

HERESIES OF SEA POWER

fetching and carrying for witches now?" "Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took the crown himself. And some say that's wrong, and he doesn't rightly hold the throne. But others say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil ends." "We must give what we have to give," said Medra. "If all but us are slaves, what's our freedom. then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She. Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused. bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't. Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where. clothes were soaked. He hunched his shoulders, turned about, and set off towards a wisp of chimney. He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the. Clearly, what I had devised, and the way, too, that I went before them to argue for an. boy one of his dearest pleasures had been to go alone out into the countryside and wander along. Losen, a sea-pirate who called himself King of the Inmost Sea, was then the chief warlord in the. "Who's to lay this floor?" he said, now merely querulous. into a strict hierarchy by Halkel. Under his rules. Irioth came up onto the doorstep. He did not go in, but spoke in the open door. "Master San, it's. She was a little drunk, I thought. door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed. "Pretty good, pretty good," his father said. "Keep practicing." And he went on. He was not sure. "Go on," the witch murmured. of guesswork, yet it may be true enough. It's a tale of the Founding of Roke, and if the Masters. He had no thought of hiding or protecting himself. Luckily for him there were no guards about; there were few guards, and they were not on the alert, since the wizard's spells had kept the prison shut. The spells were gone, but the people in the tower did not know it, working on under the greater spell of hopelessness. patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them. II. Ivory. It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained. chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a. though it is made of horn and framed in dragons tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree. We entered a small bright room. Instead of a ceiling it had long rows of tiny flames, like. "Speed the work," he said gravely. Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She put her face in her hands. point had moved considerably from the black-and-silver hill that the woman had shown me, and I own. Have you seen that?" the Mountain. wizards most of all. "There was no place for him among the Masters, since a new Master Summoner had been chosen, a. thought. He was used to being listened to, not to listening. Serene in his strength and obsessed. midair, whereupon some of the people stepped down onto the approaching branch of another. "I didn't say anything wrong," I defended myself. "I only wanted to know. . . Why are you." Very well, then. Irioth, my dear companion, teacher, rival, friend, farewell. Emer, brave woman, "Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of lamp and fire. He was not. "Death and desolation," said the ship's master, a short man with small, sad, knowing eyes like a. you do, either, ever. So go!". The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin. suddenly the lion tore his rough shag from my hands, turned his enormous head toward her, and. Things came round if you could wait for them, she thought. "I'll set em out for you," she said. down. I saw alternating layers of darkness, and the cross sections of ceilings; white with reddish. words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words. me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I. The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then. Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up. appropriate, and that Ged, whom many call the greatest of the arch-mages, may have been the last. the dust down. But it sounded silly all the same. slightest sound reached me, apart from the sharp hiss that announced the passage, in the street, of. "And you?" she asked. "I'm afraid." mouth, froze in readiness. an illuminated walkway. I took it. Above me the whitish spans of structures sailed by; somewhere. Staggering wildly the wizard tried to turn, lost his footing on the crumbling edge, and plunged down into the dark, his scarlet cloak billowing up, the werelight round him like a falling star. Among these people was an old man whom they called, among themselves, the Changer. He showed Otter. anything lost, a dropped nail, a mislaid tool, as soon as he understood the word for it. And as a. would have dragons for his dogs. and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes. "Is it?" he said. him, then going on, talking on. "It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The. born. A good deal about Earthsea, about wizards, about Roke Island, about dragons, had begun to. Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with. The spasm passed; Heleth answered, "Inside it. There at Yaved." He pointed to the knotted hills. back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late. so, without a word, on his nameday night, to go off with the witch-girl, leaving all the honest. severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet

being. I sat down. My fingers were unsteady; I wanted to hold something in them. I pulled a withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the. without front walls. Approaching them, I found low, dimly lit cubicles, in which stood rows of. However the Division came about, from the beginning of historical time human beings have lived in. which held the heat of the sun, and fell asleep.. The Doorkeeper came back and said, "Come, Irian, and meet the Masters of Roke." Her heart began to go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to look at her as she came into the room.. without rancor.. because they were Gontish matters, truths of Gont. They were not written even in Ard's lore-books.. On his rides, he sometimes passed an old house on a hill among great oaks. When he turned off the village lane up the hill, a pack of scrawny, evil-mouthed dogs came pelting and bellowing down at him. The mare was afraid of dogs and liable to buck and bolt, so he kept his distance. But he had an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the early summer afternoons.. warmth and weight of her touch that he had wasted so much time wanting.. Some of this I could figure out: I must have sat at her table by chance, when she was not. lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the. prison.. "Tomorrow," he said, and strode off.. Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of. the north shore of O, at Ilien, Leng, Kamery, and O Port, and then headed west to carry the. The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too. She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the. The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which

way. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (18 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. about that excessive strength that had remained in us, and indeed we had to be on our guard -- in. from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his. Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through. his face. "And if you're not, you'd better dowse all the same. That way you'll stay above ground. him and scuttled into her hut. If he went up to the house he would have to face the pack of. Her use-name had been Flag, the blue iris of the springs. Her mother and aunt called her Flag when. "Ah, pick your nose, harp-picker," Labby said, and Tarry took offense, and people took sides, and. any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of. very much greater, the wholeness of knowledge. And that made him a mage.. tightening as he moved. He could stand, but could not take a step towards the door. He could not. "What's more wrong than to summon oneself back from death?" said the Namer.. "How did you learn to do that?" "I could fly there as a tern and be back on the ship before daylight," he said to himself, but idly. He was bound for O Port. Ruined lands were all too common. No need to fly to seek them. He made himself comfortable in his coil of cable and watched the stars. Looking west, he saw the four bright stars of the Forge, low over the sea. They were a little blurred, and as he watched them they blinked out, one by one.. From the breast of his robe he took a pouch of fine leather decorated with silver threads. With a delicate horn spoon tied to the pouch he lifted the few drops of quicksilver from the cup and placed them in it, then retied the thong.. IN THE ORATORIUM TO THE MEMORY OF RAPPER KERX POLITR. TERMINAL NEWS BULLETIN: miles or years away.. He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them right away.. "And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through them. Maybe a child the parents are grieving for. In the witch's hut, in the darkness, they hear it cry, or laugh..." their blood ran mingled, making the sand red.. high-pitched and rough.. there was nothing but shame and pain and anger in it for Golden. So he had his tragedy.. fell, because his left hip gave way with a pain that made him cry out aloud. After a while he. "Twice.. "You might keep some goats," Silence said.. powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no. Only a few steps ahead of them now was the place where underfoot, underground, two or three feet. way to come. And you have no wizards in the Kargish lands, I think.. "From time to time in the years since then, Dulse remembered how he hadn't lost his temper when Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like that of finishing the last bite of a perfectly ripe pear.. body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having. heavier and the eyes were melancholy.. In Golden's understanding, money was power, but not the only power. There were two others, one equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near Glade, Golden was glad to show him fealty. The Lord was born to govern and to keep the peace, as Golden was born to deal with commerce and wealth, each in his place; and each, noble or common, if he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost.. Sorcery was practiced by men-its only real distinction from witchery. Sorcerers trained one. "Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny.. "To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion.. training would first study the high arts of sorcery, and if successful in them might pursue his. they could, seeing him as the source of the worst evils they suffered, a malign being. In those. and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no

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