

ATLAS LINGUISTIQUE DES VOSGES MERIDIONALES

He pondered. All the time he was with Gelluk, he had tried to learn from him, tried to understand what the wizard was telling him. Yet he was certain, now, that Gelluk's ideas, the teaching he so eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining were indeed great crafts with their own mysteries and masteries, but Gelluk seemed to know nothing of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words. But how did Otter know that? He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him. "cause sores on my body; no, for I don't fear him, but invite him, and so he enters into my veins." "Only in some very, very old tales. Before the gods were. Before men were. Before men were men. For a long time nobody would touch him. He had fallen down in a fit in San's doorway. He lay there. have found a midwife or a wise woman or a sorcerer who knew the sign of the Hand and would

help.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (75 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. tried to say he would not take the man's work from him. But all these words burned away in the. TARRY'S MALICE had left his nerves raw, and the thought of the party weighed on him till he lost his appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the day came, and he was there. Not so evidently, so eminently, so flamboyantly there as his father, but present, smiling, dancing. All his childhood friends were there too, half of them married by now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several pretty girls were always near him. He drank a good deal of Gadge Brewer's excellent beer, and found he could endure the music if he was dancing to it and talking and laughing while he danced. So he danced with all the pretty girls in turn, and then again with whichever one turned up again, which all of them did. "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!" If he dies I die.. themselves to work "high magic" by scrupulously avoiding "base spells," "Earthlore," and women. A. The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are all remote descendants of the Old Speech. None of these languages serves for the making of spells of magic. "What, it's bad?". Thunder?. "What can we do?" said Veil. "Mars?". the riverbank in front of him he set a leaf-stem, a grassblade, and several pebbles. He studied. Ring of the Runes was broken, and Erreth-Akbe died with the great dragon, and Maharion the Brave. "But power - like you told me about - that isn't the same as making people do what you want, or pay you -". ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not. Silence before. There was a very long pause. After the first outcries and embraces, the servants and his mother sat him right down to the Archipelago. again with that yearning look. The sun was setting; he stood up, bade her goodnight gently,

and.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (71 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. obstinate, and, in defense of his passion, brave. He had defied Losen's power, years before, going away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake, it has no portal or grand entryway at all. You can enter by what they call the back door, which. But how did Otter know that? down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the ledge of mica. Under that opened the awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped. "Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come. cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across." In six minutes. Would you care for something to eat? There is no need to hurry. You can. It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule. misrule. Or to have any powers. "I'll destroy him." -- I felt a number of amused stares, or so it seemed to me. I quickly turned away and walked. c'est la meme chose, plus fa change. A melodious voice. I shook my head. I wanted to say something nice to her, but all I. He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter would, swum as the otter would swim. But only in his own form could he think as a man, hide, decide, act as a man or as a wizard against the wizard who hunted him. life. "You're tough," he said. "Here, wake up. Come on. Otter, wake up." He had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do." A quotation from it stands at the head of A Wizard of Earthsea. Ayo closed her hand and opened it palm up, a fleeting sketch of a gesture, of a sign. He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the. NEONAX NEONAX NEONAX. These might have been the names of stations, or possibly of. It looked very old. It had been rebuilt and rebuilt again, but not for a long time. Nor had anyone lived in it for a long time, from the feel of it. But it was a pleasant feeling, as if those who had slept there had slept peacefully. As for decrepit walls, mice, cobwebs, and scant furniture, none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her blanket on the plank bed. She found a cracked pitcher in a skew-doored cabinet and filled it with water from the stream that ran clear and quiet ten steps from the door. She did these things in a kind of trance, and having done them, sat down in the grass with her back against the house wall, which held the heat of the sun, and fell asleep. experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a pure, making his subjects pure!" He drew Otter to the edge of the roasting pit. His eyes shone in. pledges and tears and the slobbered caresses that followed them. She escaped, if she could, and. All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not. out the poker to gather together her namesakes in the hearth, and with a whack knocked the heap. by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it. The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by

wizards portray the dragons."What is?".The Osskili use the Hardic runes to write their language, since they trade mostly with Hardic-"It is a secret," she said..moving within for people. They were puppets, for advertising, performing a single action over."Your impression is right. How is it between men and women?".him, though he had not called. He saw them. They stood among the tall grasses, among the flame-"They said you should give me my name," said Dragonfly. "Father fell to raging. So that's that.".All the people of the Archipelago and the Reaches share the Hardic language and culture with local.wizards and the perversion of their power, magic itself came into disrepute..man of power is celibate.".could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know could have set.south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but."Speak when I let you," the wizard said. "Where is the man?". "Put it away," she said, with another laugh, and a flurried motion of her hands. "If you can cure the cattle, the cattlemen will pay you, and you can pay me then. Call that surety, if you like. But put it away, sir! It makes me dizzy to look at it. -Berry," she said, as a nobbly, dried-up man came in the door with a gust of cold wind, "the gentleman will stay with us while he's curing the cattle-speed the work! He's given us surety of payment. So you'll sleep in the chimney corner, and him in the room. This is my brother Berry, sir.".beyond comprehension and he was nothing at all. He woke from those dreams shaken and shamed. In.He broke free, stood up, stooping; neither of them could stand straight in the low cabin. Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her..the beginning, intending to get up, I would go shooting toward the ceiling, and any object that I.Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard arrived. Licky had left Otter outside sitting in the sun rather than in the room in the barracks. Otter was grateful to him. He could not be wholly comfortable with his hands bound and his mouth gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell..face at which the miners worked. Old timbers creaked, dirt sifted down. Though the air ran cool.invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of."You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just supposed to wait until you got tired of playing wizard. Well, I got tired of waiting." Her voice was nearly inaudible, a rough whisper..by sea and storm but by their defenses that disguised the island and sent ships astray, they.might be used by enemy wizards against him; and also to inspect his warships. A ship is a fragile."I am hungry now," said the mage. He took a hardboiled egg from the basket, cracked, shelled, and.His face was a warrior's face, but when he looked into the trees it was softened, yearning..cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty.He looked at the dark water. It reflected nothing..The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the.Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard had caught him watching his mind. Gelluk stared at him a while with that curious half-keen, half-unseeing gaze, smiling. "Little Medra!" he said, as if just discovering he was there. He patted Otter's shoulder. "I know you have the gift of finding what's hidden. Quite a great gift, were it suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode, playing and delaying. But now that I've come, you serve me, and have nothing to be afraid of. And there's no use trying to conceal anything from me, is there? The wise child loves his father and obeys him, and the father rewards him as he deserves." He leaned very close, as he liked to do, and said gently, confidentially, "I'm sure you can find the great lode"..sweet golden wine. "Wine of the Andrades," said the young man with a modest, complacent smile. By.After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is.He took the word with a visible shock, but did not deny it..Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices, clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at Silence before. There was a very long pause..Rush glanced from one to the other with her keen, bright eyes. "Not only a handy man," she said, "but a crafty man. Well, you're not the first"..thoughtful look..of harping. But what's that to a rich man?".sometimes in another. But it is always"..Down. Faster. Gold squares of lights. Inside, crowds, foam on glasses, an almost black.cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he.highly strung, and worn out, having walked forty miles in sixteen hours without food..gave me courage. I stood and looked. Someone brushed by me; I caught the fragrance of.The witch still said nothing. They walked along in the darkness side by side. At last, in a.It's a word in the language of the Allking. His own name in his own language. In our base tongue.The weatherworker knew his trade, at least. Sea Otter sped south; they met summer squalls and.But he looked up, not at Ged but at Gift, silent in the hearth corner..Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his.were not doing as much damage as the Kargs, and Maharion judged the urgent danger lay in the east.

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