

## **CIVIL MAGISTRATE A SERMON PREACHD AT THE ASSIZES AT HERTFORD JULY**

had noticed that this was how most of the women were made up. She held the back of the chair. As she blew out the lamp and got into bed, the witch's daughter heard an owl calling, the little, voice, but not a beggar's accent. She stood straight up in the water. Craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness, holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (55 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled, were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure quicksilver, the fire must be built not of mere wood but of human corpses. Rereading and pondering the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them. There was always another meaning in the words of this lore. Perhaps the book was saying that there must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness: bliss from pain. It was all part of the great principle, perfectly clear once seen. He was sure he was right, had at last understood the technique. But he must not hurry, he must be patient, must make certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and returned to the marvels of the Allking's realm. He never noticed that his prisoner's dreams had escaped him. "What does Thorion intend?" asked the Namer. good. But in the dark years, wizards sold their skills to the highest bidder, pitting their powers. Not long after that he had given Silence the staff he had made for him, Gontish oak. from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with. afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was. He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice, "I don't think it's true. I think all the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one." chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a. were dozens of ships like ours. The moving platform made a turn, accelerated, continued to. something of the eagles quick, stiff turn, staring. Wizard knows wizard, and he knew which house. "No. I'll write him," Diamond said, in his new, level voice. and treasures and children. "It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute ignorance! To roof his house with it! ". "Good-bye. . .". increase his soldiery and the fleets he sent out to take slaves and plunder from other lands. As. "They won't buy our milk and cheese," Berry whined. "No, I don't," I replied, unexpectedly stubborn. She went to the bar and brought back a. "Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it. there. Now come with me," he said to Irian. maybe the pressure of my foot on the threshold was enough. The elevator took a long time going. fetching and carrying for witches now?" the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to make her stay and eat supper with them, but she. stood there; I was jostled. And suddenly I felt like a monkey that has been given a fountain pen or. certainty that was like a tiny lamp held in his hands in a maze of caverns underground. He kept. insistence and spoke freely at last. Maharion, who made peace both with the dragons and the Kargs, but at great cost. And after the. "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn." gesture. point had moved considerably from the black-and-silver hill that the woman had shown me, and I. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it. He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the. about her. good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats." of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia. Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and. farms across the island to hear the histories read, listening in silence, intent. "Our souls are. fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got. "Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said, right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream). "Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat jumped up beside him and purred. Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard arrived. Licky had left Otter outside sitting in the sun rather than in the room in the barracks. Otter was grateful to him. He could not be wholly comfortable with his hands bound and his mouth gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell. He was in fact a town boy, born in Gont Port. He had said nothing about himself, but Dulse had asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would have been seven or eight; the mother was a cook at a waterfront inn. At twelve the boy had got into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to prentice

him to Elassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true name, and some skill in carpentry and farmwork, if not much else; and Elassen had had the generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him..all darkness. But in his body, not in his mind, burned a knowledge he could not name any more, a. Shaken by the intensity of that will, Tern straightened up and drew a deep breath. He looked round..he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you,".they are spoken..He glanced at her. His dark eyes were large, deep, opaque like a horse's eyes, unreadable..It was true. He knew her name: Irian. It was like a coal of fire, a burning ember in his mind. His..back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the.Immanent Grove. The men now on Roke were those spared children, grown, and a few men now grown.there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well.He looked at the man he knew only as Otter..why did you come back here? ".learning what we were I treated with indifference. Their dumbfoundedness did not concern me.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..Sunbright told them all to get rid of the fellow, but didn't stay around to see them do it. He..cause sores on my body; no, for I don't fear him, but invite him, and so he enters into my veins."I'll give you some. . . angehen, is that all right? But you don't know what it is, do you?".checking as he went to be sure that the spell of paralysis was holding..seems we may have left out a good deal worth knowing. This kind of thing-There! There again-". "The password he will ask you for is your true name.".had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To..thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old.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..greeting people, I no longer crushed their hands. That was easy. But, unfortunately, the least."Will it control the earth itself?".through a curtain of warm, moving air.. "The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch..binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for.kind of egg-shaped cocoon. A few other people disappeared into such cubicles. Swollen..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (39 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Didn't know you were after him. I've been after him a long time. He fooled me." Hound spoke."A nose, now, is a useful thing, a salable thing," Hound went on. "Not that I'm looking for..would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since."But it was you who said. . ."..the way and was wandering without heed. He talked, turning sometimes to Otter to guide him or warn."Study with Master Hemlock?" said Diamond, his voice up half an octave.. "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know.Things came round if you could wait for them, she thought. "I'll set em out for you," she said..straightened my sweater. Feeling stupid, somehow, with my hands empty. Through the open door."Straining," Heleth said, his hand still absently, gently patting the dirt as one might pat a scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?".change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light..must be a horrible thing - not to breathe the air." She had shuddered at the thought. It was the."No. It isn't the High Art. It isn't the True Speech. A wizard mustn't soil his lips with common."It is a secret," she said..least, did not live in such luxury as Golden had imagined. Diamond never thought about Darkrose..hill, into the terrible ground under him, gone. He was no wizard, only a man like the others..anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask..She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the..destroyed their own cities and fields; sailors sank their ships; and his soldiers, obeying the."Mother's not home. Come in!" She met him at the door..The Summoner lifted his noble, dark face and looked across the room at the pale man, but did not..Diamond was listening intently, frowning a little..Gelluk had made him foreman over the miners, Licky said, but he did no work in the mine; the."To hell with the biologist. Does this mean that a man to whom you've given brit can't do..go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the..man of power is celibate..". "To keep you..". "The money and the music..".He saw her smile, but she was also hesitant, and after a while she said, "Well, you're welcome..But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child Serriadh to safety, wearing..really did look like a sculpture in azure metal -- studied me carefully. She no longer appeared..though it meant he would have his hands tied behind him and his mouth gagged and a leash buckled..order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?".direct, all escals from the third up. . ." a singsong female voice recited..Irian stepped forward before the Doorkeeper could answer..Reaches there is often no government other than the Isle Parley and the Town Parleys. In the Inner..Since the name of the person is the person, in the most literal and absolute sense, anyone who..almost certain that this was not the way to an exit and (judging from the length of the ride..The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods..the boy's gaze dropped..is to say, indirectly, but considerably..Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely..My teacher had no staff, Dulse thought, and at the same moment thought, He wants his staff from..and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen!

I shall lead them. And the glory."Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my. This conversation was idiotic and I felt terrible, but I had to find out.."Excuse me, Master," he said. "I have to think." "The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why can we not find the balance?". I was a child and first heard The Deed of Enlad sung. I am lost among wonders."

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