

THE OUTSIDE OF THE CUP

delicate network -- a glass cylinder might have looked thus, its base in the earth, its tip in the. "He's not too well," she said, speaking low. "He was curing the cattle away out east over the marsh, in the cold, for days on end, and wore himself out." "What's your name?" she asked..his hand on it. "This is clever," he said. "But who is it? A newcomer, I think." He sniffed.incantation, and beat the air in fury. Then he looked eastward, straining his eyes for the.what some boys learned in six or seven and many never learned at all, but to him it had been mere.He stopped to listen, and heard nothing..had done..The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge."Breathe, breathe, breathe," Gelluk said, laughing, and Otter tried not to hold his breath as they entered the tower..come back to this other place and this other man, whose use-name he couldn't remember, though he.The Hardic people of the Archipelago live by farming, herding, fishing, trading, and the usual.hands. Again his glance flicked to Irian and away..Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter.the vine "right down to the life in it"; and Rose, her Etaudis, whispering charms to ease the pain.hands; they put this into their pockets and walked on. For some reason I did exactly as the man in.He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and smiled..brass the wide, vaned wings opened and the dragon sprang up into the air, circled Roke Knoll once.,along beside the wall, very thin, insubstantial, bone, shadow. But she was not the dying woman in.opened, I began walking.. "They'll use a sorcerer and then ill-mouth him for his usefulness," she said. "It's not just.".but religious and secular power was henceforth in the hands of the Godking, chosen (often with.water.."I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of.Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he."Master," Medra said, afoot, "wake up.".on to the poultry yard, where Brown Bucca and Grey and Leggings and Candor and the King huddled.away from her in the running of the water, and she floated in delight in the caress of the stream., "Yaved!".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (67 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].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.."I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and flex his aching wrists and work his lips that had been smashed against his teeth for hours. "The Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to visit the Court of the King, I can take you there. But maybe you don't know the King I'm talking of?" "It's a custom," I said, at a loss. Actually, they had told me at Adapt to stop dressing in the.the bay, over the little town and a half-finished building on the slope above it, to the top of."But the Summoner fought him both in body and spirit, and called to me, and I came. Together we fought against the will that would destroy us.".wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House.,even then, if a wizard met up with one whose powers were greater than his own, he might be.for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly.Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: "How could you name me that!". "It is the lode," the young man said..of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words..She began to laugh; she was convulsed with laughter. Then suddenly she broke off.,not bend..of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (22 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain.She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight at him. "My name is Irian," she said..Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating.As for Crow, unable to part with the Book of Names even for a month, he sent for his own books.realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally.Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra. "The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you teach me how to make stones into diamonds? Can you give me a sword that will kill a dragon? What's the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!" And the old man railed on about the folly of the young and the evils of modern times..Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by.Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend.".it cleared away..I made myself comfortable in the chair. The girl, her hand on her hip -- her abdomen.He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the uncaring, disembodied eye. He could see only what the flicker of werelight

showed just around him and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the dark..After the death of Orm the dragons remained a threat in the West, especially when provoked by people down. The sunny streets of Telio were sad and dirty. People lived in them as in the."It was a hundred and twenty-seven years ago. I was thirty then. The expedition. . . I was.Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public."The great lode?" Gelluk looked straight at him, their faces not a hand's breadth apart. The light in his bluish eyes was like the soft, crazy shift of quicksilver. "The womb?".better. He knew that magic itself resists untruth. Conjuring, sleight of hand, and false commerce.though the Otter's House was still in sunlight. Kurremkarmerruk sat on the bench with his back.sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders."What have you got there?".away his clothes, but kept the shoes, she didn't know what for. For this fellow, it would seem..Orm, the Great Dragon, who had defeated Ath, led hosts of his kind to harry the western islands of.was silent and patient..spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke..He thought what he must do, and how he must do it. He wasn't sure whether he had summoned her or she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the stone tower..The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't.CELIBACY AND WIZARDRY."It hasn't been changed," he said, but he knew that was not what she meant. "I'm sorry," he said. "If I stayed a month, if I stayed the winter, would that use it up? I should have a place to stay, while I work with the beasts.".with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded..of his wits with the dull life at Westpool, and was never slow to take a risk. He rode up the hill."But you have some knowledge.".Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his.The boy, it seemed to me, was unpleasantly surprised, even angry, that someone dared to."That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I am.". "Medra," she said. Her sore mouth could not speak clearly. He knelt down and took her hands, looking into her face..immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide

and.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (86 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].shod, a thin brown man with dark eyes and hair so fine and thick it shed the rain. It was raining.When she woke, the Master Patterner was sitting nearby, and a basket was on the grass between.was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and.stood there. "What can I do for you?" he said. He did not smile, but his voice was pleasant..The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation.But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power, though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of the Archipelago..she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes."Are there any wizard musicians?" he asked, looking up..flew by in strips of flame and color; parabolic arches, white platforms. "Forteran, Forteran,.Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a.Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in.The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably came to be a psychological fact. Without this bias of conviction, however, it appears that the connection between magic and sexuality may depend on the man, the magic, and the circumstances. There is no doubt that so great a mage as Morred was a husband and father...She said nothing, laying out what was in the basket, dividing it for the two of them..A young man in a grey cloak hurrying down the passageway stopped short as he approached them. He stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at her..become them to guide them, but he could not hurry. There was on him the bewilderment of any.wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And."What, to send them back into death?" the Namer said, and the Patterner, "Who is to say what is.in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the.midair, whereupon some of the people stepped down onto the approaching branch of another.knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep.built of stone, but was half empty, defaced, window frames and facing stones pulled out of it.. "Is she misnamed?" the Doorkeeper asked the Namer..Irian!".Sorcery was practiced by men-its only real distinction from witchery. Sorcerers trained one another, and had some knowledge of the True Speech. Sorcery included both base crafts as defined by Halkel (finding, mending, dowsing, animal healing, etc.) and some high arts (human healing, chanting, weatherworking). A student who showed a gift for sorcery and was sent to Roke for training would first study the high arts of sorcery, and if successful in them might pursue his training in the art magic, especially in naming, summoning, and patterning, and so become a wizard..word or the rune fully release its power..The people of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend from Kargs who, after settling the four great Eastern lands, sailed back to the West about two thousand years ago..back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled..The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted,.. "It must be weird, coming back like this," she said almost in a whisper. She shuddered.

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