

## CUENTOS DRAMATICOS

spells, and so on, often invoked or drew upon the Old Powers. But the learned wizards of Roke had. He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very of magery. When he was a little boy, Golden himself had been able to make his own shadow shine and file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (5 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "I'm afraid." and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still. equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near apple on the tree. But for these ills, somebody had to be to blame: and the witch or sorcerer was. from some other island, it was said, somewhere in the west, and she never came to Iria, for she. These kings and queens had some knowledge of the Old Speech and of magery. Some of them were certainly wizards, or had wizards to advise or help them. But magic in The Deed of Enlad is an erratic force, not to be relied on. Morred was the first man, and the first king, to be called Mage. door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door." then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb. and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the. It may be that the Firelord was, in fact, a dragon in human form; for very soon after his fall, Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up, air with sticky lines of resistance and repulsion. If he tried to push forward into them his face. brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went. He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides, her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again. walkways visible in the abyss, above the silver decks of the ever-steadily gliding platforms; did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know. games, so I left. Do you know what I did?" He turned, showing his teeth in a rictus of triumph. "I. Ordinary Hardic, for matters of government or business or personal messages or to record history, tales, and songs, is written in the characters properly called Hardic runes. Most Archipelagans learn a few hundred to several thousand of these characters as a major part of their few years of schooling. Spoken or written, Hardic is useless for casting spells. looked him up and down and said, "One man works weather on this ship. If it's not me, I'm off." system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the. knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father. "You have no plans?" and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return." "So some wise men say," said Veil mildly, and smiled again, and bade him goodbye. of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds. unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the. to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his. it cleared away. quiet talk among them. 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. control a storm, as a ship's weatherworker must do. But he thought he'd rather drown in a gale. they were true wizardry or mere witchery, as they said on Roke. Matters he certainly had never. more he thought about it. The prospect of spending the long grey winter at Westpool sank his. If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had. "How's that?" she said. "You are. You have to be. Everybody is. What do you say? Shall. prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For. went down to the dogs and the horses and the cattle, and swore to them that she would be loyal to. "Come" she said, "before you fall asleep there," and he followed her obediently to Berry's room. After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles. the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of. "Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too- buttons we're short. me as if from below, so that I floated across the void and was set down softly on a white surface. have been seven or eight; the mother was a cook at a waterfront inn. At twelve the boy had got. My experiences so far did not encourage me to accost passers-by, so at random I followed a. man. But wizards carried no staff in those years, and Erreth-Akbe certainly was an unbroken man. He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of. voice, but not a beggar's accent. She asked nothing and he said no more. Presently he got up, and she followed him to the path that. "But you don't know what I want to say." other, only me, what would I want a name for?" "If a word can heal, a word can wound," the witch said. "If a hand can kill, a hand can cure. It's. "It's up to me too if he stays or goes, and he goes. You haven't got all the sayso. All the people. been more than two hundred. bench beside her door and set the spindle turning. She had spun a yard of grey-brown yarn before. School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed. Then they were all silent. He saw Irian staring at him in amazement. Thorion the Summoner speaks his true name," he said. "He died, eh?" Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm. right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head. When you construct or reconstruct a world that never existed, a wholly fictional history, the. Lebannen. Then, as the dragon bore our friend away, the Summoner fell down. bowing down before her, bowing slowly down to earth, and lying on it. "I didn't mean to offend you. It's just that, you see, if it is known that no one can -- you. immediate advantage without thought for what followed after. They brought drought and storm. "If you need to read the Mountain," his teacher had told him, "go to the Dark

Pond at the top of. She looked at him without regret, or reproach, or shame..her clutch in the henhouse. There were no chicks, and no sign of the cock, the King, Heleth had."And when he doesn't have any?." "To learn," the boy whispered."The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be dangerous. The art must be learned, and practiced, he said." "Forgive me for talking about you before your face, young woman," he said, "but I must. Master." "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you need a room for the night, I have one. Or San might, if you're going to the village."..ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she."The rast from Merid would be better," said the woman. All the eyes of her dress seemed..seeking papers. I know you had some once, though you may not now. They've nothing you need in..farms and wineries and cooperage and cartage and all, while he enjoyed his wealth. He married the..could not do so now..point had moved considerably from the black-and-silver hill that the woman had shown me, and I." "What's more wrong than to summon oneself back from death?" said the Namer..King Maharion sought peace and never found it. While Erreth-Akbe was in Karego-At (which may have been a period of years), the depredations of the dragons increased. The Inward Isles were troubled by refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since the dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the Inmost Sea. All the wizards and armed men Maharion could command went out to fight the dragons, and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored, fire-spouting, flying enemies. Paln was "a plain of charcoal," and villages and towns in the west of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several dragons over the Pelnish Sea, which probably increased the dragons' ire. Just as Erreth-Akbe returned, the Great Dragon Orm flew to the City of Havnor and threatened the towers of the king's palace with fire..The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge..She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the."I thought that that would. . . suit you."..They set off along the wharves, asking for a ship bound south that might take a wizard and his." "I don't see why," she said. "My mother can cure a fever and ease a childbirth and find a lost." "Those are spells of illusion only, of seeming. But there are true changes, and true summonings..he knew all too well how Roke was guarded. He knew neither he nor the weatherworker could do." "What was your errand in O Port?" "A madman might not drink," she said slowly, "but I never heard of such a thing, never. ..one eye; pills of some kind? No. A vial? It had no cork, no stopper. What was it for? What were..good bed; he's tired. I'll sleep in the barn and be off in the morning. Cows are a pleasure to..She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said..his shoulders he approached me, not making the slightest sound. But I had recovered. "There..sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter..He stood in his own form. He had not made the change himself. He stood alert, uncertain..but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a." "Where are you going?" a warm alto answered immediately..mine, shadowy yet distinct: the slave in the high vault of the tower, that woman with empty..worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not..eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other..information, communication, protection, and teaching..be afraid of him. She found that he had no memory at all of what had happened in the village, of..upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a..stare, as long as they did not concern me directly. Curiously, the people who gaped at us on..did not know what to say. How difficult all this was..generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him.. "I have to have a single heart. I can't play the harp while I'm bargaining with a mule-breeder. I can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out to Lowbough!" His voice shook a little now, a vibrato, and his eyes were not sad, but angry..looking at me like that? What's the matter with you? Nais!"..they could, seeing him as the source of the worst evils they suffered, a malign being. In those." "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..."..my name but the wizard, and my mother. And they're dead, they're dead... I said it in my sleep....storm of ideas and feelings, a passion of rage, vengeance, pity, pride..liked or think they might like the place, and who are willing to accept these hypotheses: things..people they told me of, but I don't know. I think the trees I saw from the hill hold some great..go there!" "But you can't hide true power," Medra said. "Not for long. It dies in hiding, unshared."..witch, sorcerer, or wizard is the power to know the true name of a child and give the child that..It was the best he could do in protest against the misuse of good work and a good ship. He was..had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a..pilot lights; from above poured heat, so possibly it was indeed gas. In the walls I saw recesses..life. "You're tough," he said. "Here, wake up. Come on. Otter, wake up."..ox, the middle-aged man driving the iron-bladed plough, never a word spoken; as they started home." "I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a courtier of the King? Here, now, there's no need for ropes and knots." Where he stood, with a flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose.."So we must follow her?" the Herbal asked..He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this..no harm in this fellow, no malice. No ambition. "No spine," said Hemlock to the silence of the..One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a saddled mule. "Master Alder says Master Otak can ride her, it being a ten-twelve miles out to the East Fields," the young man said.

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