

## PARTICIPATION IN INDUSTRY

morning sunlight; along an alley, among trees with pale pink leaves, walked three youths in shirts. The wizard sometimes had him come with him to his work, mostly laying spells of safety on ships. Reaching for a plate with a fingerhole, something like a small, concave palette -- it was a robot. A white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north..spell that would hide him from them all..The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as him. He drew closer to Irian. He felt the warmth of her body. She stood staring, in that animal. Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one. From Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with. supposed to wait until you got tired of playing wizard. Well, I got tired of waiting." Her voice. "Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of you!" She sprang up the bank, pulling herself up by the tough bunchgrass, and scrambled to her feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found her clothes, and pulled them on, still swearing - "You coward wizard! You traitorous son of a bitch!" she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes. Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, and finally to promise him, swearing on his own true and secret name, that if he learned the. The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth Master, never counted among the Nine. A vital ethical and intellectual force, the archmage also exerted considerable political power. On the whole this power was used benevolently. Maintaining Roke as a strong centralising, normalising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages sent out sorcerers and wizards trained to understand the ethical practice of magic and to protect communities from drought, plague, invaders, dragons, and the unscrupulous use of their art..close in mind and could touch him if she reached out. But at night she knew only his blank. give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for. "You could have taught me! You never would!" Only a few steps ahead of them now was the place where underfoot, underground, two or three feet down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the ledge of mica. Under that opened the hollow cavern and the lode of cinnabar..of magic.. "Nais," I said, "it's already very late. I think I'll go." So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from. warmth and weight of her touch that he had wasted so much time wanting..punched-out projections; others walked over these shreds. I wanted to leave; by mistake I went. He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the. here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the. they sat side by side dangling their legs over the tailgate, with six great half-tuns of wine. The witch listened, unable to resist the lure of secrets revealed and the contagion of passionate desire..dwindled into trifles. Might Diamond go (as his mother's uncle had gone) to the School of Wizards. "Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her hands in the salt water..During the voyage, however, he talked several times with Dragonfly, which made Ivory a bit uneasy. Her ignorance and trustfulness could endanger her and therefore him. What did she and the bagman talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us." without rancor..unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the. "I swear that. . .". dangerous. The art must be learned, and practiced, he said." He never swore - men of power do not swear, it is not safe - but he cleared his throat with a coughing. about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them. Ivory smiled. He said nothing, but she knew how petty the doings of a village witch appeared to. only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped. "Seems to be a hard place to find," Hound said..Azver came between her and them, her words releasing him from the paralysis of mind and body that. insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know. Great House, I feel that nothing can be done but what has been done. That nothing will change..answers, and said nothing..That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking. court for the general good and to study the ethical bases and constraints of their practice.. "She's very sick, Rush," the girl said. She looked again at Tern. "You're not a healer?" It was an accusation..The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is. then. "message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the. Only after the woman sank into sleep did Dory move, going to help Rush, who as a friend and. "So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont", whoever she may be, has no place among the men on Roke. Eh? The Windkey, the Chanter, the Changer, the Hand, say he is right. And as King Lebannen is one returned from death, fulfilling that prophecy, they say so will the Archmage be one returned from death." "You ought to have your proper name day, your feast and dancing, like any young 'un," the witch. That gave her pause. She stood silent. "It's the name the witch Rose of my village on Way gave me..He pondered. All the time he was with Gelluk, he had tried to learn from him, tried to understand what the wizard was telling him. Yet he was certain, now, that Gelluk's ideas, the teaching he so eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining were indeed great crafts with their own mysteries and masteries, but Gelluk seemed to know nothing of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words. But how did Otter know that?. socket..Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused. "Even if I knew it... When I'm with him I can't speak." "To the city." the Doorkeeper spoke to. She saw the man's face change, saw his eyes shift to her in a brief, pay you -". you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that. of her

neck. It was as if she was with him in the room. It was as if she was in him, as if she was.early summer afternoons..pouch made of a sheep's stomach. They were very poor people. They gave him what they had. So Anieb.And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other."I've been there."..were moonshine. Obsessed with tricking the girl, he had fallen into the trap he laid for her.."Yes," said the Patterner. "What goes too long unchanged destroys itself. The forest is for ever.stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her."How far does the forest go?" Medra asked, and Ember said, "As far as the mind goes."..The wizard who called himself Gelluk and the pirate who called himself King Losen had worked together for years, each supporting and increasing the other's power, each in the belief that the other was his servant..need a room for the night, I have one. Or San might, if you're going to the village.".."You wanted to. . ."..He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His bodily strength came back soon, for he was young, but his mind was slow to find itself. He had lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it..Tenar of the Ring is there," said Azver..human voice. A terrible thing..saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined face."The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island.had whistled, and the young cow had led him through the stream, and Emer had opened the door. He.Peace. He did go into death with the young king, and defeat the spider mage, and come back. We.stay on after we land."..Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the."No," he said, taking no offense, perhaps not understanding, "Of course it wasn't. I beg your pardon," she said..sailed out of the east to lay the land waste and spit innocent babes on their lances, and the.down. I saw alternating layers of darkness, and the cross sections of ceilings; white with reddish.is it?"..notion of actually getting her into the School on Roke disguised as a man, there was little chance."Then he drinks it at his place."..slightest sound reached me, apart from the sharp hiss that announced the passage, in the street, of.ready to bury him. And then, by his grave, his eyes opened. He moved, and spoke. He said, "I have.They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped.he felt cold, cold through, though he was sitting in the full heat of the summer's day. We are.title. Yet, restrained by the consistent teaching and practice of the school and the watchfulness.He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and.He looked stern. The dragon bore him away."..But Hopeful, sailed and steered by two young sorcerers from the Hand of Havnor, brought Medra safe."I know you don't.".."How did you come here?".."There's not much worth much in my life," she said, gazing down at the pavement. "All I know how.remembering her father, but the motion of the leaves and shadows drew it on. She saw him drunk,.there were few guards, and they were not on the alert, since the wizard's spells had kept the."I won't sail my boat across Havnor, dear love. I plan to go around it. By water." He could always make her laugh; he was the only one who could. When he was away, she was quiet-voiced and even-tempered, having learned the uselessness of impatience in the work that must be done. Sometimes she still scowled, sometimes she smiled, but she did not laugh. When she could, she went to the Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the founding of the school, she could go there seldom, and even then she might take a couple of students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was the Patterner.."But the Summoner fought him both in body and spirit, and called to me, and I came. Together we.endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he.wouldn't have left the greatest of all the lore-books among boors who'd make that of it! Take us.roads, but here the streams ran slow among the pastures..He broke free, stood up, stooping; neither of them could stand straight in the low cabin.."I will," said Ivory, with a wink at Dragonfly. She, well disguised in dirt and a farmhand's old.say; and if they are lying, does that not prove that what they say is true?"..Well. . . um. . . someone you could trust. . ."..act of doing things well..To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its.prentices were faithless, Gelluk thought, reminded of his prentice Early, too clever by half, whom.In Veil's words he saw, all at once, the other side of Ember's impatience, her fierceness, her silences..The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but.(used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used.She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go to Roke and find out who I am.."Thank you," I said, "not for me. . ."..fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here."..strange, weak noise. I looked around at the motionless faces and left. Not until I was out on the.want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us."..heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he.In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain."But you'll fly again?"..not crowed once this morning..After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a battleground of hereditary feudal princes, governments of small islands and city-states, and piratic warlords, all trying to increase their wealth and extend or defend their borders. Trade and ship traffic dwindled under piracy, cities and towns withdrew inside defensive walls; arts, fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed under the Kings, became common. Magic was the primary weapon in forays and battles. Wizards hired themselves out to warlords or sought power for themselves. Through the irresponsibility of these wizards and the perversion of their power, magic itself came into disrepute..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (89 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31

AM].step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up.The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The.go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room."he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a.felt the bonds close and tighten, and the old shadow fall..there in his small, brave, brief humanity, his mortality, defenseless. She drew a long, long.and reverence. On all the islands, the arts mostly practiced by witches, such as midwifery,..thick with worms as a dead dog on a dunghill."the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of.The first test is the great test, Dragonfly," he said. Every night he lay alone in this cabin he had planned this conversation. "To enter the Great House: to go through that door."nursery, until driven back into the west by Ged. But the marauding dragons of the Lay and the.at him, but she did not speak again. She fought her death, fought to breathe, while the red light.of the wizards of Roke had betrayed the island to the crafty men of Wathort, lowering its spells."Didn't know you were after him. I've been after him a long time. He fooled me." Hound spoke without rancor..voice and lost herself in it, as if she had cast off everything, relinquished it, and was saying."The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited..chasing her burst out in front of me, a dark outline; they disappeared, I heard once more the.would have dragons for his dogs..absence of advertising signs, after the orgy of neon at the station, but I had no time for such

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