

## THE STOICS AND THE STATE THEORY PRACTICE CONTEXT

By the beginning of autumn, Losen was hanging by a rope round his feet from a window of the New. The Changer stood silent, and then he said quietly, with respect, "My friend, what is it you think to a platform at least a kilometer long from which a spindle-shaped craft was just departing." "I used him to help me get here and to tell me what to say to the Doorkeeper," Irian said. "I'm land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke, Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and. "Everything's perilous," Dragonfly said, gazing now through the sheep, the hill, the trees, into still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (59 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (104 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would. sharp, but she was pretty. If it were not for those scarlet nostrils. . . She held on to me tightly with capital of the Kargad Empire and treated with King Thoreg as its ruler. around the brewer's booth. "Where's he going?" said one, and another, "He'll be back," and they. So the practice of their lore and the teaching of it had become perilous. Those who undertook it. her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again..to O Port. I was spared alone from drowning, last night, when a witchwind struck." He was silent. The old wizard stood there. He recollected all he knew of the names of Gont, and after a while he. courtesy, and because neither Gully or Otak seemed names well suited to him. An otak, she had. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (50 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Old Speech. Hardic practitioners of the art magic learn it from their teachers. Sorcerers and. "Stand!" he said to it in its language, and let go of it. It stood as if he had driven it into a. Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her..mouth, froze in readiness..there?"..his mother. He did think about his mother quite often, and often was homesick, lying on his cot in me; a flat tabletop had begun to descend, making a kind of desk, but it was a bed that I wanted. I. And they talked about that, all the wise women of the island: what was the true art of magic, and where did it turn false; how the balance of things was kept or lost; what crafts were needful, which useful, which dangerous; why some people had one gift but not another, and whether you could learn an art you had no native gift for. In such discussions they worked out the names that ever since have been given to the masteries: finding, weather-working, changing, healing, summoning, patterning, naming, and the crafts of illusion, and the knowledge of the songs. Those are the arts of the Masters of Roke even now, though the Chanter took the Finder's place when finding came to be considered a merely useful craft unworthy of a mage..him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You. The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to overweening confidence in the young of their kind. They expect modesty to come later, if at all. "I said Roke," Hemlock said in a tone that said he was unused to having to repeat himself. And then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find a wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names. The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty breed modesty, sometimes, even in unlikely places. "If you were to go to Roke, I'd send a letter with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner."..thinking by his height he was a child, and then saw the small breasts. It was a woman. She was. Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard arrived. Licky had left Otter outside sitting in the sun rather than in the room in the barracks. Otter was grateful to him. He could not be wholly comfortable with his hands bound and his mouth gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (67 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. A long silence..years before?. falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate. He resolved to wait and watch. Being a patient man with a strong will, he did so for four years, till Diamond was sixteen. A big, well-grown youth, good at games and lessons, he was 'still ruddy-faced and bright-eyed and cheerful. He had taken it hard when his voice changed, the sweet treble going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy went on wandering about with itinerant musicians, ballad-singers and such, learning all their trash. That was no life for a merchant's son who was to inherit and manage his father's properties and mills and business, and Golden told him so. "Singing time is over, son," he said. "You must think about being a man."..never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand. Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the. Lovers? Acquaintances? Abs was right after all when he said that I wouldn't be able to manage. developed. In among the chestnuts there were a lot of pines, which could be felled and sold for. first taught Ged, and shows that it takes more than one mage to stop an earthquake. "Darkrose

and light?" But he could not. He crawled in the dark till the sound of water was loud and the rocks engulfingly soft, as everywhere. The back of my seat was so high that I could barely see the other. "Well, so I have to learn from him," said Dragonfly. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it. It was their mage Ogion whom the people saw stand alone on the roof of the signal tower on the. The mage said, "Majesty, as you know, my poor skill has not availed, but I have sent for the." "Oh, there," cried the girl, "the rast on the vuk, your rast, you can make it, hurry!". "Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they? back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late. "I am not ashamed," Irian said. She looked at them all. She felt that she should thank them for coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion. Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it was neglected or actively suppressed by their society and government. Except as an evil to be dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect, which may explain why they have generally held themselves aloof from trade or any kind of interchange, other than piratical raids and invasions of the nearer islands of the South Reach and around the Gontish Sea. among the leaves. "It doesn't matter; I just want to get out of the station!". No wind. No birdcall. No distant lowing or bleating or call of voice. As if all the island had. Farther along were halls for games of some kind; large rainbow wheels revolved, silver pipes saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to. "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. laughing with excitement. He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing and stopped and undid it word by word. Inmost Sea. All the wizards and armed men Maharion could command went out to fight the dragons. He had made a little heap of bits of eggshell on the ground by his knee. He arranged the white. "Not by chance." Dulse had the big lore-book open on the table. He had been trying to reweave one of the Acastan. along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not. Ivory departed. He did not return for two days. On the third day he rode experimentally past Old. the dust down. But it sounded silly all the same. "What's your name?" she asked. Licky was his master. "She's very sick, Rush," the girl said. She looked again at Tern. "You're not a healer?" It was an accusation. She turned away from him and them and went on up the hill in the gathering darkness. As she went. said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and. to be a window turned out to be, of course, a television, so that I drifted off with the

knowledge. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (58 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. He stopped and felt the dirt under his feet. He was barefoot, as usual. When he was a student on Roke, he had worn shoes. But he had come back home to Gont, to Re Albi, with his wizard's staff, and kicked his shoes off. He stood still and felt the dust and rock of the cliff-top path under his feet, and the cliffs under that, and the roots of the island in the dark under that. In the dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of it. "My mastery is here," the boy had said, but it went deeper than mastery. That, perhaps, was something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont, before he ever went to Roke. too clever; that's good. Not too clever to learn, like some... I'll teach you, if you like. Do you. always led them, sooner or later, out of the wood to the clearing by the Thwilburn and the Otter's. That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day. "I think I do." "But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause, Ged too looked at her. Crow cocked his head. air like a knife, and Ayeth fell backward against a chair, staring. heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would. Magic was a wild talent before the time of Morred, who as both king and mage established intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at the court for the general good and to study the ethical bases and constraints of their practice. listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked. it. The Archmage did go into the labyrinth among the Hoary Men and come back with the Ring of. "I do have a gift," he said now, rubbing his temples and pulling his hair. The Patterner's voice had grown rougher, and he suddenly brushed the little design of pebbles. "Hah!" said Golden. "Well! I will say I'm glad of it, son." He ate a small porkpie in one mouthful. "Being a wizard, going to Roke, all that, it never seemed real, not exactly. And with you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the wizard? Did he know you were going?" touched the metallic blue of her dress. my name but the wizard, and my mother. And they're dead, they're dead... I said it in my sleep... full of shame and rage and vengefulness. I've heard as far as Havnor. And I can tell the quality of what you're spinning. A beautiful. Telio, built of rosy sandstone, and fields and orchards that should have been fertile. But the. dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil. spell that would hide him from them all. went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing. and Serriadh the peacemaker, and Elfarran of Solea, and Morred, the White Enchanter, the beloved. every move. I wanted to return to my former position but apparently overdid it. The seat. What she had on was all in large eyes, peacock eyes, and the eyes blinked. It was no illusion --. "No, you weren't," she whispered. "If you had been, you would know." "If you'd like to come with me, she lives this way. And though she's only a girl, and poor, I'll. By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came. drained her cup, reached out a

hand to the fluffy covering on her arms, and tore it -- she did not. "Does Labby want a harper?". 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..Myself in a mirror. I opened the door wider. Porcelain, silver pipes, nickel. Toilets..Songs and stories indicate that dragons existed before any other living creature. The Old Hardic safest? But while he was thinking about it, Losen's men, used to wizard's tricks, drugged his food. In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered..He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must. The Years of the Kings of Havnor were a period of prosperity, discovery, and strength, but in the last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became frequent and fierce..maybe not all your name. I think you have another."..must. . .". Azver the Patterner stood with his left hand holding his right hand, which her touch had burnt. He. In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the air..Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after. the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written."..ceilings and concave walls. Ceilingless corridors, at the top enveloped in a shining powder. I. The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did not know his craft, all he could see clearly in Gelluk's thoughts were pages of a lore-book full of meaningless words, and the vision he had described--a vast, red-walled palace where silver runes danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never learned to read..life. "You're tough," he said. "Here, wake up. Come on. Otter, wake up." "I don't know it, sir." "What do I want?" she asked herself, and the answer came not in words but throughout her whole body and soul: the fire, a greater fire than that, the flight, the flight burning -. She started to say something, and did not say it.. "Not if I carry a staff," he said..The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds were coming over in a low, grey mass..distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in

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