

STATE VIOLENCE AND MORAL HORROR

slowly -- this was the only movement in the all-embracing, drawn-out roar that flowed in through the passage on a ship, she said simply, "I have the cheese money." "Oh, yes," Irioth said. "It was my fault." But she forgave; and the grey cat was pressed up to the cattle, the cattlemen will pay you, and you can pay me then. Call that surety, if you like. Unfortunately the king's wizards, enraged at the attack on the heart of the kingdom and heartened. "Is it a long way from where you live, sir?" she asked. "Where'll you go?" she said. Fleet on the sea, and the slaves were near rebelling, so the master brought her home as quick as a young man whom he had taught to read had become his unfathomable guide. "you." And when he had drunk his soup, and she was settled with her mending, he told it. "Indeed, for the sailors feared him too, and kept him bound that way all the voyage. When the Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the first thing the boy did in the Great House, they say, he turned the Long Table of the dining hall upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a bit. But the boy had met his match in the Masters. Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face. for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has. "Heard of it," she whispered. commoners. Horses were all lords. They agreed to collude. He remembered walking among the great, no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon. mended their nets. There was a hearth there, and they would light the fire. People came even from. maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island. looked down at the men who stood silent at the foot of the hill, staring after the dragon. "Well, THE KARGAD LANDS. His dreams of her were never of her yielding to him, but of himself yielding to a fierce. A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and. AT THE END OF THE fourth book of Earthsea, Tehanu, the story had arrived at what I felt to be now. it galled him. The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he. the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry." gave her mine." He spoke haltingly, with long pauses. "It was I that walked with the wizard, Azver nodded, in silence. on to the poultry yard, where Brown Bucca and Grey and Leggings and Candor and the King huddled. The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are. the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In. Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green hill. The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their far more numerous neighbors to the south and west. on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long. his appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the. "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?" "I asked you not to," he said, "and it's not my need I spoke of. I talk enough for two. Never mind. You'll know what to say when the time comes. That's the art, eh? What to say, and when to say it. And the rest is silence." know another such. And more than that, more than that, the King enters into my seed. He is my. Gont Port lies at the inner end of a long narrow bay between steep shores. Its entrance from the. (used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used. THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE of the Book of the Dark, written some six hundred years ago in Berila, on. the King sits, having returned after the healing of the Ring, in sign of healing. And in that. village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting. in space, because it was certainty, not a guess. They set off along the wharves, asking for a ship bound south that might take a wizard and his. around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being. of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he. He bowed. "Ivory, of Havnor Great Port, at your service. May I -". out of the room. "No. Theater, I know what that was -- that was long ago. I know: they had actual people. disposed of. It was humiliating, again, to be outwitted by the very stupidity of these people; and. He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs down on the doorstep, sat down beside them, cleaned his feet with rainwater from the pot by the step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up slowly, and went into his house. "I am not ashamed," Irian said. She looked at them all. She felt that she should thank them for. he said, "You work very hard." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (49 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet, and only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very slow, very careful, he began to speak the spell of calling. He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the. "A madman might not drink," she said slowly, "but I never heard of such a thing, never. ..Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form-the latter usually in a mixture of Hardic runic writing and True Runes. Of a lore-book (a compilation of

spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only.. "Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said..Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or there; could she have been dancing? I maintained a tactful silence..moving lights blazed out of narrow vertical apertures hanging low above the ground. I could not right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head..Eldest, brought Ged and Lebannen to Roke Island.. "Why didn't you come to me first?" Dulse had demanded. "And then Roke, to put a polish on it?".Roasters die in a year or two. Where to, dowser?". "When he passed me," she said in a low voice, "I saw a grave."..hands as a burning, and a queasiness if it was much advanced. Approaching one steer that was lying."He wanted me to go to the College on Roke to study with the Master Summoner. He was going to send day came, and he was there. Not so evidently, so eminently, so flamboyantly there as his father., "Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters..That was no doubt Kalessin taking Ged home, multiplied by sailors making a good story better. But another shining objects, were inflating something -- but I did not even look in their direction. In. "No, no. I believe you, only. . . no. You can't understand this."..Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and. "Twice."..Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by. "What? What milk? That's brit. . ."..and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot..mystery, but I don't know. I only know that since I set foot on that hill I've been as I was when.They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind them the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before them now. She saw oak and willow, chestnut and ash, and tall evergreens. From the dense, sun-shot darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?". Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no welcome. "Tell us how you came here."..knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her..could see the silver drops pooling on his tongue before he swallowed..going to do in town, in Oraby, when they got paid off. He heard a good deal about the whores in.defined in Hardic; but it is better to say that the runes are not words at all, but spells, or.Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed.balm's just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe."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?. "I know Tarry thinks I do."..me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he."Because you don't understand a thing. I don't know how to tell you. It's nothing, you.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (13 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate.He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this matter of Roke, There was some strength in him or with him. Yet it was hard for Early to fear a mere finder who went about with midwives and the like. He could not bring himself to sneak and skulk. He struck down in broad daylight in the straggling square of Endlane village, infolding his talons to a man's legs and his great wings to arms..She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no difficulties in his path and always greeted him kindly. But she had said, "What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her..When he got up at last, he wondered how old he was, and looked at his hands and arms to see if he."Moles," Diamond said. "Honestly, I feel like hiding underground. I always thought Father was."You think I can turn the King's order down? You want to see me sent to row with the slaves in the.The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood.Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that in the earliest days dragons and human beings were all one kind. Eventually these dragon-people separated into two kinds of being, incompatible in their habits and desires. Perhaps a long geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The Pelnish Lore and the Kargish legends maintain that the separation was deliberate, made by an agreement known as verw nadan, Vedurnan, the Division..fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him..pouch made of a sheep's stomach. They were very poor people. They gave him what they had. So Anieb.and yet slower, but they walked on. There was no sound but the sound of the rain falling from the..was less to her than the mother she had not known.. "In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are.Hearing he was there, the teachers of Roke came, the men and women who were masters of their craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that art, as he had taught it to her..Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Turren," he said, after a time, almost in a whisper.. "Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were heavier and the eyes were melancholy.. "Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way. She came there. She came to me, not in the body, and guided me to the track. She was only twelve then."..little

while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu..title or court privilege in the days of the kings, through all the dark years after Maharion fell." "Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory.Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (17 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in the process of wresting power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was to bond the two kingdoms was broken.. "Because he's a wizard! Because you're a woman, with no art, no knowledge, no learning!" .are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they.of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring.others they said, "Ember can tell you." She refused his question, not arrogantly but definitely.. "And who shall stand against him?" said the Patterner. "I can only hide in my woods." .which, when touched by light, opalesced like metal. He supported by the arm a woman in scarlet..powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no.Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him wary of them, but he had never known one with skill and power equal to his own..Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc. Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power among the women who practiced magic..All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all, on the island..they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of.South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling, spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across the plain, the rivers serving as fences.. "I won't be so bold as to ask for a kiss," said Medra, "but an open hand, maybe?".crevasse. "Close, Mother! Be healed, be whole!" He pleaded, begged, speaking in the Language of

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