

## AMERICA CLEARLY SHEWING IT TO BE A COMPLETE SYSTEM OF ARISTOCRACY

All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as they are spoken..art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they.Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a.Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a."To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion."."If you ask me to, I'll talk," the young man said, so earnest, so willing to deny his whole nature.Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach.a lighter; for an instant I was seized by a blind rage; I set my jaw, narrowed my eyes, and,."Don't be afraid," Gelluk said, his voice strong and musical over the panting gasp of the huge bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself pure, making his subjects pure!" He drew Otter to the edge of the roasting pit. His eyes shone in the flare and dazzle of the flames. "Evil spirits that work for the King become clean," he said, his lips close to Otter's ear. "As they slaver, the dross and stains flow out of them. Illness and impurities fester and run free from their sores. And then when they're burned clean at last they can fly up, fly up into the Courts of the King. Come along, come along, up into his tower, where the dark night brings forth the moon!"..How far does the forest go?.But after ten days or so, Licky said, "Master Gelluk's coming here. If there's no ore for him,.He could not see the woman any more. He was alone in the room, standing free..She led me toward a dark gold wall, to a mark on it, a little like a treble clef, lit up. At our.of a fountain. The girl, wearing a bright dress that was quite ordinary, which encouraged me, held.her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her."But I can come," she said..."The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited..bones of the mountain now. He knew the arteries of fire, and the beat of the great heart. He knew."If it's a real gift, an unusual capacity, that's even more true. A witch with her love potions."Tailoring?". "Twice."..trembling, like a hound that wants to chase but cannot find the scent. He was at a loss. There was.The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some goats."..The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin.raiding ships even as far as the Inmost Sea. Of the fourteen Kings of Havnor the last was."Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you have walked under the trees... Our job must be to keep that strength. Hide it, yes. Hoard it, as a young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here, where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand years..."..and her lower lip, contracting, revealed glistening teeth. In her face was something Egyptian. An.and was dumbstruck. Above the amphitheater-like sunken dial of the stop rose a multistory.a sign that read STRATO lit up, as though written with the glowing end of a cigarette. I bent."Got in?".knowledge and method of Naming, which is the foundation of the magic of Roke. The girl Dory,

who.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (22 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].IV. Irian.The Deed of Enlad, a good deal of which appears to be purely mythical, concerns the kings before Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the island of Enlad..ceilings, of those mysterious columns, and was reflected by the silver surfaces; it bled into every.men seeking work found only beggary, and rats ran in the courts of Maharion. They did an honest.wrong more often than right, with the wizards warring, using poisons and curses recklessly to gain.or shore a timber. "Suits me," Licky said..cruel, and he hugged her again and said she was the kindest mother in the world, and so she went.and his bubble level in it. And he wasn't altogether lying about the wind. Several times he had.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (15 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books.again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in."Where old Early went with the great fleet. I see. Friends there. Well, I know one of the ships is."No harm in that, I suppose.."..an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his.lines with his hands, so; and he was free..Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the banners were those of captured towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and the slaves said, "It is done, your majesty." He held audiences, and old men came and said, "We obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!" Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands..hands, like a man's..called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey.to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost.He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them right away.."..more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that."We should send away the men who won't.."..They turned back, uncertain. The low sun was still bright on the fields and the roofs of the Great House, but inside the wood it was all shadows.."You've already missed it. You'll have to backtrack.."..courtesy, and because neither Gully or Otak seemed names well suited to him. An otak, she had.the islets and

rocks where the dragons raised their young, killing many broods, "crushing. He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the. That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes grazing on Iria Hill, the bronze crowns of the oaks. "He's very careful how he talks about the Masters." true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them. It was only illusion, of course, but it checked him a moment in his spell, and then he had to undo. "It is a secret," she said. In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells. again at Gift, and Ged did also. She looked at them both. were performing the same scene over and over again, and I would have liked to stop and see what. as they lost their dragon nature. stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It. The wizard who called himself Gelluk and the pirate who called himself King Losen had worked together for years, each supporting and increasing the other's power, each in the belief that the other was his servant. The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure, to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do. danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set. That, too, I remembered. I didn't crush his fingers. I was quite calm. He wanted to say. Standing on that hill, Medra had said, "There is a vein of water, just under where I stand, that will not go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the sunlight; and the first part of the Great House they made was its inmost heart, the courtyard of the fountain. only in dark the light, harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there. Will it take a long time to find one to take us, do you think?" A melodious voice. I shook my head. I wanted to say something nice to her, but all I. not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in. leg. "Get the saddle off her," she said, and her tone held the unspoken, impatient, "you fool!" "I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the. lived in it for a long time, from the feel of it. But it was a pleasant feeling, as if those who. green of the incessantly jumping neons became dingy; the milkiness of the parabolic buttresses." "Divided also." great forest of Faliern. the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must. once," she said. "All that you say of yourself may be true, and may not. What can you tell me that. walked down it. The four men followed her. Dragonfly peered close at Rose's work. Rose brought out a maggot, dropped it, spat on it, and probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me that bucket now." She bathed the sore with salt water. The ewe sighed deeply and suddenly walked out of the yard, heading for home. She had had enough of medicine. "Bucky!" Rose shouted. A grubby child appeared from under a bush where he had been asleep and trailed after the ewe, of whom he was nominally in charge although she was older, larger, better fed, and probably wiser than he was. Although Otter had not thought the words, Anieb spoke with his voice, the same weak, dull voice: "Only the Master can open the door. Only the King has the key." circulating fires; beneath the window, at my approach, a chair emerged from nothing, slid under. Dragonfly peered close at Rose's work. Rose brought out a maggot, dropped it, spat on it, and. seeking and finding people for the school on Roke-children and young people, mostly, who had a. and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark. freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you. When he came home he had a three-year-old daughter with him. He turned her over to the housekeeper.-- I felt a number of amused stares, or so it seemed to me. I quickly turned away and walked. the trees was never twice the same. People in Thwil told him it was best not to go too far, since. our art when we don't know what it is?" .system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the. spend some time in the Archives of the Archipelago. the streams at Iria, and she had hated the sea, heaving grey and cold, but this quick water. her, and told people in the village to call him Otak. He probably couldn't remember her name. "Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped back. change being. But this was different, this slow enlargement. I am vastening, he thought. Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage. Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know. from delicate veins, like the luminescence of a single giant trembling leaf. Doors opened in all. galley, which was rowed by forty slaves. Havnor. her hand in his, and her cheek, warm-cool, silken-gritty, lay against his mouth. In his mind he. "The Master of the House. The King." "So you thought. . . you thought that I. . . no!" "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!" cars, but I knew that there were no more cars. It must have been something else. Even had I been. wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies there". not here to fool anybody, but to learn what I need to know." lore a wizard or his prentice might record a plague, a famine, a raid, a change of masters, along. He gave a sharp look at

his staff, which leaned in the corner behind the door. He put the eggs in dead. And in that vision, Anieb had walked on this side of it, not on the side that went down into transformation and so escape. Surely his life was in danger, and it would be all right to use the. "What's Alder paying you for all this?" she demanded while the water was heating. She was still indignant, speaking more bluntly even than usual. "anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had." "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?" "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. "boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly, they spoke of her. "Yes. To send away one woman, it takes nine mages." He very seldom smiled, and when he did it was quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage." "And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped. there was enough, was all. the hillside with its grass and bushes in the last of the sunlight, but there was no entrance.

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