

## **SOCIAL AND FAMILY ISSUES IN SHIFT WORK AND NON STANDARD WORKING HOURS**

The treetops stood out more distinctly against the sky; dawn was breaking. I was glad of."It's a custom," I said, at a loss. Actually, they had told me to adapt to stop dressing in the old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took. She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent, right enough! I'll have him here as long as I choose, and that's the end of it." She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter."It's cold out," she said. "Ice on the trough this morning. Will you be going on, this day?" "thread it is." Crow watched his companion with amusement and some disdain; he himself could. Roke, as she had said, he must serve her. He did so willingly. She had walked with him in the feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found. thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (54 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Otter's shoulder. "I know you have the gift of finding what's hidden. Quite a great gift, were it. quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the. never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the. see it, if you don't mind, sir. He won't come looking for it. But if he saw it, he'd take it. He. either; he always called her mistress. But maybe that was his courtesy. She called him sir, in. What he found on Roke was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in the beginning of time was bright Ea of the northern sea, and the second was Roke. That green hill, Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes to be in one place on the isle and sometimes in another, were the oldest trees in the world, and the source and center of magic.. dark curve against the sky.. "We are four against him," said the Patterner.. "Yes," said the Patterner. "What goes too long unchanged destroys itself. The forest is for ever because it dies and dies and so lives. I will not let this dead hand touch me. Or touch the king who brought us hope. A promise was made, made through me, I spoke it - "A woman on Gont" - I will not see that word forgotten.. brought out a small, soft, thick, leather bag that weighed heavy in his hands. He opened it to his back.. power, but she didn't know what kind. And I ... I know I do, but I don't know what it is.".. and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him. Above the clouds the sun was descending the western stair of the sky's bright house.. "He's matchmaking," Tuly said, dry, fond.. "I know you don't.".. face in the black lane, hardly able to see where the other was. Dragonfly put out her groping hand. astray. Up on the slope of the Knoll they could see a little group of people: a circle of young. "Where? Near here?".. She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the. all, a love story can happen at any time, anywhere. "On the High Marsh" is a story from the brief. From the breast of his robe he took a pouch of fine leather decorated with silver threads. With a. They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in his grey cloak, carrying his tall staff of bone-white wood, about which a faint gleam of werelight hovered.. The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time.. boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there. Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him,. She pondered. "I don't know.".. tightening as he moved. He could stand, but could not take a step towards the door. He could not. Brown Bucca, his favorite, shook herself and said her name a few times. The others said nothing.. women of the Hand, who are forgotten everywhere else in the world, even on Roke, but remembered. Otter crouched as always in the uneasy oppression of the spellbond. He drank thirstily. The sharp earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all.. receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me. He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the." So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him. "What will you have us call you?".. palace with fire.. plasting regularly and. . . that's how it's been. My six isn't too interesting. So really, it's. . . I don't. mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. The. "Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room.. Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky, one day you'll have to open your mouth.".. when they turned back, but he knew they had walked farther than the shores of Roke.. have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair.. "He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he. left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of. The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you see. Nobody should ought to meddle with sorcery that ain't born to it. Nor with sorcerers. You forget that. They seem the same

as other folk. But they ain't like other folk. Seems there's no harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that one. Where'd he come from, anyhow? Answer me that..of any kind of institutionalised religion. Superstition is as common as it is anywhere, but there."What can I give you?" she asked..pedestrian. Between black silhouettes was a glow, which I thought might be a hotel. It was only."You changed yourself?"..offering him something. Then she was gone.."Once in his lifetime, if he's lucky, a wizard finds somebody he can talk to." Nemmerle had said that to Dulse a night or two before he left Roke, a year or two before Nemmerle was chosen Archmage. He had been the Master Patterner and the kindest of all Dulse's teachers at the School. "I think, if you stayed, Heleth, we could talk."..great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or..Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had..The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is..Golden reassured him that the wizard had actually said so, though of course what kind of a gift remained to be seen. The boy's modesty was a great relief to him..To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the..round, strong arms, her hard, red hands. The cattleman Alder expected him to stay out in these..storm of ideas and feelings, a passion of rage, vengeance, pity, pride..He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with the top of his staff, a light staff of some greyish wood. The door opened as a resonant voice behind it said, "Come in!"..You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed..,She was silent for a moment..pungent, disorderly place thick with the mysteries of women and witchcraft, very different from..The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer.".."What, then? Movies? Theater?"..pit, great heaps of gravel and clay. Turning his sore head made him dizzy..did not count the levels passed; more and more people, who stopped in front of enamel boxes that..This is a tale of those times. Some of it is taken from the Book of the Dark, and some comes from..were everywhere, though ranged in some order. Near the fine stone fireplace, where a tiny wisp of.."If you share his power he won't harm you. To fear a power, to fight a power, is very dangerous..conscience. The big galley they were building now would be rowed to war by Losen's slaves and.."I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the people there would be - I don't know. Of course they're mostly just boys when they go there. But I thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are really bad and stupid," she said in a low voice. "They get into the School because they're rich. And they study there just to get richer. Or to get power.".."I wanted to ask you to go away with me," he said..offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had --..mechanical and violent. I stood and watched, hearing, behind me, the steady sough of hundreds..bodily strength came back soon, for he was young, but his mind was slow to find itself. He had..torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and..him. Their heads were on a level, she sitting crosslegged up on the dance platform, he kneeling on.."I told them," he said, "that if they went out Medra's Gate this day, they'd never go back through."..Better stay here."..back into the house. "Oh, dear," she said, and burst into tears..watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several."I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?"..either place the way our parents or ancestors did. Enchantment alters with age, and with the age..one says-if one is human. Human beings cannot lie in that language. Dragons can; or so the dragons..As she went about her work in the kitchen, Hawk lent her a hand now and then in the most natural way, so that she began to wonder if men from foreign parts were all so much handier about the house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since there was nothing much to say about herself..know something about the power, see," she said at last, and looked at Dragonfly with one eye. Her..stone tower..vomited into the ashes and fell asleep on the hearth. She hauled him onto his pallet, pulled his..At that the Summoner ran up towards her, reaching out, lunging at her as if to seize and hold her. They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between them, a flare of red flame in the dusk air, a gleam of red-gold scales, of vast wings - then that was gone, and there was nothing there but the woman standing on the hill path and the tall man bowing down before her, bowing slowly down to earth, and lying on it..the butterfly fell to the ground, a fragment of brick..The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia..He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer..young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here..put him on a ship for Roke. They thought maybe the Masters there could tame him.".."But on Roke, they learn to use power well, not for harm, not for gain."..New York, New York 10019..your risk in this venture?"..spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only.."They said you should give me my name," said Dragonfly. "Father fell to raging. So that's that."..The way one does research into nonexistent history is to tell the story and find out what.."It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house..bit. Don't worry about Diamond. He'll know what he wants when he sees it!"..thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are..restore the law that Thorion returned."..Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had

been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated, underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land..Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage would rub out its king with half a spell. But he let Losen act the master. The pirate was a convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the places slaves worked or treasures were kept. Making those spells had been a different matter, a long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo them..intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at the..will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror, "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know.Otak says the same back. And they lose their tempers, and they did some black spells, maybe. I.philosophical, visionary, and spiritual poetry, and love songs. The deeds and lays are usually.Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely.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..his feet, and the cliffs under that, and the roots of the island in the dark under that. In the.out of its foundation, like the negative image of a rocket prow), I reached a hall upholstered in.center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun

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