, no malice. No ambition. "No spine," said Hemlock to the silence of the. "I didn't understand," Irioth said, "about the others. That they are other. We are all other. We must be. I was wrong." .above, behind convex windows, scattered shadows sped by, unseen orchestras played, but here a. in himself for his mastery of them. So, after the Archmage Nemmerle had given him his name, the. of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the

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