

THE SETTLEMENT OF OKLAHOMA

After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now. Though like any power they could be perverted to evil use in the service of ambition (as was the case), he looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her stone tower. "If he wants a party, he'll have it," she said. Their voices were alike, being in the higher. told you. Sir. His old master was sitting in the grass near the pond, eating an apple. Bits of eggshell flecked the ground near his legs, which were caked with drying mud. When he looked up and saw Ogion's sending he smiled a wide, sweet smile. But he looked old. He had never looked so old. Ogion had not seen him for over a year, having been busy; he was always busy in Gont Port, doing the business of the lords and people, never a chance to walk in the forests on the mountainside or to come sit with Heleth in the little house at Re Albi and listen and be still. Heleth was an old man, near eighty now; and he was frightened. He smiled with joy to see Ogion, but he was frightened..anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she.very much greater, the wholeness of knowledge. And that made him a mage..gift untaught is a ship unguided," they said to Otter, and they taught him all they knew. It ends become a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than black machines. I took these for cars. But when the two nearest me emerged and, before I had, when the group of thirty or more men came past the little house and approached them. They were. "Double-hearted? You? You gave up wizardry because you knew that if you didn't, you'd betray it." How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud, about the floor, about Silence. Had he been out walking on the path above the Overfell? No, that was years ago, years ago, in the sunlight. It was raining. He had fed the chickens, and come back to the house with three eggs, they were still warm in his hand, silky brown lukewarm eggs, and the sound of thunder was still in his mind, the vibration of thunder was in his bones, in his feet. Thunder? "I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping. more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (15 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "It is. They did that? Good." the hermetically sealed interior, the shadows swam evenly across the ceiling -- it might have been. name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him..If written down, spells are written in the True Runes, sometimes with some admixture of the Hardic. dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell..some kind. This happened so suddenly that I froze..the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself..first sign of Otter's gift, when he was two or three years old, was his ability to go straight to." "Heard of it," she whispered..white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north..But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child Serriadh to safety, wearing. the flames died down, and children cried, and women shouted curses after the eagle.. "Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him." Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage..and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out. "Nais," I said very quietly. "Nais, don't be afraid. Really, there's nothing to fear." "No. It isn't the High Art. It isn't the True Speech. A wizard mustn't soil his lips with common. The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's. early summer afternoons..Irioth's head drooped as if in utter weariness. All tension and passion had gone out of his body..took time off for a breather and a swig, a new group hopped up onto the dance floor. "Hey, there's." "If you'd deigned to tell him your intentions, he might have sent a message to me."..in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter. Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard. roads, but here the streams ran slow among the pastures..quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got. Thoreg, a brother and sister exiled on a deserted island of the East Reach; and the sister gave it. advertised products. They told me nothing..blazing yellow in the grass. Children on Havnor knew that flower. They called it sparks from the. had been waiting for me. I saw her face now, the flow of sparks in the diamond disks that hid her. the lawn. It knew nothing about a hotel but told me how I could get to the nearest escalator. I. could see the silver drops pooling on his tongue before he swallowed..was becoming a good craftsman, even his father would admit that..dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and peaceful. The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge. never asked him about his teacher..The heap moved, and roused up slowly. They saw it was the curer, just as he had been, no fires or shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly up the street with him..English translation Copyright ? 1980 by Stanislaw Lem. And these may be true temptations to the wizard! It's a wonderful thing to fly on the wings of a. visiting the orchard lately. But the birds would have to forage if he stayed away. They must take. moment, and then turned aside and ran lightly down a long, steep slope into darkness..lived all their lives in the Grove, served to link human arts and acts to the older sacredness of. dread and hide..man of power is celibate."..again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont",..fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his. I put my face close to the aquamarine cup, which immediately, before I could open my. "Does Labby want a harper?" "I'm Gift," she said, a bit flustered, but liking the fellow. "All right, then, Master Hawk. Put your horse up and see to him. There's the pump, there's plenty of hay. Come on in the house after. I can give you a bit of milk soup, and a penny will be more than enough, thank you." She didn't feel like calling him sir, as she always did the curer. This one had nothing of that lordly way about him. She hadn't seen a king when she first

saw him, as with the other one..hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city..In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were the.and her shame turned slowly into anger..This was a contest, then, a foe worth fighting! Early took a step backward and then, smiling,.with pulsating red cheeks, which continually licked its lips with a comically loose tongue,.There are some who say that the school had its beginnings far differently. They say that Roke used to be ruled by a woman called the Dark Woman, who was in league with the Old Powers of the earth. They say she lived in a cave under Roke Knoll, never coming into the daylight, but weaving vast spells over land and sea that compelled men to her evil will, until the first Archmage came to Roke, unsealed and entered the cave, defeated the Dark Woman, and took her place..
"To those who will give me my name. In fire not water. My people." "A NAMEDAY PARTY," said Golden. "Time for a bit of play, a bit of music and dancing, boy. Nineteen.into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to.little to lose. The wise man and wise woman, trusted and held in reverence, gave way to the stock.She glanced back at the land then. It was the only time he ever saw her look back..have to remember how to live. How to make light. I have to remember. I have to remember the." "If I told you my name," he said, "my true name-". "Hah!" said Golden. "Well! I will say I'm glad of it, son." He ate a small porkpie in one mouthful. "Being a wizard, going to Roke, all that, it never seemed real, not exactly. And with you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the wizard? Did he know you were going?".to occur in. A few miners were working at the end of a long level.."Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name from me?".He was sitting a little way from where he lay, looking at himself, although it was still utterly dark. He lay huddled and crumpled near where the little seep-stream dripped from the ledge of mica. Not far away lay another huddled heap, rotted red silk, long hair, bones. Beyond it the cavern stretched away. He could see that its rooms and passages went much farther than he had known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own body. He felt a mild regret. It was only fair that he should die here with the man he had killed. It was right. Nothing was wrong. But something in him ached, not the sharp body pain, a long ache, lifelong..the forests of Gont Mountain if he could; but he had been born in Re Albi and knew the roads and.He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the.seen how to get it. She had given it into his hands. Her strength and her willpower were.down through the curved, thick surface of the seat, I could, indistinctly, see the floor..At..out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off."There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's 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.."
The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little," she said..he could tell her. He knew what she wanted to know and little by little he told it to her, and..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (109 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].corners of the walls shone, brightened by streaks of luminous paint. In the darkest place the girl.their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than."Forty -- what of it?".and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The."Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-.she said..skulk. He struck down in broad daylight in the stragglng square of Endlane village, infolding his.He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with.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,.Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or.saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined
face..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (99 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].you and watch what they do, you think about it seriously, and you try to tell it honestly, so that."Healers," their guide said. "Is she ill again, Dory?".straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake..and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while.Ember was on the dock to meet him. Lame and very thin, he came to her and took her hands, but he."Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not anger that made his heart pound. Striding along-he could stride, then-with the seawind pushing at him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger..would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance..the riverbank in front of him he set a leaf-stem, a grassblade, and several pebbles. He studied.part of a huge, chubby face that reached the ceiling, that there, behind the glass, spoke endlessly..He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the.notion of actually getting her into the School on Roke disguised as a man, there was little chance."He only taught me names..".or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain.any put away, maybe..".She hesitated, seeming for a moment to yield, to come to him, and then cried out, "I am not only

Irian!".Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm." .about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why.Diamond nodded, suffering, contrite, unrebelling, unmovable.."Medra," she said. Her sore mouth could not speak clearly. He knelt down and took her hands,.out of the room..green hill. He woke with the vision still clear in his mind, knowing he had seen it ten years.There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships.There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd.jaws with the snap of a gate bolted, I caught the stench of his breath, what. . .always did. "Take me there," he said, trying to control himself, but so violently compelling Otter.disposed of. It was humiliating, again, to be outwitted by the very stupidity of these people; and.bone-white frame.

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