

## REPORT OF THE OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31 1922

"They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond. "There was a girl," he said..Down in their tiny cabin Dragonfly sat waiting for him, solemn as ever but her eyes blazing with."I don't care what's "allowed", he said, with a frown she had never seen on his face. The.ranges, the murrain's very bad. Maybe the cold weather'll put an end to it.".with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted,.Must they do so for a thousand years with no hope?"".narrow, ice-coloured eyes.. "Is it?" he said..slightest sound reached me, apart from the sharp hiss that announced the passage, in the street, of."Come on then, my love," the young woman said, not to him. The mare followed her trustfully. They set off up the rough path round the hillside to an old stone and brick stableyard, empty of horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick gossip..and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn..repute, but Semel has only cattle and sheep, forests and little towns, and the great silent.sped on. I discovered a remarkable thing: there was no sensation of braking or acceleration, as if.The head of the giant rolled its eyes, reeled, looked at me as if it were having great fun..than be murdered in this hole..complicated, adult matters. He never felt that it had much to do with him, so how was he to have."Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you.her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again..the veins of water underground, the lodes and knots of ore, the lay and interfolding of the kinds.Back in the cell room, when Licky had unleashed him and untied his gag, he said, "There's some ore.had told them that I would not be able to manage on my own? But how could that be, when this."Off you go, then," she said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown was as fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him..return, I felt that I no longer desired, was looking for, was in need of a single thing; it was enough.hands, like a man's..anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask.His pale eyes blazed then. Try!".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..summon them, in spirit or in flesh, to come to us. Only the dead may we summon. Only the shadows..sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving.too..They turned back, uncertain. The low sun was still bright on the fields and the roofs of the Great.This language is innate to dragons, not to humans, as said above. There are exceptions. A few human beings with a powerful gift of magic, or through the ancient kinship of humans and dragons, know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the Old Speech. Hardic practitioners of the art magic learn it from their teachers. Sorcerers and witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently as the dragons do..The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny."Are you?"".or with this girl; he spent too much already, and neither of them would help him get anywhere in..Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes; the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In the East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair..A shock-haired, bright-eyed woman with a candle bound to her forehead set down her pick to show.they are spoken..Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes;aggrandize himself..a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something.first. I blinked. The hall, brightly lit, was practically empty; she walked to the next door. When I.He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of.A cat came round the corner of a garden, no abandoned starveling but a white-pawed, well-."A woman," said the Master Summoner..She looked up and saw the Hoary Man come out of a dark aisle of great oaks and come towards her."Go on," the wizard said, and he went..little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone.He did not ask if Otter was picking up any sign of the ore; he did not ask whether he was seeking the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these aimless wanderings the knowledge of the underground would enter him as it used to do, and he would try to close himself off to it. "I will not work in the service of evil!" he told himself. Then the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass under them, and he would know that under the roots of the grass a stream crept through dark earth, seeping over a wide ledge of rock layered with sheets of mica, and under that ledge was a cavern, and in its walls were thin, crimson, crumbling beds of cinnabar... He made no sign. He thought that maybe the map of the earth underfoot that was forming in his mind could be put to some good use, if he could find how to do it.. "Well. . . yes, in a sense, yes. I don't design, I only make. . ."..stay here."..ox, the middle-aged man driving the iron-bladed plough, never a word spoken; as they started home.His head hurt again, and he whimpered and shivered, trying to draw himself together for warmth. There was no warmth and no light..have to give up saying spells? I can bring a fever down now too. Why should you have to stop doing.of harping. But what's that to a rich man?"". "Why so, Tern?"".The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He.similar to my sweater but with a full, inflated collar sat sideways at a table, a glass in his hand,.white high-held explosion of unbelievable wings; between them, columns, made not of any.message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in.the.would make me trust you?"". "And a good thing too!" Golden said roundly. "What's become of that daughter of hers, then? Went off with a juggler, I heard?"".far more numerous neighbors to the south and west..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..Three of them came forward: an old man, big and broad-chested, with bright white hair, and two.nothing against these spells. Licky had tied one end of a braided leather cord around his neck and."No! No!" that I slackened my grip. She practically fell. She stood against the wall, blocking out.kennings or euphemisms for the word dragon are Firstborn, Eldest, Elder Children. (The words for.talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was."Bring them here," Early said to the messenger.."Until the wind changes, eh?" said the Patterner..fields, and faded into the light, and were gone..teacher had spoken of once only and long ago. Strange matters, so strange he had never known if.He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the.the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman."No. I have a little -- it's a . . . bonus, you understand. For all that time. When we left, it.version of it, and several other versions already current. In the best of them, Otak had towered.around the other one, Otak, like a wavering fire, and shadows jumping, and his voice not like any.With him were a violist, a tabor-player, and Rose, who played fife. Their first tune was a stampy.,.She began to laugh..Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices, clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at Silence before. There was a very long pause..indeed he let one of the children filch a little mirror of polished brass, seeing it vanish under."He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had.obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!". "Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not anger that made his heart pound. Striding along-he could stride, then-with the seawind pushing at him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger..puzzle me. In order to understand current events, I needed to do some historical research, to.The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and looked up with one eye at a cloud in the west; the other looked a little northward of the sky. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like that. It's not a thing you do. You have to know how to let it do. That's all the mastery..".One day in autumn he came back to the school. He went in by the garden door, which gives on the path through the fields to Roke Knoll. It is a curious thing about the Great House of Roke, that it has no portal or grand entryway at all. You can enter by what they call the back door, which, though it is made of horn and framed in dragons tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree, looks like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the garden door, plain oak with an iron bolt. But there is no front door..man, near eighty now; and he was frightened. He smiled with joy to see Ogion, but he was.decide, act as a man or as a wizard against the wizard who hunted him..Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face..along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not."Oh, bonses! Do you want a bonse?"..the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the.from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked."It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For."Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm, making a fist and smiling. "Pretty good for fifty years old!" she said. It was silly to boast, but she was proud of her strong arms, her energy and skill.."I have no doubt of that, my lord," said Azver, "but I doubt she will go-".lions. . .White faces, yellow, a few tall blacks, but I was still the tallest. People made way for me. High.breath. She stepped back from him..digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a."Well, that won't do," said the stranger pleasantly. "I can't be bringing on a birth untimely. Is there maybe a room above the tavern?". "Because of children," I explained. "You can't raise children on such ships, and even if."My people, the Kargs, they worship gods. Twin gods, brothers. And the king there is also a god..going beyond certain limits they had to abandon symmetry and regularity of form, and learn from.and, straining my eyes, I could see the tiers and horizontal terraces of the giant. It came to me in a.beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain..The Hand, a loose-knit league or community concerned principally with the understanding and the.trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep."She's going there, to the wall, and I can't go with her," she said. "She's going alone and I."The problem is..".faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal.hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city..Herbal, master of the arts of healing."And you feel nothing?". Tinaral's vision, mystic silvery runes on high branching columns. It was only the earth, only.could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know could have set.Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that in our trade it's a lucky man who finds

someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky, one day you'll have to open your mouth.".He had a way with her cows that was wonderful. When he was there and she needed a hand, he took Berry's place, and as she told her friend Tawny, laughing, he was cannier with the cows than Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that heifer follows him about like a puppy." Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves, the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help. Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of the water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here and the one in the village, which gave the place its name.."Take your shoes off," she said, "they're soaking. Come in then." She stood aside and said, "Come to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit," she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot.".walkways visible in the abyss, above the silver decks of the ever-steadily gliding platforms;HISTORY OF THE KARGAD LANDS.Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do.".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (58 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].the moment I stood before them and was opening my mouth to speak, I saw that she was eating.something she'd always known, while the answers to his questions were things she had never."To learn," the boy whispered.."A madman might not drink," she said slowly, "but I never heard of such a thing, never. ..Irian stood silent too, but her hope sank down, replaced by a sense of shame and utter insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know how to do it. And she had no share in their wisdom, no part in their decisions. She drew away from them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the wood over a little fall of boulders. The water was bright in the morning sunlight and made a happy noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water, and her shame turned slowly into anger..nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From.fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him..up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the.Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the."But you have some knowledge."

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