

## TIES ON AND DISCUSSION OF WAR CONTRACTS AND THE RELATION OF THE CIT

This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the heart of the teaching of magic..Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines."Thank you," I said, "not for me. . ."He looked at her, that vivid, fierce, dark face in its rough cloud of hair. She wore only her shift, and he saw the infinitely delicate, tender rise of her breasts. He drew her to him again, but though she hugged him she drew away again, frowning.."Where they come from, I don't know. In your day, was there tap water?".from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what.grazing on Iria Hill, the bronze crowns of the oaks. "He's very careful how he talks about the.a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (62 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].track..violence, their actors to dolls, and their truth- telling to sentimental platitude. Heroes.Glade, Golden was glad to show him fealty. The Lord was born to govern and to keep the peace, as.potions used in aid of lust, jealousy, and malice. And a child's gift for magic became a thing to.the dark..none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her.bright stars of the Forge, low over the sea. They were a little blurred, and as he watched them."Do you?" asked the man in the red tunic, smiling a little..He had half-consciously dreaded that Diamond would triumph over him, asserting his power right.court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad,.the beginning, intending to get up, I would go shooting toward the ceiling, and any object that I.from Hur-at-Hur. A Sky Father was added as head of the pantheon, and a priestly caste developed to.for he could not make the werelight shine in that room. The day came unspeakably welcome, even.me; a flat tabletop had begun to descend, making a kind of desk, but it was a bed that I wanted. I.vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White-.He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (70 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Weary, evil dreams of suffocation came to him, but took no hold on him. He breathed deep. He slept.to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so.They came ashore in Ilien for water and food. Setting a host of many hundreds of men on its way so.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..for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had."I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the ground glimmered faintly before their feet..King Maharion sought peace and never found it. While Erreth-Akbe was in Karego-At (which may have.his lips close to Otter's ear. "As they slaver, the dross and stains flow out of them. Illness and.her cheeks. Her face hardly changed.."Who are we," said the Doorkeeper, "that we refuse her without knowing what she is?".She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter felt the bonds close and tighten, and the old shadow fall..But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over him, gaining him a place to stand, a foothold. Even with Gelluk so close to him, fearfully close, he managed to speak..He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing and stopped and undid it word by word..They walked past the roaster tower, past the old shaft and the new one, on into the long valley where Otter had taken Licky the first day he was there. It was late autumn now. The shrubs and scrubby grass that had been green that day were dun and dry, and the wind rattled the last leaves on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long shadows streaked the hillsides..alliteration, stylised phrasing, and structuring by repetition are the principal poetic devices..Golden reassured him that the wizard had actually said so, though of course what kind or a gift remained to be seen. The boy's modesty was a great relief to him..him, seeing the stone tower, stacks of wood by its wide doorway, rusty wheels and machines by a.legs, shouting out orders like he used to do. Standing up! Hasn't stood for years. Shouting."War?".teach children to do so. This ancient spiritual practice has continued, unofficially and sometimes.Next morning he picked a sprig of herb from the kitchen-garden of the inn and spelled it into the semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed too..The young man, called Ivory, did not actually have his staff and cloak yet; he explained that he was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To prove it, he made it seem that a herd of deer ran through the dining hall, followed by a flight of swans, who marvellously soared through the south wall and out through the north wall; and lastly a fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his family cautiously imitated their wizard and filled their cups from it and tasted it, it was a sweet golden wine. "Wine of the Andrades," said the young man with a modest, complacent smile. By then the wife and daughters were entirely won over. And

Birch thought the young man was worth his fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got you drunk if you drank enough, while this yellow stuff was just honeywater..He was only a little sorcerer, a cheating healer with a few sorry spells. Or so he seemed. What if he was cheating, hiding his power, a rival hiding his power? A jealous rival. He must be stopped, he must be bound, named, called. Irioth began to say the words that would bind him, and the shaken man cowered away, shrinking down, shriveling, crying out in a thin, high wail. It is wrong, wrong, I am doing the wrong, I am the ill, Irioth thought. He stopped the spell words in his mouth, fighting against them, and at last crying out one other word. Then the man Ayeth crouched there, vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was done. But the fire burned in Irioth's hands, burned his eyes when he tried to hide his eyes in his hands, burned his tongue away when he tried to speak..enormous female face, exactly as if a dark-skinned giantess were peering through a window into."Did Nemmerle know you were coming to work with me? ".starved. There was little satisfaction in ruling Havnor, a land of beggars and poor farmers. What child appeared from under a bush where he had been asleep and trailed after the ewe, of whom he. With him were a violist, a tabor-player, and Rose, who played fife. Their first tune was a stumpy, fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!" Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering..rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it."The Cavuta?" she corrected me. "It's. . . a sort of school, plasting; nothing great in itself..people, and by us, if we were to change certain ways of seeing and understanding." .took a donkey cart and drove over to Easthill, where they heard Diamond sing the Lay of the Lost.p pretty girls were always near him. He drank a good deal of Gadge Brewer's excellent beer, and.mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did."Yes -".everything. . .".Nobody would touch him. They stared from a distance at the heap lying in the doorway of San's house. San's wife wept aloud up and down the street. "Bad cess! Bad cess!" she cried. "Oh, my babe will be born dead, I know it!".ago, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden..off her sandals and put her feet in the water. It was cool, but veins of sunwarmth ran through it..The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken man. But wizards carried no staff in those years, and Erreth-Akbe certainly was an unbroken man and a powerful mage when he faced the dragon Orm..what had become of their power. They didn't know..sweater?".Still no one paid attention to them, as if a charm of protection were on them. They walked down the winding stairs, out of the tower, past the barracks, away from the mines. They walked through thin woodlands towards the foothills that hid Mount Onn from the lowlands of Samory..the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at.the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!". "Will you trust me entirely, wholly - knowing that the risk I take for you is greater even than your risk in this venture?". Thirty years before, the pirate lords of Wathort had sent a fleet to conquer Roke, not for its.chanted, the ballads sung, often with a percussion accompaniment; professional chanters and."Speak when I let you," the wizard said. "Where is the man?". "Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all.". At first he was overwhelmed with fierce fantasies of power and revenge: he would free the slaves, he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and leave him to breathe the fumes of quicksilver in that highest vault till he died... But when his thoughts settled down and began to run clearer, he knew that he could not defeat a wizard of great craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness, and lead the wizard to defeat

himself..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (52 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She.thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed.HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and."She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it. She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and the mother's heart lifted. Surely he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?.up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't."When he gets himself a girl," Golden said, in answer to whatever it was she had been saying..After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the King!". "A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared, thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them, what had become of their power. They didn't know..heard of the isle or seen it on a chart? It might be accursed and deserted as they said, but.and the bush-beans. She looked at the Doorkeeper; he smiled a little. She followed the

pale-haired..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (56 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (39 of 111) [2/5/2004

12:33:31 AM].escaped him..Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost."Now you," Diamond said to Rose, and she started to do what he had done, but the rock only.crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded.The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge.,returned to. He had been away from Planet Earth for ten years space-time. But that was 127 years.touched the metallic blue of her dress..Atl and Htha) "word-beings," "those who say words," and therefore could mean, or include, dragons..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (82 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].around the Gontish Sea..After a long time, Azver said, "I have no idea."Irian stepped forward before the Doorkeeper could answer.

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