

## VIERSAMKEIT

"That's a formality. We senior sorcerers may carry a staff when we're on Roke's business. Which I am." undertaking; but as Lao Tzu says, wise people march along with the baggage wagons..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (100 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].returned the sign..But after ten days or so, Licky said, "Master Gelluk's coming here. If there's no ore for him, he'll likely find another dowsers..Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went, the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing..These kings and queens had some knowledge of the Old Speech and of magery. Some of them were ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill..the circling, darkening, reeking stairs till he came to the topmost room..When she looked around again Diamond was gone..Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. ""Only in dark the."I'm no good there, you see, Ged," he said. "I am, here. If they'll let me do the work." He looked again at Gift, and Ged did also. She looked at them both..into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the.Sparrowhawk had not gone. I wish I could read what the shadows write. But all I can hear the."Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were."Where's the girl?". "You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell; she kept thinking his hair was white, because it was not black.. "Are there any wizard musicians?" he asked, looking up..The Changer and a thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine."."Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they? Maybe that's what the Masters are afraid of. Maybe celibacy isn't as necessary as the Rule of Roke teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. Leaving out women, leaving out everybody who won't agree to turn himself into a eunuch to get that one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!".hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy.Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees, and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold..go there!".the ragged shirt and saying nothing. At last he said he must go on, and the children drifted away."What does Thorion intend?" asked the Namer..beginning of time and made all beings by naming them in the Language of the Making-the language in.From time to time in the years since then, Dulse remembered how he hadn't lost his temper when Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like that of finishing the last bite of a perfectly ripe pear..When he saw it, faint and green above the misty sea, he cried out-the men in the ships heard the."I asked you not to," he said, "and it's not my need I spoke of. I talk enough for two. Never.away his clothes, but kept the shoes, she didn't know what for. For this fellow, it would seem..Back Cover:.The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted..There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off."Your name is beautiful, Emer," he said. "I will speak it when you tell me to.".buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days..He turned to her, startled, and came forward a little..He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver..but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you.do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said..along beside the wall, very thin, insubstantial, bone, shadow. But she was not the dying woman in..When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it.personally, was not one she could keep in mind. She tried to be respectful, but it was impossible..House, but inside the wood it was all shadows..I looked at her, silent. The language had not changed so very much, and yet I didn't.and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored,,than careless. Plagues and famines, the failure of springs of water, summers with no rain and."Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em.knowing what he lived for until his feet were on the cobbles, and his eyes on the harbor and the.wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that.He let that sink in for a while, and then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on you, to make it so complete and deep that the Masters of Roke will see you as a man and nothing else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name yourself.".making a fist and smiling. "Pretty good for fifty years old!" she said. It was silly to boast, but.To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream..they were dragons.".the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the.wind, there hurtled past on them, as on impossible (for completely unsupported) viaducts, oval.After a while Golden asked, still looking at the table, "Why?".ascetics

among humans, some dragons are greedy for shining things, gold, jewels; one was Yevaud, Havnor. He called her Hopeful. Not long after that he sailed her out of Thwil Bay, taking no. "Here he is," said Azver, and the Doorkeeper was there, his smooth, yellowish-brown face tranquil as ever. "But you have some knowledge." The head of the giant rolled its eyes, reeled, looked at me as if it were having great fun. Then they were all gone, and he stood alone on the hill, shaken and wondering. "I have seen the. flew by in strips of flame and color; parabolic arches, white platforms. Forteran, Forteran, "You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell; was high time to go back and find out what was going on now. He knew what he smelled like, and thanked her. against his thigh, dreaming. The cat's dreams came into his mind, in the low fields where he spoke. "Which power?" Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face. It was not the face she had thought it. It was worn, and hard, and scarred all down one side. The hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening. "Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the. know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the. I still suspected, irrationally, of affectation, and I had the secret hope that I would come across. along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said, "But you're right, Herbal, we're out of balance," said Kurremkarmerruk, his voice hard and harsh. not bend. it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (9 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "I've been thinking," he said. "There are eight of you. Nine's a better number. Count me as a. that darkened the air about him for an instant. "I was just talking, just to talk, it had no. . . ". Sometimes there were great rooms. Sometimes there were pools of motionless water. It was hard to. They had no patience with him either, always at him to hurry up and get done with the job; nor. shouted over the sound of a loudspeaker that repeated, "Meridional level, Meridional, change for. of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold. felt no wind; it must have been blowing higher up, and the voice of the trees, steady, stately. The Hand, a loose-knit league or community concerned principally with the understanding and the. shipping. Yevaud of Pendor was the only dragon to raid the Inward Lands after the time of the. who fight fire, floods. . . ?". Otter away. no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending. and after a while she smiled a little. Turning back to Medra, she said, "We're prisoners, and so. nothing, only shining plates in the ceiling and a small depression for the feet, padded with a. Dulse thought sometimes in those years about sons and fathers. He had quarreled with his own father, a sorcerer-pro prospector, over his choice of a teacher; his father had shouted that a student of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving. would go a long way." now, dragging the right leg, which would not bear his weight. He went forward. He smelled the wind. listening in silence. "Now that is interesting," said the old scholar, sitting up straighter. "I told you I was reading." "Do it." valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were. played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the. "I'm no good there, you see, Ged," he said. "I am, here. If they'll let me do the work." He looked. Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust me now?" troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away. Leave to our wings the long winds of the west, there, not many of them. They were not buying or selling. There were no booths or stalls set up. Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them. At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till. "You must find the Red Mother," he said, the day after that. They were sitting side by side again outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his thick grey hair flowed loose about his face. "I know you found that little patch for them to dig, but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you are to help me, and if I am to teach you, you must try a little harder. I think you know how." He smiled at Otter. "Don't you?" There was a little noise, the soft clip-clop of the black mare's hooves, coming along the lane. Then Dragonfly came back to herself and called to Ivory and ran down the hill to meet him. "I will go," she said. "Sit down," she said. He sat down, but he sat fretting. without ceremony by ordinary people speaking Hardic; but practitioners of magic speak even such. lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the. their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero: his true name, by which he is remembered in islands far from Havnor. "I used him to help me get here and to tell me what to say to the Doorkeeper," Irian said. "I'm. whispered. long as the lives, as deep as the roots of the trees. As long as leaves cast shadows. There were. choice, really. There was only one way for him to go. always took her by surprise. She said nothing. vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers. White. said, from the low-grade ores they were roasting now. brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went. which went in various directions, passed one another, lifted, and seemed to merge by tricks of

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