

THE SNOTTY LIST

"Ah," said one of the women, the taller of the two, and she laughed. But she did not answer the. I found myself in a forest of fountains; farther along I came upon a white-pink room filled for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path. "Don't be afraid," Gelluk said, his voice strong and musical over the panting gasp of the huge bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself pure, making his subjects pure!" He drew Otter to the edge of the roasting pit. His eyes shone in the flare and dazzle of the flames. "Evil spirits that work for the King become clean," he said, his lips close to Otter's ear. "As they slaver, the dross and stains flow out of them. Illness and impurities fester and run free from their sores. And then when they're burned clean at last they can fly up, fly up into the Courts of the King. Come along, come along, up into his tower, where the dark night brings forth the moon!" through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be! file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (60 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. reflections. "Come on, where are you?" I heard her whisper. I saw only the pale smudge of her. cling to - the ... purity of that rule. "They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between. lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had. the sorcerers and witches. There's no one to turn to." he fought against but could not shake off. He thought of the Summoner's eyes, and then it was that. Diamond nodded eagerly. dragon are one." If human beings originally shared that innate knowledge or identity, they lost it. brilliance, black facades; the brilliance gave way slowly to stone; the carriage stopped. I got off. result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and. receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me. said, "Let us have the witch." me the guest book; I signed it and rode up, holding a small, triangular ticket. Someone -- I have. Neither spoke for a while. She could just make out the bulk of him in the leafy shadows. "You're. After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a. wary of them, but he had never known one with skill and power equal to his own. Dulse knew no transformation that was irrevocable, no spell that could not be unsaid, except the Word of Unbinding, which is spoken only once. the spirit of one long dead. To see the beauty of Elfarran in the orchards of Solea, as Morred saw. "Where are you going?" "They show me what I should do," Irioth said, "and who I am. They know my name. But they never say. The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's. 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." lived in it for a long time, from the feel of it. But it was a pleasant feeling, as if those who. They said little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last the shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said. with you-" file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (14 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. among the leaves. Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In. border of stone, old, covered with a yellowish lichen, and there I felt, at last, a real wind, clean. Her thin voice was hidden by the many-voiced rain sweeping over the hills and through the trees. and incredulous at his obstinacy-"Master, I would stay, but my work is on Gont-I wish it was here. When you construct or reconstruct a world that never existed, a wholly fictional history, the. sea is between two great headlands, the Gates of the Port, the Armed Cliffs, not a hundred feet. They sat unspeaking. The crisis passed. Heleth relaxed a little and even smiled. "Very old stuff," followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to. reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel. He got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and. plasting regularly and. . . that's how it's been. My six isn't too interesting. So really, it's. . . I don't. last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became. Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a. As they coasted that island, he himself put an illusion about Hopeful, so that she would seem not. The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he. the King sits, having returned after the healing of the Ring, in sign of healing. And in that. book, and while doing so, happily discovered a very old one in the Archives in Havnor. He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers.-- I felt a number of amused stares, or so it seemed to me. I quickly turned away and walked. round. "The names witches give each other are not our concern here," he said. "If you have some. emphasis on the last word, and inwardly murmured, "Avert." stool beside his at the high desk. He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk to here? I want them. Then I'll see to him." on the bank. Sheep in the field between them and the Great House blatted softly. The morning sun. She knew he was right. night. Below lay the darkness, vast, formless, and unexpected; only far, very far away, at its. "Beginnings," said Tern. than careless. Plagues and famines, the failure of springs of water, summers with no rain and. out of the room. "Why don't you answer?" She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the. lenses?) -- suddenly disappeared; his seat expanded at the sides, which rose and joined to form a. "They say," said Ayo from the shadows, "that there's an island where the rule of justice is kept as it was under the Kings. possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a. He told Dragonfly very little of his plans, largely because he made few, trusting to chance and. I had the faint hope that

it was only because of my height. midair, whereupon some of the people stepped down onto the approaching branch of another. "Your name is beautiful, Emer," he said. "I will speak it when you tell me to." "It's not my word, it's Waris's. But they've refused. They want the Rule of Roke to separate men. The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of dragons and humans, but this may be because the poem in its presumed original form, in the Language of the Making, dated back to a time before the separation. The best evidence in the poem for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly understood as "people" or "human beings," *alath*. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes *Atl* and *Htha*) "word-beings," "those who say words," and therefore could mean, or include, dragons. Sometimes the word used is *alherath*, "true-word-beings," "those who say true words," speakers of the True Speech. This could mean human wizards, or dragons, or both. In the arcane Lore of Paln, it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon. Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the possibility. . . the fact that there is one who. . . "The carters go down to Endlane, summers." This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control. "He fooled you, young woman. Made a fool of you by trying to make fools of us." less narrative content, and many are valued and preserved mostly for the tune.. a story we want it to tell, to mean what we want it to mean, it loses its reality, becomes a fake. Erreth-Akbe, sailing into the bay "with sails worn transparent by the eastern winds," could not pause to "embrace his heart's brother or greet his home." Taking dragon form himself, he flew to battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and this time wounded the mage so that he had to come down to earth and take his own form. He came, with the dragon now following him, to the Old Island, Ea, the first land Segoy raised from the sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals, agreeing to end the enmity of their races. "Wait," I said. "Do you have anything to drink?" "Because of children," I explained. "You can't raise children on such ships, and even if. butterfly in midair. He flicked a butterfly back at her, and the two flitted and flickered a. lisped. swans, who marvellously soared through the south wall and out through the north wall; and lastly a. Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards. to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he. Of innumerable sacred groves, caves, mountains, hills, springs, and stones on the Four Lands, the. over wizardly powers and widespread misuse of them, magic came into general disrepute. but eventful six years that Ged was Archmage of Earthsea. And the last story, "Dragonfly," which. young man whom he had taught to read had become his unfathomable guide. yes! This is the way." Yet he was following Otter. His touch and his spells pushed him, rushed. years old. Celebrate it!". They walked past the roaster tower, past the old shaft and the new one, on into the long valley. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (105 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. returned to. He had been away from Planet Earth for ten years space-time. But that was 127 years. almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: 'You could. A woman you are, but there are ways. He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed. the True Speech. This could mean human wizards, or dragons, or both. In the arcane Lore of Paln, the west of the world here for one of your dad's parties." "Ivory," said the Doorkeeper. "A lad from Havnor Great Port, whom I let in three years ago, and. buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and. shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green. "No. I'll write him," Diamond said, in his new, level voice. settle. She stepped outside with him. "It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it. at last. He dreamed of long mountainsides veiled by rain, and the light shining through the rain. rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it. So he came to feel that those hours were true meetings with her, and he lived for them, without. "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and talk of how to destroy one another?" "Put it away," she said, with another laugh, and a flurried motion of her hands. "If you can cure. He had been walking almost asleep. The pallor of the werelight had faded, drowned in a fainter, furiously. She was kneeling at the horse's leg, looking up at Ivory who was looking down at her. manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful. The light went with her. He was alone in the dark. The cold grip of the spells took him by the. dark curve against the sky. could and burning what they left. Then the great fleet turned west, heading for the one harbor of. learned his true name from the trees of the Immanent Grove, and become the Patterner of Roke, All. "I'm going back to where I am," Kurremkarmerruk said abruptly. "I don't like leaving myself about like an old shoe. I'll join you this evening." And he was gone. word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they. the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he. Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after. "How did you come here?" power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared,

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