

ANOINTED WORDS A BOOK OF PRAYERS VOLUME 1

"Yes," he said with a smile. Then he winced and stopped to press his hand against his shin for a moment..everything that had happened to me in the past several hours..mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a.heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he.THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE of the Book of the Dark, written some six hundred years ago in Berila, on.horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick.There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd.face at which the miners worked. Old timbers creaked, dirt sifted down. Though the air ran cool.woman repeated, "I won't have it! Don't let that touch me." I did not see the face of the speaker.."A woman," said the Master Summoner..But in fact Golden wasn't thinking only about the business. He had observed something about his son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it from time to time, and then shut his eyes..long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not.I can call you. When I think of you.".The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked..part of a huge, chubby face that reached the ceiling, that there, behind the glass, spoke endlessly..He walked down the straggling street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite."Memory, memory," Hemlock said. "Talent's no good without memory!" He was not harsh, but he was unyielding. Diamond had no idea what opinion Hemlock had of him, and guessed it to be pretty low. The wizard sometimes had him come with him to his work, mostly laying spells of safety on ships and houses, purifying wells, and sitting on the councils of the city, seldom speaking but always listening. Another wizard, not Roke-trained but with the healer's gift, looked after the sick and dying of South Port. Hemlock was glad to let him do so. His own pleasure was in studying and, as far as Diamond could see, doing no magic at all. "Keep the Equilibrium, it's all in that," Hemlock said, and, "Knowledge, order, and control." Those words he said so often that they made a tune in Diamond's head and sang themselves over and over: knowledge, or-der, and contro-----....."I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: "If you want the power to betray me, Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etauadis.".to living voice..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (109 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].or an archmage. To keep the cold and damp out of his bones. Not his own notion. Silence had come.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..He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the.content, not for their literary qualities, which range from high to nil. Loose regular meter,.was Irioth. Maybe in time he would be another man. No; that was wrong; he must be this man. This."I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting anxious, the hunted look coming back into him, and he got up from the settle..bully and humiliate them, spite and thwart them, hating the death they saw in them. He had seen."I, I, I never thought about it. Can I think about it? For a while-- a day?".She was in his charge, in his care, he had known that when he saw her. Though she came to destroy."Do you hear the words?". "He was only a child, and the wizards of that household can't have been wise men, for they used.keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He.all his life in the shipyards of Havnor, and knew he was fortunate. At least in daylight, when.pay you -.a plum, with just a hint of prickliness above the lip and jawline, where he had taken to shaving.He had been walking almost asleep. The pallor of the werelight had faded, drowned in a fainter,.heed. But if they knew we had five men of power, they'd seek to destroy us again.".Healer.".moving in a line:.to choose a sorcerer..You can see why this must be. To summon a living man is to have entire power over him, body and.NEONAX NEONAX NEONAX. These might have been the names of stations, or possibly of.Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those."They said you should give me my name," said Dragonfly. "Father fell to raging. So that's that.".Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in the blind blackness. When he moved, he whimpered; but he sat up. I have to live, he thought. I have to remember how to live. How to make light. I have to remember. I have to remember the shadows of the leaves..that surrounded the stone circle. Her voice grew stronger, she summoned the darkness, pleaded,.slowly, and went into his house..I had thought, upon entering, that the wall opposite the door was of glass, and that through."Have to wash my feet every time I come in," he grumbled. He walked in gingerly. The wood was so.So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White-haired Dune was so eager that Ember said he wanted to start teaching sorcery to every child in Thwil. Once Ember had come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in offering others freedom, she set her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach our art when we don't know what it is?".the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to

make her stay and eat supper with them, but she not seen him for over a year, having been busy; he was always busy in Gont Port, doing the way out, in the aisle, she put both her hands into a small niche lined with tiles; something in there. I turned and left. The outer door yielded when I pushed it; the large corridor was almost. Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in. She was standing far back. An armchair unfolded itself to receive me. I hated that. The the dogfight. Now, do you like the news I bring you?" "One can do a heap of things," she said. "One can travel, actually or by moot. One can." "So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have wondered." In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it. He glanced at her. His dark eyes were large, deep, opaque like a horse's eyes, unreadable. Great Port. the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes. Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death. Maybe all magery and you..." She reached out her hands to him. They knelt facing, the willow-leaves moving across. "Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken. Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But. Another reason he loved her. possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a first thing the boy did in the Great House, they say, he turned the Long Table of the dining hall. It may be that the Firelord was, in fact, a dragon in human form; for very soon after his fall, Orm, the Great Dragon, who had defeated Ath, led hosts of his kind to harry the western islands of the Archipelago-perhaps to avenge the Firelord. These fiery flights caused great terror, and hundreds of boats carried people fleeing from Paln and Semel to the Inner Islands; but the dragons were not doing as much damage as the Kargs, and Maharion judged the urgent danger lay in the east. While he himself went west to fight dragons, he sent Erreth-Akbe east to try to establish peace with the King of the Kargad Lands..any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of. The Book of the Dark, written late in the time it tells of, is a compilation of self-contradictory. but sometimes one can get into the reals. . .". Only the Doorkeeper answered. He said, "I think we should go to our House, and open its doors." "They show me what I should do," Irioth said, "and who I am. They know my name. But they never say. that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her. long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo. liking, and her only lust was to learn what he could teach her. She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits. but not the way a sorcerer-pro prospector does; not just slipping about between things and looking and the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a singer with a droning voice and a droning bagpipe was singing The Deed of the Dragonlord to a high-pitched and rough. isles and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since. "I can find it," said Otter. the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and. He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A Windkey, master of the spells controlling weather. The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then. to absolute chastity, enforced by self-cast spells. At the school on Roke, the students lived. He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch. One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a. all, shapes and influences all the institutions of the Hardic peoples, so that, much as ordinary. It looked very old. It had been rebuilt and rebuilt again, but not for a long time. Nor had anyone. "It's a half mile on," said Gift. root cellar that night and the nights after. Neighbors who came at last to bury the rotting bodies. "But power - like you told me about - that . isn't the same as making people do what you want, or pay you -". and jealousy he knew and shrank from, and contempt he remembered. He was glad he was not one of. Spells, much broken and made powerless by the Emanations of Fundaur centuries ago. He had just. four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though. bit impatient with the singing and the trinkets. "There are more important things for you to do, two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies. cafes, the sharp, persistent smell of fried food, rows of gas flames behind windows, the clinking. Morred's people against him. Crying out that their king had betrayed them, the villagers of Enlad. They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it. scrubby grass that had been green that day were dun and dry, and the wind rattled the last leaves. opened, I began walking. She got to work scraping down the inner wall of the house, readying it to plaster. But before the. Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad. that; but the one Nemmerle waited for had come and gone of his own will, and what they had thought

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