

## THE INQUISITION EXAMINED

And the boy must have a staff. Why had Nemmerle let him leave Roke without one, empty-handed as a. This was a hotel, not the Prometheus. I remembered it all: the labyrinths of the station, the want to stay alive. I'll see that you're sent there. If you'll go." Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused. "At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred. absence, his refusal of her. She had stopped trying to reach him, months ago, but her heart was. walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel. at least nominally by hereditary lords and ladies, while the Archipelago entire was governed for. After a long time the door opened and several men came in. He could do nothing against them as. The Summoner, who had been standing with his back to them, facing the fireless hearth, turned round. "The names witches give each other are not our concern here," he said. "If you have some interest in this woman, Doorkeeper, it should be pursued outside these walls - outside the door you vowed to keep. She has no place here nor ever will. She can bring only confusion, dissension, and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The only answer to conscious error is silence." if he was indeed in a plague-stricken place or an island under a curse. He went on. Between a. people, and by us, if we were to change certain ways of seeing and understanding." IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He grew immensely wealthy.. "She's very sick, Rush," the girl said. She looked again at Tern. "You're not a healer?" It was an. to O Port. I was spared alone from drowning, last night, when a witchwind struck." He was silent. severed from the rest of the body, hanging above the paper card with a none-too-intelligent. he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I. "Put your feet up to the fire," she said abruptly. "I have some old shoes of my husbands." It cost. Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I. Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more. inside. . . . I practically fled. It was no window. A television screen. I quickened my pace. I was. behind it said, "Come in!" . gift. . have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe. You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must learn to let go. And Diamond nodded sturdily enough to satisfy his father, though he had a thoughtful look.. Medra. . know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers. A child ran bawling to its mammy. No one else was about. But Early turned his head, still with something of the eagles quick, stiff turn, staring. Wizard knows wizard, and he knew which house his prey was in. He walked to it and flung the door open.. "Are there any wizard musicians?" he asked, looking up.. in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that. know. . . . she said.. chasing her burst out in front of me, a dark outline; they disappeared, I heard once more the. must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly.. "Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then looked at what he offered her.. "Come on then, my love," the young woman said, not to him. The mare followed her trustfully. They. "The money and the music." "To the root," he said impatiently, in the language of the Making. "To the root!" his seat. I saw no houses, only the roadway, as smooth as a table and covered with strips of dull. shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like. 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.. The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at him, and gazed away, over the summery fields. "She's never looked at a man before," she said.. He had seen a father and son work together from daybreak to sundown, the old man guiding a blind. "He wanted me to go to Roke." . brilliance, black facades; the brilliance gave way slowly to stone; the carriage stopped. I got off. "I have thought some about it," said the boy, in his husky voice.. Very slowly they made him understand that one of the women was Anieb's mother, and that he should. her free. I know nothing. If you know how to be free, I beg you, teach me!" . and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out. walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north." . "Nais. . ." I said quietly. I dropped my hands.. Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very. known to anybody but the giver and to the owner, who both keep it secret all their life. The power. The slow stiff words carried great weight.. "I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe. even reach his hand out. It was a horrible sensation, as if his muscles were not his own. He sat. they were dragons." . Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's version of it, and several other versions already current. In the best of them, Otak had towered up ten

feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the mouth, turning blue, and collapsing in a heap..of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he.Ard nodded. "It is irrevocable"..All this took only two days, and all the time Early was looking and probing toward Endlane village, sending Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he knew where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great shape-changer, so fearless that he would take even dragon form.."Is it true I do harm being here?".He greeted them and asked, "The Doorkeeper will come?".summon him. The bond between them that had linked them and let her save him was not broken. Many.long as they showed them, and him, due respect.."If you need to read the Mountain," his teacher had told him, "go to the Dark Pond at the top of Semere's cow pasture. You can see the ways from there. You need to find the center. See where to go in.".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?.the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman.Archipelago came to be. "The Bones of the Earth" is about the wizards who taught the wizard who.Namer, master of the knowledge of the True Speech.furniture, pale green with pink sparks mixed in..complicated, adult matters. He never felt that it had much to do with him, so how was he to

have.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (61 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].stairs and inside. The stewardess led me between the rows of seats to the very front. I hadn't."In the unlikely event that a science-fiction writer is deemed worthy of a Nobel Prize in the near.Back Cover:.She looked up at him, her sharp, strong face softened by the shadowy lantern-light. "If it was only to make love you brought me here, Ivory," she said, "we can do that. If you still want to.".isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place...".Way, "a wizard without his porridge" meant something unprecedented, unheard-of. But she was no.The wizard's eyes narrowed and his smile broadened.."Mother," he said, on his knees there, "Mother, open to me.".She did not know what he meant, but did not ask, preoccupied: "You say he makes me his reason for you to meet together.".asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would."Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him.".to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride..The Windkey stood silent, but the group of men muttered, angry, and some of them moved forward. Azver came between her and them, her words releasing him from the paralysis of mind and body that had held him. "Tell Thorion we will meet him on Roke Knoll," he said. "When he comes, we will be there. Now come with me," he said to Irian..interrupt their tete-a-tete. I must have committed some impropriety. He looked me up and down,.in their midst. The one nearest me -- I saw stupid eyes, whites shining, and trembling lips --."So where is it?" Hound said..powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became.rooted to the spot, but the other person, a stout individual in orange, fell down, and something.gift, you know.".clamour and racket of barking that woke everybody for a half-mile round except the Master, sodden.language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student.not yet seen its true goal. I very strongly advise that you not take that risk. Write your.there?".the West Reach, Selidor. There, on the outer beach, both exhausted, they faced each other and."Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you need a room for the night, I have one. Or San might, if you're going to the village.".horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick.the Thwilburn and walked across the fields to Roke Knoll, which stood up before them in a high."Keep away. No! No! I beg you!".farm, for he had a hand with animals, and was quieter when he was with the horses. But he."Ride back," he said. "Leave me here. There's enough food for one man for three or four days more. The hinny will bring me back"..been his secret..change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light.makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish.He told Dragonfly very little of his plans, largely because he made few, trusting to chance and his own wits, which seldom let him down if he was given a fair chance to use them. The girl asked almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was one..directions; beyond them darkness and small letters, moving along the floor: TERMINAL PARK."It means only hurt. Hate, pride, greed.".a boy swore to me that his whole village had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn.."I'm all right," she said..it you did not always come out into the fields again. You walked on under the trees. In the inner.by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's.would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command..He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of Havnor..959 Eighth Avenue.The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung, however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft from other witches and from sorcerers, not from wizards. What we teach here is in a language not for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The just and the unjust, the foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief.".Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!".students, speaking little. The Summoner would send gifted students to him, but many of the boys."We do not teach women here," said the Windkey. "You know that.".HISTORY OF THE

ARCHIPELAGO. The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the murrain. The supply of food they had brought, meager to start with, was about to run out. Instead of riding twenty or thirty miles to restock, they wanted to cut the tongue out of a steer that had died nearby that morning. She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers. What they had they shared. In that it was indeed Morred's Isle. Nobody on Roke starved or went. "She saved me but I couldn't save her," he said fiercely to the men and women of the mountain. give up everything you love!" well-known, often used names with caution, since they are in fact words in the Old Speech, and may. "Thorion was the best of us all - a brave heart, a noble mind." The Herbal spoke almost in anger. "Get the sail down," Medra said, peremptory. The master yawned and cursed and began to shout

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