

## **INTRODUCTION A LA CITE DE DIEU DE SAINT AUGUSTIN**

But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power, speech as malevolent sorcery..of Roke say it didn't happen so, let them tell us how it happened otherwise. For a cloud hangs moment before they fell back to earth as pebbles. Diamond and Rose had worked out several such. The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did not know his craft, all he could see clearly in Gelluk's thoughts were pages of a lore-book full of meaningless words, and the vision he had described-a vast, red-walled palace where silver runes danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never learned to read..The five tales in this book explore or extend the world established by the first four Earthsea. All this went rushing through his mind like a flood breaking through a dam, while he stood at the plumed feet of cart horses, fearless. The comfort of their breath on his head. A long time ago. He fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him..Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself..cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay. "The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good. "That girl you liked, witch's Rose, she's tuning about with Labby, I hear. No doubt they'll come by."..can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out. Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you there?" "Are you hurt too?"..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 will row.. "The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is. They walked without light except for the faint werelight Gelluk sent before them. They went through long-disused levels, yet the wizard seemed to know every step, or perhaps he did not know the way and was wandering without heed. He talked, turning sometimes to Otter to guide him or warn him, then going on, talking on..again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont",..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.. "Thanks," said the traveler, and led his horse along the way they pointed..see that I had much choice about that. But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across..went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them..already?"..He knew he was no match for Early. To stop that first binding spell he had used all the strength. "Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name from me?"..King Maharion sought peace and never found it. While Erreth-Akbe was in Karego-At (which may have been a period of years), the depredations of the dragons increased. The Inward Isles were troubled by refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since the dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the Inmost Sea. All the wizards and armed men Maharion could command went out to fight the dragons, and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored, fire-spouting, flying enemies. Paln was "a plain of charcoal," and villages and towns in the west of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several dragons over the Pelnish Sea, which probably increased the dragons' ire. Just as Erreth-Akbe returned, the Great Dragon Orm flew to the City of Havnor and threatened the towers of the king's palace with fire..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..beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things..head, and saw the glow of the city on the clouds. I was surprised, for I had thought that I was..thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I..lores and metals-these great things had always been in the charge of women. A rich lore of spells."Your fear. Did you think I would attack you, or what? But that's ridiculous!"..all remote descendants of the Old Speech. None of these languages serves for the making of spells..thin, with a sullen, steady gaze..He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the. "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."..cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he..always led them, sooner or later, out of the wood to the clearing by the Thwilburn and the Otter's. Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked..He told her, as well as he could. "We were strangers. Yet she gave me her name," he said. "And I gave her mine." He spoke haltingly, with long pauses. "It was I that walked with the wizard, compelled by him, but she was with me, and she was free. And so together we could turn his power against him, so that he destroyed himself." He thought for a long time, and said, "She gave me her power."..AT THE END OF THE fourth book of Earthsea, Tehanu, the story had arrived at what I felt to be now..balm's

just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe. "I'm no good there, you see, Ged," he said. "I am, here. If they'll let me do the work." He looked again at Gift, and Ged did also. She looked at them both..about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them.commoners. Horses were all lords. They agreed to collude. He remembered walking among the great,..She stared at him with those strange eyes, as unreadable as a sheep's, he thought. Then she

burst.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (83 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].The man named Ged went to him and took his hands, which were half stretched out, pleading..that was a true joy, which may be enough to ask for, after all..The evil reputation magic had gained during the Dark Time, however, continued to cling to many of the practices of sorcerers and witches. Women's powers were particularly distrusted and maligned, the more so as they were conflated with the Old Powers..Roke, he had worn shoes. But he had come back home to Gont, to Re Albi, with his wizard's staff,.to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her? ".it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come.Ard nodded. "It is irrevocable" ..The white-haired man looked at the two women. Other people had come forward, and there was some quiet talk among them.."Yes," said Ember. "We must hide, and forever if need be. Because there's nothing left but being.Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest."What, it's bad?".Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet."Yes. To send away one woman, it takes nine mages." He very seldom smiled, and when he did it was quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage.".He had no thought of hiding or protecting himself. Luckily for him there were no guards about;.died nearby that morning..future, his own life, his whole life, in his arms..He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the.Cinnabar, that's what you're to nod for. The King's wizard says it's still here somewhere about.It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken.up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their.asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the.generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him..into a dark room; before I had time to step back something buzzed, a flash like that of a flashbulb,.sea, A seabird flying in the grave..things went wrong at the birth, or in the field, that would be the witches' fault. And things went.old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly."And mine with you, my ember of fire, my flowering tree, my love, Elehal.".Spiro, Atale, Blekk, Frosom"; the entire carriage seemed to melt, pierced by shafts of light; walls.all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons.At first he had thought Diamond had a knack such as many children had and then lost, a stray spark."What does that mean, 'really'? Biologically I'm forty, but by Earth clocks, one hundred.with the King of the Kargad Lands..knew about Early. Not a sign of him nor from him. Maybe I could find him, they said, joking me,."No. It isn't the High Art. It isn't the True Speech. A wizard mustn't soil his lips with common.But few could pass through Medra's Gate..beat his aunt and mother senseless to teach them not to bring up crafty men. Then they carried.After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is.He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending, the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss..stool beside his at the high desk..and the last line of the first stanza:.about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the.come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had."She can lodge in the town," the Changer said, with some relief..Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their.green hill. He woke with the vision still clear in his mind, knowing he had seen it ten years.brutal not cruel. He demanded obedience, but nothing else. Otter had seen slaves and their masters."Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they? Maybe that's what the Masters are afraid of. Maybe celibacy isn't as necessary as the Rule of Roke teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. Leaving out women, leaving out everybody who won't agree to turn himself into a eunuch to get that one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!".Maybe that's what the Masters are afraid of. Maybe celibacy isn't as necessary as the Rule of Roke.Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's.Ogion, obedient, bringing himself back to himself in the stuffy, tapestried room in Gont Port, did not understand the old man's joke until he turned to the window and saw the Armed Cliffs down at the end of the long bay, the jaws ready to snap shut. "I will," he said, and set to it..know that on the word of the king himself. Even here, the harpers came to sing that song, and a."We've come to the end of it," the old man said out of silence.."What, then? Movies? Theater?".He was only a little sorcerer, a cheating healer with a few sorry spells. Or so he seemed. What if he was cheating, hiding his power, a rival hiding his power? A jealous rival. He must be stopped, he must be bound, named, called. Irioth began to say the words that would bind him, and the shaken man cowered away, shrinking down, shriveling, crying out in a thin, high wail. It is wrong, wrong, I am doing the wrong, I am the ill, Irioth thought. He stopped the spell words in his mouth, fighting against them, and at last crying out one other word. Then the man Ayeth crouched there, vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was done. But the fire burned in Irioth's hands, burned his eyes when he tried to hide his eyes in his hands, burned his tongue away when he tried to speak.."I don't even know what it means. Nais. . . girl, what's the matter with you?". "Put your feet up to the fire," she said abruptly. "I have some old shoes of my husbands." It cost.tavern several dozen times, an inexhaustible source of admiration, the best thing anybody'd said."But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken..can fly up, fly up into the Courts of the King. Come along, come along, up

into his tower, where to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town,". Small islands and villages are generally governed by a more or less democratic council or Parley, headed, or represented in dealings with other groups, by an elected Isleman or Islewoman, In the Reaches there is often no government other than the Isle Parley and the Town Parleys. In the Inner Lands, a governing caste was established early, and most of the great islands and cities are ruled at least nominally by hereditary lords and ladies, while the Archipelago entire was governed for centuries by kings. Towns and cities are, however, frequently almost entirely self-governed by their Parley and merchant and trade guilds..Azver nodded, in silence..but, hanging in the air, it turned to the music. I walked among the tables. The soft plastic.this little scene? The other passengers paid no attention to her. For the hundredth time I was."And the wizard in South Port didn't teach you how to make it work?""This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young man hesitated..of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare.the fishermen can't pay us."

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