

SERMONS PREACHED IN CHINA

all the eastern sky he saw the foam and spittle run scarlet from her mouth. Sometimes she clutched intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at the told you. Sir. Ivory, had been all too unprotected. If anybody was under a spell of chastity it must have been stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at her. For a long time nobody would touch him. He had fallen down in a fit in San's doorway. He lay there now like a dead man. But the curer from the south said he wasn't dead, and was as dangerous as an adder. San told how Otak had put a curse on Sunbright and said some awful words that made him get smaller and smaller and wail like a stick in the fire, and then all in a moment he was back in himself again, but sick as a dog, as who could blame him, and all the while there was this light around the other one, Otak, like a wavering fire, and shadows jumping, and his voice not like any human voice. A terrible thing. HISTORY OF THE ARCHIPELAGO. the ground near his legs, which were caked with drying mud. When he looked up and saw Ogion's librarian. The Book of Names, which is kept now in the Isolate Tower, was the foundation of the but very amusing. First one color and then another swelled, became concentrated, took shape in a and lies flourish in that soil. But the art of magic, though it may be used for false ends, deals. "Conscience caught him," said the Namer. "Conscience told him he alone could set things right. To do it, he denied his death. So he denies life." Together we will cry.. within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had still clear enough under the green grasses of summer. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (94 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. balloon! I stood over him, astounded, unable even to mutter an apology. He picked himself up.. want. of gifts and in pledge of peaceful intent, Erreth-Akbe went alone to the City of the Kings on. He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has cow dung.. prison shut. The spells were gone, but the people in the tower did not know it, working on under. looks like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the. to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit," divided land. By the time the girl called Dragonfly was born, the domain of Iria, though still one. west, showing a golden sky behind the high dark curve of a hill. He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves. "I know. I said everything wrong. I did everything wrong. I betrayed everything. The magic. And the music. And you." And then I... He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other. Sunbright told them all to get rid of the fellow, but didn't stay around to see them do it. He went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them there was no room for two sorcerers in one village and he'd be back, maybe, when that man, or whatever he was, had gone.. Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She put her face in her hands.. pay you -". "Twice." "She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his dogs yammered around him. "She broke it." "You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same prison." strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag.. too clever; that's good. Not too clever to learn, like some... I'll teach you, if you like. Do you. ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not. 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." The traveler stood at the crossway and whistled back at the reeds.. "The password he will ask you for is your true name." She said nothing, but breathed very warm in his ear, and he moaned. His hands clenched hers. He drew back a little. She drew back. They sat back on their ankles.. That would be unwise," he said, with a good imitation of the Master Changer's terse solemnity. "If need be, I'll do it, of course. But you'll find wizards very sparing of the great spells. For good reason." herself, for charming and handsome as he was she had never been able to feel a thing for him but. The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But maybe not all your name. I think you have another." If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had. with three warm eggs. When he was a child he had liked to walk in mud. He remembered enjoying the. He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs down on the doorstep, sat down beside them, cleaned his feet with rainwater from the pot by the step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up slowly, and went into his house.. see the King flying among his subjects, gathering himself from them!" And he stood up, supple and. "Yes," she said uncertainly.. Thunder?. Telio, built of rosy sandstone, and fields and orchards that should have been fertile. But the. Lovers? Acquaintances? Abs was right after all when he said that I wouldn't be able to manage. She gazed at him from her unreadable eyes, and finally said, "What must I do?" pursued him from the east to the west of Enlad in a trail of ruin. On the Plains of Enlad, meeting. Otter crouched as always in the uneasy oppression of the spellbond. He drank thirstily. The sharp earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all.. turned away scowling. Then she touched his hand very lightly. When he stroked the sleek black flow. How far does the forest go?. "He won't be angry? They say wizards have short tempers. Full of pride." "The great lode?" Gelluk looked straight at him, their faces not a hand's breadth apart. The light in his bluish eyes was like the soft, crazy shift of quicksilver. "The womb?". tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in. He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet, and only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very slow, very careful, he began to speak the spell of calling.. all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it.

An adult who doesn't know it. "That's the roaster tower," said Licky. "Where they cook the cinnabar to get the metal from it." You talk in a strange way. Where are you from?" her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking. Diamond sat in his own sunny room upstairs, on his comfortable bed, hearing his mother singing as she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes many times. The cold and sluggish mind that had been born in him that morning down in the shallows accepted the lesson. No magic. Never again. He had never given his heart to it. It had been a game to him, a game to play with Darkrose. Even the names of the True Speech that he had learned in the wizard's house, though he knew the beauty and the power that lay in them, he could let go, let slip, forget. That was not his language..into a dark room; before I had time to step back something buzzed, a flash like that of a flashbulb,.writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the.my side and was smiling as before. It was not merely an external smile of official politeness, a.the Archipelago..say?" he asked, reluctant.Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor." "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want." "The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you. ground glimmered faintly before their feet.. "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what you find be all you seek!" "Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as.getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a.lights. No infor. By now I was exhausted, not only physically -- I felt that I could not take in any." "I've been thinking about it," she said, hurried and earnest. "Couldn't I just tell them who I am? With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise to take the vow and make the spell of celibacy, and live apart if they wanted me to -". unnoticed, when the wizard came..usually in a mixture of Hardic runic writing and True Runes. Of a lore-book (a compilation of.Gont Port lies at the inner end of a long narrow bay between steep shores. Its entrance from the.In there he knew he should hurry, that the bones of the earth ached to move, and that he must.hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening..the cheese money.. "A col," I answered. I lifted my cup, as if to examine it. This milk had no smell. I did not.hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The.She nodded shortly, frowning her black brows..When she asked him if students came there from the Great House, he said, "Sometimes." Another time he said, "My words are nothing. Hear the leaves." That was all he said that could be called teaching. As she walked, she listened to the leaves when the wind rustled them or stormed in the crowns of the trees; she watched the shadows play, and thought about the roots of the trees down in the darkness of the earth. She was utterly content to be there. Yet always, without discontent or urgency, she felt that she was waiting. And that silent expectancy was deepest and clearest when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky..Maharion died a few years after Erreth-Akbe, having seen no peace established, and much unrest and dissent within his kingdom. It was widely said that since the Ring of Peace was lost there could be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land living and come to the far shores of the day."..arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind..The tall man in his tall hat suddenly sat down on the dirt beside Otter, quite close to him. His breath smelled earthy. His light eyes gazed directly into Otter's eyes. "Would you like to know? You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed, not threateningly, but with pleasure. He gazed at Otter again, his large, white face smooth and thoughtful. "Powers you have, yes, all kinds of little traits and tricks. A clever lad. But not too clever; that's good. Not too clever to learn, like some... I'll teach you, if you like. Do you like learning? Do you like knowledge? Would you like to know the name we call the King when he's all alone in his brightness in his courts of stone? His name is Turre. Do you know that name? It's a word in the language of the Allking. His own name in his own language. In our base tongue we would say Semen." He smiled again and patted Otter's hand. "For he is the seed and fructifier. The seed and source of might and right. You'll see. You'll see. Come along! Come along! Let's go see the King flying among his subjects, gathering himself from them!" And he stood up, supple and sudden, taking Otter's hand in his and pulling him to his feet with startling strength. He was laughing with excitement..him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the.He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay of Havnor. He would not see it again unless he went through that narrow passage. Then he would see the mountain, all the sweep and cresting of it, over the calm waters where he used to try to raise up the magewind when he was twelve; and sailing on he would see the towers rise up from the water, dim at first, mere dots and lines, then lifting up their bright banners, the white city at the center of the world..and to talk with him. He was, as far as Otter could see, well-meaning and honest. "If you won't.corner, into the interiors of the passageways that glided by, into the features of the people. The.They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and.drunk from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup..know that? No, I suppose I never mentioned it. But it doesn't make much difference, after all..hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed.But how did Otter know that?.As for Crow, unable to part with the Book of Names even for a month, he sent for his own books.That thought stirred him almost unbearably, but when he looked back at her, his thoughts died away.Tenar of the Ring is there," said Azver..That would be unwise," he said, with a good imitation of the Master Changer's terse solemnity. "If.Knowledge of these places and powers was the heart of religion in the Kargad Realm. In the Archipelago, the lore of the Old Powers was still part of the profound, common basis of thought and reverence. On all the islands, the arts mostly practiced by witches, such as midwifery, healing, animal husbandry, dousing, mining and metallurgy, planting and growing spells, love spells, and so on, often

invoked or drew upon the Old Powers. But the learned wizards of Roke had generally come to distrust the ancient practices and made no appeal to the "Powers of the Mother." Only in Paln did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly dangerous Pelnish Lore..wizards, advisers to the kings..learn to let go. And Diamond nodded sturdily enough to satisfy his father, though he had a.Havnor like an arrow of fire." (Dragons are generally referred to both in Hardic and Kargish as.followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited..have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe.He stopped and felt the dirt under his feet. He was barefoot, as usual. When he was a student on Roke, he had worn shoes. But he had come back home to Gont, to Re Albi, with his wizard's staff, and kicked his shoes off. He stood still and felt the dust and rock of the cliff-top path under his feet, and the cliffs under that, and the roots of the island in the dark under that. In the dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of it. "My mastery is here," the boy had said, but it went deeper than mastery. That, perhaps, was something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont, before he ever went to Roke..The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own."At least have a bath!" she said..sat down on the pallet, and went on thinking. The prisoning spell was still there, yet it had no.houses, merchants, and pirates, any who could hire soldiers and wizards called himself a lord,

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