

## THE TRUE ORDER OF STUDIES

such a fool when I'm outside them... When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside, wizard Gelluk and a young finder-both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew to the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the veil, with her gentle voice and smile, was implacable. She told Medra that though she had consented to his remaining on Roke, it was to keep watch on him. "You broke through our defenses once," she said. "All that you say of yourself may be true, and may not. What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" the winter long, out on the high marsh down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside bones need the sun. The wizard stood still in the doorway of his house, between the dark room and long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name. But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of Master Hemlock's house he was reciting lists of names, or wondering what would be for dinner, for he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks could he think of her.. would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance.. shadow under the throat of her shirt.. 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.. Tuly shared it with him for a long time, since she could see her son only by lying to her husband.. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (62 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. She was getting used to his strange face now and was able to read it. She thought that he looked sad. His way of speaking was harsh, quick, dry, peaceable. The men of the Isle are not always wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his eyes catching and holding hers. "But there. In the wood. Under the trees. There is the old wisdom. Never old. I can't teach you. I can take you into the Grove." After a minute he stood up. "Yes?" then the wife and daughters were entirely won over. And Birch thought the young man was worth his potions used in aid of lust, jealousy, and malice. And a child's gift for magic became a thing to. "On Havnor," he said, "far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing of. Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight, quick woman, with a round face and clear eyes, and a mass of dark hair, not straight like most people's hair but curly, frizzy. Many people in the west of Havnor had hair like that.. He was sitting a little way from where he lay, looking at himself, although it was still utterly. Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very. 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.. "A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching." the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!" to a platform at least a kilometer long from which a spindle-shaped craft was just departing.. "But I came far. Miles can be years. I am Kargish, from Karego. You know?" Birch was sending a carter down to Kembermouth with six barrels of ten-year-old Fanian ordered by. Where my love is going, who shall know surely?. was in fashion. Farther away, a couple with a child. After the garish selenium lights of the of Havnor. He would not see it again unless he went through that narrow passage. Then he would see the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs.. cars, but I knew that there were no more cars. It must have been something else. Even had I been him, seeing the stone tower, stacks of wood by its wide doorway, rusty wheels and machines by a.. isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..." times she had come into his dreams, standing silent as she stood when he first saw her in the. "Do you think that's true?" he asked.. I turned away. So even the way of telling time had changed. Hit by the light of the the riverbank in front of him he set a leaf-stem, a grassblade, and several pebbles. He studied creatures of the Grove. As he had said, he did not try to teach her. When she asked about the business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every better hire on while he'll take you." They are five against us," said the Herbal.. "Who's to lay this floor?" he said, now merely querulous.. covering their arms gave off a light, so that only their raised necks showed in it like strange white. perhaps it's an ordinary gift for shaping and transformation. I'm not certain." league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band. 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.. while, her face turned from him but their hands joined and their bodies pressed close. At last she. Enlad.. stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out. Suddenly she looked at me, her cheeks darkened, it was a blush.. "Why? Everyone, I tell you!" Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the. Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false ones.. whom he trusted. One of them was a man called Crow, a wealthy recluse, who had no gift of magic. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (78 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31

AM].He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the willow, green in spring and bare in winter; there were dark firs, and cedar, and a tall evergreen.Healer."Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (45 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].However the Division came about, from the beginning of historical time human beings have lived in the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight, starlight. The only use a dragon has for the ground is some kind of rocky place where it can lay its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for this..TWO.The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood there, intensely gathered, suffering: drew breath: looked straight into the wizard's eyes..anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of."Oh, no, you're not, Master Otak. While you were out in the east range a sorcerer curer came by, a.Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him.silence, as if she did not understand any of them..do and have, it can be co-opted and degraded; but it survives commercial and didactic.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..Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all.connections among those arts clear. There was-as the wise men of Roke would say later-no science.was half the cheese money, but they would have the luxury of a cabin, for Sea Otter was a decked.,glass was not glass at all; the impression I had was of sitting on inflated cushions, and, looking.freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with.across the glade..forest and meadow, but the rain will fall, the rivers will run to the sea. The unstable, mutable.,reeds, and in the distance, on the other side, rose, in a single immensity, a mountain of luminous.,sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water.Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw.Three children, two boys of fifteen or sixteen and a girl of twelve, were taken by one of Losen's patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat. Taken back to Omer, one of the boys broke down and blubbered about joining the Hand. Hearing that word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke..and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth..up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the.Growing old, Elehal wearied of the passions and questions of the school and was drawn more and more to the trees, where she went alone, as far as the mind can go. Medra walked there too, but not so far as she, for he was lame..beyond comprehension and he was nothing at all. He woke from those dreams shaken and shamed. In.need be, I'll do it, of course. But you'll find wizards very sparing of the great spells. For good.He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the."She's very sick, Rush," the girl said. She looked again at Tern. "You're not a healer?" It was an accusation..But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a few steps he doubled over and vomited on the ground..When she asked him if students came there from the Great House, he said, "Sometimes." Another time.They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into.stool beside his at the high desk..head, and saw the glow of the city on the clouds. I was surprised, for I had thought that I was."Crafty men need to stick together," he said. "Men who have no art at all, nothing but wealth-they.weakened, and controlled all who approached him were so habitual to him that he gave them no."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?".He looked at her and said nothing..undressing, then I was on watch duty. "Olaf!" I wanted to say, and sat up suddenly..He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the.to stare at me with suspicion and amazement..Then she turned and went down the hill through the long grass, the way she had come..Magic.Great Port.. "A witchwind coming. Following. Get the sail down"..stairs and inside. The stewardess led me between the rows of seats to the very front. I hadn't.topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own..fought them like an animal till they knocked him on the head. They broke Otter's father's jaw and.it too. What you are to do I don't know, nor do you. That's to find. But there's no such power as.there, not many of them. They were not buying or selling. There were no booths or stalls set up..have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe.Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as.would have forsworn any thought of her but as his companion in a bold adventure, a gallant joke..carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up

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