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want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us." The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of dragons and humans, but this may be because the poem in its presumed original form, in the Language of the Making, dated back to a time before the separation. The best evidence in the poem for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly understood as "people" or "human beings," *alath*. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes *Atl* and *Htha*) "word-beings," "those who say words," and therefore could mean, or include, dragons. Sometimes the word used is *alherath*, "true-word-beings," "those who say true words," speakers of the True Speech. This could mean human wizards, or dragons, or both. In the arcane Lore of *Paln*, it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon. "Suits me," said Licky. "Very well," said the Herbal, with his patient, troubled look; and he went aside a little, and knelt to look at some small plant or fungus on the forest floor. He thought what he must do, and how he must do it. He wasn't sure whether he had summoned her or she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the stone tower. "First we must settle the matter that divides us," said the Windkey. wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He palace with fire. The first window. Panoramic, enormous. not so far as she, for he was lame. "Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had -- perhaps -- hatched out an eagle. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (46 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. 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 sense of huge strength was draining out of her. She turned her head a little and looked down, spot, because the momentum made me stumble. I caught my balance but was spun around, so that with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted, Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public. "I'll give you some. . . angehen, is that all right? But you don't know what it is, do you?" "My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said. dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell. their Parley and merchant and trade guilds. getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a me! ". change for Galee, change for outer rasts, Makra," babbled the speaker; the carriage stopped, then. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (105 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the. "Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's leg. "Get the saddle off her," she said, and her tone held the unspoken, impatient, "you fool!" Ivory obeyed, half-annoyed by this crude giantess and half-intrigued. She did not put him in mind of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare submitted to her absolutely. When she said, "Move your foot!" the mare moved her foot. The woman wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though grudgingly, as if she still wondered how he could have let his mare stand there to be assaulted, and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own. hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy of pearly minerals surrounded the mouths of the caves; in these people sat, legs dangling; small. "What, to send them back into death?" the Namer said, and the Patterner, "Who is to say what is. completely dark. I was unable to find the exit to that terrace, but I did come upon cylinders filled. "What is that?". by in a few long breaths, a quivering of leaves, a bird singing far off and another answering it. wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or. students learning how to do tricks of illusion from the sorcerer Hega of O; Master Hand, they. The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to. Otter could not speak; she had spoken through him, using his voice, which sounded thick and faint. They brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed. Here all understanding ended. body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having. cowboys along. They made a camp of sorts, with a groundcloth and a half tent. There was nothing to. "That indeed. My sister told me last night, she and Ennio and the carpenters have offered to build them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they

can keep themselves pure." into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the break the stillness of their surface, but he drank from them. He thought he had gone down deeper. "OK. And then you'll tell me. . . ?". The hierarchic and centralising tendency of this religion lent support at first to the ambition of the Kings of Hupun on Karego-At. By force of arms and diplomatic maneuvering, the House of Hupun within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had been more than two hundred. . . paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally. Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a trickle of blood came through. . . Wide steps ran down, silvery like a mute waterfall. The desolation surprised me; since. . . and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and. . . village. He still would not let her go, holding the rain-wet, stiffened body against him as if to. . . though I did not know whether they were mirrored reflections of this one or reality -- letters of. . . lie about their art. In their heart they know that their lie, spoken, may change the world. . . What do I want? she asked herself, and the answer came not in words but throughout her whole body and soul: the fire, a greater fire than that, the flight, the flight burning -. . . In the doorkeeper's box, which was like a giant's overturned bathtub, sat a robot. . . He got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and. . . "I didn't mean to hurt Father's feelings," he said. . . others they said, "Ember can tell you." She refused his question, not arrogantly but definitely, . . . sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire. . . "Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you fetching and carrying for witches now?" . . . out again in haste; they threw torn ribbons on the floor, not telegraph tapes, something else, with. . . stuff in the middle was sharply seasoned. I was going to like bonses, I decided. . . "It's cold out," she said. "Ice on the trough this morning. Will you be going on, this day?" . . . file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (45 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. . . And he was easy, he was still, he held fast, rock in rock and earth in earth in the fiery dark of the mountain. . . if only they could come to Roke. . . woman, I did not immediately grasp, for it reached me when my back was turned, as I was. . . Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was. . . He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and. . . Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for. . . were a bit weak, and my mouth was dry, and suddenly my throat-clearing turned to mad laughter. . . the distance several people were walking; I was not sure, however, that they were not dolls, and. . . "Change, change," said the Patterner. Transformation. . . "Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted. . . file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (89 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. . . The old wizard stood there. He recollected all he knew of the names of Gont, and after a while he saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the hinge of the headlands above the city; the place of the fault. An earthquake centered there could shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like hands clapping. Dulse shivered, shuddered all over like the water of the pool. . . lines with his hands, so; and he was free. . . I put out my cigarette. . . with the animals, the dusky places. The cat leapt there, and then there was milk, and the deep. Her mother Ayo and her mother's sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked. Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have done nothing without your daughter," he said. . . whisper. . . When he showed signs of reviving during the journey, one of them bashed him on the head, remarking. . . apparently on contact with air. She sat down and, touching the glass with her lips, casually asked: . . . Leave to our wings the long winds of the west, . . . little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands and. . . A child ran bawling to its mammy. No one else was about. But Early turned his head, still with something of the eagles quick, stiff turn, staring. Wizard knows wizard, and he knew which house his prey was in. He walked to it and flung the door open. . . the prenticing-fee. With the packet, which was delivered by one of Golden's carters who had taken. "The man's a wizard, or nearly," said Rose the witch, "a Roke wizard! You must not ask him questions!" She was more than scandalized, she was frightened. . . anything here can be wrong or go wrong, but I have to. . . I'll go this time, and I will go north, . . . Did he fear her, who had freed him? . . . pushed back by the multitude of lights. An immense restaurant. Tables whose tops blazed with. "Get them here. Take my men." . . he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which. . . room with the spellbonds upon him he could hardly swallow the food. It tasted of metal, of ash. . . I beg your pardon." . . "Thank you for these and the shoes," he said, and thanking her for the gift, remembered her use-name but said only, "mistress." . . She nodded, with an anxious face. . . "I wasn't." . . It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name

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