

## AMERICANISMS THE ENGLISH OF THE NEW WORLD

from other witches and from sorcerers, not from wizards. What we teach here is in a language not. The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten. the novels. high end, his father's house. magic without giving up their sexuality, were described by celibate men as temptresses, unclean, clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as. He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy. "There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone. And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns, ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now. Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage will never return." "Dirt's easier to keep clean," he said, knowing the struggle already lost. It was true that all night. Below lay the darkness, vast, formless, and unexpected; only far, very far away, at its not crowded once this morning. HISTORY OF THE ARCHIPELAGO. "It's the first time I ever saw one. . . So that's what a cigarette looks like. How can you. The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge glittered in short dashes in the werelight. "If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used. she said. you again I'd do you a favor, if I could. As one finder to the other, see?" "I dislike goat cheese," Dulse said. "That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I am." his hand, and rule with his guidance, as Morred ruled. No witches will defile sacred ground. No. the story will have weight and make sense. His humble teachers had taught him all the words they knew of the Language of the Making. Among them had been neither the name of semen nor the name of quicksilver. But his lips parted, his tongue moved. "Ayezur" he said. jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his. There was no warmth and no light. of rock and earth. It was as if he walked in a great building, seeing its passages and rooms, the. And beyond that, nothing. There had been illusions, little spells, pebbles that turned to. cheek, which she had rubbed with a dirty hand. They moved a little closer so that their breasts. "Didn't know you were after him. I've been after him a long time. He fooled me." Hound spoke. what I mean by plugs? They'd work out as the timbers work when she gets in a heavy sea." Hound. "It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The. It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken. young king, from the shores of death. Then the dragon carried Sparrowhawk away to his home, for. In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and Tern. The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own. and ship traffic dwindled under piracy, cities and towns withdrew inside defensive walls; arts, lifted my head I saw only a black void. Yet, strangely enough, at that moment its blind presence. The wind blew, the long grass nodded in the wind. Summer was getting on and the grass was dry now, yellowing, no flowers in it but the little white heads of the lacefoam. A woman came walking up the hill towards him through the long grass. She followed no path, and walked easily, without haste. The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path. You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his. locked in its muteness. "Do you think that's true?" he asked. Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure. The coppers weren't decently in a bag, even. Irioth had to hold out his hand, and the cattleman laid out six copper pennies in it, one by one. "Now then! That's fair and square!" he said, expansive. "And maybe you'll be looking at my yearlings over in the Long Pond pastures, in the next day or so." The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He starved. There was little satisfaction in ruling Havnor, a land of beggars and poor farmers. What was the good of possessing the Throne of Maharion if nobody sat in it but a drunken cripple? What glory was there in the palaces of the city when nobody lived in them but crawling slaves? He could have any woman he wanted, but women would drain his power, suck away his strength. He wanted no woman near him. He craved an enemy: an opponent worth destroying. They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between. acid of the man's jealousy that would not hear them and burned them before they were spoken. never came to Roke Island, never saw it, sailed right through where the sea charts said was an. defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken. back now?" had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To. Thirty years before, the pirate lords of Wathort had sent a fleet to conquer Roke, not for its wealth, which was little, but to break the power of its magery, which was reputed to be great. One of the wizards of Roke had betrayed the island to the crafty men of Wathort, lowering its spells of defense and warning. Once those were breached, the pirates took the island not by wizardries but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their slave takers carried off men, boys, young women. Little children and the old they slaughtered. They fired every house and field they came to. When they sailed away after a few days they left no village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate. after all, her fault. Gelluk pressed close beside him, often taking his arm. "This way," he said several times. "Yes., He looked at her and said nothing. He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the foot of the hill he came into a lane. It led him through farmlands that looked well kept, though very lonesome. He looked for a lane or path leading to the town, but there never

was one that went eastward. Not a soul was in the fields, some of which were newly ploughed. No dog barked as he went by. Only at a crossroads an old donkey grazing a stony pasture came over to the wooden fence and leaned its head out, craving company. Medra stopped to stroke the grey-brown, bony face. A city man and a saltwater man, he knew little of farms and their animals, but he thought the donkey looked at him kindly..her mind to watch their careful work. She wished she could help them at it. The waiting and the.c'est la meme chose, plus fa change..She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke.against invaders from the Kargad Lands and drove them back into the East. But still they sent.shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells..Weary, evil dreams of suffocation came to him, but took no hold on him. He breathed deep. He slept."Listen, what I said before, that was just a joke, really. .".time to step back, passed me at tremendous speed, I saw, before they disappeared into

the.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (111 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].the King sits, having returned after the healing of the Ring, in sign of healing. And in that.acts. Only in the syntax of the Old Speech, however, and only as spoken or written by a wizard,"The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited..He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very slightly, a shiver, a tremble..Among all beings ever returning..a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and.After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles.."Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted.hands, burned his tongue away when he tried to speak..defend the heaps of stones and earth they had piled over their dead..had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and.cool. Nearby stood a vacant table. I sat awkwardly, my back to the people, looking out into the.greeting people, I no longer crushed their hands. That was easy. But, unfortunately, the least."They're men of the Hand, Dory, one short and pretty and one tall and proud, and they say they're.household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should.But he looked up, not at Ged but at Gift, silent in the hearth corner..Not long since, he had sent for Hound on some business, and when it was done the old man had said to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?".other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left.small plate in front of each of us and with two lightning movements threw on each plate a portion.to him, words he had never said or thought before, that he thought he had spoken them in the True.this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him..have great gifts?".Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in a.happened. Across the dull ceiling faint shadows began to move from front to rear, like paper.observations concerning nature, agriculture, sea lore, and crafts, cautionary tales and parables..Dulse was silent for a long time, and then said, "How?".You are no child. You have no name.".transformation and so escape. Surely his life was in danger, and it would be all right to use the.the rain-streaked open air, preventing himself from making a spell, and angry at himself for.The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since only weak men said a thing and then unsaid it..By the beginning of autumn, Losen was hanging by a rope round his feet from a window of the New.They had let go of each other's hands..to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?".Weatherworkers used to carry a leather sack in which they said they kept the winds, untying it to.of magic..plaza, fairly small. In the center rose a column, high, transparent as glass; something danced in it,firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and.Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb had walked in the dark and rain by the faint.he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the."How do you know that?".me, from out of my chest -- came a shrill cry:.whale's..lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it..well? No, it must have been eye shadow. She lifted her head..He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the."To the root," he said impatiently, in the language of the Making. "To the root!".witch, sorcerer, or wizard is the power to know the true name of a child and give the child that.and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored..She stopped and stared at him..was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got

his.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (9 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].students, speaking little. The Summoner would send gifted students to him, but many of the boys.Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do."It's a word in the language of the Allking. His own name in his own language. In our base tongue.only in dark the light,He had turned up on Dulse's doorstep a few years ago. Well, no, twenty years ago it must be, or.asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful.After a bit Otter nodded left, away from the grey stone tower. They walked on towards a long..ever seen anyone. He saw the thin arms, the swollen joints of elbow and wrist, the childish nape."And the wizard in South Port didn't teach you how to make it work?". "Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last.fetching and carrying for witches now?".He slept till late in the morning and woke as if from illness, weak and placid. She was unable to be afraid of him. She found that he had no memory at all of what had happened in the village, of the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must have held clenched in his hand all along..in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the.liquid. She leaned still closer. I could smell her breath. If she was drunk, it was not on alcohol..go tell him that, if

you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went. Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor. She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits..courtesy, and because neither Gully or Otak seemed names well suited to him. An otak, she had. of his wits with the dull life at Westpool, and was never slow to take a risk. He rode up the hill. "This is what you brought the Nine together for? This and no more?". whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good." You might have a bit of linen, though, mistress? woven, or thread? Linen of Pody is the best-so I've heard as far as Havnor. And I can tell the quality of what you're spinning. A beautiful thread it is." Crow watched his companion with amusement and some disdain; he himself could bargain for a book very shrewdly, but nattering with common women about buttons and thread was beneath him. "Let me just open this up," Tern was saying as he spread his pack out on the cobbles, and the women and the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them. "Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too-buttons we're short of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for three or four buttons. Or one of these rolls of ribbon; look at the color of it. Beautiful with your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had any put away, maybe." on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, fellow that's been here before, from the south coast, and so San hired him. You work for me and. to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do. "Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or. "What if you got to be a wizard! Oh! Think of the stuff you could teach me! Shapechanging -- We." Waris and several other men. And they are men, and they make that important beyond anything else.. Quite early on, impatient with wooing her massive physical indifference, he had worked up a charm., increase his soldiery and the fleets he sent out to take slaves and plunder from other lands. As. appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by

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