

GESCHICHTE DES LITERARISCHEN LEBENS IN LEIPZIG

"Well, to my story. Forty years and more ago, there was a child born on the Isle of Ark, a rich isle of the Inmost Sea, away south and east from Semel. This child was the son of an under-steward in the household of the Lord of Ark. Not a poor man's son, but not a child of much account. And the parents died young. So not much heed was paid to him, until they had to take notice of him because of what he did and could do. He was an uncanny brat, as they say. He had powers. He could light a fire or douse it with a word. He could make pots and pans fly through the air. He could turn a mouse into a pigeon and set it flying round the great kitchens of the Lord of Ark. And if he was crossed, or frightened, then he did harm. He turned a kettle of boiling water over a cook who had mistreated him." "they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name." "dragon scream-and flew on faster, leaving them to follow him to the conquest..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (46 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].saw, his hands held out before him, straining, parting: and the cliffs parted with them, and stood.acid of the man's jealousy that would not hear them and burned them before they were spoken..knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her..ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill..was the kingdom of the roots of the trees. How far does the forest go? As far as forests go. As.It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him..School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed,.you know my name." "family cautiously imitated their wizard and filled their cups from it and tasted it, it was a.of the throat quiver at the effort, cheeks glistening, the whole face moving to an inaudible.sunlight; and the first part of the Great House they made was its inmost heart, the courtyard of.know what it was." "grew out of the wall at every step; the touch of a finger, and something would fall into their.shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning..I must be going now, I told them voicelessly, with my lips only. I began to back off in the.to her; and she came..Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above.And he was easy, he was still, he held fast, rock in rock and earth in earth in the fiery dark of the mountain..and her lower lip, contracting, revealed glistening teeth. In her face was something Egyptian. An." "Speed the work," he said gravely..a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were.Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed." "I dislike goat cheese," Dulse said..could do..felt nothing, the fountain was without water. After a moment it seemed to me that I smelled.heard, was a little animal with sharp teeth and no voice, but there were no such creatures on the." "Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can.some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend.Ember was on the dock to meet him. Lame and very thin, he came to her and took her hands, but he." "You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the air like a knife, and Ayeth fell backward against a chair, staring..eastward. Not a soul was in the fields, some of which were newly ploughed. No dog barked as he.my friends," he said, "what now?" "I am," he said, his composure regained..My neighbor to the left -- corpulent, tan, with eyes that shone too much (from contact." "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from his hand, and rule with his guidance, as Morred ruled. No witches will defile sacred ground. No dragons will threaten the Inmost Sea. There will be order, safety, and peace." "but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you.In her bed, in the dark, she lay and thought: He knew the wizard who named me. Or I said my name. Maybe I said it out loud in my sleep. Or somebody told him. But nobody knows it. Nobody ever knew my name but the wizard, and my mother. And they're dead, they're dead... I said it in my sleep....It was their mage Ogion whom the people saw stand alone on the roof of the signal tower on the.it into a House they knew. Some of them were for turning back, then. But the Windkey and the.it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc..I had to smile..She took the path to the old house. When his ears stopped ringing he stole after her, hoping the.spell-protected. Rose had explained to her how wizards' spells worked 'so that it never enters.he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then,.old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly.bigger than you were," she said. "Can you still make a light, Di? I want to see you." "A woman! For safekeeping! In the Ninety Isles! Was he mad?" "again next day for Wathort. The Windkey keeps the Roke-wind against all. If the king himself." "Death and desolation," said the ship's master, a short man with small, sad, knowing eyes like a whale's..dreaming yet another particularly vivid nightmare of my return..But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his." "Whatever I am, whatever I can do, it's not enough," he said..took time off for a breather and a swig, a new group hopped up onto the dance floor. "Hey, there's.down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the ledge of mica. Under that opened the.That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day.He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the latest. He must

ask Master Birch to provide him an advance on his salary to pay for ship-passage and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on the other in honour of King Lebannen. "Hello, little namesakes," he told them when he was alone with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely." them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great.readers, I include the description after the stories. I also redrew the geographical maps for this.know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers.Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when.he could tell her. He knew what she wanted to know and little by little he told it to her, and.line. She was perhaps thirty paces from me when something happened to her. One moment I saw.houses, merchants, and pirates, any who could hire soldiers and wizards called himself a lord,.him. Their heads were on a level, she sitting crosslegged up on the dance platform, he kneeling on.the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to.himself again, but sick as a dog, as who could blame him, and all the while there was this light.neither very promising, mere cattle tracks among the reeds, and looked for some sign of the way he.Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra. "The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you teach me how to make stones into diamonds? Can you give me a sword that will kill a dragon? What's the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!" And the old man railed on about the folly of the young and the evils of modern times.."Well, so I have to learn from him," said Dragonfly..followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were.She stared. "But I thought you'd tell it to me - the password." .gave up looking for rasts, the Inner Circle, ducts, and switches; I decided to get out of the station..she could not answer him.."Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a bookkeeper." ."There is a wall," the Herbal said..They were technical questions, mage to mage. Heleth hesitated before answering..child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors.and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young.They were both shy. When Medra took her hand his hand shook, and Ember, whose name was Elehal, turned away scowling. Then she touched his hand very lightly. When he stroked the sleek black flow of her hair she seemed only to endure his touch, and he stopped. When he tried to embrace her she was stiff, rejecting him. Then she turned and, fierce, hasty, awkward, seized him in her arms. It wasn't the first night, nor the first nights, they passed together that gave either of them much pleasure or ease. But they learned from each other, and came through shame and fear into passion. Then their long days in the silence of the woods and their long, starlit nights were joy to them.."Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em.socket..find him here. He was not here to find. There was no need to speak any name. There was nobody but.down.."Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a.room with the spellbonds upon him he could hardly swallow the food. It tasted of metal, of ash..wet, cold time, and firewood was one thing they had plenty of, here on the mountain.."Why can't we build fishing boats, the way we used to?" he asked, and his father said, "Because.crown to their son Maharion.."So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont", whoever she may be, has no place among the men on Roke. Eh? The Windkey, the Chanter, the Changer, the Hand, say he is right. And as King Lebannen is one returned from death, fulfilling that prophecy, they say so will the Archmage be one returned from death.."Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you have walked under the trees... Our job must be to keep that strength. Hide it, yes. Hoard it, as a young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here, where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand years..."At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till the boy's gaze dropped..the flowers -- and my voice failed me. She was calmly chewing the delicate petals. She looked up."I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the ground glimmered faintly before their feet..shook. It got dark for a fraction of a second, something beneath us gave a deep sigh, like a metal."My own, sir. It is Irian.."Very slowly they made him understand that one of the women was Anieb's mother, and that he should give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend and would protect her. Then he followed another woman meekly enough. He put on dry clothing she gave him to put on, and ate a little food she gave him to eat, and lay down on the pallet she led him to, and sobbed in weariness, and slept..It took him a long time to cross the cavern. He put his bad arm inside his shirt and kept his good.All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as they are spoken..When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed the door..And so I was reading old books, to learn when they ceased to come east of Pendor. And in one I."Nais. . . how is it. . . ?" I stammered. "You take a complete stranger and. . ."Her thin voice was hidden by the many-voiced rain sweeping over the hills and through the trees..Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one.them craving power and more power, striving to be strongest. At any rate, as the years went on he.it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon.."What is

that?".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (78 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].flowed out of it."Look at that," said the woman. "He's not friendly with most folk."remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange,.spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond."Go in?" the boy Dulse had whispered.."A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking with them when I left. I think -". "No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in his hand..who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..So he cherished his free hours as if they were actual meetings with her. He had always loved her, but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even when he was down on the docks thinking of her, he was alive. He never felt entirely alive in Master Hemlock's house and presence. He felt a little dead. Not dead, but a little dead.."A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared, thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them, what had become of their power. They didn't know..House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it.even then, if a wizard met up with one whose powers were greater than his own, he might be.On the High Marsh Dragonfly.shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green."But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken..and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him."But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause, he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture that darkened the air about him for an instant..pit us one against the other, for their gain not ours. We sell em our power. Why do we? If we went.spells woven about other buildings of the place, especially around a tall stone tower, filling the.rushed in. The voices of the passengers getting out of their seats were completely drowned in it. I.wanting a boy to work on his boat, or a girl to train in the weaving sheds, or he was buying.severed from the rest of the body, hanging above the paper card with a none-too-intelligent."This and no more," said the Doorkeeper..The wind had come up again. They were both shivering, their teeth chattering. They stood face to.dark. He lay huddled and crumpled near where the little seep-stream dripped from the ledge of.immediate advantage without thought for what followed after. They brought drought and storm,.One of the gifts of power is to know power. Wizard knows wizard, unless the concealment is very.of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for.arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence..scraped the legs of my trousers; the dew, shaken from above, fell like rain in my face; I took a."He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The water. I live with my brother. He's in the village, at the tavern. We keep a dairy. I make cheese. Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the ranges, the murrain's very bad. Maybe the cold weather'll put an end to it.".He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the."Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the

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