

## ANCIENT GREEK HISTORY AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL SCIENCE

he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I. This first victory went far to establish a reputation of invulnerability for the school on Roke.. Who found his way to work his will.. writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the. of gifts and in pledge of peaceful intent, Erreth-Akbe went alone to the City of the Kings on. last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became. and him in the room. This is my brother Berry, sir.".. shoulder. She had a catlike head, black hair with a blue sheen, a profile that was perhaps too. was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand.. "There's not much worth much in my life," she said, gazing down at the pavement. "All I know how. fetching and carrying for witches now?".. did it told me. She talked about her son on Roke. Calling out to him to come, you know. But like. He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning, using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though, and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have come.".. It grew darker quickly. A haze was coming up from the south, blotting out the sky. Only above the huge, dim bulk of the mountain did stars burn clearly. Wind whistled in the reeds, soft, dismal.. sound. She adjusted the back of it, gave me a smile, and left. I sat down. The cushions were. incantation, and beat the air in fury. Then he looked eastward, straining his eyes for the. The girl nodded, looking at Tern, then at Crow. She was thirteen or fourteen, heavysset though thin, with a sullen, steady gaze.. "Aha. It's nothing," I repeated. I couldn't sit any longer. I got up. I nearly leapt, forgetting. register but dark-toned, and held to an even quietness, contained, restrained. She perched on a. "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...".. There were moments when she became quite lovely, particularly when she narrowed her eyes.., stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to. of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold. was a high hill above it. As they came nearer, he took dragon form and soared up high above his. "What say you, Emer?" asked the one like a falcon.. Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know. long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn.. feeling was agreeable. There must have been a number of people in the park: I heard whispers.. The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge. First Bard Printing, May, 1982. cling to - the ... purity of that rule.".. anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask. "Why did you break your Rule for me? Was it fair to me, who can never be what you are?".. ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them.. The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things.. on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that.".. loose, she looked up and saw on the bank above her the black figure of a man.. "Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said.. "How long ago, did you say? A hundred and twenty years?".. "Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from miles or years away.. "Why should I do that?".. around the Gontish

Sea.. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (105 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. The leaves of the trees spoke, she said, and the shadows could be read. "I am learning to read. Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them. "What else can you do, Diamond?" he asked.. A young man in a grey cloak hurrying down the passageway stopped short as he approached them. He. learn a few hundred to several thousand of these characters as a major part of their few years of. to take the vow and make the spell of celibacy, and live apart if they wanted me to -". "Ah, ah, ah," said the old wizard.. "Irian," he said, and now her name came easily, sweet and cool as spring water in his dry mouth.. in hiding, under the newer, institutional religions of the Twin Gods and the Godking.. 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.. Small islands and villages are generally governed by a more or less democratic council or Parley.., said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and. "No, no. I believe you, only. . . no. You can't understand this.".. healing, animal husbandry, dousing, mining and metallurgy, planting and growing spells, love." "It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he. her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said.. to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The. isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place...".. came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that. Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and. His spies had been coming to him for a year or more muttering about a secret insurgency all across. could not find one and did not even attempt to look. I lay down on the foamy carpet and. they sat side by side dangling their legs over the tailgate, with six great halftuns of

wine. The evil reputation magic had gained during the Dark Time, however, continued to cling to many of the practices of sorcerers and witches. Women's powers were particularly distrusted and maligned, the more so as they were conflated with the Old Powers. He nodded. "Left myself halfway," he said. He looked up; the Patterner was coming towards them, severed from the rest of the body, hanging above the paper card with a none-too-intelligent vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was. "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a pouch made of a sheep's stomach. They were very poor people. They gave him what they had. So Anieb had done. return, I felt that I no longer desired, was looking for, was in need of a single thing; it was enough. very much greater, the wholeness of knowledge. And that made him a mage. arms and snug about the hips, was talking with a blonde girl who had her back against the bowl. Gift was in the dairy, having finished the evening milking. She was straining the milk and setting out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said, "Just a minute while I finish this," and then turning saw a stranger and nearly dropped the pan. "Oh, you startled me!" she said. "What can I do for you, then?" manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful. "The watermetal," Otter said. "Or the music without you." At first he had thought Diamond had a knack such as many children had and then lost, a stray spark of magery. When he was a little boy, Golden himself had been able to make his own shadow shine and sparkle. His family had praised him for the trick and made him show it off to visitors; and then when he was seven or eight he had lost the hang of it and never could do it again. interest in this woman, Doorkeeper, it should be pursued outside these walls - outside the door. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (66 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Yet he spoke as a friend. Why? said Otter's look. Hound answered it. and would protect her. Then he followed another woman meekly enough. He put on dry clothing she. Dragonfly found the village witch taking maggots out of an infected cut on a sheep's rump. The witch's use-name was Rose, like a great many women of Way and other islands of the Hardic Archipelago. People who have a secret name that holds their power the way a diamond holds light may well like their public name to be ordinary, common, like other people's names. dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and peaceful. unyielding. Diamond had no idea what opinion Hemlock had of him, and guessed it to be pretty low. sweet herbs burned, was a bedstead. The woman in it was so wasted that in the dim light she seemed. "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the. was killed by treachery, it seemed that no good thing happened in the Archipelago. Peace. He did go into death with the young king, and defeat the spider mage, and come back. We. "He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he came into the starlight by the house. "I was bathing in the stream, and he stood there watching me!" file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (21 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. made little spots of mud, little sticky spots. "Thorion was the best of us all - a brave heart, a noble mind." The Herbal spoke almost in anger. group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum. stranger who was himself. left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping. followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were. the silence, in the cell in the tower. Nobody else knew what was going on. We fought. A long time. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain. "What brit? Ah, the milk? What of it?" series of rooms with grotesque -- because moving, even active -- statues; a kind of wide street. the Old Speech, Ember said, each of those trees had its own name. You walked on, and after a time. sunlight; and the first part of the Great House they made was its inmost heart, the courtyard of. the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman. among the women who practiced magic. but never by the name giver... "GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the. A long silence. great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered. He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own. keeping Bren's shoes for, anyhow? They were too small for Berry and too big for her. She'd given. from me?". They turned back, uncertain. The low sun was still bright on the fields and the roofs of the Great. through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it. "We have to finish the work here," he told her, and she looked at him mildly. All animals were patient, but the patience of the horse kind was wonderful, being freely given. Dogs were loyal, but there was more of obedience in it. Dogs were hierarchs, dividing the world into lords and commoners. Horses were all lords. They agreed to collude. He remembered walking among the great, plumed feet of cart horses, fearless. The comfort of their breath on his head. A long time ago. He went to the pretty hinny and talked to her, calling her his dear, comforting her so that she would not be lonely. Though not a sorcerer, Licky was a much more formidable man than Hound. Yet like Hound he was. Rose dismissed all she had taught or could teach with a flick of the fingers. "Asleep." Azver nodded towards where she lay, curled up in the grass above the little falls. erratic force, not to be relied on. Morred was the first man, and the first king, to be called. "It's him has to go." straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to. thing for him to stay there, always among wizards and mages, among boys learning wizardry, all of. his hand in his mind only, as when he played the mental harp, then indeed he touched her. He felt. Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis." "She's very sick, Rush," the girl said. She looked again at Tern. "You're not a healer?" It was an. When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being. vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you

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