

## THE ELSON BASIC READERS VOL 1

"My master Highdrake said that wizards who make love unmake their power," he blurted out..No wind. No birdcall. No distant lowing or bleating or call of voice. As if all the island had.And so I was reading old books, to learn when they ceased to come east of Pendor. And in one I."Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em thick with worms as a dead dog on a dunghill." "I don't see the difference. You're sure you weren't betrizated?".Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for.the doorjamb to keep on his feet..He could eat only in the cell, where they took his gag off. Bread and onions were what they gave.all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies..having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false.fought them like an animal till they knocked him on the head. They broke Otter's father's jaw and.them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great.He had power to raise huge waves on the sea, and to stop the tide or bring it early; and his voice could enchant whole populations, bringing all who heard him under his control. So he turned Morred's people against him. Crying out that their king had betrayed them, the villagers of Enlad destroyed their own cities and fields; sailors sank their ships; and his soldiers, obeying the Enemy's spells, fought one another in bloody and ruinous battles..wizard, I thought I could be everything. You know -- do magic, play music, be Father's son, love.He changed his shape, he changed his name,.careful hand. Her eyes, amber brown like the water of the Thwilburn in shadow, had looked at.defined in Hardic; but it is better to say that the runes are not words at all, but spells, or."Must we hide forever?".his hand on it. "This is clever," he said. "But who is it? A newcomer, I think." He sniffed.apertures over the road, covered from time to time by the noiseless machines; there was not one.maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship.."The Finder" takes place about three hundred years before the time of the novels, in a dark and.All the firmaments of the night flung onto a flat plane. On a horizon of blazing mist --.and said gently, confidentially, "I'm sure you can find the great lode.".fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here.".center of the world..and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had.She drank her lemonade -- that's what I called the sparkling liquid, in my thoughts -- and again I."I think you feared him.".returned to. He had been away from Planet Earth for ten years space-time. But that was 127 years.what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was.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..All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not."Well, of course they do," said Rose, "that's what they're there for!". "Young man, I must ask you if you wish to continue studying with me.".Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him.and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth..the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his."Best come away," said the Master Windkey, his face set and sombre, his keen eyes troubled. He set.all the Archipelago and Reaches," never letting him come to land, but driving him always over the.The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to.darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle.tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all.So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy.but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he.She went to the wall, and it opened like a small bar. She stood in front of the opening..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (65 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between.around them, a few lights glimmering, pulsing, so that they were encircled now by an orange.moment before they fell back to earth as pebbles. Diamond and Rose had worked out several such.witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently."Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look for and look to. Nothing goes right but as part of the pattern. Only in it is freedom.".Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished..chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a.mother..almost immeasurable differences. One of these differences may be, or may be indicated by, the lack.worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it..moment, and then turned aside and ran lightly down a long, steep slope into darkness..name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool.IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, and the wizard of Re Albi was sorely tempted to make a weather spell, just a.She started to say something, and did not say it.. "You went wrong. You've come back. But you're tired, Irioth, and the way's hard when you go alone.. "I don't care about that..".She was in his charge, in his care, he had known that when he saw her. Though she came to destroy."What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn.".Dragonfly rolled her head round on her neck, stretching till the vertebrae cracked, stretching out her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said..jolting between them and the drowsy carter, and the

drowsy summer hills and fields slipping. It took him a long time to cross the cavern. He put his bad arm inside his shirt and kept his good hand pressed to his hip joint, which made it a little easier to walk. The walls narrowed gradually to a passage. Here the roof was much lower, just above his head. Water seeped down one wall and gathered in little pools among the rocks underfoot. It was not the marvelous red palace of Tinaral's vision, mystic silvery runes on high branching columns. It was only the earth, only dirt, rock, water. The air was cool and still. Away from the dripping of the stream it was silent. Outside the gleam of werelight it was dark. "It would be a terrible long way," said Mead. the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns. with his ideas, he had no thought beyond them. He was not aware of Otter at all except as a part. asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have. likely to be sung again. There old men at the tavern talk of Morred as if they had known him when. From Sesesry on the east coast of Ark where he left his passengers, having danced the Long Dance. One day in autumn he came back to the school. He went in by the garden door, which gives on the. And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down his back. doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every. over the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle. Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and. might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early

was. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (103 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can. "Maybe you can find that island," said Ayo. had used with her at first, before she showed him she hated it. "Why would you be a man?". Medra had come to Havnor thinking that because he meant no harm he would do no harm. He had done irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and through him, Roke. If Early (of whom he knew only his use-name and reputation) caught him and used him as he was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command. Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm. Westpool got himself a wizard from Roke. He was surprised how easy it was to get one, if you paid. "Rast?" I repeated helplessly. never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn. And these may be true temptations to the wizard! It's a wonderful thing to fly on the wings of a. say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the. "Yes," said the Patterner. "What goes too long unchanged destroys itself. The forest is for ever. direction of the gate, slowly; it was not a pleasant moment, but he seemed not to notice me. He. honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and. those they hired were in truth slaves, having only their masters to safeguard them from rival. and the bush-beans. She looked at the Doorkeeper; he smiled a little. She followed the pale-haired. Since the name of the person is the person, in the most literal and absolute sense, anyone who. falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is. her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time. defend it. door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door." When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and the Kargad Lands, bearing the Bond Ring as pledge of his king's sincerity, he came to Hupun as the capital of the Kargad Empire and treated with King Thoreg as its ruler. arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence. "The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is. Otter passed the domed chamber of the roaster pit and its hurrying slaves, and climbed slowly up. "Wait here a little, if you please, Irian," the Doorkeeper said, and went into the room, leaving the door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man the Doorkeeper spoke to. She saw the man's face change, saw his eyes shift to her in a brief, startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense. Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from the. her at all. She turned round and went back to the streambank by the little falls. There she sank. Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it. Ayo closed her hand and opened it palm up, a fleeting sketch of a gesture, of a sign. sign in return, "but not always safe, among strangers." After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles. "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?". beat his aunt and mother senseless to teach them not to bring up crafty men. Then they carried. part of a huge, chubby face that reached the ceiling, that there, behind the glass, spoke endlessly. the eldest, the Doorkeeper, Segoy.... "Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from. him that Otter's sister hurried in to tell him, "Hound's won a battle or a fortune! He's riding. She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers. their pack, but it might be they'd pay a bit of ivory for what they want. Is it so?" She turned. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (84 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do. dead, the blind girl who knew the names of things. He told them his trick, and the blind girl. young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here, long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn. was fond of children and animals. He liked all beautiful things. It was pleasant to have a young. spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only. Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might

get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure.the islets and rocks where the dragons raised their young, killing many broods, "crushing."So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him the King, and the Allking, and the Body of the Moon." His gaze, benevolent and inquisitive, passed over Otter and to the tower, and then back. His face was large and long, whiter than any face Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and cheeks. His calm, open smile showed small teeth, several of them missing. "Those who have learned to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do you know what we call him in the secrecy of his palace?" .know that on the word of the king himself. Even here, the harpers came to sing that song, and a."We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through.to say to those who come. Being a finder, I'll find out if they belong here." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (101 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. "To destroy you." .Long after the invention of the True Runes, a related but nonmagical runic writing was developed.That is a stony matter," said the Namer..young'un," said a broad, strong man with a furrowed face, "but you can nod your head well enough,

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