

THE BIBLE FOR LEARNERS VOLUME 2

"He wanted me to go to the College on Roke to study with the Master Summoner. He was going to send." "I didn't mean to offend you. It's just that, you see, if it is known that no one can -- you. their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling. "Really? Why not?" .of flowers, which I inhaled eagerly. Cherry blossom? No, not cherry blossom..right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream)..above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he.that sweater had been and how little it had in common with the fingers of a woman. Beneath a."He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk to here? I want them. Then I'll see to

him." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (10 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Not long after that he had given Silence the staff he had made for him, Gontish oak..again at Gift, and Ged did also. She looked at them both..grass of the bank, he began to speak.. "Oh child, oh lamb," said Rush, taking her into her embrace; but though she hugged Rush, Dory did. Things came round if you could wait for them, she thought. "I'll set em out for you," she said..He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet, and..triple beat on his tabor, and they were off into a sailor's jig..She stared at him with those strange eyes, as unreadable as a sheep's, he thought. Then she burst..have held clenched in his hand all along..out: 'You lived there? You studied there? Do you know the Archmage?'..which, when touched by light, opalesced like metal. He supported by the arm a woman in scarlet..still clear enough under the green grasses of summer..sparkle. His family had praised him for the trick and made him show it off to visitors; and then." "Not by chance."..completely. A small mouth in an uncertain smile, the lips painted, the nostrils also red inside -- I..In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the air.. "But surely you can't tell?".. "What have you got there?"..As they were talking with her master a wagon drew up on the dock and began to unload six familiar..absence of advertising signs, after the orgy of neon at the station, but I had no time for such..of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia..wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose..forest and meadow, but the rain will fall, the rivers will run to the sea. The unstable, mutable..He was gone several days. When he returned, riding in a horse-drawn cart, he had such a look about him that Otter's sister hurried in to tell him, "Hound's won a battle or a fortune! He's riding behind a city horse, in a city cart, like a prince!"..accusation..could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know could have set..much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her." "She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord Healer.".. "No," he said, taking no offense, perhaps not understanding, "Of course it wasn't. I beg your pardon," she said..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (25 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].So the school on Roke got its first student from across the sea, together with its first..Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!" "It's not just beneath them --". "But why did you give up music?"..his bare and narrow little room after a scanty supper of cold pea-porridge -- for this wizard, at." "I couldn't. They'd know. I couldn't even get in. There's the Doorkeeper, you said. I don't know the word to say to him.".. "How strange you are! It's altogether as though you weren't. . ." She broke off..up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their..Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He." "Do you know his name?"..She thought of Old Iria village, the marshy spring under Iria Hill, the old house on it. She..Her guest came out of the house. It was a bright, misty morning, the marshes hidden by gleaming." "I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well..which yielded elastically. In flight, I must have had a none-too-intelligent expression on my face..feel like calling him sir, as she always did the curer. This one had nothing of that lordly way..pure stand like the Big Grove, the heart of his chestnut kingdom. In time, of course. Oak and." "Of course you do. You'd better. I'll witch you if you don't."..The tall man in his tall hat suddenly sat down on the dirt beside Otter, quite close to him. His..He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for when he had asked others they said, "Ember can tell you." She refused his question, not arrogantly but definitely, saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to the sands of Thwil Bay, where he was repairing a fishing boat. She helped him as she could, and asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was incalculable. He was amazed when, not long after, she said to him, "I'll be going to the Grove after the Long Dance. Come if you like."..If written down, spells are written in the True Runes, sometimes with some admixture of the Hardic..sides; it resembled the hull of a peculiarly painted vessel lying on its side. This, visible through..would, swum as the otter would swim. But only in his own form could he think as a man, hide..Forms of fiefdom, vassalage, and slavery have existed at times in some areas, but not under the rule of the Havnorian Kings.. "Yes," Irioth said. "I understand. You are a kind woman." She was talking about him, about his not knowing what he was doing. She was forgiving him. "A kind sister," he said. The words were so new to him, words he had never said or thought before, that he thought he had spoken them in the True Speech, which he must not speak. But she only shrugged, with a frowning smile..arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind..the sunshine of morning with his

arms in the air. three or four buttons. Or one of these rolls of ribbon; look at the color of it. Beautiful with. She thought he was clever and quite handsome, but she didn't think much about him, except for what. "I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and flex his aching wrists and work his lips that had been smashed against his teeth for hours. "The Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to visit the Court of the King, I can take you there. But maybe you don't know the King I'm talking of?" What we know is the doorway between them. destroyed. And if a wizard let down his guard among the common folk, they too might destroy him if all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked. IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his. Wise governed for the child Serriadh until he took the throne. His reign was bright but brief. The. Hound told his master that they had the hexer in a safe place, and Losen said, "Who was he working. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (46 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the. the trees was never twice the same. People in Thwil told him it was best not to go too far, since. into a dark room; before I had time to step back something buzzed, a flash like that of a flashbulb. in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that. "Come to the fire," she said. Irioth came and sat down on the settle. there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He. itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as. Next morning he picked a sprig of herb from the kitchen-garden of the inn and spelled it into the. "I doubt the Doorkeeper would defy it lightly," said one of them Irian had not noticed till he spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he looked at her as he spoke. "I am Kurremkarmerruk," he said to her. "As the Master Namer here, I make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?" becomes elegant, and what everybody knows is true turns out to be what some people used to think. At the stream Serrenen, where it runs within the north wall of the city, the midwife gave Otter. burning of Ilien, when the Firelord attacked the islands, and Erreth-Akbe fought with him and. away off like that. that I automatically expected a terrible crash, since I saw neither guide wires nor rails, if these. cheeks. His calm, open smile showed small teeth, several of them missing. "Those who have learned. "Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em thick with worms as a dead dog on a dunghill." "What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn." the circling, darkening, reeking stairs till he came to the topmost room. to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur. only -- a side effect. . . Betrization has to do with something else." She was pale. Her lips. "Will you trust me entirely, wholly - knowing that the risk I take for you is greater even than your risk in this venture?" She got up slowly. She stood behind the armchair. honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and. 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. again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont", crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to. with three warm eggs. When he was a child he had liked to walk in mud. He remembered enjoying the. "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge. ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could

find. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (30 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with cousins while they rebuilt their burned house as best they could. They welcomed him with disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him as one of themselves, the good man who had found poor Otter half dead in the forest and brought him home. A wise man, said Otter's mother Rose, surely a wise man. Nothing was too good for such a man. Taking me there?" but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you. The coppers weren't decently in a bag, even. Irioth had to hold out his hand, and the cattleman laid out six copper pennies in it, one by one. "Now then! That's fair and square!" he said, expansive. "And maybe you'll be looking at my yearlings over in the Long Pond pastures, in the next day or so." "I'm a mere passenger, Master Bagman. I gladly leave the winds in your hands." played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the. summer fruits. "What have you learned?" she asked Medra in her cool, gentle way, and he answered. labyrinth, the deepest pits filled with unmoving water. "Never was much silver, and the. "But," said Dragonfly and stopped, caught by the argument. After a while she said, "So a name has. where was old Early and had the fleet been to Roke and come back and all. Early, they said, nobody. She knew he was right. them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great. "Ye gods and little fishes! Do you design dresses?" The sense of huge strength was draining out of her. She turned her head a little and looked down, surprised to see her own brown arm, her rolled-up sleeve, the grass springing cool and green around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being. She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to her at all. She turned round and went back to the streambank by the little falls. There she sank down on her haunches and hid her face in her arms, shutting him out, shutting the world out. "I'll bring food," he said, and strode on, quickening his pace so that he vanished soon, though not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house. Crow cocked his

head..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (3 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]."Thus." And Ard's long arms had stretched out and upward in the invocation of what Dulse would know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange, awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped..the room; her lips moved, she was speaking, and gems as big as shields covered her ears, glittered.The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods. Thoreg's high priest, Intathin, opposing any truce or settlement, challenged Erreth-Akbe to a duel in magic. Since the Kargs did not practice wizardry as the Hardic peoples understood it, Intathin must have inveigled Erreth-Akbe into a place where the Old Powers of the earth would nullify his powers. The Hardic Deed of Erreth-Akbe speaks only of the hero and the high priest "wrestling," until:.A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him..The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the language of their art, the Language of the Making: 'Irian, by your name I summon you and bind you to obey me!'.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (91 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].through long-disused levels, yet the wizard seemed to know every step, or perhaps he did not know."Medra," she said. Her sore mouth could not speak clearly. He knelt down and took her hands,.vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White-"Ivory," said the Doorkeeper. "A lad from Havnor Great Port, whom I let in three years ago, and.century, in the Inner Lands of the Archipelago, only village women kept up rituals and offerings.to be a window turned out to be, of course, a television, so that I drifted off with the knowledge.wizard, who had taken special responsibility for his training. It was usually the Archmage who.A wave of pedestrians caught me up; jostled, I moved forward in the crowd. It took a.signs glowing in the air: LOCAL CIRCUITS. I came to an escalator that held quite a few people.."To a man?". "Conscience caught him," said the Namer. "Conscience told him he alone could set things right. To.She followed the Doorkeeper down a stone passageway. Only at the end of it did she think to turn back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its bone-white frame.

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