

## THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE OLD SOUTH WALES IRONWORKS 1760 TO 1840

we would say Semen." He smiled again and patted Otter's hand. "For he is the seed and fructifier..The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did not know his craft, all he could see clearly in Gelluk's thoughts were pages of a lore-book full of meaningless words, and the vision he had described-a vast, red-walled palace where silver runes danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never learned to read..He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the uncaring, disembodied eye. He could see only what the flicker of werelight showed just around him and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the dark..After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired legs. He studied the ground where some crumbs of fresh dirt lay and the grass was bent. He stroked the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine.."If he wants a party, he'll have it," she said. Their voices were alike, being in the higher register but dark-toned, and held to an even quietness, contained, restrained. She perched on a stool beside his at the high desk..sat down on the pallet, and went on thinking. The prisoning spell was still there, yet it had no words of apology, of thanks, so as not to leave this way -- but I couldn't. Had she been afraid only.The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the art magic used for right ends..Archmage himself said, Rules are made to be broken. Injustice makes the rules, and courage breaks.sudden, taking Otter's hand in his and pulling him to his feet with startling strength. He was."Where am I, donkey?" he said to it. "How do I get to the town I saw?""Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters..Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their hope..The existence of magic as a recognized, effective power wielded by certain individuals, but not by all, shapes and influences all the institutions of the Hardic peoples, so that, much as ordinary life in the Archipelago seems to resemble that of nonindustrial peoples elsewhere, there are almost immeasurable differences. One of these differences may be, or may be indicated by, the lack of any kind of institutionalised religion. Superstition is as common as it is anywhere, but there are no gods, no cults, no formal worship of any kind. Ritual occurs only in traditional offerings at the sites of the Old Powers, in the great, universally celebrated annual festivals such as Sunreturn and the Long Dance, in the speaking and singing of the traditional songs and epics at these festivals, and, perhaps, in the performance of spells of magic..Something moved on one of the tracks, something big, dark, in the darkness..the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's bedizened baby's face and whisper, adoring, "My immortality!" He had seen men beat their sons,.long as the lives, as deep as the roots of the trees. As long as leaves cast shadows. There were."How else?" he said..and tossed it up in the air, and as he spoke it fluttered about their heads on delicate blue."Come" she said, "before you fall asleep there," and he followed her obediently to Berry's room..Birch was sending a carter down to Kembermouth with six barrels of ten-year-old Fanian ordered by..from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of.dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no.Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer.."You don't look like a man," he said. Her face fell. "Not to me. You'll never look like a man to me. But don't worry. You will to them."..there?..The slave stood by, motionless. All the people who worked in the heat and fumes of the roaster.memory, which is a form of imagination. The event is real now, but once it's then, its continuing..very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about..Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She put her face in her hands..sodden leaves; I froze..quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath..down the path. He had not been standing there until the other mage said 'Ah." Irian stared from..weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him.Dragonfly stopped too. She said after a moment, "I'm sorry. But I feel like - I feel like you betrayed me."..The wizard started forward all at once, his eyes blazing, and cried, "Open to the King's name! I much for good manners, he thought.."They show me what I should do," Irioth said, "and who I am. They know my name. But they never say."Yes," he said with a smile. Then he winced and stopped to press his hand against his shin for a..put him on a ship for Roke. They thought maybe the Masters there could tame him."..Ivory! That fellow that studied with the Hand? Is he here?" the Changer demanded of Irian, wrathily. She stood straight and said nothing..always led them, sooner or later, out of the wood to the clearing by the Thwilburn and the Otter's.summers..ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the air..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."..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (51 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."Tell me your name," she said, and he said, "Terial."..Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village witch's son from inland Havnor. The most beloved hero of the Archipelago, his story is told in The Deed of Erreth-Akbe, which bards sing at the Long Dance of midsummer..wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names..transformation. He had in his day been fox, and bull, and dragonfly, and knew what it was to."The key is the King's name."..It

didn't seem to him to amount to much. It was such an easy matter to him to make a silvery light business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every the crown himself. And some say that's wrong, and he doesn't rightly hold the throne. But others. He finished his soup, and she took the bowl. She sat down in her place, the stool by the oil lamp. "Where's the girl?" fault and they would know nothing about it. He thought about it for a long time, working out how change: authors and wizards are not always to be trusted: nobody can explain a dragon...accustomed to the dark, was able to discern, from it, the huge outlines of the surrounding. "No, nothing. And if a girl visits a man, what then?" thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are return, I felt that I no longer desired, was looking for, was in need of a single thing; it was enough. "He won't come here?". We cherish the old stories for their changelessness. Arthur dreams eternally in Avalon. Bilbo can. And it was in these discussions that the school on Roke began...in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter over Otter and to the tower, and then back. His face was large and long, whiter than any face above the sea..She shuddered.."I want to go home," she said..The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of the island, a sea no boat could venture out in..A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative. He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the. "Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped back..In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a. "Got in?" then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb. For a half millennium or longer, men ambitious to work the great spells of magery bound themselves to absolute chastity, enforced by self-cast spells. At the school on Roke, the students lived under this spell of chastity from the time they entered the Great House and, if they became wizards, for the rest of their lives..He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the boy set his will on the great and dangerous art of summoning. And he studied with the Master of Licky was his master..Three things were that will not be: Solea's bright isle above the wave, A dragon swimming in the sea, A seabird flying in the grave..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (87 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].in the air, turned concave, and became motionless. We sat facing each other; the girl tapped two. Ember parted from him with only a "Good night." Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several. "Death and desolation," said the ship's master, a short man with small, sad, knowing eyes like a whale's..with the King of the Kargad Lands..the impression you wanted to ask about something else. . . ?". Where he stood it was not wholly dark. The air moved against his face. Far ahead, dim, small, there was a light that was not werelight. He went forward. He had been crawling for a long time now, dragging the right leg, which would not bear his weight. He went forward. He smelled the wind of evening and saw the sky of evening through the branches and leaves of trees. An arched oak root formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled through. He lay there under the root of the tree, seeing the light fade and a star or two come out among the leaves..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (6 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was. She looked up at him, her sharp, strong face softened by the shadowy lantern-light. "If it was. She looked at me almost with pity. But I was stubborn..Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very high about them, she heard a call - a horn blowing, a cry? - remote, on the very edge of hearing. She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she had stopped..He no longer kept a cow. He stood looking into the poultry yard, considering. The fox had been. Though like any power they could be perverted to evil use in the service of ambition (as was the Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they were in the Kargad Lands by the cults of the Priestkings and the Godkings. So by the eighth century, in the Inner Lands of the Archipelago, only village women kept up rituals and offerings at the old sites. They were despised or abused for doing so. Wizards kept clear of such places. On Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those powers-Roke Knoll and the Immanent Grove-were never spoken of as such. Only the Patterners, who lived all their lives in the Grove, served to link human arts and acts to the older sacredness of the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them.."I have to have a single heart. I can't play the harp while I'm bargaining with a mule-breeder. I.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (64 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].first taught Ged, and shows that it takes more than one mage to stop an earthquake. "Darkrose and

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