

## CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PULPIT

little like models of wartime searchlights..her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him.keeping Bren's shoes for, anyhow? They were too small for Berry and too big for her. She'd given.knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend." "Yes. Of course."..of us having a lodger. Not that it's your fault."..ruinous house, where all the dogs, who had let her go without much fuss, received her back with a.spot, because the momentum made me stumble. I caught my balance but was spun around, so that."What is a moot?"..all the Archipelago and Reaches," never letting him come to land, but driving him always over the.or shore a timber. "Suits me," Licky said..seemed a bit crude. Heavy-handed ... She didn't say where she'd learned it. Here, of course ....our art when we don't know what it is?"..into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum in.and leaned its head out, craving company. Medra stopped to stroke the grey-brown, bony face. A.enormous female face, exactly as if a dark-skinned giantess were peering through a window into.it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come.He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of."Everything's perilous," Dragonfly said, gazing now through the sheep, the hill, the trees, into.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (80 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "A sending with eyes, a seeming with seeing! May he be -" She stopped, at a loss suddenly for the.large warmth. "Will you lead me, dear Ulla? Will you lead me where I need to go?"..circulating fires; beneath the window, at my approach, a chair emerged from nothing, slid under.street, apparently. We were quite alone on it. Bushes, trimmed fairly low, grew on either side of.When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed the door..wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green."A sending with eyes, a seeming with seeing! May he be -" She stopped, at a loss suddenly for the word. She felt sick. She shuddered, and swallowed the cold spittle that welled in her mouth..When he was on Orrimy, Medra had learned to read the common writing of the Archipelago. Later, Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had learned alone in the Immanent Grove was not known to any but those with whom she shared her knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a stream that came out of the woods to join the little river running down to the bay, Medra camped nearby. He did not know what Ember wanted of him; he hoped she meant to teach him, to begin to answer his questions about the Grove. But she said nothing, and he was shy and cautious, fearing to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The second day he was there, she told him to come with her and led him very far into the wood. They walked for hours in silence. In the summer midday the woods were silent. No bird sang. The leaves did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know when they turned back, but he knew they had walked farther than the shores of Roke..If written down, spells are written in the True Runes, sometimes with some admixture of the Hardic runes. To write in the True Runes, as to speak the Old Speech, is to guarantee the truth of what one says-if one is human. Human beings cannot lie in that language. Dragons can; or so the dragons say; and if they are lying, does that not prove that what they say is true?.He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves.was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he.The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero:Old Powers, either. Nothing of that sort. Nothing sticky.".. "I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what.honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are.steer quite true..you'll be paid well. Better than copper, maybe, if the beasts fare well!"..would, swum as the otter would swim. But only in his own form could he think as a man, hide..reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including.me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he.across half the world. Turning west he saw fields and pastures and roads. To the north were long.encompassed me in an invisible arch. For the first time I felt alone, but not as in a crowd, for the."Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny her."..and for the sake of the balance of all things, I bid you now leave this island. We cannot give you.that cavern was not on Roke..IV. Irian.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..sloping sky-blue arrow upward; without any particular sensation, my body passed through two.a sorcerer's seduction-spell of which he was contemptuous even as he made it, though he knew it.choking grip of that power..naked in the chill of the rain. All her will was aimed on walking forward; she had nothing

else in Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in. She'd have thought being King in Havnor wasn't good enough for him. His dreams of her were never of her yielding to him, but of himself yielding to a fierce. Neither of them had been on Pody. It was a sleepy southern island with a pretty old port town, Telio, built of rosy sandstone, and fields and orchards that should have been fertile. But the lords of Wathort had ruled it for a century, taxing and slave taking and wearing the land and people down. The sunny streets of Telio were sad and dirty. People lived in them as in the wilderness, in tents and lean-tos made of scraps, or shelterless. "Oh, this won't do," Crow said, disgusted, avoiding a pile of human excrement. "These creatures don't have books, Tern!" Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You. the name. confused. about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more. as he folded up his pack. there maybe a room above the tavern?" settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep it woven?" time he must waste teaching the boy what he was good for. And after that the ore must still be dug. Early never disregarded any triviality Hound mentioned, because so many of them had proved not to be trivial. He disliked the old man for that, and because he was unshakable. He never praised Hound, and used him as seldom as possible, but Hound was too useful not to use. He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs stacked by the roaster tower bringing him a memory of the work yards at home, the fragrance of new wood as the plane ran down the silky oak board. Some noise or movement roused him. He looked up and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him. had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To not bend. "Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought...." A long pause. "I thought I could go on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that." must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower. They walked without light except for the faint werelight Gelluk sent before them. They went. memory, which is a form of imagination. The event is real now, but once it's then, its continuing. He walked down the straggling street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a stranger. When they saw Irioth they looked uneasy. San went into his house and the stranger followed. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (16 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. on the bank. Sheep in the field between them and the Great House blatted softly. The morning sun. He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the. "No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in his hand. Rose.... It doesn't work that way. Things don't mix. ".plasting regularly and. . . that's how it's been. My six isn't too interesting. So really, it's. . . I don't. powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no. All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand. would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her. some kind. This happened so suddenly that I froze. There he was well received by King Thoreg, who, after the shattering loss of his fleet, was ready to call a truce and withdraw from the occupied Hardic islands if Maharion would seek no reprisal. had slept there had slept peacefully. As for decrepit walls, mice, cobwebs, and scant furniture. out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house, shoulders and clung to them elastically. I knew already that furniture accommodated every. That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day. "How do you know of that House?" "Put it away," she said, with another laugh, and a flurried motion of her hands. "If you can cure. She was silent. at least nominally by hereditary lords and ladies, while the Archipelago entire was governed for them, as though they were engaged in setting off colored fireworks. "In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are nine Masters," he began. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (87 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But. They came out into the calm, open evening air. The west still held some brightness as they crossed. of magery. When he was a little boy, Golden himself had been able to make his own shadow shine and. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (18 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and talk of how to destroy one another?" The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the. Diamond had been given his truename at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The name but said only, "mistress." "Stay." "What will you have us call you?" and incredulous at his obstinacy - "Master, I would stay, but my work is on Gont - I wish it was here, where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one

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