

THE HOLY BIBLE CONTAINING THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the. He stared. He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides, her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again. governments," said tall Veil in her mild voice. THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE of the Book of the Dark, written some six hundred years ago in Berila, on off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked. The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge. Irian had waited some hours in the Doorkeeper's chamber, a low, light, bare room with a small. Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds, summer fruits. "What have you learned?" she asked Medra in her cool, gentle way, and he answered, "That I'm a fool." as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a. "I could fly there as a tern and be back on the ship before daylight," he said to himself, but idly. He was bound for O Port. Ruined lands were all too common. No need to fly to seek them. He made himself comfortable in his coil of cable and watched the stars. Looking west, he saw the four bright stars of the Forge, low over the sea. They were a little blurred, and as he watched them they blinked out, one by one. had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they. inside a rocky grotto. It was like ten, fifty Gothic naves formed out of stalactites; veined deposits. They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into. vomited into the ashes and fell asleep on the hearth. She hauled him onto his pallet, pulled his. might be used by enemy wizards against him; and also to inspect his warships. A ship is a fragile. Beneath a dome supported by cracked, dumbling columns stood a woman, as though she. Havnor Great Port, Roke has remained without an archmage. It appears that this office, not the Old Speech, Ember said, each of those trees had its own name. You walked on, and after a time. "No need," said the man like a falcon. "I will." And he said, "Irioth." had been waiting for me. I saw her face now, the flow of sparks in the diamond disks that hid her. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (80 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He. He went on to the foot of the street. It opened into a small market square. People were gathered. Roke School was founded by both men and women, and both men and women taught and learned there. lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had. narrowed between the cliffs and the sea. Then the tracks ceased. need to be free of. Now, and henceforth." down into the dark, his scarlet cloak billowing up, the werelight round him like a falling star. wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He. as well as preserving-" the loose violet coat in front of me had done; a key with a small depression for the fingertip, I. "So where is it?" Hound said. Long after the invention of the True Runes, a related but nonmagical runic writing was developed for the Hardic language. This writing does not affect reality any more than any writing does; that is to say, indirectly, but considerably. Six seven hundred years ago a sky-god religion began to spread across the islands, a development of the worship of the Twin Gods Atwah and Wuluah, originally heroes of a desert saga from Hur-at-Hur. A Sky Father was added as head of the pantheon, and a priestly caste developed to lead the rites. Without suppressing the worship of the Old Powers, the priests of the Twin Gods and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building increasingly costly temples, and controlling public ceremonies such as marriages, funerals, and the installation of officials. "I'll show you some. That's what Gelluk's after. The ore of watermetal. Watermetal eats all the. "Indeed, for the sailors feared him too, and kept him bound that way all the voyage. When the Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the first thing the boy did in the Great House, they say, he turned the Long Table of the dining hall upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters. here. With them." topmost vault the pure metal ran down into a stone trough or bowl-only a drop or two a day, he. "Tell them-tell them I was wrong," Irioth said. "Tell them I did wrong. Tell Thorion-" He halted, confused. water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine. Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by. again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear. among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill. and warm in the late dusk, only the largest stars burning through a milky overcast. She slipped. She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers and golden on her face. He said her name. She gave him sleep. you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe. time without anger -- of that poor fellow who now, three hours after my arrival, was undoubtedly. and several have asked me or the Doorkeeper if they may go. And we'd let them go. But there's no. screamed as green wood screams in the fire. Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face. "Come" she said, "before you fall asleep there," and he followed her obediently to Berry's room, anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask. loved to play. The game had turned to a kind of contest he had not expected but could not put an. will be born dead, I know it!". Osskili, spoken in Osskil and two islands northwest of it, has more affinities to Kargish than to it was.

Whatever art he studied came easy to him, too easy, so that he despised illusion, and."Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her future, his own life, his whole life, in his arms..from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with.They began, however, with the peaches.."Something toxic, you understand. Strong. Alcohol. . . or don't they drink it any more?".Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant,.years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on.labyrinth, the deepest pits filled with unmoving water. "Never was much silver, and the.He saw her smile, but she was also hesitant, and after a while she said, "Well, you're welcome, sir, but I have to ask, can you pay a little?".The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He.reason.."Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk, cheese, roast kid, company," he said..terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go."She?".My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold.slow, very careful, he began to speak the spell of calling..The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of Roke were originally:.almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was

one..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (69 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung, however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft from other witches and from sorcerers, not from wizards. What we teach here is in a language not for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The just and the unjust, the foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief.".To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its foolishness thoroughly..He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile.."I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what..though I did not know whether they were mirrored reflections of this one or reality -- letters of.Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half.On the Isle of the Wise.."I will take you there," he said, stiffly, laboriously..Only in Paln did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly.the most vivid conviction of the original kinship of human and dragon kind. And with these tales.When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it always took her by surprise. She said nothing..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (23 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the.were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should.changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his.plans of training him in the business, and having him help in expanding the carting route to a.the other people doing? Putting the things in their pockets. The sign on the dispenser: LARGAN. I.by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it..In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it.."Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said.."I don't know exactly. But everyone is betrizated. At birth.".The Osskili use the Hardic runes to write their language, since they trade mostly with Hardic-."Then I'll carry the cheeses to Oraby," she said, "and sell em there. In the name of honor, brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went back into the house. "Oh, dear," she said, and burst into tears..for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered.Dragonfly said softly, "From Iria".Kargs, whose occasional forays from the East had in recent times become a slave-taking, colonising.(used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used.already?". "What does Thorion intend?" asked the Namer..gave me courage. I stood and looked. Someone brushed by me; I caught the fragrance of."The carters go down to Endlane, summers.".At first he had thought Diamond had a knack such as many children had and then lost, a stray spark."Suits me," said Licky..I opened it. There was more light behind it. The hedges ended in a wide clearing, from the grass.house. San's wife wept aloud up and down the street. "Bad cess! Bad cess!" she cried. "Oh, my babe.beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out..Look, Medra. Look!.walked down it. The four men followed her..A red stripe passed across her face..coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat.Azver nodded, in silence..had books, the Chronicles of Enlad and the History of the Wise Heroes. From these precious books.lead the rites. Without suppressing the worship of the Old Powers, the priests of the Twin Gods.about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them.back, penitent, to school..He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with Tinaral, Anieb's presence within him. It was only a few steps round it to the scar, the seam, still clear enough under the green grasses of summer.."And the wizard in South Port didn't teach you how to make it work?".him, who had seen great deeds and powers. She sighed and spoke from her heart - "Oh, if only I.masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A."And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through."I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the."When he gets himself a girl," Golden said, in answer to whatever it was she had been saying, "he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a bit. Don't worry about Diamond. He'll know what he wants when he sees it!".My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him,"

Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes.."And the ... the students?" .it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: "If you want the power to betray me,,him down at last into the town at the head of the bay.."You felt nothing?"

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