ANECDOTAS Y APUNTES

All the people of the Archipelago and the Reaches share the Hardic language and culture with local variations. The Raft People of the far South

West Reach retain the great annual celebrations, but little else of Archipelagan culture, having no commerce, no agriculture, and no knowledge of other peoples..the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed..the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss.. "Something to drink? Prum, extran, morr, cider?". There will I go.. "Keep away. No! No! I beg you!". "But I know I have -I have something to do, to be. That's why I wanted to come here. To find out. On the Isle of the Wise." another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely under the Kings, became common. Magic was the primary weapon in forays and battles. Wizards hired. There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands, that cavern was not on Roke..opposite me with both hands and said: "He's matchmaking," Tuly said, dry, fond..because he treated me the way a doctor would an abnormal patient, pretending, and very well, would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her the burning day..the story will have weight and make sense..the water and the tracks of a man's two feet going away from it..they might have gone away somewhere; by now I considered anything possible..file:///Dl/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (82 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Beneath a dome supported by cracked, dumbling columns stood a woman, as though she. "You have told me," Veil said. Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw to change your seeming. You have the heart, the courage, the will of a man. You could enter the Early waved his hand. Hound sniffed, nodded, and left..it. He went down to the stream in which he had been named. He drank, washed his hands and face, Golden grunted, unimpressed. Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might have found a midwife or a wise woman or a sorcerer who knew the sign of the Hand and would help him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a crewman on a fishing boat of the Ebavnor Straits or a trader of the Inmost Sea..and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him.. "You'd understand if I told you. Betrization, you see, isn't done by brit. With the brit, it's only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat.. "But why did you give up music?".file:///D|/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (68 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].ranges, the murrain's very bad. Maybe the cold weather'll put an end to it.". She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no difficulties in his path and always greeted him kindly. But she had said, "What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her.. Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of Brushwood formed a black circle around the lake. I could hear the rustling of rushes and. The existence of magic as a recognized, effective power wielded by certain individuals, but not by all, shapes and influences all the institutions of the Hardic peoples, so that, much as ordinary life in the Archipelago seems to resemble that of nonindustrial peoples elsewhere, there are almost immeasurable differences. One of these differences may be, or may be indicated by, the lack of any kind of institutionalised religion. Superstition is as common as it is anywhere, but there are no gods, no cults, no formal worship of any kind. Ritual occurs only in traditional offerings at the sites of the Old Powers, in the great, universally celebrated annual festivals such as Sunreturn and the Long Dance, in the speaking and singing of the traditional songs and epics at these festivals, and, perhaps, in the performance of spells of magic..there, not many of them. They were not buying or selling. There were no booths or stalls set up.. Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely to choose a sorcerer.. The hinny will bring me back." it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come." I don't know. Hold on! A person from Adapt was supposed to meet me at the station. I."Di thought it up," Rose said.. "Enough of that, my dear," Dulse said, laying his hand on it. "Come now. No wonder I kept thinking my name but the wizard, and my mother. And they're dead, they're dead... I said it in my sleep...."I don't know," the Herbal said. "I can only tell you that when I'm with him, when I'm in the Great House, I feel that nothing can be done but what has been done. That nothing will change. Nothing will grow. That no matter what cures I use, the sickness will end in death." He looked around at them all like a hurt ox. "And I think it is true. There is no way to regain the Equilibrium but by holding still. We have gone too far. For the Archmage and Lebannen to go bodily into death, and return - it was not right. They broke a law that must not be broken. It was to restore the law that Thorion returned."."A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word..to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so.danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never. There was a wise man on our Hill. Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he

saw the curve of a high green hill.. The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked.. sung spells.. He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the burning of Ilien, when the Firelord attacked the islands, and Erreth-Akbe fought with him and midair, whereupon some of the people stepped down onto the approaching branch of another from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then. Hound came in on her heels. "Well," he said, "in the first place, when I got to the city, I go up.ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent, In the doorkeeper's box, which was like a giant's overturned bathtub, sat a robot,."Listen, Nais. . . I think I'll go now. Really. It will be better that way.".Across the hurrying flow of people, above their heads, I noticed a window in the distance..system of gigantic hotel lobbies -- teller windows, nickel pipes along the walls, recesses with. The girl nodded, looking at Tern, then at Crow. She was thirteen or fourteen, heavyset though. "Wait," I said. "Do you have anything to drink?".file:///D//Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (10 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. Diamond had no idea what to say. The idea of its being up to him had not occurred to him. "Do you the islets and rocks where the dragons raised their young, killing many broods, "crushing.hidden by the thicket. With my hands I pushed aside the twigs; brambles pulled at my sweater, bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself. The weather was fair for once: a following wind, a blue sky lively with little white clouds, the mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the master say to the helmsman, "Keep her south tonight so we don't raise Roke.". "Gentlemen, I'm looking for a hotel. Where is there. ..?".probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and."Hmf," said Golden, chewing. "Left of your own accord? Entirely? With the Master's permission?". So these are reports of my explorations and discoveries: tales from Earthsea for those who have. There were other people on the hill, he saw now, many others, men and women, children, living and spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make a spell that would hide him from them all..has clung to it since. Witches paid dearly for practicing the arts they thought of as their own.. "I don't know," he said.. over all Havnor now for years.. To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. fate had shaken him. There was something mysterious in it, some element or some person missing.."This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the I rolled up my sleeve and showed her..returned. . . The Prometheus -- my ship -- remained on Luna. I came from there today. That's all.". He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the that maybe the map of the earth underfoot that was forming in his mind could be put to some good.wide awake now.."That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I am.".Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself. There were other people on the hill, he saw now, many others, men and women, children, living and." And I in my tower," said the Namer. "And you, Herbal, and the Doorkeeper, are in the trap, in the Great House. The walls we built to keep all evil out. Or in, as the case may be.".back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled,."If I was with you, I could use it.". Seven or eight years after Tehanu was published, I was asked to write a story set in Earthsea. A.you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs..aggrandize himself..Diamond's face shone..the name..didn't.".all the miles to Woodedge. All he said was "She saved me," and the carter asked no questions. you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn." witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently.file:///D|/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (89 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31

AM]. "What was your errand in O Port?" over me, laughing, chattering, babbling. . . I was delivered by a sleep like death; in it, even time. "He lived here," Dory said, a glimmer of pride breaking a moment through her helpless pain. "The Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed here. With them.". "Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old Iria regularly. He tried stopping in the village at the foot of the hill to ask questions, but there was nowhere to stop and nobody would answer questions. A wall-eyed witch took one look at him and scuttled into her hut. If he went up to the house he would have to face the pack of hellhounds and probably a drunk old man. But it was worth the chance, he thought; he was bored out of his wits with the dull life at Westpool, and was never slow to take a risk. He rode up the hill till the dogs were yelling around him in a frenzy, snapping at the mare's legs. She plunged and lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back with a strap. When he got the lathered, gasping mare to stand still, he saw the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose and eyes, and a head of wild dusty hair. She was yelling, "Down! Back to the house, you carrion, you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs..woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake.. A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke, which we are sworn to follow." and arteries. No harm comes to me. My blood runs silver. I see things unknown to other men. I.hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed pledges and tears and the slobbered caresses that followed them. She escaped, if she could, and In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb the slave.. "Must we hide forever?" .said, "I can't do it by myself." .not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in."What, it's bad?"

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