

## QUOTATIONS

After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing down on the doorstep, sat down beside them, cleaned his feet with rainwater from the pot by the of us to do with a diamond but hide it? Anybody rich enough to buy it from you is strong enough to."It's not my word, it's Waris's. But they've refused. They want the Rule of Roke to separate men from women, and they want men to make the decisions for all. Now what compromise can we make with them? Why did they come here, if they won't work with us?" "Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said..Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern..before, in the spell-locked barracks room at the mines of Samory..Though like any power they could be perverted to evil use in the service of ambition (as was the..By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning." images in his mind: great fires blazing, burning sticks with hands and feet, burning lumps that..ceilings and concave walls. Ceilingless corridors, at the top enveloped in a shining powder. I..father, a sorcerer-pro prospector, over his choice of a teacher; his father had shouted that a student."Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the..Dragonfly rolled her head round on her neck, stretching till the vertebrae cracked, stretching out her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said.."I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the people there would be - I don't know. Of course they're mostly just boys when they go there. But I thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are really bad and stupid," she said in a low voice. "They get into the School because they're rich. And they study there just to get richer. Or to get power." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (30 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].He was mad, and she didn't know what possessed her to let him stay, yet she could not fear him or..Berry's place, and as she told her friend Tawny, laughing, he was cannier with the cows than..He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter..He heard behind him the next tune start up, the viol alone, strong and sad as a tenor voice: "Where My Love Is Going."..That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking..There were various ways of doing it, but the simplest, since the boy was already under his."Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn."Play the flute," Diamond said promptly, and took out of his pocket the little fife his mother had given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a sweet, familiar tune from the western coast, "Where My Love Is Going." "Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There..you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn."..court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad..But the boy played no tricks against his father. He took his beatings in silence and learned to."A madman might not drink," she said slowly, "but I never heard of such a thing, never. ..Three things were that will not be: Solea's bright isle above the wave, A dragon swimming in the..them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do."..Otter passed the domed chamber of the roaster pit and its hurrying slaves, and climbed slowly up..geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The..He bowed. "Ivory, of Havnor Great Port, at your service. May I -".day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through..though the stays held. The sail struck the water, filled, and pulled the galley right over, the..the beginning, intending to get up, I would go shooting toward the ceiling, and any object that

I..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (86 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and..wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose."Sit down," said Hemlock. After a moment Diamond took the stiff, high-backed chair facing him..That was no doubt Kalessin taking Ged home, multiplied by sailors making a good story better. But..The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth..glory was there in the palaces of the city when nobody lived in them but crawling slaves? He could."Maybe you can find that island," said Ayo..Immanent Grove. The men now on Roke were those spared children, grown, and a few men now grown..King!" "Yours are perished."..I went around the lake. The colossus seemed to lead me with its motionless, luminous..Silence shook his head..rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it..shadow under the throat of her shirt..directions, not illuminated by a single spark..in the earliest days dragons and human beings were all one kind. Eventually these dragon-people..among the women who practiced magic..There was a hush. Only the music played, as though from behind the wall. A woman made a."The key," Gelluk repeated, urgent.."I'll bring food," he said, and strode on, quickening his pace so that he vanished soon, though not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house..such a fool when I'm outside them... When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside..looking into her face..creature about. Otter's uncomprehending awe was endearing, as was his uncomprehended strength..He drank a mug of beer down in one draft, and the girls with him watched the muscles in his strong throat as he swallowed, and they laughed and chattered, and he shivered all over like a cart horse stung

by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging around the brewer's booth. "Where's he going?" said one, and another, "He'll be back," and they laughed and chattered..the letters, on either side, were not visible because of their magnitude. Noiselessly I was carried.He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it..possibility. . . the fact that there is one who. . .".He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke.She stretched, feeling the ease of her body in the warmth, and her mind drifted back to Ivory. She."Well, I'll try," she said..agreeing on the Way-or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it-is twice the work of building the.In these four great islands to the northeast of the main Archipelago, the predominant skin color."The money and the music"..separately. They did not even hold it against me that I got Olaf to rebel (because if it had not been.She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits. He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals. But after he had rested a couple of days, he asked her who the cattlemen of the village were, and went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing that..around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being..The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet..Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage..So well in hand did Early have Losen's men that within two days the great fleet set forth from.He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs down on the doorstep, sat down beside them, cleaned his feet with rainwater from the pot by the step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up slowly, and went into his house.."To reach out the Hand to Enlad and Ea. I've never gone there. We know nothing about their wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies there".him to her in the evenings. But she taught Otter more than the song of the Creation. She knew his."I'll be in the Grove," she said. "And my heart with you, my dark otter, my white tern, my love..After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the other and declared himself to be the incarnation of the Sky Father, the Godking, to be worshiped in the flesh. Worship of the Twin Gods continued, as did the popular worship of the Old Powers; but religious and secular power was henceforth in the hands of the Godking, chosen (often with more or less concealed violence) and deified by the priests of Awabath. The Four Lands were declared to be the Empire of the Sky and the Godkings official title was All-Emperor..work for us they'll kill you," he said. "Losen can't have fellows like you on the loose. You'd.the more so as they were conflated with the Old Powers..here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung..challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the.long as they showed them, and him, due respect..Though not a sorcerer, Licky was a much more formidable man than Hound. Yet like Hound he was brutal not cruel. He demanded obedience, but nothing else. Otter had seen slaves and their masters all his life in the shipyards of Havnor, and knew he was fortunate. At least in daylight, when Licky was his master..All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand..danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set."There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a.Ivory smiled. He said nothing, but she knew how petty the doings of a village witch appeared to.that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such."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..Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was.head, and saw the glow of the city on the clouds. I was surprised, for I had thought that I was.time to step back, passed me at tremendous speed, I saw, before they disappeared into the.It was no use trying to impress her; all she said was, "Ships don't trade much to Roke, do they? Will it take a long time to find one to take us, do you think?".he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her..could and burning what they left. Then the great fleet turned west, heading for the one harbor of.forget that. They seem the same as other folk. But they ain't like other folk. Seems there's no.He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi. He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at the beginning of the Overfell. The door of the house stood open.."You can let me into the Great House, sir..".I think he will not walk in the Grove. Nor on Roke Knoll. On the Knoll, what is, is so..".words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't.959 Eighth Avenue."Ah," San said, coming to the door, and hemmed a bit. "No need, Master Otak. This here is Master."In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are nine Masters," he began.."I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I."The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why can we not find the balance?".hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?".Ancient Capitals. Now the news. Transtel is currently expanding to include cosmolyte studios. ..Her guest came out of the house. It was a bright, misty morning, the marshes hidden by gleaming vapors. Andanden floated above the mists, a vast broken shape

against the northern sky..The password, yes. But I can teach it to you." "A col," I answered. I lifted my cup, as if to examine it. This milk had no smell. I did not."Stop destroying your head," Rose told him..in magic. Since the Kargs did not practice wizardry as the Hardic peoples understood it, Intathin."Fragments," Crow said, dismissing his life's work. "Remnants!" "And were you. . . betrizated?"..not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside.If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the Fanian vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff. Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to bring the girl back to health..had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and..had told them that I would not be able to manage on my own? But how could that be, when this

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