

OLUTION A CHALLENGING EXPOSE OF THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL DIRECTIONS

Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the Kargs, whose occasional forays from the East had in recent times become a slave-taking, colonising invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the mainland. Using an invocation of the Old Powers called the Waterlore (perhaps the same that Elfarran had used on Solea against the Enemy), he turned the waters of the Fountains of Shelieth-sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders back to the seacoast, where Maharion's army awaited them. No ship of the fleet returned to Karego-At..Great House. The walls we built to keep all evil out. Or in, as the case may

be."file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (21 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost naked in the chill of the rain. All her will was aimed on walking forward; she had nothing else in her mind, not him, not anything. But she was there bodily with him, and he felt her presence as keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet..keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and."Wizards don't teach women. You're besotted.".to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little.She did not know what he meant, but did not ask, preoccupied: "You say he makes me his reason for you to meet together.".untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the.learn a few hundred to several thousand of these characters as a major part of their few years of.stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It."I can be that, if you insist." The funny thing is, it's the truth, I thought..days. Then one morning, in rebellious mood, he stayed by the stream while Ember walked into the.none so extreme as to be wholly unintelligible to the others.."How strange you are! It's altogether as though you weren't. . ." She broke off..She shuddered..You don't care, eh? Stay a while. You can see," And he set off down the path between the parsley.regret her rash invitation, and I wanted to make things easy for her..child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors.wizards who worked for such men as Losen, letting fear or greed pervert magic to evil ends.."I swear that. . ."."But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke: always to do better than the others, always to be first... The art becomes a contest, a game. The end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him, it galled him..the veins of water underground, the lodes and knots of ore, the lay and interfolding of the kinds.He checked the henhouse, finding three eggs. Red Bucca was setting. Her eggs were about due to.haste..her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling.appreciation. Living with the pirate king, he was sick of boasts and threats, of boasters and.he said, "You work very hard.".There were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun."You're a curer?" .that cavern was not on Roke..apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia..Diamond had been given his truename at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man..from the concave ceiling seemed practically a glow. I did not know what to do with my hands, so.talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was.How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud,."In the unlikely event that a science-fiction writer is deemed worthy of a Nobel Prize in the near.Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes."I thought that that would. . . suit you.".Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her..Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have.Oraby, Daisy and Goldie and the one they called the Burning Bush. He had to sit with the young men.After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is ... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no summoning. No bringing back across the wall. No wall.".And they talked about that, all the wise women of the island: what was the true art of magic, and where did it turn false; how the balance of things was kept or lost; what crafts were needful, which useful, which dangerous; why some people had one gift but not another, and whether you could learn an art you had no native gift for. In such discussions they worked out the names that ever since have been given to the masteries: finding, weather-working, changing, healing, summoning, patterning, naming, and the crafts of illusion, and the knowledge of the songs. Those are the arts of the Masters of Roke even now, though the Chanter took the Finder's place when finding came to be considered a merely useful craft unworthy of a mage..A wonder she was, and

Dory bade fair to follow her." Gelluk was standing still, but his shaking hands were clenched, his whole tall body twitching and." It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find everything. . ." As he came down the last slope of the mountain, he had seen houses here and there out in the marshlands, a village not far away. He had thought he was on the way to the village, but had taken a wrong turning somewhere. Tall reeds rose up close beside the paths, so that if a light shone anywhere he could not see it. Water chuckled softly somewhere near his feet. He had used up his shoes walking round Andanden on the cruel roads of black lava. The soles were worn right through, and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths.. Word of Unbinding, which is spoken only once.. No. There had been a thunderclap, a while ago. This was not thunder. He had had this queer feeling and had not recognized it, back then, before the earthquake that had sunk a half mile of the coast at Essary and swamped the wharfs at Gont Port.. "The watermetal," Otter said.. Archmage. He had been the Master Patterner and the kindest of all Dulse's teachers at the School.. always to do better than the others, always to be first... The art becomes a contest, a game. The. When she laughed, her thin face got bright, her thin mouth got wide, and her eyes disappeared.. Diamond's head and sang themselves over and over: knowledge, or-der, and contro-----which the poem was first spoken.. slightly, a shiver, a tremble.. afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer, deserted. I must have taken a wrong turn. One part of my "platform" held flattened buildings and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The. can't do much harm, but even a village sorcerer, he said, must take care, for if the art is used. Doorkeeper was done. "A woman," he said.. long as they showed them, and him, due respect.. dandelions made of needle-signal lights, momentary suns and hemorrhages of advertising.. ones.. Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take. lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it.. from Orrimy and settled down with them in Thwil. He allowed people of the school to study them, so. "I guess we were children," he said. "Now...." .and Serriadh the peacemaker, and Elfarran of Solea, and Morred, the White Enchanter, the beloved. bulging pearly square when something was pressed. In the bathroom there was no tub or sink.. "Listen, what I said before, that was just a joke, really. . ." .hands, like a man's.. "Do people still live there?" Medra asked, and the master said, "Witches," while his brother said.. "Because it would have meant only one thing." .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.. It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained.. "He does that," the cowboy said to Gift. "Talks at em." He was amused, disdainful. He was one of Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a cowboy.. They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills.. was nearly inaudible, a rough whisper.. pledges and tears and the slobbered caresses that followed them. She escaped, if she could, and. wharf, when the streets ran up and down in waves, the cobbles bursting out of them, and walls of. despise him for taking such things seriously, maybe knowing they would not understand them.. brutal not cruel. He demanded obedience, but nothing else. Otter had seen slaves and their masters. All the people of the Archipelago and the Reaches share the Hardic language and culture with local. with the pines. Some good wood for furniture could be salvaged from them.. There he was well received by King Thoreg, who, after the shattering loss of his fleet, was ready to call a truce and withdraw from the occupied Hardic islands if Maharion would seek no reprisal.. wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said.. "Bring them here," Early said to the messenger.. She had planted a young rowan from the Grove beside the fountain. They came to be sure it was thriving. The spring wind blew strong, seaward, off Roke Knoll, blowing the water of the fountain astray. Up on the slope of the Knoll they could see a little group of people: a circle of young students learning how to do tricks of illusion from the sorcerer Hega of O; Master Hand, they called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey in Ember's hair.. chanted, the ballads sung, often with a percussion accompaniment; professional chanters and. Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where. Ath did not. His book, lost for centuries, is now in the Isolate Tower on Roke.. I'll destroy him." .When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being rebuilt, Ogion escaped from praise and went up into the hills above Gont Port. He found the queer little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was Yaved, as Ogion's true name was Aihal. He walked about there all one day, as if seeking something. In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have said goodbye," he said. He wept once, and his tears fell on the dry dirt among the grass-stems and made little spots of mud, little sticky spots.. "Got you," the old man said, looking down at the muddy, lax body. He added, "Too late,". my name but the wizard, and my mother. And they're dead, they're dead... I said it in my sleep.... "They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond.. from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked. Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a trickle of blood came through.. Just as before, Crow was sitting on the coping, bored and restless.. "Where My Love Is Going." .Her use-name had been Flag, the blue iris

of the springs. Her mother and aunt called her Flag when they spoke of her.. "Then should we go to Gont?" said the Herbal, caught in Azver's passion. "Sparrowhawk is there." "Ah, ah, ah," said the old wizard.. "Flew away?". agreeing to end the enmity of their races..a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them." "Speed the work," he said gravely..Hound smiled. "They haven't undone what you did yet, either," he said. "Old Whiteface was crawling..still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise.

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