

THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ENGLISH AND MANDARIN

and peering at the horse's leg, seeing only bright, bloody foam. "I think we might go south again," Tern said, steering for the open channel. "Towards Pody." "And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through. above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining. scholar by the age of twelve. About that time the midwife who had helped his mother at his birth. to him, a game to play with Darkrose. Even the names of the True Speech that he had learned in the. If he dies I die. She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, shifting depths of the forest. "Yes. When there are. . . two of you." prison shut. The spells were gone, but the people in the tower did not know it, working on under. bruised, swollen, sodden. She wanted to tell him to put them right to the fire's warmth, but. spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond. and fifty-seven. . .". "Don't you understand?" he said, exasperated with her for not understanding, because he had not understood. "A wizard can't have anything to do with women. With witches. With all that." When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble. line of the Kargish kings but unwilling to risk sacrilege by shedding royal blood, the Godking. South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling, spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across the plain, the rivers serving as fences. 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. pained window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens. evil. Again he stood silent a while. He started to speak, and didn't speak, and finally spoke. "I. an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his. Heleth" . . . till the dogs were yelling around him in a frenzy, snapping at the mare's legs. She plunged and. "I don't know," the Herbal said. "I can only tell you that when I'm with him, when I'm in the Great House, I feel that nothing can be done but what has been done. That nothing will change. Nothing will grow. That no matter what cures I use, the sickness will end in death." He looked around at them all like a hurt ox. "And I think it is true. There is no way to regain the Equilibrium but by holding still. We have gone too far. For the Archmage and Lebannen to go bodily into death, and return - it was not right. They broke a law that must not be broken. It was to restore the law that Thorion returned." "Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name from me?" After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the King!" They had to share a room at the crowded inn with two other travellers, but Ivory's thoughts were. That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes grazing on Iria Hill, the bronze crowns of the oaks. "He's very careful how he talks about the Masters." By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came. though it meant he would have his hands tied behind him and his mouth gagged and a leash buckled. prove it, he made it seem that a herd of deer ran through the dining hall, followed by a flight of. "I think they fear them too," said Veil. a few spells of illusion; and when the boy was fifteen or so, the old man took him out into the. stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to. true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them. "Nais. . . how is it. . . ?" I stammered. "You take a complete stranger and. . .". IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his. spell-protected. Rose had explained to her how wizards' spells worked 'so that it never enters. since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves. With these words the feeling of the unreality of everything returned, and I was no longer. the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name. "I thought my gift was for music," he said. "You changed yourself?" "No, sir. I left." "Then I'll carry the cheeses to Oraby," she said, "and sell em there. In the name of honor. And the old man railed on about the folly of the young and the evils of modern times. the boat with better wares than most householders of the Isles were used to seeing, and Tern. the summoner's art goes straight to that. It's a wonderful thing to summon up the semblance and. old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out. the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of. out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said. the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?" carhorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up. more powerful mage than any Early had met, and that he would return to Roke as fast as he could, and dignity shrank to impotence. The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny made no objection.

She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider. He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile. "I can build boats, or mend them, and sail them. I can find, above and under ground. I can work. could do." "Not in the School," the Doorkeeper said, smiling. little to lose. The wise man and wise woman, trusted and held in reverence, gave way to the stock. for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are. her smiling, exhausted face, then, suddenly, as if something had got in the way, her outline. "Conscience caught him," said the Namer. "Conscience told him he alone could set things right. To. furiously. She was kneeling at the horse's leg, looking up at Ivory who was looking down at her. know something about the power, see," she said at last, and looked at Dragonfly with one eye. Her. The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the. We have inhabited both the actual and the imaginary realms for a long time. But we don't live in. From the breast of his robe he took a pouch of fine leather decorated with silver threads. With a. when he was seven or eight he had lost the hang of it and never could do it again. to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure." .was fond of children and animals. He liked all beautiful things. It was pleasant to have a

young. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (24 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the. his power was gone, he was not a mage. So presently the Masters of Roke met to choose a new. Who found his way to work his will. Diamond. It tickled him a little, though, to see his boy teaching tricks to the witch-child. highly strung, and worn out, having walked forty miles in sixteen hours without food. He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi. and stopped and undid it word by word. Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of. he said, "You work very hard." 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. hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed. "Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of lamp and fire. He was not. Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face. "Nothing. I thought you were a hundred." .know how to teach her. There are no teachers left on the mountain. King Losen's wizards destroy. speech as malevolent sorcery. "It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The woman's gaze returned to his face. Glade, Golden was glad to show him fealty. The Lord was born to govern and to keep the peace, as. called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place. "But why did you give up music?" .not seen him for over a year, having been busy; he was always busy in Gont Port, doing the. without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to. "Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House on Roke!" .carpenters, a ditchdigger, a tinsmith's prentice, a couple of little boys. Humiliated and enraged, .Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him, .galley, which was rowed by forty slaves. .been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to. "I know Tarry thinks I do." "It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house with three warm eggs. When he was a child he had liked to walk in mud. He remembered enjoying the cool of it rising between his toes. He still like to go barefoot, but no longer enjoyed mud; it was sticky stuff, and he disliked stooping to clean his feet before going into the house. When he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant or an archmage. To keep the cold and damp out of his bones. Not his own notion. Silence had come up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence. "That was the one thing you could do that I never could. And you never could teach me." Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death. Maybe all magery was weakened then." .sites of concentrated power and sacredness. All were locally feared or venerated; some were known. house. "Let him crawl home to his mother." .years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town. snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of. "A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching." .had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had. The slow stiff words carried great weight. The coppers weren't decently in a bag, even. Irioth had to hold out his hand, and the cattleman. Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in. too, that he was dealing with someone quite ordinary. When that became impossible, he would. He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice, .the dead of winter, and must go back

alone?" .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (90 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. strange country under his feet: empty shafts and rooms of dark air in the dark earth, a vertical. "Patterner," said the Doorkeeper, not at all surprised. They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind them the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before them now. She saw oak and willow, chestnut and ash, and tall evergreens. From the dense, sun-shot darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of the trees. "Stay tonight. You

will?". House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?". They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in his grey cloak, carrying his tall staff of bone-white wood, about which a faint gleam of werelight hovered..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (35 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "No," he said, taking no offense, perhaps not understanding, "Of course it wasn't. I beg your pardon," she said..him with her snout.. "A NAMEDAY PARTY," said Golden. "Time for a bit of play, a bit of music and dancing, boy. Nineteen years old. Celebrate it!". Osskili, spoken in Osskil and two islands northwest of it, has more affinities to Kargish than to Hardic. Kargish has diverged most widely in vocabulary and syntax from the Old Speech. Most of its speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry. Archipelagan scholars are aware of it, but most Kargs would deny it, since they have confused Hardic with the Old Speech, in which spells are cast, and thus fear and despise all Archipelagan speech as malevolent sorcery.. This language is innate to dragons, not to humans, as said above. There are exceptions. A few

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