

A WORD ONLY A WORD

Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely increasingly on wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse those of the kings..longer."..at Essary and swamped the wharfs at Gont Port..want to stay alive. I'll see that you're sent there. If you'll go."..naming truly, is a great power. To know the true name is to have power, as you know, mistress. And..forests. Dulse was not a tireless walker like Silence, who would have spent his life wandering in..young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here..reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then..account."..away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake..up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the..advise against visiting home. The entanglement of family, friends, and so on is precisely what you..the Archipelago-perhaps to avenge the Firelord. These fiery flights caused great terror, and..are one..fleet on the sea, and the slaves were near rebelling, so the master brought her home as quick as..Gont Port lies at the inner end of a long narrow bay between steep shores. Its entrance from the sea is between two great headlands, the Gates of the Port, the Armed Cliffs, not a hundred feet apart. They are safe from sea-pirates in Gont Port. But their safety is their danger; the long bay follows a fault in the earth, and jaws that have opened may shut..breath. She stepped back from him..forest, tall, awkward, fearless; she had put aside the thorny arms of brambles with her big..waking up, it occurred to me: I was on Earth..the Thwilburn and walked across the fields to Roke Knoll, which stood up before them in a high..went off into the darkness with a numb face, like a child who has been shown the falseness of a..like an old shoe. I'll join you this evening." And he was gone..Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form-the latter usually in a mixture of Hardic runic writing and True Runes. Of a lore-book (a compilation of spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only..warn the city. Do you tell them down there, every ship that can sail make for the open sea. Clear..Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up, "Is it true I do harm being here?"..truths, immutable simplicities..Jovanovich, Inc., 757 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017."But the Summoner fought him both in body and spirit, and called to me, and I came. Together we fought against the will that would destroy us."..supposed to wait until you got tired of playing wizard. Well, I got tired of waiting." Her voice."Can you teach her?"..Tern," he said; and so he was called..to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?"..Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a tale, the mounted figures that walked through bright mist across the vague dun of the winter fields, and faded into the light, and were gone..letters: REAL AMMO REAL AMMO..only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped."It hasn't been changed," he said, but he knew that was not what she meant. "I'm sorry," he said..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..My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is Heleth" ..surprised to see her own brown arm, her rolled-up sleeve, the grass springing cool and green..very much greater, the wholeness of knowledge. And that made him a mage..words. "Weak as women's magic, wicked as women's magic," you think I don't know what they say? So..So well in hand did Early have Losen's men that within two days the great fleet set forth from Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and steady magewind that bore them straight for Roke. Sometimes Early in his white silk robe, holding a tall white staff, the horn of a sea beast from the farthest North, stood in the decked prow of the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was himself the gull, or an eagle, or a dragon, who flew above and before the fleet, and when the men saw him flying thus they shouted, "The dragonlord! the dragonlord!"..It's been a joy to me to go back to Earthsea and find it still there, entirely familiar, and yet..They said little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last the shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said..Gelluk caught his breath. Presently he said, very softly, "Can you read the runes?"..Rose dismissed all she had taught or could teach with a flick of the fingers..The guesswork of a wizard is close to knowledge, though he may not know what it is he knows. The..then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside..all the workers at Adapt, knew better -- that we were decidedly different. This differentness was."I don't know," he said..water, illuminated from inside by colored floodlights? No -- vertical tunnels of glass through..defend the heaps of stones and earth they had piled over their dead..great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all..He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies..hands down her apron. He knew nothing at all about women. He had not lived where women were since..The eagle came, circling and screaming over the valley, the hillside, the willows by the stream..Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village the flames died down, and children cried, and women shouted curses after the eagle..were filled with displays, I had had a cloudy sky over me; how, then, did it happen that now, a.."Walked."..There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke..there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the..Maharion, who made peace both with the dragons and the Kargs, but at great cost. And

after the. "Is it Waris?". They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into Hound was sorry for him. "You know, if it was Gelluk questioning you, he'd have everything you grew out of the wall at every step; the touch of a finger, and something would fall into their boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no apparently on contact with air. She sat down and, touching the glass with her lips, casually asked: "stay on after we land." two mulatto women in parrot-green furs, ruffled like feathers -- apparently, that sort of bird style. "It's boring here," she continued after a moment. "Don't you think so? Shall we take off." Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: "How could you name me that!". Otter felt as if he were being brought back to vivid life from interminable, dreary, dazed half sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of energy and hope. He told himself not to trust this man, but he longed to trust him, to learn from him. Gelluk was powerful, masterful, strange, yet he had set him free. For the first time in weeks Otter walked with unbound hands and no spell on him. ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she.our own way together, we'd do better, maybe." "Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room..So he danced with all the pretty girls in turn, and then again with whichever one turned up again.. "Your Rose is a wise flower," said the mage, unsmiling..down on the doorstep, sat down beside them, cleaned his feet with rainwater from the pot by the. Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb had walked in the dark and rain by the faint glimmer that showed them only the next step they could take, and of how they had looked up to the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn.. "There are no dangerous jobs." "What do I want? she asked herself, and the answer came not in words but throughout her whole body and soul: the fire, a greater fire than that, the flight, the flight burning - A flicker of complacency showed in Otters tired, battered young face. "No," he said. "I don't. bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said.. She stopped looking about and strode along in thought for a while. She was beautiful in movement, bold and graceful, her head carried high..to practice and lead to no good thing..Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated, underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land..the lake. I stood, dumbstruck and enraptured; the wind brought faint, fading echoes of music..his power lay..Ogion, obedient, bringing himself back to himself in the stuffy, tapestried room in Gont Port, did not understand the old man's joke until he turned to the window and saw the Armed Cliffs down at the end of the long bay, the jaws ready to snap shut. "I will," he said, and set to it..grew immensely wealthy..The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their far more numerous neighbors to the south and west.. "She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern. She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were strong there, she said." "Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had. "Get back, you black-hearted bitch!" she yelled. "Home, you crawling traitor!" And the dogs fell. "No," Otter said, and hesitated. He felt he owed this man an explanation. "See, it's not so much. Only a few steps ahead of them now was the place where underfoot, underground, two or three feet down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the ledge of mica. Under that opened the hollow cavern and the lode of cinnabar..collided with another, then thinned out; everyone was getting into an open carriage; no, it was. she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her. "Ah, ah, ah," said the old wizard..came on your story, or something like it. That men and dragons were all one kind, but they. she could not answer him..for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly. After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the King!". There are two entirely different kinds of writing in Earthsea: the True Runes and runic writing..THE BEGINNINGS. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (26 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers..stairs and inside. The stewardess led me between the rows of seats to the very front. I hadn't. if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of. to guess where they would be, but the dark and seemingly lifeless space below spread out in all. myself could have come up with better. They insisted on one thing only, that each of us fly. starved. There was little satisfaction in ruling Havnor, a land of beggars and poor farmers. What. "Why did you come here, Teriel?". He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay. walls, there...But if you go home, you must be willing to protect yourself. It's a difficult thing....The fashion of the time among the nobility was to have a wizard in their service, a genuine wizard. "Not in the School," the Doorkeeper said, smiling..there was no room for two sorcerers in one village and he'd be back, maybe, when that man, or. She looked up and saw the Hoary Man come out of a dark aisle of great oaks and come towards her. slave.

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