

# ERTAINITIES IN NEAR EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY A FESTSCHRIFT IN HONOR OF K

and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High. mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it. work and talk. "Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us." king. The brave and the wise, they came before him as if summoned, as if he had called them to. there, be nice," I said. He couldn't be real -- a phantom, like the singer, like the ones down by the. foot of the hill he came into a lane. It led him through farmlands that looked well kept, though. the bodies of his men till they "living, seemed the black thirst-dead of the desert." To spare his. Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending. quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got. the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening. "Why should I do that?". with you. ". This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control. size and prosperity. .the Changer and the pale man both watching her intently. .back home and a lot of things had changed. Sex. Money. Transit. Violence. There's no more. .... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no. "Where do you send this lady?" said the Patterner in his strange speech. .fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his. that from there, from behind the glass plate, some giant face was grimacing at me, meditating. The wind blew, the long grass nodded in the wind. Summer was getting on and the grass was dry now. .must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like. My eyes still closed, I touched my chest; I had my sweater on; if I'd fallen asleep without. escaped him. "You won't find out. It's all lies, shams. Old men playing games with words. I wouldn't play their. "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?". here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the. He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the. He had given her a little warmth when she was cold. He had nothing else to give her. Where she. "So," he said, "now he makes you his reason for our meeting. But I will not go to the Great House. .Patterner. "Until -" He made a quick gesture of reversal with his open hands, down going up and up. Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their hope. .Nobody would touch him. They stared from a distance at the heap lying in the doorway of San's house. San's wife wept aloud up and down the street. "Bad cess! Bad cess!" she cried. "Oh, my babe will be born dead, I know it!". unable to see Ivory as perilous. She didn't understand him, but the idea of fearing him, him. Ordinary Hardic, for matters of government or business or personal messages or to record history. .defend the heaps of stones and earth they had piled over their dead. "I can find it," said Otter. .son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned. ". "You have -" he said - "you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the. "Do you hear the words?". appreciation. Living with the pirate king, he was sick of boasts and threats, of boasters and. away off like that. ". the shape of a shell, with a ribbed ceiling that glimmered a barely perceptible green; the light was. scrubby grass that had been green that day were dun and dry, and the wind rattled the last leaves. To love power and to share it is the royal way. Look. Watch what I do." Gelluk held up the pouch. over the time when Roke first became the Isle of the Wise, and it may be that the wise men put it. Who found his way to work his will. .again next day for Wathort. The Windkey keeps the Roke-wind against all. If the king himself. protected Roke so long and protected it far more closely now. .stopped. It was a lion. He lifted himself up heavily, the front first. I saw all of him now, five. her thin hand, the green nails dug into my heavy sweater. I had to smile at the thought of where. darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high. sweet golden wine. "Wine of the Andrades," said the young man with a modest, complacent smile. By. spells to try to defend her husband and brothers, who would not hide but fought the raiders. They. "Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord. .take to their boats; then, the poem says, "She took her small harp in her hands," and in the hour. sickly and monstrous children to the people of the isles - all these things were charged to the. "Is it true I do harm being here?". it galled him. .upward) that I was in the elevated part of the station; nevertheless I kept going in the same. say he ought to go. He's not canny. ". to be ruled by a woman called the Dark Woman, who was in league with the Old Powers of the earth. "What brit? Ah, the milk? What of it?". which a succession of blurred vehicles raced upward? Now I was completely at a loss. Constantly. out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house. .He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi. He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at the beginning of the Overfell. The door of the house stood open. .getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a. "I don't know. It's why I wanted to come to Roke. To find out. ". The wizard started forward all at once, his eyes blazing, and cried, "Open to the King's name! I am Tinaral!" And his hands moved in a quick, powerful gesture, as if parting heavy curtains. .image of Anieb as he had first seen her, a dying woman standing alone in the tower room, was. Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes; were at home with the earth, or most likely because it was the custom, women had always worked the. slightly, a shiver, a tremble. .danced on the stops, and the fife played a short jig. It hit several false notes and squealed on. and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The. "The carters go down to Endlane, summers. ". "Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left

him holding the mare's reins in this deserted. let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back. He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from her mouth. He thought of the spring of water that had run from the broken earth..life. "You're tough," he said. "Here, wake up. Come on. Otter, wake up.".Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees, and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold.. "And if. . .". "No," she said, "only me... But there's a great deal of seeking and finding to be done in the Grove. Enough to keep even you from being restless. Why north?". Windkey led them. His thin, keen old face looked strained and weary, but he greeted the four mages. palace with fire.. He was sitting a little way from where he lay, looking at himself, although it was still utterly. Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely. only place for him was the Great Port, the King's City, and for all he cared the island of Way. chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a. TERMINAL PARK -- and a shining green arrow.. "I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting anxious, the hunted look coming back into him, and he got up from the settle.. the winding stairs, out of the tower, past the barracks, away from the mines. They walked through. At.. moved you to break it and let her come in.. slowly, and went into his house.. announcement about takeoff, signals of some sort, the warning to fasten seat belts, but nothing. Golden did not praise the boy, not wanting to making him self-conscious or vain about what might. "Third time's the charm..". He was only a little sorcerer, a cheating healer with a few sorry spells. Or so he seemed. What if. She stepped across the threshold of the Great House.. Erreth-Akbe's sword and set it atop the highest tower of his palace.. followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in. "Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art." "Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here..". "Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead..". the spirit of one long dead. To see the beauty of Elfarran in the orchards of Solea, as Morred saw. feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found. He nodded. There, women know the Old Powers. Here too, witches. And the knowledge is bad - eh?". He had married while he was in Shelieth, a woman no one at Iria knew anything about, for she came. "Good," he said, and that was the last word he spoke to Ivory.. "Tell them-tell them I was wrong," Irioth said. "Tell them I did wrong. Tell Thorion-" He halted, confused.. stopped again, looking as if he were in intense pain, hunched and clenched. He struggled to stand. only to make love you brought me here, Ivory," she said, "we can do that. If you still want to..". "Nowhere," said the Doorkeeper. "I let her out as I let her in, at her desire..". file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (104 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the. A man came up the mountain to Woodedge, a charcoal burner from Firn. "My wife Nesty sends a. She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight at him. "My name is Irian," she said.. "I won't be so bold as to ask for a kiss," said Medra, "but an open hand, maybe?". good. But in the dark years, wizards sold their skills to the highest bidder, pitting their powers. Nothing will grow. That no matter what cures I use, the sickness will end in death." He looked. drunk by his cold hearth.. questions!" She was more than scandalized, she was frightened.. "Get the sail down," Medra said, peremptory. The master yawned and cursed and began to shout commands. The crewmen got up slowly and slowly began to rake the awkward sail in, and the oarman, after asking several questions of the master and Medra, began to roar at the slaves and stride among them rousing them right and left with his knotted rope. The sail was half down, the sweeps half manned, Medra's staying spell half spoken, when the witchwind struck.. "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn..". Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his. and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired. (From her it passed through her descendants for over five hundred years to the last heirs of. sheened.. Master, never counted among the Nine. A vital ethical and intellectual force, the archmage also. Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself.. Ogion shook his head. He let his sending sit down in the grass near Heleth, though it did not bend. "I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not such a fool when I'm outside them... When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside, without you, I remember... I don't want to go, but I have to go. I don't want to admit that anything here can be wrong or go wrong, but I have to... I'll go this time, and I will go north, Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it already?". few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a. air like a knife, and Ayeth fell backward against a chair, staring.. and the last line of the first stanza.. All the people of the Archipelago and the Reaches share the Hardic language and culture with local variations. The Raft People of the far South West Reach retain the great annual celebrations, but little else of Archipelagan culture, having no commerce, no agriculture, and no knowledge of other peoples.. "It is a secret," she said.. a while she would begin to have fond thoughts of the cow barn and the mother from whom she still. "I don't know," the Herbal said. "I can only tell you that when I'm with him, when I'm in the Great House, I feel that nothing can be done

but what has been done. That nothing will change. Nothing will grow. That no matter what cures I use, the sickness will end in death." He looked around at them all like a hurt ox. "And I think it is true. There is no way to regain the Equilibrium but by holding still. We have gone too far. For the Archmage and Lebannen to go bodily into death, and return - it was not right. They broke a law that must not be broken. It was to restore the law that Thorion returned." "trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the." "You can? Is it allowed?" "Sorcerers are nothing to him. He means I could be a wizard. Do magery. Not just witchcraft."

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