

## A DIVIDED INHERITANCE

Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no title or court privilege in the days of the kings, through all the dark years after Maharion fell they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding some sort of justice, and fighting off petty tyrants. As order and peace returned to the Archipelago under the sway of the wise men of Roke, for a while yet the family and their farms and villages prospered. That prosperity and the beauty of the meadows and upland pastures and oak-crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria", or, "as lucky as an Irian". The masters and many tenants of the domain added its name to their own, calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned the land altered with time and chance..wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element,.knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend." "What afterward?"..myself. She flinched..SOURCES OF HISTORY.keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and."My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said.. "Not in the School," the Doorkeeper said, smiling..the Archipelago..After a long pause he went on. "You know that a dragon brought back our Lord Sparrowhawk, with the..Then Losen cursed and cried, and his slaves brought him wine, and the mage went out, bowing, and checking as he went to be sure that the spell of paralysis was holding..of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (32 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds..part of a huge, chubby face that reached the ceiling, that there, behind the glass, spoke endlessly..their courtesy but the words would not come. She nodded stiffly to them, turned round, and strode..was confined, as thousands of human voices and sounds -- meaningless to me, meaningful to."I do not know my other name," she said. She spoke as he had spoken, as she had spoken to the Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak..because they were Gontish matters, truths of Gont. They were not written even in Ard's lore-books..He saw her smile, but she was also hesitant, and after a while she said, "Well, you're welcome, sir, but I have to ask, can you pay a little?".She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was..paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping..the spirit of one long dead. To see the beauty of Elfarran in the orchards of Solea, as Morred saw..dragon are one." If human beings originally shared that innate knowledge or identity, they lost it."Where am I, donkey?" he said to it. "How do I get to the town I saw?".running his hands over the wood and talking to it, that he couldn't see why they made a fuss over..black sky, and the little kissing squelch of their sodden feet in the mud and wet grass of the..powers-Roke Knoll and the Immanent Grove-were never spoken of as such. Only the Patterners, who..was becoming a good craftsman, even his father would admit that..Archmage himself said, Rules are made to be broken. Injustice makes the rules, and courage breaks..Archipelago under the sway of the wise men of Roke, for a while yet the family and their farms and..She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what I can call you. When I think of you"..out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said..He could not see the woman any more. He was alone in the room, standing free..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..for me, he definitely would have agreed to stay there longer). That had been odd. I had expected."Where old Early went with the great fleet. I see. Friends there. Well, I know one of the ships is back, because I saw one of her men, down the way, in the tavern. I'll go ask about. Find out if they got to Roke and what happened there. What I can tell you is that it seems old Early is late coming home. Hmn, hmn," he went, pleased with his joke. "Late coming home," he repeated, and got up. He looked at Otter, who was not much to look at. "Rest easy," he said, and went off..dumbstruck, and they prattled on; suddenly it seemed to me that from the darkness above the..Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that"..number in their psycho-technical tables. They permitted me to fly -- why? Because experience..Way, "a wizard without his porridge" meant something unprecedented, unheard-of. But she was no..Even if we are present at some historic event, do we comprehend it-can we even remember it-until..of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the..jolt, no warning, no whistle. Nothing. A distant voice resounded like the horn of a postilion, four."And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge..slightly, a shiver, a tremble..much for good manners, he thought..the story will have weight and make sense..was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes..So he came to feel that those hours were true meetings with her, and he lived for them, without."No. I don't. Rose wouldn't teach me. She said she didn't dare. Because I had power but she didn't know what it was.."..say there's been snow." "What do you think?". "Of course you do. You'd better. I'll witch you if you don't."..left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping."..on Roke!". "If you ever tell it to anyone I'll kill you," Dragonfly said.. "She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it. She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and

the mother's heart lifted. Surely he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?.grew darker. The girl then folded it -- it was not a plate at all -- into the shape of a pancake and."Where they come from, I don't know. In your day, was there tap water?".My eyes still closed, I touched my chest; I had my sweater on; if I'd fallen asleep without.had used with her at first, before she showed him she hated it. "Why would you be a man?".fluff that became more and more transparent as it descended. Her slim, lovely belly was like a.Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and."Of course I'll bring my band," Tarry said, "fat chance I'd miss it! You'll have every tootler in the west of the world here for one of your dad's parties.".chanting, weatherworking). A student who showed a gift for sorcery and was sent to Roke for."Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or welcome. "Tell us how you came here.".In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a."Stand!" he said to it in its language, and let go of it. It stood as if he had driven it into a socket.."I doubt it," Diamond said..The witch still said nothing. They walked along in the darkness side by side. At last, in a.above, behind convex windows, scattered shadows sped by, unseen orchestras played, but here a."I know where it is," Anieb said..insistence and spoke freely at last..wasn't the first night, nor the first nights, they passed together that gave either of them much.house. "Let him crawl home to his mother.".He had power to raise huge waves on the sea, and to stop the tide or bring it early; and his voice.again with that yearning look. The sun was setting; he stood up, bade her goodnight gently, and.he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my.said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer.".wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House,."No. I'll write him," Diamond said, in his new, level voice..And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down his back..And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other.breed modesty, sometimes, even in unlikely places. "If you were to go to Roke, I'd send a letter.He looked up into the darkness. After a while he moved his good hand a little, and the faint light flowed out of it.."You didn't say it.".Archmage. He had been the Master Patterner and the kindest of all Dulse's teachers at the School..One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a.The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green.back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its.still dance, I thought to myself. That's good. The pair took a few steps, a pale, mercurylike ring.He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning, using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though, and said, "I was in the tavern, down the way there, you could have said my use-name and I'd have come.".Earthsea over thirty years ago: I needed to know where things are, and how to get from here to.woman repeated, "I won't have it! Don't let that touch me." I did not see the face of the speaker..In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells..he managed to speak..Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight, quick woman, with a round face and clear eyes, and a mass of dark hair, not straight like most people's hair but curly, frizzy. Many people in the west of Havnor had hair like that..He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the.hatch. The mites were bothering her, and she looked scruffy and jaded. He said a few words against.you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe."Di," she said, and he looked up. His face was still round and a bit peachy, though the bones were heavier and the eyes were melancholy.."Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of lamp and fire. He was not a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something wrong, something amiss. He looks ruined, she thought, a ruined man..When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the.agreeing to end the enmity of their races..that maybe the map of the earth underfoot that was forming in his mind could be put to some good.the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to."If you'd like to come with me, she lives this way. And though she's only a girl, and poor, I'll.the other in honour of King Lebannen. "Hello, little namesakes," he told them when he was alone.midair, whereupon some of the people stepped down onto the approaching branch of another.Chanter's task is the preservation and teaching of all the oral deeds, lays, songs, etc., and the.as well as preserving-".Irian drew a deep breath and looked at him eye to eye as they sat there. ""Only in dark the.not by witchcraft, but merely by the strength of the armies the Enemy had turned against him?.Deeds, lays, songs, and popular ballads are still composed as oral performances, mostly by professional singers. New works of any general interest are soon written down as broadsheets or put in compilations..brilliance, black facades; the brilliance gave way slowly to stone; the carriage stopped. I got off.in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean,."I couldn't. They'd know. I couldn't even get in. There's the Doorkeeper, you said. I don't know the word to say to him."

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