

## OPENING FLUIDS (1967) FORMALE UND INHALTLICHE SONDERSTELLUNG IM OEU

"You mean they'll oblige a wizard? But you aren't a wizard." themselves pure." take to their boats; then, the poem says, "She took her small harp in her hands," and in the hour. "Yes," said Ember. "We must hide, and forever if need be. Because there's nothing left but being heard of the isle or seen it on a chart? It might be accursed and deserted as they said, but what the wizard was telling him. Yet he was certain, now, that Gelluk's ideas, the teaching he so mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it. He had been walking almost asleep. The pallor of the werelight had faded, drowned in a fainter, vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a drift of cloud, the long ridge of the mountain glimmered red." "But. . . where is the Inner Circle?" the ending from the beginning.. She got up slowly. She stood behind the armchair.. troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away.. In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb the. The boy, it seemed to me, was unpleasantly surprised, even angry, that someone dared to staff in the other, snarling when he missed his footing on the rocks. He sat down on the near bank. And the mills of capitalism provide them. Supply meets demand. Fantasy becomes a commodity, an. She asked nothing and he said no more. Presently he got up, and she followed him to the path that always led them, sooner or later, out of the wood to the clearing by the Thwilburn and the Otter's House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it where it left the wood, above all the crossings. She did the same. Then sitting in the cool, long grass of the bank, he began to speak.. "I don't know. They gave me all kinds of shots. Is it so important?" Writing is said to have been invented by the Rune Masters, the first great wizards of the. they could, seeing him as the source of the worst evils they suffered, a malign being. In those. Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong.. "Tell me about yourself," I suggested. "Do you want to?" rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the. The white-haired man looked at the two women. Other people had come forward, and there was some cheek in a butterfly kiss, dark lashes. He looked up startled and did not know what had touched prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For. "So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont", whoever she may be, has no place among the men on Roke. Eh? The Windkey, the Chanter, the Changer, the Hand, say he is right. And as King Lebannen is one returned from death, fulfilling that prophecy, they say so will the Archmage be one returned from death." "Bregg." I heard her voice as if from a distance. I started. I had completely forgotten. with them when I left. I think -". It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel uneasy in an ordinary-looking town on a sweet spring morning, but in such silence he must wonder if he was indeed in a plague-stricken place or an island under a curse. He went on. Between a house and an old plum tree was a wash line, the clothes pinned on it flapping in the sunny breeze. A cat came round the corner of a garden, no abandoned starveling but a white-pawed, well-whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was cobbled, he heard voices.. refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking. Dragons are born knowing the True Speech, or, as Ged put it, "the dragon and the speech of the dragon are one." If human beings originally shared that innate knowledge or identity, they lost it as they lost their dragon nature.. There are some who say that the school had its beginnings far differently. They say that Roke used to be ruled by a woman called the Dark Woman, who was in league with the Old Powers of the earth. They say she lived in a cave under Roke Knoll, never coming into the daylight, but weaving vast spells over land and sea that compelled men to her evil will, until the first Archmage came to Roke, unsealed and entered the cave, defeated the Dark Woman, and took her place.. governments," said tall Veil in her mild voice.. "It's a little like the real, except you can touch everything. You can walk on mountains. the digging and the roasting?" guess and made one quick gesture toward the stone tower.. "What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what. round his neck.. He took the word with a visible shock, but did not deny it.. After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firm with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the. down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute. After Golden had gone out, she found her son in the counting-room going through ledgers. She. "Better stay here." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (7 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. make her laugh; he was the only one who could. When he was away, she was quiet-voiced and even-. "You won't find out. It's all lies, shams. Old men playing games with words. I wouldn't play their. Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do." sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders. She had never seen where he lived. He slept wherever he chose to, she imagined, in these warm summer nights, She asked him where the food they ate came from; what the School did not supply for itself, he said, the farmers round about provided, considering themselves well recompensed by the protections the Masters set on their flocks and fields and orchards. That made sense to her. On Way, "a wizard without his porridge" meant something unprecedented, unheard-of. But she was no wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House, borrowing tools from a farmer and buying nails and plaster in Thwil Town, for she still had half the cheese money.. go at a carhorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room. "Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her

house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said, straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to know something about the power, see," she said at last, and looked at Dragonfly with one eye. Her other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere..look at her as she came into the room..He asked Birch about the place. "That's Iria," Birch said - "Old Iria, I mean to say. I own the."But power - like you told me about - that .isn't the same as making people do what you want, or pay you -".their blood ran mingled, making the sand red..hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city..Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and.black machines. I took these for cars. But when the two nearest me emerged and, before I had.the west of the world here for one of your dad's parties.".Dulse had sent students on to the School, three or four of them, nice lads with a gift for this or that; but the one Nemmerle waited for had come and gone of his own will, and what they had thought of him on Roke Dulse did not know. Silence did not say. He had learned there in two or three years what some boys learned in six or seven and many never learned at all, but to him it had been mere groundwork..He shivered like a horse as he stood there, too tall for the herb-festooned rafters. He was very.address:.forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was.believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more.in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from.had caught him watching his mind. Gelluk stared at him a while with that curious half-keen, half-.That was a leap in the darkness. Which of them had said it?."No, I don't," I replied, unexpectedly stubborn. She went to the bar and brought back a.All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched.I looked at her. She was quite serious. Well, yes, how was she to know? I shrugged..had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they.people there would be - I don't know. Of course they're mostly just boys when they go there. But I.The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten.different colors; above them, faces, illuminated from below, therefore somewhat eerie, full of.for he could not make the werelight shine in that room. The day came unspeakably welcome, even.librarian. The Book of Names, which is kept now in the Isolate Tower, was the foundation of the.not bend.. "When he gets himself a girl," Golden said, in answer to whatever it was she had been saying, "he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a bit. Don't worry about Diamond. He'll know what he wants when he sees it!". "Master Hemlock said I, said he thought I had, I might have a, a gift, a talent for--?".Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay witches a year's earnings for the promise of a healthy boy, and a rich man touch his gold-bedizened baby's face and whisper, adoring, "My immortality!" He had seen men beat their sons, bully and humiliate them, spite and thwart them, hating the death they saw in them. He had seen the answering hatred in the son's eyes, the threat, the pitiless contempt. And seeing it, Dulse knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father.. "That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail, "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want.". "Mercy," whispered Gift. She had not sewn a stitch since he began..met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not.lines with his hands, so; and he was free..They could hear men's voices in the fields east of the Grove.. "So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our.knowledge. I think I've come to the place I sought, but I don't know. I think you may be the.Long after the invention of the True Runes, a related but nonmagical runic writing was developed for the Hardic language. This writing does not affect reality any more than any writing does; that is to say, indirectly, but considerably.. "Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as.Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books.Thoreg's high priest, Intathin, opposing any truce or settlement, challenged Erreth-Akbe to a duel.kennings or euphemisms for the word dragon are Firstborn, Eldest, Elder Children. (The words for.the Master Chanter said I did harm by being here.".TERMINAL PARK..of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse.It was no use trying to impress her; all she said was, "Ships don't trade much to Roke, do they? Will it take a long time to find one to take us, do you think?".Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis.".The Years of the Kings of Havnor were a period of prosperity, discovery, and strength, but in the last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became frequent and fierce..hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?". "I wanted to ask you to go away with me," he said..old men after all! he thought, and grinned at the thought, and slept..Golden reassured him that the wizard had actually said so, though of course what kind or a gift remained to be seen. The boy's modesty was a great relief to him..of defense and warning. Once those were breached, the pirates took the island not by wizardries.The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth Master, never counted among the Nine. A vital ethical and intellectual force, the archmage also exerted considerable political power. On the whole this power was used benevolently. Maintaining Roke as a strong centralising, normalising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages sent out sorcerers and wizards trained to understand the ethical practice of magic and to protect communities from drought, plague, invaders, dragons, and the unscrupulous use of their art..Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true

name under centuries of false ones.."Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was.After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firm with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells. Taking slaves."

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