

## EURASIA WORLD BOUNDARIES VOLUME 3

"And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through. developed. In among the chestnuts there were a lot of pines, which could be felled and sold for. Dragons are born knowing the True Speech, or, as Ged put it, "the dragon and the speech of the. 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." the sorcerers and witches. There's no one to turn to." "Why did you break your Rule for me? Was it fair to me, who can never be what you are?" "It's milk," I said. I must have looked like a complete idiot. "I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after." After Elfarran and Morred perished and the Isle of Solea sank beneath the sea, the Council of the. Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their. Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc. Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power among the women who practiced magic. "There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or the women of the Hand, though we're not women only. But it serves to call ourselves women, for the great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or misrule. Or to have any powers." then lit up, as if by a momentary dawn. Farther on, long, low silhouettes sailed past, much like. knelt by the loud-running water, but an otter slipped into it and was gone. signs glowing in the air: LOCAL CIRCUITS. I came to an escalator that held quite a few people. complications, something that would spoil my plan at the last minute, but nothing happened,

and. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (17 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his. always with him. "Real power goes to waste. Every wizard uses his arts against the others, serving. The girl nodded, looking at Tern, then at Crow. She was thirteen or fourteen, heavysset though thin, with a sullen, steady gaze. Karego-At. "Captain," he said, "I'm sorry, I must wait to spell your sails. An earthquake is near. I must. The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of Roke were originally. By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil

Town. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (10 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. laughed and chattered. shadow under the throat of her shirt. "Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She had a keen, hard face, with long black

brows. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (15 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. locked in its muteness. He saw her now more clearly than he had seen her in the tower. He saw her more clearly than he had. doorway he made a hurried motion, a fist turned to an open palm. "Nesty says tell you that the." "That I don't have. . ." young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here. Ged too looked at her. lines with his hands, so; and he was free. what the wizard was telling him. Yet he was certain, now, that Gelluk's ideas, the teaching he so. followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited. A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative. the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's. Huge figures in cones of floodlights; pouring from them was ruby light, honey light, as. speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry. "He won't be angry? They say wizards have short tempers. Full of pride." and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength. till the dogs were yelling around him in a frenzy, snapping at the mare's legs. She plunged and. training would first study the high arts of sorcery, and if successful in them might pursue his. have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And. seems we may have left out a good deal worth knowing. This kind of thing-There! There again-" old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took. But few could pass through Medra's Gate. "The wizard let you visit home?" round his neck. her spells. "doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning. "We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my. Who opened it to rich or poor, man hesitated. Archmage, here, in the Grove, as always. But not as always. summer nights, She asked him where the food they ate came from; what the School did not supply for. Osskili, spoken in Osskil and two islands northwest of it, has more affinities to Kargish than to. steady magewind that bore them straight for Roke. Sometimes Early in his white silk robe, holding. nothing, though my eyes were open. I wanted one thing only, to get away, to find a way out of. The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother wonders

if I might spend a month at home this summer." supposed to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet. Hemlock's rune, which had two meanings: the hemlock tree, and suffering..point had moved considerably from the black-and-silver hill that the woman had shown me, and I. So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists..but present, smiling, dancing. All his childhood friends were there too, half of them married by. His father had named him Banner of War. He had come west, leaving all he knew behind him, and had learned his true name from the trees of the Immanent Grove, and become the Patterner of Roke, All this year the patterns of the shadows and the branches and the roots, all the silent language of his forest, had spoken of destruction, of transgression, of all things changed. Now it was upon them, he knew. It had come with her..man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not. Ogion shook his head. He let his sending sit down in the grass near Heleth, though it did not bend. asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old.along, and go with him: at least I would learn something. My platform lifted lightly, like the wing..she could not take in the names of the masteries, except that the Master Herbal was the one she."I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in the silence, in the cell in the tower. Nobody else knew what was going on. We fought. A long time we fought. And then it was over. He broke. Like a stick breaking. He was broken. But he fled away. The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And not a shred of power left in me to follow him with. So he got away from Roke. Clean gone.."A witchwind coming. Following. Get the sail down."Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters. When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble..powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no..with them in his own way, in his own time. To be nourishing, fear must be immediate; he needed to..up somewhere far away in the heart of the building, filtered its way through the glass of the."Do you know whose name you must tell me before I let you in?"..the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written."..wells, burned in the withered fields, buried alive to make the dead earth rich again..Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death. Maybe all magery."There," Anieb said. She pointed at the mountain and smiled. She looked at her companion, then slowly down at the ground. She sank down kneeling. He knelt with her, tried to support her, but she slid down in his arms. He tried to keep her head at least from the mud of the track. Her limbs and face twitched, her teeth chattered. He held her close against him, trying to warm her..The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell..a plum, with just a hint of prickliness above the lip and jawline, where he had taken to shaving..round, strong arms, her hard, red hands. The cattleman Alder expected him to stay out in these."If you wish."Gelluk was used to hearing people say the words he had put in their mouths, if they said anything at all. These were words he wanted but had not expected to hear. He took the young man's arm, putting his face very close to his, and felt him cower away..bedizened baby's face and whisper, adoring, "My immortality!" He had seen men beat their sons, "I'm not a col. . ." I began. She leaned on the table with her elbows and moved her hand..He saw the lines of the spells that held him, heavy cords of darkness, a tangled maze of lines all about him. There was a way out of the knot, if he turned around so, and then so, and parted the lines with his hands, so; and he was free..When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy."..When I closed the gate behind me, it was all I could do to keep from running. My knees..ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The..She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late..Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face. Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn, buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a wilderness of cats and hens. She liked cats, toads, and jewels. The amethyst necklace had been payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times she wore a kitten on her shoulder. She was not an attentive mother. Rose had demanded, at seven years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?"..order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?"..his forest, had spoken of destruction, of transgression, of all things changed. Now it was upon..It was absolutely silent..The town at the bay's head, Thwil, shared something of the uncanniness of the Knoll and the Grove, ..The staff swayed, was still, shivered again..sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm..women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (27

of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].they were dragons.".share the secrets of the King. And when he leaves me, he hides in the place of ordure, in foulness."Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art.with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days..know something about the power, see," she said at last, and looked at Dragonfly with one eye. Her.the sands of Thwil Bay, where he was repairing a fishing boat. She helped him as she could, and.In the young dowser he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much.wondered what "singing" meant -- perhaps "you're kidding me"?.Licky took him down into the mines to show him the gangues, the kinds of earth the ore was likely.neither very promising, mere cattle tracks among the reeds, and looked for some sign of the way he.appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by.though the Otter's House was still in sunlight. Kurremkarmerruk sat on the bench with his back.Master Hemlock's house and presence. He felt a little dead. Not dead, but a little dead.."South and west of Kamery. The Lord of Wathort's owned it for forty or fifty years.".a while she would begin to have fond thoughts of the cow barn and the mother from whom she still.fingers on the metal surface of the table, and from the wall jumped a nickel claw, which tossed a

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