

THE ATONEMENT IN CHRIST

He sat up, sat still..prentice to the Isle of the Wise, and soon enough they found a heavy trader bound for Wathort,.House, but inside the wood it was all shadows..She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness, watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside'. She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light..exploitation. The land outlasts the empires. The conquerors may leave desert where there was..sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of..where did it turn false; how the balance of things was kept or lost; what crafts were needful, "Listen, Nais. . . I think I'll go now. Really. It will be better that way.".When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt fate had shaken him. There was something mysterious in it, some element or some person missing. Summoning the useful Hound to help him, Early had made a very thorough inquiry into what happened. Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in a hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy who had been with him, Hound could not track: could not say whether he was under that hill with Gelluk, or had got clean away. He had left no spell traces as the mage did, said Hound, and it had rained very hard all the night after, and when Hound thought he had found the boy's tracks, they were a woman's; and she was dead.. "Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her..But he quieted down again presently, stroking the grey cat..without the eight months at Adapt. But now, perhaps even more than before, I did not want to go..the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help..shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said..the hill towards him through the long grass. She followed no path, and walked easily, without.. "And if. . ."..me as if from below, so that I floated across the void and was set down softly on a white surface, "To say?"..of glass, metallic sounds, repeated, incomprehensible. The crowd that had carried me here..went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing..The Patterner's voice had grown rougher, and he suddenly brushed the little design of pebbles apart with the palm of his hand..He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs down on the doorstep, sat down beside them, cleaned his feet with rainwater from the pot by the step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up slowly, and went into his house..terrifying place; yet Otter felt a sense of shelter in it. He was half sorry to go back up into..Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds, summer fruits. "What have you learned?" she asked Medra in her cool, gentle way, and he answered, "That I'm a fool."..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (92 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]..floor. Gratitude for this freedom beat in him as steady as his heartbeat.. "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.".. "I was single. They picked unmarried ones. That is -- volunteers."..When Diamond put the lists of names to tunes he made up, he learned them much faster; but then the tune would come as part of the name, and he would sing out so clearly-- for his voice had re-established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent house..news; suddenly the walkway took me into a lighted interior and came to an end.. "Aha. Well, in a sense -- yes. But you can undress on the beach."..me!"..She knocked..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (83 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]..away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake..In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand..I sighed..Among all beings ever returning..The music started up, distant, blurred by wind and the murmur of the river running..cabin. He knew now that coaxing was no good. To have her he must master her; and that he would do..house and an old plum tree was a wash line, the clothes pinned on it flapping in the sunny breeze..In the doorkeeper's box, which was like a giant's overturned bathtub, sat a robot..mica. Not far away lay another huddled heap, rotted red silk, long hair, bones. Beyond it the..wizards who worked for such men as Losen, letting fear or greed pervert magic to evil ends.. "What's the matter, Emer?" said the curer, turning his thin face and strange eyes to her.. "I don't see the difference. You're sure you weren't betrizated?".. "Then you'll be more than welcome. The plague is terrible among the cattle. And getting worse."..broken staff..seems we may have left out a good deal worth knowing. This kind of thing--There! There again-"..the earth."..She looked up and saw the Hoary Man come out of a dark aisle of great oaks and come towards her across the glade..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (5 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]..beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out..answers, and said nothing..Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him..All this took only two days, and all the time Early was looking and probing toward

Endlane village, sending Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he knew where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great shape-changer, so fearless that he would take even dragon form..reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in grass of the bank, he began to speak..He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the."All right," she said finally. "I'm not keeping you. But now this. . ." She was confused..After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old. As old as Gont Island."..the blind blackness. When he moved, he whimpered; but he sat up. I have to live, he thought. I.to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the.Diamond's face shone..still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big.old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had..and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent.NEONAX NEONAX NEONAX. These might have been the names of stations, or possibly of.Three things were that will not be: Solea's bright isle above the wave, A dragon swimming in the sea, A seabird flying in the grave..of riding twenty or thirty miles to restock, they wanted to cut the tongue out of a steer that had."What now?". "The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly.freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with.She knew that King Lebannen used his true name openly. He too had returned from death. Yet that the Summoner should do so continued to shock and disturb her as she thought about it..happened. I believe this isn't very different from what historians of the so-called real world do..The Patterner came forward and took her hands in his. His hands were warm, and she felt so mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a while, her face turned from him but their hands joined and their bodies pressed close. At last she broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was cold."..Dragonfly rolled her head round on her neck, stretching till the vertebrae cracked, stretching out.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..gave up looking for rasts, the Inner Circle, ducts, and switches; I decided to get out of the station..authority except the King in Havnor.."Irian of Way, my lords," said the Doorkeeper. They were all silent. He motioned her to come farther into the room. "The Master Changer you have met," he said. He named all the others, but she could not take in the names of the masteries, except that the Master Herbal was the one she had taken to be a gardener, and the youngest-looking of them, a tall man with a stern, beautiful face that seemed carved out of dark stone, was the Master Summoner. It was he who spoke, when the Doorkeeper was done. "A woman," he said..afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was..looking for that place, that island, seven years."..and had no strength left at all..out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said..the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman.Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..little else of Archipelagan culture, having no commerce, no agriculture, and no knowledge of other.Irian stood silent too, but her hope sank down, replaced by a sense of shame and utter insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know how to do it. And she had no share in their wisdom, no part in their decisions. She drew away from them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the wood over a little fall of boulders. The water was bright in the morning sunlight and made a happy noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water, and her shame turned slowly into anger..industry..would go a long way."."Yes -".Azver the Patterner stood with his left hand holding his right hand, which her touch had burnt. He."You can? Is it allowed?"..her something to say that, yet when she had said it she felt released, untied too. What was she.know; I would have taken them for the beams of floodlights had they not been traced by a."Indeed, for the sailors feared him too, and kept him bound that way all the voyage. When the Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the first thing the boy did in the Great House, they say, he turned the Long Table of the dining hall upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters..They fired every house and field they came to. When they sailed away after a few days they left no.often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink.I'll destroy him."..Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that."..The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably came to be a psychological fact. Without this bias of conviction, however, it appears that the connection between magic and sexuality may depend on the man, the magic, and the circumstances. There is no doubt that so great a mage as Morred was a husband and father..The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He."You weren't?".Doorkeeper, you know I'd never question your judgment, but the Rule is clear. I have to ask what."A NAMEDAY PARTY," said Golden. "Time for a bit of play, a bit of music and dancing, boy.

Nineteen.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (28 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].thrown away. Like slaves' lives. Nobody can be free alone. Not even a mage. All of them working

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