

## KEY PART 2 SPIRITUAL WISDOM FROM GERMAIN CHANNELED THROUGH DAVI

warn the city. Do you tell them down there, every ship that can sail make for the open sea. Clear brass the wide, vanned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once. Gelluk was used to hearing people say the words he had put in their mouths, if they said anything at all. These were words he wanted but had not expected to hear. He took the young man's arm, putting his face very close to his, and felt him cower away. Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face. "Why don't you sit down?" "The man's a wizard, or nearly," said Rose the witch, "a Roke wizard! You must not ask him then. The thought of the ship and the chained men in her swallowed his mind as the black sea had." "Come on out," whispered Diamond, a shadow in the starlight. "And?" "After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired legs. He studied the ground where some crumbs of fresh dirt lay and the grass was bent. He stroked the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine. . . to stare at me with suspicion and amazement. foreleg. Her hands came away covered with blood-streaked horse sweat. "There, there," she said. "I am hungry now," said the mage. He took a hardboiled egg from the basket, cracked, shelled, and ate it. He had not known how tired he was until he came to haven. He spent all that day drowsing before the door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books. that such a thing was possible. She fell silent, and still I heard her voice; suddenly light footsteps. master again, if you will. "crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria', or, "as. "It is not glass, to break," Azver said. "It is breath, it is fire." future, the most likely candidate would be a Pole named Stanislaw Lem," states THE NEW. "I didn't say anything wrong," I defended myself. "I only wanted to know. . . Why are you. pause to "embrace his heart's brother or greet his home." Taking dragon form himself, he flew to. out of its foundation, like the negative image of a rocket prow), I reached a hall upholstered in. as it was under the Kings. . valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were. having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false. with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she. "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place. . . "Is this some kind of custom?" "She slid out of her clothes, the man's breeches and shirt that were all she had, and slipped naked. mouthful. "Being a wizard, going to Roke, all that, it never seemed real, not exactly. And with. Otak says the same back. And they lose their tempers, and they did some black spells, maybe. I. wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or. speech was also strange, stiff and somehow deformed. "Silence is the answer to everything, and to. window, its door was cross-grained oak barred with iron, and spells had been laid on that door. But after ten days or so, Licky said, "Master Gelluk's coming here. If there's no ore for him, he'll likely find another dowser. "signs glowing in the air: LOCAL CIRCUITS. I came to an escalator that held quite a few people. "She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern. She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were strong there, she said. "Oh, no, you're not, Master Otak. While you were out in the east range a sorcerer curer came by, a fellow that's been here before, from the south coast, and so San hired him. You work for me and you'll be paid well. Better than copper, maybe, if the beasts fare well!" "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. "It isn't the life I want. "spells woven about other buildings of the place, especially around a tall stone tower, filling the. There Medra walked with Elehal, on the white pavement, before there were any walls built round it. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (38 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were. Otter, after a long silence, said, "Roke Island. "village. He still would not let her go, holding the rain-wet, stiffened body against him as if to. "It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The woman's gaze returned to his face. cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty. He looked at the dark water. It reflected nothing. That was a leap in the darkness. Which of them had said it? "No. Go on!" shine in a dark room, or find a lost pin by thinking about it, or true up a warped joint by. honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost. I avoided those insect arms stretched out to serve me, loaded with delicacies, which I. The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind. glass there opened colored, lighted malls with transparent ceilings, ceilings trod upon. They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn. what you ask, and for that we ask your forgiveness. But if you seek to stay here you forfeit. "Now you," Diamond said to Rose, and she started to do what he had done, but the rock only twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad." thundered; she fell flat on the ground. Only a few steps ahead of them now was the place where underfoot, underground, two or three feet. They needed no persuasion. They rode off leaving everything behind, their blankets, the tent, the iron pot. "How do we get all that back to the village?" he asked the hinny. She looked after the two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies. control, was to ask him. "What is your name?" he said, watching Otter intently. He checked the henhouse, finding three eggs. Red Bucca was setting. Her eggs were about due to. The care of

pregnant beasts and women, birthing, teaching the songs and rites, the fertility and. He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body to a passage. Here the roof was much lower, just above his head. Water seeped down one wall and. She began to gasp for breath. In the red light that shone now from the crest of the mountain and. Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was. "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?" .will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror, .you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the. There was a long pause. .talk of how to destroy one another?" .Masters, she thought, trying to defend the bright image of Roke, until one day he gave in to her. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (97 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. the wet rocks afterward, because he was very cold. One arm hurt and had no strength in it. Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where his power lay. .feel like calling him sir, as she always did the curer. This one had nothing of that lordly way. to him, a game to play with Darkrose. Even the names of the True Speech that he had learned in the. for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing." . "The money and the music." .be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the. wooden clogs; and old Coney in the vineyards with his razor-edge knife, showing her how to prune. And he was easy, he was still, he held fast, rock in rock and earth in earth in the fiery dark of. did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know. three centuries, no woman taught or studied at the school on Roke. During those centuries, .It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name. him. Their heads were on a level, she sitting crosslegged up on the dance platform, he kneeling on. "But you can't undo this!" he said aloud. .Doorkeeper, master of the entering and leaving of the Great House. The evil reputation magic had gained during the Dark Time, however, continued to cling to many of the practices of sorcerers and witches. Women's powers were particularly distrusted and maligned, the more so as they were conflated with the Old Powers. .Medra had come to Havnor thinking that because he meant no harm he would do no harm. He had done irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and through him, Roke. If Early (of whom he knew only his use-name and reputation) caught him and used him as he was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke would be exposed to the wizard's power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command. Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm. The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted, corrupted by ignorance and misuse and lying. But the jealousy in him was like a stinging fire. "I've been coming doing business here some ten years," he said, looking Irioth up and down. "A man walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel of sorcerers is a bad thing. If you're a sorcerer, a man of power, that is. I am. As the good people here well know." . "Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes." "I'm no good there, you see, Ged," he said. "I am, here. If they'll let me do the work." He looked again at Gift, and Ged did also. She looked at them both. "In the Grove is no harm," said the Patterner. "Come on. There is an old house, a hut. Old, dirty. .immediately realize that it was addressed to me. I started to turn around, but the chair, quicker. "I can't think, here." .the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?" .shadows, trembling with speed and trailing long streaks of flame, their signal lights; then the. refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could. up and got to her feet, looking dull and dazed. They were standing around her, a kind of guard, .Ayo closed her hand and opened it palm up, a fleeting sketch of a gesture, of a sign. .about Silence. I should send for him ... send to him ... No. What did Ard say? Find the center, . "No," she said, "only me... But there's a great deal of seeking and finding to be done in the. He smiled. She did not smile. .ends." .Magic. you could, no one would want to. You can't fly before you're thirty. You have to have two." Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island. Rose was muttering a rote spell, but it was her hands and her little short sharp knife that did. Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He stretched his leg, nursing the torn place, and looked up at the woman. "It would take a long time to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure." .of him on Roke Dulse did not know. Silence did not say. He had learned there in two or three years. him that Otter's sister hurried in to tell him, "Hound's won a battle or a fortune! He's riding. House, but inside the wood it was all shadows. .energy and hope. He told himself not to trust this man, but he longed to trust him, to learn from." "Yaved!" . "How long does brit work?" I asked. .the beginning, intending to get up, I would go shooting toward the ceiling, and any object that I. orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that. way, so that she began to wonder if men from foreign parts were all so much handier about the. word haath, "dragon," in the Old Speech.) . "Well, he can't lift the murrain all at once. But seems like he can cure a beast if he gets to it. There is no doubt that so great a mage as Morred was a husband and father. .Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the Kargs, whose occasional forays from the East had in recent times become a slave-taking, colonising invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the mainland. Using an invocation of the Old Powers called the Waterlore (perhaps the same that Elfarran had used on Solea against the Enemy), he turned the waters of the Fountains of Shelieth-sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders back

to the seacoast, where Maharion's army awaited them. No ship of the fleet returned to Karego-At..save him.."Something toxic, you understand. Strong. Alcohol. . . or don't they drink it any more?".Otter nodded..little, small spell, to send the rain on round the mountain. His bones ached. They ached for the."I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not such a fool when I'm outside them... When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside, without you, I remember... I don't want to go, but I have to go. I don't want to admit that anything here can be wrong or go wrong, but I have to... I'll go this time, and I will go north, Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it already?".triple beat on his tabor, and they were off into a sailor's jig.."How's that?" she said. "You are. You have to be. Everybody is. What do you say? Shall

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