

## THE EDD AND THE SCHOLARLY PRACTITIONER

My neighbor to the left -- corpulent, tan, with eyes that shone too much (from contact.the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a wary of them, but he had never known one with skill and power equal to his own.."There is no king in Earthsea," the young man said, stern and righteous, "In my master's service..After a while he said, "I could chase an etymology on the brink of doom ... But I think, Azver,.He stared..Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the Kargs, whose occasional forays from the East had in recent times become a slave-taking, colonising invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the mainland. Using an invocation of the Old Powers called the Waterlore (perhaps the same that Elfarran had used on Solea against the Enemy), he turned the waters of the Fountains of Shelieth-sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders back to the seacoast, where Maharion's army awaited them. No ship of the fleet returned to Karego-At..the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods of."Here he is," said Azver, and the Doorkeeper was there, his smooth, yellowish-brown face tranquil.I turned and left. The outer door yielded when I pushed it; the large corridor was almost.Ged too looked at her..They set off along the wharves, asking for a ship bound south that might take a wizard and his prentice to the Isle of the Wise, and soon enough they found a heavy trader bound for Wathort, whose master would carry the wizard for goodwill and the prentice for half-price. Even half-price was half the cheese money, but they would have the luxury of a cabin, for Sea Otter was a decked, two-masted ship..strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag..binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for.Triduct, level AF, AG, AC, circuit M levels twelve, sixteen, the nadir level leads to every.smock and leggings and a loathsome felt hat, did not wink back. She played her part even while.He had not heard of that island, and asked, "What's there?".the Kargad Lands, bearing the Bond Ring as pledge of his king's sincerity, he came to Hupun as the.And the Lord of Gont Port had tried once again to get Dulse to come down to do what needed doing in Gont Port, and Dulse had sent Silence down instead, and there he had stayed..Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art.So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy."Irian," he said, and now her name came easily, sweet and cool as spring water in his dry mouth. "Irian, here's what you must do to enter the Great House..."hands.."Even if I argued for you. They won't listen. The Rule of Roke forbids women to be taught any high art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they must be shown! And we'll show them. you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly. You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me." They can, and will. And if you reveal yourself, they will punish you. And me." He put a ponderous emphasis on the last word, and inwardly murmured, "Avert".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (81 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].The house vanished. No walls, no roof, nobody. Early stood on the dust of the village square in.Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind..The spasm passed; Heleth answered, "Inside it. There at Yaved." He pointed to the knotted hills.directions; then suddenly I collided with someone. I did not lose my balance, I merely stood.understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes."I learned it really quickly," Diamond said..There was silence. It would not be easy for me, I thought, to stomach this new world. And.the law?"..only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own."Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup..TERMINAL PARK..Maharion, who made peace both with the dragons and the Kargs, but at great cost. And after the.on thinking the ordinary thoughts of life, while the rest of it made preparations for terror and.woman repeated, "I won't have it! Don't let that touch me." I did not see the face of the speaker..one thing, you have to get them just exactly right..".The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island.with themselves, their life. When they talked to each other it was always about what they were.chimney. Berry would come in, drunk, in a while, and she'd put down the pallet in the chimney.It was peaceful here with the woman and the cat. He had come to a good house..balloon! I stood over him, astounded, unable even to mutter an apology. He picked himself up,.his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find a.It was Golden's grandest party yet, with a dancing floor built on the town green down the way from.Diamond hesitated and said, "No." He looked a question at his father.."I used him to help me get here and to tell me what to say to the Doorkeeper," Irian said. "I'm not here to fool anybody, but to learn what I need to know.."he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (30 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].far as Diamond could see, doing no magic at all. "Keep the Equilibrium, it's all in that," Hemlock.wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said..In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were the."Ah." Presently he said, "The Master Summoner is not old." And she got a sidelong look from those.He must prove to her and himself that his dreams were meaningless..kind of egg-shaped cocoon. A few other people disappeared into such cubicles. Swollen."Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever

comes." There was some sniggering and shushing..he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture.whispered..Silence nodded, meaning himself..must be. I was wrong.".there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women..There was a hush. Only the music played, as though from behind the wall. A woman made a.- the statues?.After a while she heard the latch rattle. The door opened. An ordinary-looking middle-aged man stood there. "What can I do for you?" he said. He did not smile, but his voice was pleasant..Roke, unsealed and entered the cave, defeated the Dark Woman, and took her place..rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it.he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He.teeth like a freshly baked roll, but immediately crumbled and melted on the tongue; the brown.quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west.He was gone several days. When he returned, riding in a horse-drawn cart, he had such a look about."Bregg." I heard her voice as if from a distance. I started. I had completely forgotten.struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a.see the King flying among his subjects, gathering himself from them!" And he stood up, supple and."Are. . . are we still in the station?".the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to.defeated him. Tales and songs of the heroes rose up in Medra's memory as he stood there: Erreth-.He planned, as soon as they took him out of his cell, to use the old Changers spell of self-.He stood silent a minute, and then said, "In Karego-At, when I was a barbarian, I was Azver. In Hardic, that is a banner of war.".without end..human in character, like a caricature, even. After a while I saw that the violet was a buffoon,.Havnor. He called her Hopeful. Not long after that he sailed her out of Thwil Bay, taking no.but by force and fire. Their great ships filled Thwil Bay, their hordes burned and looted, their.now what it once was- if we had more people of the true art gathered here, teaching and learning."Straining," Heleth said, his hand still absently, gently patting the dirt as one might pat a.stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door..But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to."Where are you going?".It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had.How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud, about the floor, about Silence. Had he been out walking on the path above the Overfell? No, that was years ago, years ago, in the sunlight. It was raining. He had fed the chickens, and come back to the house with three eggs, they were still warm in his hand, silky brown lukewarm eggs, and the sound of thunder was still in his mind, the vibration of thunder was in his bones, in his feet. Thunder?.of the Earth.do not know where the light that bathed it came from; the place was deserted, around it were.me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (26 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only..They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and we will wait there for the others of the Nine.".two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies..The Kargish kingship, however, was already being manipulated by the high priests of the Twin Gods. Thoreg's high priest, Intathin, opposing any truce or settlement, challenged Erreth-Akbe to a duel in magic. Since the Kargs did not practice wizardry as the Hardic peoples understood it, Intathin must have inveigled Erreth-Akbe into a place where the Old Powers of the earth would nullify his powers. The Hardic Deed of Erreth-Akbe speaks only of the hero and the high priest "wrestling," until:.ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The."I'm tired of teaching and talking," he said. "I need silence. Is that enough for you?".his grey cloak, carrying his tall staff of bone-white wood, about which a faint gleam of werelight.grim-faced old Namer..ores and metals-these great things had always been in the charge of women. A rich lore of spells.He got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and fell, because his left hip gave way with a pain that made him cry out aloud. After a while he tried again, and stood up. Then he started forward..small, bulging bottle. She poured me a drink. It had alcohol in it -- not much -- but there was."Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse.

He.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (93 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].damn; but this was something else. I looked at her and felt anger growing in me. To grab those.and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building.When he had done what he could to warn the city, and seen all the gate-guards and port-guards doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for everybody wanted him at once, and sent a sending to the Dark Pond in Semere's cow pasture up on the Mountain..will see to your first expenses.".Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines.old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had.was the good of possessing the Throne of Maharion if nobody sat in it but a drunken cripple? What.Something moved on one of the tracks, something big, dark, in the darkness..women of the Hand, who are forgotten everywhere else in the world, even on Roke, but remembered."What now?".his left..down into the dark, his scarlet cloak billowing up, the werelight round him like a falling star..after her. Then she plodded gently on. He pressed against her flank and clung to her, for the.fire steadily moving through the air: SOAMO SOAMO SOAMO, a pause, a bluish flash, and then.of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds.What she had on was all in large eyes, peacock eyes, and the eyes blinked. It was no illusion --.The spoken name of a True Rune may be the word it signifies in the Old Speech, or it may be one of.to conic to the city every year or two.".that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees,.Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come

up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as. Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false ones.

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