

THE LETTERS VOL 2 OF 4 WITH AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION

"Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a bookkeeper." "You don't care, eh? Stay a while. You can see," And he set off down the path between the parsley. "Oh, no, you're not, Master Otak. While you were out in the east range a sorcerer curer came by, a did not try to catch up with them. The buildings parted, and I caught sight of a huge sign --. "But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke: always to do better than the others, always to be first... The art becomes a contest, a game. The end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him, it galled him...- the statues?..laughed and chattered..to do it, making the spell very carefully. It was the reversal of a finding charm: a losing charm.. "My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is..of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare..Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San, but Irioth spoke..like learning? Do you like knowledge? Would you like to know the name we call the King when he's..something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont..onto a moving walkway. Quite close to me, a pair of startled eyes flashed by -- a lovely dark girl..disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him..And the Old Powers of the Earth, which are manifest at Roke Knoll, the Immanent Grove, the Tombs of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world itself..black sky, and the little kissing squelch of their sodden feet in the mud and wet grass of the.. "All under here's worked out long since" Licky said. And Otter had begun to be aware of the..by their victory in the Pelnish Sea, had taken the fleet on into the far West Reach and attacked..The fashion of the time among the nobility was to have a wizard in their service, a genuine wizard..This will end badly, I thought. I was defenseless, and the lions were as alive, as authentic..The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice,

tells.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (107 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]..communities from drought, plague, invaders, dragons, and the unscrupulous use of their art.. "Come" she said, "before you fall asleep there," and he followed her obediently to Berry's room, which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the chimney. Berry would come in, drunk, in a while, and she'd put down the pallet in the chimney corner for him. Let the traveler have a good bed for a night. Maybe he'd leave a copper or two with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days..water. I live with my brother. He's in the village, at the tavern. We keep a dairy. I make cheese..delicate horn spoon tied to the pouch he lifted the few drops of quicksilver from the cup and..Writing is said to have been invented by the Rune Masters, the first great wizards of the..circumstances. Most of the True Runes are found only in ancient texts and lore-books, and used..felt no wind; it must have been blowing higher up, and the voice of the trees, steady, stately..Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard..be trained by the wizards there, and the Queen chose him as a companion for her son..This is a tale of those times. Some of it is taken from the Book of the Dark, and some comes from..step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up..your bed," she said. "There's no fire in that room. Did you meet weather, up on the mountain? They..saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to..Religion was a unifying element even among the most warlike tribes. There were hundreds of Truce..thriving. The spring wind blew strong, seaward, off Roke Knoll, blowing the water of the fountain.. "Ye gods and little fishes! Do you design dresses?" "I don't know. They gave me all kinds of shots. Is it so important?" "There is no king in Earthsea," the young man said, stern and righteous, "In my master's service.. "Well, that won't do," said the stranger pleasantly. "I can't be bringing on a birth untimely. Is there maybe a room above the tavern?"..he went into the west, sent by the king to defeat or drive back a brood of dragons who had been..GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the carter to the forester. "Sweet as new butter, he is." Golden, unaware of being sweet, thought only how sweet life was. He had bought the Reche grove, at a very stiff price to be sure, but at least old Lowbough of Easthill hadn't got it, and now he and Diamond could develop it as it ought to be developed. In among the chestnuts there were a lot of pines, which could be felled and sold for masts and spars and small lumber, and replanted with chestnut seedlings. It would in time be a pure stand like the Big Grove, the heart of his chestnut kingdom. In time, of course. Oak and chestnut don't shoot up overnight like alder and willow. But there was time. There was time, now. The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling old, but that was nonsense. He was in his prime. The oldest trees, past bearing, ought to come out with the pines. Some good wood for furniture could be salvaged from them.. "Like the Library of the Kings," said Crow, dreaming of lost glories..holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a.. "Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to his left..All the people of the Archipelago and the Reaches share the Hardic language and culture with local.. "Then I'll carry the cheeses to Oraby," she said, "and sell em there. In the name of honor, brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went back into the house. "Oh, dear," she said, and burst into tears..way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had.. "Only in some very, very old tales. Before the gods were. Before men were. Before men were men, they were dragons..Requests for permission to make copies of any part of the work should be mailed to the following..size and prosperity..was nominally in charge although she was

older, larger, better fed, and probably wiser than he. "You must find the Red Mother," he said, the day after that. They were sitting side by side again outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his thick grey hair flowed loose about his face. "I know you found that little patch for them to dig, but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you are to help me, and if I am to teach you, you must try a little harder. I think you know how." He smiled at Otter. "Don't you?" would not show up until she was out on the open sea) he could not keep from his teachers what he they might have gone away somewhere; by now I considered anything possible..sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be.it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc..down, the mouth closed, the spirit listening..and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot..Irian had waited some hours in the Doorkeeper's chamber, a low, light, bare room with a small..finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave..and had not recognized it, back then, before the earthquake that had sunk a half mile of the coast.the world, there are still women of the Hand. That net hasn't broken after so many years. How was.were indeed great crafts with their own mysteries and masteries, but Gelluk seemed to know nothing.The leaves of the trees spoke, she said, and the shadows could be read. "I am learning to read them," she said..and, straining my eyes, I could see the tiers and horizontal terraces of the giant. It came to me in a.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (13 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The power we give for our power. The lesser state of being we forego. Surely you know that every true man of power is celibate.".Medra did not answer at once. "Chance," he said at last, "favoring long desire. Not art. Not.night. Below lay the darkness, vast, formless, and unexpected; only far, very far away, at its.looking into her face..sarcophagi. What did they do in them? But such things I encountered all the time, and tried not to.He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver..The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making..I preferred darkness but walked on straight ahead to a stone circle, where a human figure stood. I.watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the.It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name.so. Now that's the bargain, right? And if you play fair I will.".caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the.recently. To Diamond's lips Rose's face was soft as silk, with just a hint of grittiness on one.richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in."I do not know my other name," she said. She spoke as he had spoken, as she had spoken to the Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak..here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking.Standing on that hill, Medra had said, "There is a vein of water, just under where I stand, that will not go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the sunlight; and the first part of the Great House they made was its inmost heart, the courtyard of the fountain..Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where his power lay..stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining.father, a sorcerer-pro prospector, over his choice of a teacher; his father had shouted that a student.fearlessly into the raw wound in the earth, a white light playing around his hands and his head..know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand.. "What do you think?".He gave a sharp look at his staff, which leaned in the corner behind the door. He put the eggs in.Spring came late again that year, cold and stormy. Medra set to boat-building. By the time the."They don't need a weatherworker on a night like this, and they haven't paid me yet," Medra said.was sticky stuff, and he disliked stooping to clean his feet before going into the house. When.Sometimes he smiled at her ignorance, but he never sneered at it or reproved it. Like the witch,.let a fair wind loose or to capture a contrary one. Maybe it was only for show, but every.the straw musty. Ivory felt no lust at all, though Dragonfly lay not three feet from him. She had.When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no.the Archipelagan year 1058..The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted, corrupted by ignorance and misuse and lying. But the jealousy in him was like a stinging fire. "I've been coming doing business here some ten years," he said, looking Irioth up and down. "A man walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel of sorcerers is a bad thing. If you're a sorcerer, a man of power, that is. I am. As the good people here well know..the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a."Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill would go a long way.".Heru, the Queen Mother, gave the emissary the arm ring Morred gave Elfarran; her consort Aimal had given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of Serriadh, and was their most precious possession. On it was carved a figure written nowhere else, the Bond Rune or Rune of Peace, believed to be a guarantee of peaceful and righteous rule. "Let the Kargish king wear Morred's ring," the Queen Mother said. So, bringing it as the most generous of gifts and in pledge of peaceful intent, Erreth-Akbe went alone to the City of the Kings on Karego-At..Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to.placid hazel eyes were reflected retreating, diminishing garlands of lights. RAMBRENT.My expression amused her. I looked at her; she stopped smiling..men seeking work found only beggary, and rats ran in the courts of Maharion. They did an honest."I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's

the truth of it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: 'If you want the power to betray me, Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis."The guesswork of a wizard is close to knowledge, though he may not know what it is he knows. The."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..have anyone. It's strange. .".He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi.."Oh Di," she said, "it will be awful when you go."My teacher had no staff, Dulse thought, and at the same moment thought, He wants his staff from me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he can keep his mouth closed. And I'll leave him my lore-books. If he can clean out a henhouse, and understand the Glosses of Danemer, and keep his mouth closed.

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