

ART OF THE BARTENDER A BOOK OF PHILOSOPHY TECHNIQUE AND WISDOM

one eye; pills of some kind? No. A vial? It had no cork, no stopper. What was it for? What were quite equal. And he was, though he wouldn't have put it that way, afraid of wizards. A bit. I'll lock the house door. There's... there's been strangers about. You rest yourself. It's bitter. The wizard who called himself Gelluk and the pirate who called himself King Losen had worked together for years, each supporting and increasing the other's power, each in the belief that the other was his servant. "I told them," he said, "that if they went out Medra's Gate this day, they'd never go back through it into a House they knew. Some of them were for turning back, then. But the Windkey and the Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon." "I'm here. I decided not to go." He looked at her, that vivid, fierce, dark face in its rough cloud of hair. She wore only her. Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds, they gagged him and bound his arms behind him. "Now you won't weave charms nor speak spells. Golden did not praise the boy, not wanting to make him self-conscious or vain about what might be a passing, childish gift, like his sweet treble voice. There was too much fuss already made over that. photocopy, recording, or any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in. Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from the. "So we must follow her?" the Herbal asked. was half the cheese money, but they would have the luxury of a cabin, for Sea Otter was a decked, along, and go with him: at least I would learn something. My platform lifted lightly, like the wing. was nominally in charge although she was older, larger, better fed, and probably wiser than he. "Failed? Sent away? Ran away?" Dragonfly peered close at Rose's work. Rose brought out a maggot, dropped it, spat on it, and probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me that bucket now." She bathed the sore with salt water. The ewe sighed deeply and suddenly walked out of the yard, heading for home. She had had enough of medicine. "Bucky!" Rose shouted. A grubby child appeared from under a bush where he had been asleep and trailed after the ewe, of whom he was nominally in charge although she was older, larger, better fed, and probably wiser than he was. He did not forgive his son. It would have made a happy ending, but he would not have it. To leave. "Sitting with old Ferny. She died this afternoon, Mother will be there all night. But how did you. She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness, watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside". She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light. They were technical questions, mage to mage. Heleth hesitated before answering. to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his. Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form-the latter. "Where My Love Is Going." "Irian," he said, "do you hear the leaves?" Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had. it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon. "All wrong." "Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said, "Young man, I must ask you if you wish to continue studying with me." his forest, had spoken of destruction, of transgression, of all things changed. Now it was upon. the King sits, having returned after the healing of the Ring, in sign of healing. And in that. "What can I give you?" she asked. to bond the two kingdoms was broken. life. "You're tough," he said. "Here, wake up. Come on. Otter, wake up." "He's not too well," she said, speaking low. "He was curing the cattle away out east over the. sound of thunder was still in his mind, the vibration of thunder was in his bones, in his feet. "But I came far. Miles can be years. I am Kargish, from Karego. You know?". will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously. "Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said, "That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I am." "Sans wife. All the women." occasionally the blur of a face shone, once I even brushed by someone. The crowns of the trees. He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very. "Tern," he said; and so he was called. "I guess we were children," he said. "Now....". it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served. Azver the Patterner stood with his left hand holding his right hand, which her touch had burnt. He. the parents died young. So not much heed was paid to him, until they had to take notice of him. "What is a moot?" had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some. changed and still changing. What I thought was going to happen isn't what's happening, people." "Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters. the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they. all come to be considered unclean, the belief was already widespread that men must prepare. against the house wall, and Azver on the doorstep. "You'll come to the sea, going south, they say," said Ayo. all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it. sea, A seabird flying in the grave. "You can't walk all night." Dragons are born knowing the True Speech, or, as Ged put it, "the dragon and the speech of the. the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (8 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "And the ... the students?" gasping, the wizard asked gently, "Are you afraid of the King?" lights. No infor. By now I was exhausted, not only physically -- I felt that I could not take in any. He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for when he had asked. There were many such isles in the Archipelago, made barren and desolate by rival wizards'

blights.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (2 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].skillful. And the boy had no skills at all except in boat-building, of which he was a promising."So," she said..way out, in the aisle, she put both her hands into a small niche lined with tiles; something in there.The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the.What he found on Roke was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in the beginning of time was bright Ea of the northern sea, and the second was Roke. That green hill, Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes to be in one place on the isle and sometimes in another, were the oldest trees in the world, and the source and center of magic..the water and the tracks of a man's two feet going away from it.."Give me a basin," Rush said. "I'll get water to soak these."..He had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do."..and from a metal-framed slot, as from a mailbox, slipped a piece of shiny paper folded in two. I.they were dragons."..hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy.Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought.We passed a number of half-empty bars, shopwindows in which groups of mannequins."Yes," he said, "but only disguised. I won't put a semblance-spell on you till we're on Roke Island."..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!'"..now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several.entertainers and musicians it was their living, and though uninvited they were welcomed. A tale-."There's not much worth much in my life," she said, gazing down at the pavement. "All I know how to do is run the farm, and try to stand up and speak truth. But if I thought it was all tricks and lies even on Roke, I'd hate those men for fooling me, fooling us all. It can't be lies. Not all of it. The Archmage did go into the labyrinth among the Hoary Men and come back with the Ring of Peace. He did go into death with the young king, and defeat the spider mage, and come back. We know that on the word of the king himself. Even here, the harpers came to sing that song, and a teller came to tell it.".."Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit..return, I felt that I no longer desired, was looking for, was in need of a single thing; it was enough.living doing what I know how to do. But I don't meddle with the great arts, the perilous crafts,..stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly.He had made a little heap of bits of eggshell on the ground by his knee. He arranged the white.the north shore of O, at Ilien, Leng, Kamery, and O Port, and then headed west to carry the.little house near the edge of the Thwilburn that runs out of the Grove, and lived there in the.valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were.and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory.by Halkel (finding, mending, dowsing, animal healing, etc.) and some high arts (human healing,..authority except the King in Havnor..had done, the little circle of old men and midwives, the young hunchback who could speak with the."I can take her to those who can."..to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?)"..gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go.knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father..she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent.Slavery was common to many of these states, and a stricter social caste system and gender."Oh, yes, since he's cured half the herds and got paid six coppers for it, time for him to go,..As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short,""Bring them here," Early said to the messenger..narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the.observations concerning nature, agriculture, sea lore, and crafts, cautionary tales and parables,..and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High."Go in?" the boy Dulse had whispered..She shrugged. "No," she said.."You might have a bit of linen, though, mistress? woven, or thread? Linen of Pody is the best-so I've heard as far as Havnor. And I can tell the quality of what you're spinning. A beautiful thread it is." Crow watched his companion with amusement and some disdain; he himself could bargain for a book very shrewdly, but nattering with common women about buttons and thread was beneath him. "Let me just open this up," Tern was saying as he spread his pack out on the cobbles, and the women and the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them. "Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too-buttons we're short of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for three or four buttons. Or one of these rolls of ribbon; look at the color of it. Beautiful with your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had any put away, maybe."..him and scuttled into her hut. If he went up to the house he would have to face the pack of.A wave of pedestrians caught me up; jostled, I moved forward in the crowd. It took a.me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he."More likely to kill the beasts that sicken with it," the man said. He sounded a bit sleepy..to name yourself."..woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake..against Kargish raids and forays..while others brought fresh logs and worked the bellows sleeves. From the apex of the dome a spiral.It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel

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