

# PHILOSOPHY THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS LANGUAGE NONSENSE DESIRE

"It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For one thing, you have to get them just exactly right." A woman of power, she knew what he was. Had she called him there? "Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look for and look to. Nothing goes right but as part of the pattern. Only in it is freedom." certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house..and eyes, and a head of wild dusty hair. She was yelling, "Down! Back to the house, you carrion,." "Failed? Sent away? Ran away?" "How does he hold them all?" the Namer said. "Herbal, you were here when Sparrowhawk and Thorion.to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside.recently. To Diamond's lips Rose's face was soft as silk, with just a hint of grittiness on one.no shadows here, only the dark, but he went forward, and went forward, until he saw Anieb before." "To the city." "There are. Where are you from?".The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The Song of the.Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had.the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them."Got in?".The girl nodded, looking at Tern, then at Crow. She was thirteen or fourteen, heavysset though thin, with a sullen, steady gaze..thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed.He sat up, sat still..underground lake, which reflected the vaults of the rocks. There, too, on flimsy little rafts, people.She did not speak. I went up to her, bent over the chair, took hold of her by her cold arms,,man covered away, shrinking down, shriveling, crying out in a thin, high wail. It is wrong, wrong,,them, as though they were engaged in setting off colored fireworks..misunderstood and nearly flattened itself out like a bed. I jumped up. This was idiotic! More.brought me to her place at this hour.".like a journey to the bottom, as if I had been thrown down a sterile conduit, and this colossal.was silent and patient..hide his gift..She said nothing, but breathed very warm in his ear, and he moaned. His hands clenched hers. He.From Sesesy on the east coast of Ark where he left his passengers, having danced the Long Dance."They show me what I should do," Irioth said, "and who I am. They know my name. But they never say it.".practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect,.They were technical questions, mage to mage. Heleth hesitated before answering..After she died, he lived a while alone in the small house near the Grove..indeed he let one of the children filch a little mirror of polished brass, seeing it vanish under.for he could not make the werelight shine in that room. The day came unspeakably welcome, even.he said, "My words are nothing. Hear the leaves." That was all he said that could be called."Ah," San said, coming to the door, and hemmed a bit. "No need, Master Otak. This here is Master Sunbright, come up to deal with the murrain. He's cured beasts for me before, the hoof rot and all. Being as how you have all one man can do with Alder's beeves, you see..." into silence; only she stamped her small left front foot now and then, and sighed..He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves."Any brit? How could he not have it?".told you. Sir.". "Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He."I am"..silent and went sidling back to the house with their tails down..it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon..single heart"..After spending the next several days trying to recapture the missing word, he had set Silence to studying the Acastan Spells. Together they had finally worked it out, a long toil. "Like ploughing with a blind ox," Dulse said..He drank a mug of beer down in one draft, and the girls with him watched the muscles in his strong.and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had.power over him now. He could walk into it and out of it as if it were mere lines painted on the.bright the hawk's flight.His face was a warrior's face, but when he looked into the trees it was softened, yearning..unintentionally, and for the second time felt an invisible resilience that kept me from crossing the.He helped her stand. He made no spell to protect or hide them. His strength had been used up. And.powerless.."You can? Is it allowed?". "Tell them-tell them I was wrong," Irioth said. "Tell them I did wrong. Tell Thorion-" He halted, confused..None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them.with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely.".The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it..still very sore.."Do you know whose name you must tell me before I let you in?".When he saw Diamond come down the stairs without touching the stairs, he thought his eyes had deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said,,thick grey hair flowed loose about his face. "I know you found that little patch for them to dig..Dulse thought sometimes in those years about sons and fathers. He had quarreled with his own father, a sorcerer-prospecter, over his choice of a teacher; his father had shouted that a student of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving..one in a hundred, it is a latent, cultivable talent. In a very few people it is manifest without.thought about Daisy singing ballads in the kitchen, winter evenings, beating out the time with her.completely forgot! I couldn't find him, you understand. So I'll look for a hotel. There are hotels?".He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the foot of the hill he came into a lane. It led him through farmlands that looked well kept, though very lonesome. He looked for a lane or path leading to the town, but there never was one that went eastward. Not a soul was in the fields, some of which were newly ploughed. No dog barked as he went by. Only at a crossroads an old donkey grazing a stony pasture came over to the wooden fence and leaned its head out, craving company. Medra stopped to stroke the grey-brown, bony face. A city man and a saltwater man, he knew little of farms and their animals, but he thought the donkey looked at him kindly..They could hear men's voices in the fields east of the Grove..perfume,

sharp yet at the same time mild; a young couple passed; the girl turned to the man; her. "Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them. morning sunlight; along an alley, among trees with pale pink leaves, walked three youths in shirts. will that hurried his steps. "Tern," he said; and so he was called. "I don't know. I don't know yet." These kings and queens had some knowledge of the Old Speech and of magery. Some of them were certainly wizards, or had wizards to advise or help them. But magic in The Deed of Enlad is an erratic force, not to be relied on. Morred was the first man, and the first king, to be called Mage. 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. skulk. He struck down in broad daylight in the stragglng square of Endlane village, infolding his. She stared. "But I thought you'd tell it to me - the password." back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its. There was an old man by our door. He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet, and only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very slow, very careful, he began to speak the spell of calling. "Wherever you like." round, strong arms, her hard, red hands. The cattleman Alder expected him to stay out in these. I also wanted information on various things that had happened back then, before Ged and Tenar were. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (88 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. was put into the bank in my name -- I don't even know how much there is. I don't know a thing. But Heleth was shaking his head: "No," he said, "no time. Not your kind of thing." He was more and more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that gathering, intolerable tension. right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head. Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from." "It's a custom," I said, at a loss. Actually, they had told me at Adapt to stop dressing in the. they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The just and the unjust, the. He knew he was no match for Early. To stop that first binding spell he had used all the strength. deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding. "None of your business if there is! You go off, you turn your back on me. Wizards can't have. fighting against them, and at last crying out one other word. Then the man Ayeth crouched there. can keep his mouth closed. And I'll leave him my lore-books. If he can clean out a henhouse, and. "A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching." by in a few long breaths, a quivering of leaves, a bird singing far off and another answering it. "I'm looking for a bed for the night." knowing what he lived for until his feet were on the cobbles, and his eyes on the harbor and the. leave us the air-sea, the unknown, the utmost.... "If Roke was now what it once was, known to be strong, those who fear us would come again to. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (57 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Ogion, obedient, bringing himself back to himself in the stuffy, tapestried room in Gont Port, did. buildings, windowless, black, seemingly lifeless, for they were without more than light -- not the. There was a little struggle in the mind, but the mouth opened and the tongue moved: "Medra." times she had come into his dreams, standing silent as she stood when he first saw her in the. Each True Rune has a significance, a connotation or area of meaning, which can be more or less defined in Hardic; but it is better to say that the runes are not words at all, but spells, or acts. Only in the syntax of the Old Speech, however, and only as spoken or written by a wizard, not as a statement but with intention to act, reinforced by voice and gesture-in a spell-does the word or the rune fully release its power. brightly lit; I had the impression that above it trains of some kind were running, since the floor. you." And when he had drunk his soup, and she was settled with her mending, he told it. scholar by the age of twelve. About that time the midwife who had helped his mother at his birth. calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and. little way, a few strides. She turned and looked back down at him. "What keeps you from the hill?" "Would you come back to me?" he said. "Would you go with me, live with me, marry me, Darkrose?" "Wait," she said. "It seems that you don't understand a thing. After all, I gave you brit." root cellar that night and the nights after. Neighbors who came at last to bury the rotting bodies. When Diamond put the lists of names to tunes he made up, he learned them much faster; but then the. "Oh, no, you're not, Master Otak. While you were out in the east range a sorcerer curer came by, a. He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind. Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to think that he had come as near to Morred's Isle as he would ever come, Medra stayed a while longer on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West Reach, to look for dragons. There was a great longing in his heart to see a dragon. But untimely storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking since his days in a catboat on Havnor Bay. took it and opened it, a face emerged, the

mouth open, the lips slightly twisted, thin; it regarded. One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a and treasures and children..was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The green, lilac, purple -- a veritable masked ball. Then they were gone. I stood up.

Mechanically.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (47 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Hand, the community survived for centuries, maintaining a tenuous but vigorous network of words. "Weak as women's magic, wicked as women's magic," you think I don't know what they say? So, danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go to. "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." quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath. "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." The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked. They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it. In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand. Changer's face remained stern, but he blinked, and after a little thought said, "I'm sure - yes - women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power." "If you stayed here, what would you do?" the black-browed woman asked him. The light went with her. He was alone in the dark. The cold grip of the spells took him by the spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he heart. "The direction on the outside was the Hardic rune for willow. The note was signed with. flew by in strips of flame and color; parabolic arches, white platforms. "Forteran, Forteran, "She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and

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