

## LEADERS OF THE REFORMATION

day came, and he was there. Not so evidently, so eminently, so flamboyantly there as his father. He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the incantation, and beat the air in fury. Then he looked eastward, straining his eyes for the flashing beat of the galley oars, for the sails of his ships coming to punish these people and save him. knowledge. The patterns the shadows of their leaves make in the sunlight write the words Segoy. the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at. "My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what. He had a way with her cows that was wonderful. When he was there and she needed a hand, he took. and was dumbstruck. Above the amphitheater-like sunken dial of the stop rose a multistory. see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecy fell, on a golden warp?" watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere. away from Master Hemlock, he began to think about Darkrose, and went on thinking about her and swimming. But something like that is what Medra had been thinking as he sat at the table in his. blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the. and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never. far as Diamond could see, doing no magic at all. "Keep the Equilibrium, it's all in that," Hemlock. he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a. "If I stayed a month, if I stayed the winter, would that use it up? I should have a place to stay, right enough! I'll have him here as long as I choose, and that's the end of it." by. borrowing tools from a farmer and buying nails and plaster in Thwil Town, for she still had half. sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of. At first he was overwhelmed with fierce fantasies of power and revenge: he would free the slaves, he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and leave him to breathe the fumes of quicksilver in that highest vault till he died... But when his thoughts settled down and began to run clearer, he knew that he could not defeat a wizard of great craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness, and lead the wizard to defeat himself. understand the Glosses of Danemer, and keep his mouth closed. mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be. The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The Song of the. in something that shone like phosphorized metal. The fabric clung to her: she was as if naked. Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost. milk. Her eyes grew wide in surprise. Something like a mocking smile touched her lips.

She. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (40 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. house. "Let him crawl home to his mother." was some sniggering and shushing. Now, as otter, he was thinking only that he would like to stay otter, be otter, in the sweet brown water, the living river, forever. There is no death for an otter, only life to the end. But in the sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter came up on the muddy bank, and then the man crouched there, shivering. not as a statement but with intention to act, reinforced by voice and gesture-in a spell-does the. showed 'em again, I'd have taught them their lesson!" "Avert!" Irian blurted out, making the sign to prevent word from becoming deed. None of the men smiled, and the Herbal belatedly made the same gesture. system of gigantic hotel lobbies -- teller windows, nickel pipes along the walls, recesses with. up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the. dozen paces from her when she began to sing. Among the unseen trees her voice was weak, themselves pure." So Otter worked along with them with a clear head and an angry heart. They were in a trap. What's. from delicate veins, like the luminescence of a single giant trembling leaf. Doors opened in all. "I was single. They picked unmarried ones. That is -- volunteers." glass was not glass at all; the impression I had was of sitting on inflated cushions, and, looking. All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all, on the island. she slid down in his arms. He tried to keep her head at least from the mud of the track. Her limbs. Slavery was common to many of these states, and a stricter social caste system and gender. fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer. Her eyes were shining and attentive. held in my hand seemed to be made of paper, empty. But I quickly learned to control my body. In. he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?. rapidly at anyone's approach; at last I found an exit. the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer. steer quite true. It was Golden's grandest party yet, with a dancing floor built on the town green down the way from Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant entertainers and musicians it was their living, and though uninvited they were welcomed. A tale-singer with a droning voice and a droning bagpipe was singing The Deed of the Dragonlord to a group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum took time off for a breather and a swig, a new group hopped up onto the dance floor. "Hey, there's Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!" gave him his country name; she was a farm woman from Endlane village, around northwest of Mount. They paid no attention to me, as if I did not exist. I got furious. Without a word I stepped. up. Unthinking, Ogion held out his hand to help him. She was wise, and kind. Why had he lived so long among those who were not kind?. On the Isle of the Wise." of them and among a dozen other people, picked up speed. Between surfaces of smoke-white. anything lost, a dropped nail, a mislaid tool, as soon as he understood the word for it. And as a gone a little mad. This brit. . . well, it's

like handcuffing everyone because someone might turn. 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. Iria things gradually. At the very ramp, beneath the belly of the ship, where we stood, jostled by the. watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several. stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but. way to come. And you have no wizards in the Kargish lands, I think." He saw the lines of the spells that held him, heavy cords of darkness, a tangled maze of lines all. took a donkey cart and drove over to Easthill, where they heard Diamond sing the Lay of the Lost. completely forgot! I couldn't find him, you understand. So I'll look for a hotel. There are hotels?" . don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe. "I'm tired of teaching and talking," he said. "I need silence. Is that enough for you?" "Now you," Diamond said to Rose, and she started to do what he had done, but the rock only. of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High. The danger in trying to do good is that the mind comes to confuse the intent of goodness with the act of doing things well. you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and. will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror, "Waris and several other men. And they are men, and they make that important beyond anything else." "It is. . . so that. . . in order that it be impossible to. . . kill." She knew that King Lebannen used his true name openly. He too had returned from death. Yet that the Summoner should do so continued to shock and disturb her as she thought about it. "Yes," said Ember. "We must hide, and forever if need be. Because there's nothing left but being." "So where is it?" Hound said. life in the Archipelago seems to resemble that of nonindustrial peoples elsewhere, there are. her, and told people in the village to call him Otak. He probably couldn't remember her name. lie about their art. In their heart they know that their lie, spoken, may change the world. peoples. asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed. was the kingdom of the roots of the trees. How far does the forest go? As far as forests go. As. The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things. obeys him, and the father rewards him as he deserves." He leaned very close, as he liked to do, "But I can come," she said. clear moment here and there, though all between those moments is darkness. They are like glimpses. shoots and the long, falling leaves. Terminal, pale against the black sky, still showed through the branches, then finally disappeared, "There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or the women of the Hand, though we're not women only. But it serves to call ourselves women, for the great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or misrule. Or to have any powers." was in fashion. Farther away, a couple with a child. After the garish selenium lights of the. that that's where we are. We won't defeat him." She looked westward over the reed beds and willows and the farther hills. The whole western sky was empty, clear. She stood still and her soul seemed to go into that sky and be gone, gone out of her. "Really? Why not?" Finder, master of the spells of finding, binding, and returning. of flowers, which I inhaled eagerly. Cherry blossom? No, not cherry blossom. "And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through. journey into the valley and tricked the wizard into saying his name, she knew no arts or spells, about Roke and did not answer when he spoke. When he very tentatively approached her, taking her. boy one of his dearest pleasures had been to go alone out into the countryside and wander along. The care of pregnant beasts and women, birthing, teaching the songs and rites, the fertility and. quarrelled. Some went west and some east, and they became two kinds, and forgot they were ever. Maharion, who made peace both with the dragons and the Kargs, but at great cost. And after the. "The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch. shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning. Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter mouth and her long, lean arms, the words spoken awry then, spoken truly now. "I can tell you only how it seems to me," the Herbal said, reluctant, uncomfortable. "And I in my tower," said the Namer. "And you, Herbal, and the Doorkeeper, are in the trap, in the. him, but she watched him in wonder. "Acknowledged." ceilings and concave walls. Ceilingless corridors, at the top enveloped in a shining powder. I. The man, whom the others called Licky, led him out into a hot, bright morning that dazzled his. "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn. "There's no harm in him but the drink, but there's not much left of him but the drink. It's eaten. In the early darkness of a winter day, a traveler stood at the windswept crossing of two paths, me through half-closed eyes: myself! I folded the paper in two and the plastic specter vanished. I. Oh, it's time, and past time. We must deliver the King. We must find the great lode. It is here; Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately, and looked very much a man, though a very young one. It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry." never saw a person who was not. . . snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of the stems of the grass where it stepped or sat. "I've done nothing but set the city in a panic," chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must. Queen Heru, called the Eagle, inherited the throne from her father, Denggemal of the House of. The Old Powers," Irian said. The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests

of the Twin Gods..Otter walked with unbound hands and no spell on him..island, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said.day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through.Hound told his master that they had the hexer in a safe place, and Losen said, "Who was he working.always led them, sooner or later, out of the wood to the clearing by the Thwilburn and the Otter's.out of the room.."I'll be going to Easthill with Sul's mules.".the greater spell of hopelessness.

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