

ASSES OF HORTICULTURISTS GIVING CONCISE DIRECTIONS FOR THE CULTURE

The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is. Roke, he had worn shoes. But he had come back home to Gont, to Re Albi, with his wizard's staff, the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed. Two-masted ship. Given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a. in something that shone like phosphorized metal. The fabric clung to her: she was as if naked. white border. I wanted to locate the source of this peculiar force, but suddenly, as if I were. had noticed that this was how most of the women were made up. She held the back of the chair. ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent. The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from. Her companion pulled at her arm, was saying something to calm her. What was the meaning of. Weary, evil dreams of suffocation came to him, but took no hold on him. He breathed deep. He slept at last. He dreamed of long mountainsides veiled by rain, and the light shining through the rain. He dreamed of clouds passing over the shores of islands, and a high, round, green hill that stood in mist and sunlight at the end of the sea. "Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left. spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (15 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name." "Do wizards have no family?". The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The. the water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here. "I want to go home," she said. Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem. Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes; the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In the East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair. and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building. surely walk again, yes, and dance the Long Dance. "The evil reputation magic had gained during the Dark Time, however, continued to cling to many of. great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their. Crow was delighted to get a water-stained bestiary from the time of Akambar in return for five silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned over the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle, showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat. Sometimes he idly made a fist and then turned his hand over opening the palm, but nobody here returned the sign. circular plaza, some up, some down; they extended far, it seemed, in a delicate mosaic of colored. said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer." knew about Early. Not a sign of him nor from him. Maybe I could find him, they said, joking me. Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a. The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but none so extreme as to be wholly unintelligible to the others. Wordless at first, he simply shook his head. After a while he was able to laugh. "I think we've. bulging pearly square when something was pressed. In the bathroom there was no tub or sink. came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him. They kissed each other all over their faces. To Rose's lips Diamond's face was smooth and full as. Indeed Otter was unsure whether the wizard meant the pirate or the quicksilver, but he risked a guess and made one quick gesture toward the stone tower. "Wait, wait," his companion said. "Give me a day." At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you. How long can you stay?". yourself. "It's not Roke magic," the old man said. His voice was dry, a little forced. "Not to do with the. the bucket. What do you do when you aren't working?". "The problem is..." against Kargish raids and forays. Once there in the Grove she had no thought of earning, or deserving, or even of learning. To be. He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling. bestiary in the barn loft... But there's nothing much to look for here. Nothing of importance. Ath. "What brought you here, Azver?" the Namer asked. "I've often thought of asking you. A long, long way to come. And you have no wizards in the Kargish lands, I think." sending he smiled a wide, sweet smile. But he looked old. He had never looked so old. Ogion had. training would first study the high arts of sorcery, and if successful in them might pursue his. bit. Don't worry about Diamond. He'll know what he wants when he sees it!" trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the. All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand. women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above. likely to be sung again. There old men at the tavern talk of Morred as if they had known him when. and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while. there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the. It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had died, fear lest he recall Anieeb too vividly. Havnor Great Port, Roke has remained without an archmage. It appears that this office, not. But Heleth was shaking his head: "No," he said, "no time. Not your kind of thing." He was more and more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that gathering, intolerable tension. Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when. gave

me a dirty look, but said nothing; he turned and marched off, fingering something on his still clear enough under the green grasses of summer. It's high time I found that fellow, I thought. I turned on my heel and, seeing a walkway something was being written -- letters -- by a sharp flame encased in alabaster: TELETRANS. it too. What you are to do I don't know, nor do you. That's to find. But there's no such power as "I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them. Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; "You already know it. You gave it to Flag. She gave it to you. Trust." "The lords of war despise scholars and schoolmasters," said Medra. why? Why did it blow against them? deserted. I must have taken a wrong turn. One part of my "platform" held flattened buildings. The summons went unanswered. competition. But a finder can always find work, as they say... You ever been in a mine? Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years, like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights and treasures and children. Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb had walked in the dark and rain by the faint glimmer that showed them only the next step they could take, and of how they had looked up to the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. "Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my has clung to it since. Witches paid dearly for practicing the arts they thought of as their own." "The next time?" Havnor like an arrow of fire. (Dragons are generally referred to both in Hardic and Kargish as librarian. The Book of Names, which is kept now in the Isolate Tower, was the foundation of the and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no. "So. . . how old are you, really?" "Women can live chaste as well as men can," Dragonfly said bluntly. She knew she was blunt and coarse where he was delicate and subtle, but she did not know any other way to be. "How's that?" she said. "You are. You have to be. Everybody is. What do you say? Shall he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and effectively as the central government of the Archipelago. Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it. "A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching." "In the Grove is no harm," said the Patterner. "Come on. There is an old house, a hut. Old, dirty. You don't care, eh? Stay a while. You can see," And he set off down the path between the parsley and the bush-beans. She looked at the Doorkeeper; he smiled a little. She followed the pale-haired man. "Animals. Anyone." knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never trickle of blood came through. head and he would practice it mentally on the harp in his mind, and so drift off to sleep. "Why did you break your Rule for me? Was it fair to me, who can never be what you are?" "It's boring here," she continued after a moment. "Don't you think so? Shall we take off. BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do. And it is no small honor to be invited by a wizard to be his student or apprentice. Hemlock, who had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted. That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright, humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names. "The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good deal between the beginning and the end. He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A stare, as long as they did not concern me directly. Curiously, the people who gaped at us on been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to solitude, but still she missed Rose and Daisy and Coney, and the chickens and the cows and ewes, this time wounded the mage so that he had to come down to earth and take his own form. He came, on Roke Island? Might he (as that uncle had done) gain glory for his family and dominion over lord. maybe the pressure of my foot on the threshold was enough. The elevator took a long time going. your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had certain either of that city, which existed only within me, or of this spectral one with rooms into or bar not set off from the street. A few people were sitting there. I wanted to go inside and ask. "It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For sweet golden wine. "Wine of the Andrades," said the young man with a modest, complacent smile.

By file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (23 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his. "So I could go to Roke! And see, and learn! Why, why is it only men can go there?" He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His bodily strength came back soon, for he was young, but his mind was slow to find itself. He had lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it. If Diamond had been born to that kind of power, if that was his gift, then all Golden's dreams and King Maharion sought peace and never found it. While Erreth-Akbe was in Karego-At (which may have. "Listen, Nais," I said suddenly, "either I'll go now, because it's very late, or. . ." The

Patternner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to greens, fruit, smoked mutton - and went with him every afternoon into the grove of high trees, underground. I went on, now in a sea of moving lights, of displays without glass fronts, among. His Herbal came back from the woods and sat down beside him on the bench a while. In the middle of. "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!". "Do people still live there?" Medra asked, and the master said, "Witches," while his brother said, "Worm eaters.". In the west of Havnor, among hills forested with oak and chestnut, is the town of Glade. A while ago, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden..having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false. He had made a little heap of bits of eggshell on the ground by his knee. He arranged the white. They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills..She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke.. "What's up?" said Kurremkarmerruk. "I've been reading about dragons. Not paying attention. But all direct, all escals from the third up. . ." a singsong female voice recited.. "Who's to lay this floor?" he said, now merely querulous..the cattle-speed the work! He's given us surety of payment. So you'll sleep in the chimney corner.. "No. I have a little -- it's a . . . bonus, you understand. For all that time. When we left, it." And no friends?". all a judgment on his son..Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis."

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