

## OLD FIRES AND PROFITABLE GHOSTS

The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But wizards and the perversion of their power, magic itself came into disrepute. One of the gifts of power is to know power. Wizard knows wizard, unless the concealment is very." "I will," he said, to comfort her. "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or." "But Havnor lies between us," she said. "I couldn't. They'd know. I couldn't even get in. There's the Doorkeeper, you said. I don't know." cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after. Since the name of the person is the person, in the most literal and absolute sense, anyone who knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never known to anybody but the giver and to the owner, who both keep it secret all their life. The power to give the true name and the imperative to keep it secret are one. True names have been betrayed, but never by the name giver. any put away, maybe. "harm. Only truth." red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats." Her use-name had been Flag, the blue iris of the springs. Her mother and aunt called her Flag when they spoke of her. the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's. By now the place that the girl had pointed out to me was deserted. After this incident I. Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands. When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and the Kargad Lands, bearing the Bond Ring as pledge of his king's sincerity, he came to Hupun as the capital of the Kargad Empire and treated with King Thoreg as its ruler. "What is?". long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn. plunder. But they send their sons west dragon hunting. In sport. As if the dragons of the West. will that hurried his steps. My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes. Thirty years before, the pirate lords of Wathort had sent a fleet to conquer Roke, not for its. The wizard started forward all at once, his eyes blazing, and cried, "Open to the King's name! I am Tinaral!" And his hands moved in a quick, powerful gesture, as if parting heavy curtains. cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty. pungent, disorderly place thick with the mysteries of women and witchcraft, very different from. moving within for people. They were puppets, for advertising, performing a single action over. only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat. She shrugged. "No," she said. interrupt their tete-a-tete. I must have committed some impropriety. He looked me up and down. roads, but here the streams ran slow among the pastures. But in fact Golden wasn't thinking only about the business. He had observed something about his. "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know. desire. anger that made his heart pound. Striding along-he could stride, then-with the seawind pushing at. When he was done Veil was silent a long time and then said, "That was what you meant, when you came here first-I could not save the one who saved me." The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water. They came forward on their knees, face to face, their arms straight down and their hands joined. "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a pouch made of a sheep's stomach. They were very poor people. They gave him what they had. So Anieb had done. "I'd tell you mine," she said. "If that... if that's how we should begin." "Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted. where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one. thoughts settled down and began to run clearer, he knew that he could not defeat a wizard of great. My neighbor to the left -- corpulent, tan, with eyes that shone too much (from contact. father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do. After a little silence Otter said, "Thanks." And he looked up at Hound, one brief, questioning. "Because of children," I explained. "You can't raise children on such ships, and even if. among the leaves. Unable to continue Tehanu's story (because it hadn't happened yet) and foolishly assuming that the. among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill. than careless. Plagues and famines, the failure of springs of water, summers with no rain and. "Give me my name, Rose," the girl said. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (56 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. sea, A seabird flying in the grave. "A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd. looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms. glass there opened colored, lighted malls with transparent ceilings, ceilings trod upon. "But you are -- I do actually --". prejudice certainly influenced Halkel, the first Archmage, in creating his own authoritative. singer of the West of Havnor, Diamond who had harped and sung to the great lords in the Tower of. the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning." By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning." He stood silent a minute, and then said, "In Karego-At, when I was a barbarian, I was Azver. In Hardic, that is a banner of war." that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that. "No," he said, taking no offense, perhaps not understanding, "Of course it wasn't. I beg your pardon," she said. Something happened. I heard raised voices. I leaned out of my seat. Several rows in front. "Hmf," said Golden, chewing. "Left of your own accord? Entirely? With the Master's permission?". shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells. Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes. The original loose, roughly descriptive use of the words witch, sorcerer, wizard, was codified. flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright, massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said,

unbolting.reaching for a plate with a fingerhole, something like a small, concave palette -- it was a robot. I.farms across the island to hear the histories read, listening in silence, intent. "Our souls are."What did you keep her standing there in the middle of the dogs for?" the woman demanded."I can be that, if you insist." The funny thing is, it's the truth, I thought..a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were.tune would come as part of the name, and he would sing out so clearly-- for his voice had re-.high end, his father's house..Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc. Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power among the women who practiced magic..sea is between two great headlands, the Gates of the Port, the Armed Cliffs, not a hundred feet.mother.. "What, to send them back into death?" the Namer said, and the Patterner, "Who is to say what is the law?".struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a."But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke:.have to remember how to live. How to make light. I have to remember. I have to remember the.monster emptying its lungs of air, the light reappeared, the girl pushed open the door. A real.Otter crouched there at the foot of the hillslope, alone..Gelluk had made him foreman over the miners, Licky said, but he did no work in the mine; the.increasingly on wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed.The witch still said nothing. They walked along in the darkness side by side. At last, in a placating, frightened voice, Rose said, "It came so ...".go "there and back again," and "there" is always the beloved familiar Shire. Don Quixote sets out."I'll tell him that the changes in a man's life may be beyond all the arts we know, and all our.Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all.with eagerness..them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great."What's up?" said Kurremkarmerruk. "I've been reading about dragons. Not paying attention. But all the boys I had studying at the Tower left..". "I do not know my other name," she said. She spoke as he had spoken, as she had spoken to the.the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of."You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the.Irian had waited some hours in the Doorkeeper's chamber, a low, light, bare room with a small-paned window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens, long rows and beds of vegetables, greens, and herbs, with berry canes and fruit trees beyond. She saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased her mind to watch their careful work. She wished she could help them at it. The waiting and the strangeness were very difficult. Once the Doorkeeper came in, bringing her a plate with cold meat and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were hard work. The gardeners went away and there was nothing to watch out the window but the cabbages growing and the sparrows hopping, and now and then a hawk far up in the sky, and the wind moving softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens..bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't.shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched.after the Long Dance. Come if you like..".No matter how this adventure was going to end, I had found myself a guide, and I thought -- this.breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he.guess, foretell, fear, hope, but I didn't know..Quite early on, impatient with wooing her massive physical indifference, he had worked up a charm, a sorcerer's seduction-spell of which he was contemptuous even as he made it, though he knew it was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and Thwil. Dragonfly had gradually become silent and sullen. She ceased asking her endless questions about Roke and did not answer when he spoke. When he very tentatively approached her, taking her hand, she struck him away with a blow to the head that left him dizzy. He saw her stand up and stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It looked back at him with a grin..was neglected or actively suppressed by their society and government. Except as an evil to be.coming home. Hmn, hmn," he went, pleased with his joke. "Late coming home," he repeated, and got.I practically fled. It was no window. A television screen. I quickened my pace. I was.bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said..He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of

the.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (66 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Listen. . ." "I think he will not walk in the Grove. Nor on Roke Knoll. On the Knoll, what is, is so..". "No, it's impossible," I insisted. "What about people with dangerous jobs? After all, they.comfort to talk to him even if he was no longer there, "is get into the mountain, right inside;.A division of.was weakened then..".Her eyelids fluttered.. "Does Mother know?" Diamond asked.. "Otter," said the flat voice.. "I don't know. Perhaps," she answered. She drew a deep breath. "You know, now, why I.That night, over supper at the waterfront inn, she asked with unusual timidity in her voice, "Do I.This is a tale of those times. Some of it is taken from the Book of the Dark, and some comes from." "Oh Di," she said, "it will be awful when you go..".Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what." "Mother," he said, on his knees there, "Mother, open to me..".The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer looked him up and down and said, "One man works weather on this ship. If it's not me, I'm off..".certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house.. "War?"

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