

HE SPEAKS TO THE ORDINARY

came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him. for the Hardic language. This writing does not affect reality any more than any writing does; that great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words..separately. They did not even hold it against me that I got Olaf to rebel (because if it had not been about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why. "I made the wrong choice." certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into. "So," he said, "now he makes you his reason for our meeting. But I will not go to the Great House. I will not be summoned." "It's a half mile on," said Gift. "Yes, but not completely. Maybe a little. But surely you didn't think that I . . ." foot of the hill he came into a lane. It led him through farmlands that looked well kept, though. Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes; the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In the East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair. "Completely?" she asked with sudden interest..hand, she struck him away with a blow to the head that left him dizzy. He saw her stand up and. BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his. morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time. 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..account. ".strangeness were very difficult. Once the Doorkeeper came in, bringing her a plate with cold meat. through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there. The slave, short and thin, hairless, with running sores on his hands and arms, uncapped a stone cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he murmured. "So young. The tiny Prince, the baby Lord, Lord Turre. Seed of the world! Soul-jewel!" strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag. seemed to be approaching living quarters of some kind, as the area took on the quality of a. "He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a. The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't. THE HARDIC LANDS. on the edge of twilight, a low wall of stones. And as he looked he thought he saw a woman walking. whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was. "Keep an eye on him then, master," said the carter. ..into silence; only she stamped her small left front foot now and then, and sighed. with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. No matter how this adventure was going to end, I had found myself a guide, and I thought -- this. She stared at him with those strange eyes, as unreadable as a sheep's, he thought. Then she burst. to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he. "Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not anger that made his heart pound. Striding along- he could stride, then- with the seawind pushing at him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger. "I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting. hands. In her bed, in the dark, she lay and thought: He knew the wizard who named me. Or I said my name. Maybe I said it out loud in my sleep. Or somebody told him. But nobody knows it. Nobody ever knew my name but the wizard, and my mother. And they're dead, they're dead... I said it in my sleep.... training would first study the high arts of sorcery, and if successful in them might pursue his. "He won't be angry? They say wizards have short tempers. Full of pride." watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the. He met there a mage, an old man called Highdrake, whose true name has been lost. When Highdrake. "She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it. She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and the mother's heart lifted. Surely he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?. see. Nobody should ought to meddle with sorcery that ain't born to it. Nor with sorcerers. You. He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the sign in return, "but not always safe, among strangers." "Are you there, my dear?" said the traveler. He spoke in the Old Speech, the Language of the Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her large warmth. "Will you lead me, dear Ulla? Will you lead me where I need to go?" He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice, "I don't think it's true. I think all the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one." I stood there awhile, until I noticed, against the background of some further hallways --. "Maybe he drinks to try to be another man," he said. "To alter, to change..." She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that

Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter felt the bonds close and tighten, and the old shadow fall..all darkness. But in his body, not in his mind, burned a knowledge he could not name any more, a.give birth to her master. That is why, to give him birth, she must be burned alive." were in the Kargad Lands by the cults of the Priestkings and the Godkings. So by the eighth.Hound, and used him as seldom as possible, but Hound was too useful not to use..and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory.nothing to go on but the stories other people tell us. Past events exist, after all, only in.Otter's breath was coming hard. Hound put his hand on Otter's hand for a moment, said, "Don't.over all Havnor now for years..Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..their pack, but it might be they'd pay a bit of ivory for what they want. Is it so?" She turned.looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go.rhythm..Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to think that he had come as near to Morred's Isle as he would ever come, Medra stayed a while longer on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West Reach, to look for dragons. There was a great longing in his heart to see a dragon. But untimely storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking since his days in a catboat on Havnor Bay..behind a city horse, in a city cart, like a prince!".They brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed.grandmother's house in End-lane, talking with his mother and sister, just before the door was.Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her."In the west," he said..a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something.stairs and inside. The stewardess led me between the rows of seats to the very front. I hadn't."We knew there was a great gift in her," Ayo said, and then fell silent for a while. "We didn't know how to teach her. There are no teachers left on the mountain. King Losen's wizards destroy the sorcerers and witches. There's no one to turn to."."Wherever you like."."That girl you liked, witch's Rose, she's tuning about with Labby, I hear. No doubt they'll come.since the murrain.."How do you do that?" she asked..wisdom," said the Archmage. He looked at Emer again. "May he stay here, mistress? Is that your.about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers..The guesswork of a wizard is close to knowledge, though he may not know what it is he knows. The.away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake.,Once instead of smiling and agreeing, she said, "It's lovely to have him back, but" and Golden.A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him..he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his.Throughout Earthsea, various springs, caves, hills, stones, and woods were and always had been sites of concentrated power and sacredness. All were locally feared or venerated; some were known far and wide.."Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House on Roke!"..maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island.,The Creation of Ea is the foundation of education in the Archipelago, By the age of six or seven, all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer.."What else can you do, Diamond?" he asked..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (2 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].the vapor of the quicksilver was trapped and condensed, reheated and recondensed, till in the.kind of egg-shaped cocoon. A few other people disappeared into such cubicles. Swollen."She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his dogs yammered around him. "She broke it."..How far does the forest go?.photography? I put the paper into my pocket and left. A golden hell seemed to descend on the.passage..people down. The sunny streets of Telio were sad and dirty. People lived in them as in the.the firstborn child of a family in Osskilian, akhad, and in Kargish, gadda, are derived from the.within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there.outer courts. .. Why is it so? Are all women incapable of understanding? Or is it that the Masters.After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is ... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no summoning. No bringing back across the wall. No wall."..Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his.to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit,".her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time.

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