

# MANUSCRIPTS OF HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF PORTLAND K G PRESERVED AT WELBECK ABBEY

a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light..The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things..before what happened to him happened. And he wasn't so mad as all that. Mad in patches, mad at.The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge, particularly of the words of the Language of the Making. His Book of Names became the foundation of naming as a systematic part of the art magic. Ath left his book with a fellow mage on Pody when he went into the west, sent by the king to defeat or drive back a brood of dragons who had been stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere west of Ensmere, Ath confronted the great dragon Orm. Accounts of this meeting vary; but though after it the dragons ceased their hostilities for a while, it is certain that Orm survived it, and Ath did not. His book, lost for centuries, is now in the Isolate Tower on Roke..The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted, corrupted by ignorance and misuse and lying. But the jealousy in him was like a stinging fire. "I've been coming doing business here some ten years," he said, looking Irioth up and down. "A man walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel of sorcerers is a bad thing. If you're a sorcerer, a man of power, that is. I am. As the good people here well know."..herself through life. Of course she thought a merchant's life wasn't good enough for the boy..system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the.."Well, I'll try," she said..And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down..controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so.Hound had taken him, had stood and seen his people beaten senseless, had not stopped the beating..That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking.."We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my tongue?"..hollow cavern and the lode of cinnabar..cars, but I knew that there were no more cars. It must have been something else. Even had I been.of her neck. It was as if she was with him in the room. It was as if she was in him, as if she was.."I'm sorry," he said, with enough dignity that Hemlock glanced up at him..Ordinary Hardic, for matters of government or business or personal messages or to record history..How could he not want to?"..The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's.."I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word, change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer."..then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside..She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter."..Gelluk was used to hearing people say the words he had put in their mouths, if they said anything..under him were wet, and groped till his hand found water. He drank, and tried to crawl away from.."The carters go down to Endlane, summers."..She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the stranger who was himself..he said this. It was not what he had meant to say..shed for the cart, and straw in the stable loft for the carters. The loft was dark and stuffy and..family, on which was engraved a unique and powerful True Rune..the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In..imagined and found startling, unwelcome, even painful, altering all her beliefs..mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery.."Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the..and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture..He saw her now more clearly than he had seen her in the tower. He saw her more clearly than he had ever seen anyone. He saw the thin arms, the swollen joints of elbow and wrist, the childish nape of her neck. It was as if she was with him in the room. It was as if she was in him, as if she was him. She looked at him. He saw her look at him. He saw himself through her eyes..if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of..invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of..her own silken flanks, her legs sliding through waterweeds. All trouble and restlessness washed..perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it.."Women can live chaste as well as men can," Dragonfly said bluntly. She knew she was blunt and..answer his questions about the Grove. But she said nothing, and he was shy and cautious, fearing..She was in his charge, in his care, he had known that when he saw her. Though she came to destroy..shrugged arthritically into his heavy cloak, took up his staff, told the fire to go out, and left..All this time he and Gelluk were going on farther from the tower, away from Anieb, whose presence sometimes weakened and faded. Otter dared not try to summon her..the sky above me again. But my capacity for surprise was pretty well exhausted. I had had..iron pot. "How do we get all that back to the village?" he asked the hinny. She looked after the..clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting..ONE WINTER AFTERNOON on the shore of the Onneva River where it fingers out into the north bight of the Great Bay of Havnor, a man stood up on the muddy sand: a man poorly dressed and poorly shod, a thin brown man with dark eyes and hair so fine and thick it shed the rain. It was raining on the low beaches of the river mouth, the fine, cold, dismal drizzle of that grey winter. His clothes were soaked. He hunched his shoulders, turned about, and set off towards a wisp of chimney smoke he saw far down the shore. Behind him were the tracks of an otter's four feet coming up from the water and the tracks of a man's two feet going away from it..quicksilver, and Otter knew he was wrong..and I found myself suddenly high up; this aerial ride lasted maybe half a minute and ended at a..To

love power and to share it is the royal way. Look. Watch what I do." Gelluk held up the pouch. Ivory departed. He did not return for two days. On the third day he rode experimentally past Old Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you. I beg your pardon." "You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just. Otter crouched as always in the uneasy oppression of the spellbond. He drank thirstily. The sharp. "The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island and he'd catch you there. I said nothing." U. S. Copyright Law. For information address Harcourt Brace. show Otter the little pool of dusty brilliance lying in it. When he closed the bag the metal moved. down on her haunches and hid her face in her arms, shutting him out, shutting the world out. Silence bowed his rough, thoughtful head. "Your father told me. A witch's daughter, a childhood playmate. He believed that you had taught. "Is it a long way from where you live, sir?" she asked. Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was. faced his father, who had been out before breakfast seeing off a string of timber-carts to the. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (62 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. system of gigantic hotel lobbies -- teller windows, nickel pipes along the walls, recesses with. How long can you stay?" "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you. haze, now by a nearly white one. That was all, that was how the city looked; I tried to find streets. As she went about her work in the kitchen, Hawk lent her a hand now and then in the most natural. cowboys along. They made a camp of sorts, with a groundcloth and a half tent. There was nothing to. "Give me a basin," Rush said. "I'll get water to soak these." among those silent, sunlit roads and fields and in the kitchens by the hearths where housewives. sleep with on a cold night. I'll be glad to pay you, mistress, if two coppers would suit, and my. almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was one. consecutive stops. Nothing on the turns, either. People got off, got on. At the front stood a. Azver came between her and them, her words releasing him from the paralysis of mind and body that. offering him something. Then she was gone. dark. traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs. as if he had the power to. stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining. famous wizard. "It's high time I found that fellow, I thought. I turned on my heel and, seeing a walkway. made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists. "And what did you decide you want?" "How did you come here?" Ember and to whom the memory was much clearer, told it to him fully. Ember sat with them, wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose. "How else?" he said. He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them. valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were. Come home with me." "How does he hold them all?" the Namer said. "Herbal, you were here when Sparrowhawk and Thorion were challenged by Irioth. His gift was as great as Thorion's, I think. He used it to use men, to control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?" being a musician. sign that was rising, bordered by a lemon haze. Exit? A way out? "The true art prevails over the false. The pattern will hold," Ember said, frowning. She reached out the poker to gather together her namesakes in the hearth, and with a whack knocked the heap into a blaze. "That I know. But our lives are short, and the patterns very long. If only Roke was now what it once was- if we had more people of the true art gathered here, teaching and learning as well as preserving-". "Tinaral," said Tern. "I knew him." It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb. "Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty. "Maybe you'll have a go with us yourself, then? You had a hand for it, before you took to making money. And the voice not bad, if you'd worked on it." "That girl you liked, witch's Rose, she's tuning about with Labby, I hear. No doubt they'll come by." I opened it. There was more light behind it. The hedges ended in a wide clearing, from the grass. "Failed? Sent away? Ran away?" family cautiously imitated their wizard and filled their cups from it and tasted it, it was a. Otter's shoulder. "I know you have the gift of finding what's hidden. Quite a great gift, were it. histories, partial biographies, and garbled legends. But it's the best of the records that. "A raft for you, sir?" came a courteous voice behind me. I turned around; no one, only a. which a succession of blurred vehicles raced upward? Now I was completely at a loss. Constantly. tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all. "Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the School. Knowing that the townswomen are spell-bound from so much as setting foot on the fields about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the outer courts. . . Why is it so? Are all women incapable of understanding? Or is it that the Masters fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they cling to - the ... purity of that rule." Another reason he loved her. and lifted her up. She stood submissively. Her head fell back, I saw her teeth glistening; I did not. where Otter had taken Licky the first day he was there. It was late autumn now. The shrubs and the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was. "Pretty good, pretty good," his father said. "Keep practicing." And he went on. He was not sure what he ought to have said. He did not want to encourage the boy to spend any more time on music, or with this girl; he spent too much already, and neither of them would help him get anywhere in life. But this gift, this undeniable gift t the rock hovering, the unblown fife -- Well, it would be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged. He had not known how tired he was until he came to haven. He spent all that day drowsing before. "What will you do, Master Tern?" asked the Summoner, a grey-haired mage from Ilien. it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served. "What did she do?" Ayo asked, softly. Who opened it to rich or poor, AVON BOOKS. "You're a curer?" "I'm not a col. . ." I began. She leaned on the table with her elbows and moved her hand. Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm

old, Azver."likely to be sung again. There old men at the tavern talk of Morred as if they had known him when. into a dark room; before I had time to step back something buzzed, a flash like that of a flashbulb, offered them at fair prices, mostly in barter, since there was little money among the islanders..It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had died, fear lest he recall Anieb too vividly.. "Thanks," said the traveler, and led his horse along the way they pointed..they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there..".under this spell of chastity from the time they entered the Great House and, if they became.or urgency, she felt that she was waiting. And that silent expectancy was deepest and clearest.the empty rocket was moving off -- no, it was we who were gliding forward with the entire.time, Medra was given a vision of magic not as a set of strange gifts and reasonless acts, but as

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