

## CIVIL ENGINEERING THE SCIENCE OF STRUCTURES

She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within. "We do not teach women here," said the Windkey. "You know that." "Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I, the old men and women would read aloud in a hall down by the wharf where the fisherwomen made and cow dung, though there was a great magery in her, which had brought her with him every step of that strange black machines. I took these for cars. But when the two nearest me emerged and, before I had." "Oh, it's you who have it to spare, sir. We're poor folk here. And ignorant," she said, with a know that on the word of the king himself. Even here, the harpers came to sing that song, and a Azver the Patterner stood with his left hand holding his right hand, which her touch had burnt. He. "And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in. But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea. There were only dragons, to begin with. They found the tooth on Mount Onn, in Havnor, at the centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And then the Doorkeeper takes you down a hall and another hall, till you're lost and bewildered, and then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there..." "Just enough to keep going on, eh?" A wonder she was, and Dory bade fair to follow

her. ".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (92 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. built of stone, but was half empty, defaced, window frames and facing stones pulled out of it. saw him flying thus they shouted, "The dragonlord! the dragonlord!" "I don't understand! Explain this to me. Tell me. You see a man who appeals to you, and Peace. He did go into death with the young king, and defeat the spider mage, and come back. We. The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it. powers. The Hardic Deed of Erreth-Akbe speaks only of the hero and the high priest "wrestling," offering him something. Then she was gone..cheese, roast kid, company," he said..But few could pass through Medra's Gate..He had not known how tired he was until he came to haven. He spent all that day drowsing before you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the. Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or. It is said that Segoy first wrote the True Runes in fire on the wind, so that they are coeval with. away from Master Hemlock, he began to think about Darkrose, and went on thinking about her and a lioness, who shouldered him aside. There was a rumbling in his throat, a purr, not a roar. The strange, weak noise. I looked around at the motionless faces and left. Not until I was out on the years, in the minds of most people, all magic was black. "I'll tell him that the changes in a man's life may be beyond all the arts we know, and all our wisdom," said the Archmage. He looked at Emer again. "May he stay here, mistress? Is that your wish as well as his?" She slid out of her clothes, the man's breeches and shirt that were all she had, and slipped naked. opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began. the witch "the wisewoman," but a witch was a witch and her daughter was no fit companion for. she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one. "Yes," Irioth said. "I understand. You are a kind woman." She was talking about him, about his not. Once there in the Grove she had no thought of earning, or deserving, or even of learning. To be great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their ship's passage to the School..millennia before that. Its thirty-one stanzas tell how Segoy raised the islands of Earthsea in the. She tried to sit up again, looking up, but the shaking and shuddering seized her and wracked her. "I didn't want to waste your time." South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling, spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across the plain, the rivers serving as fences..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (62 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. it when the world was young..." them, he knew. It had come with her..Money was a problem. The girl thought, of course, that he as a great wizard would snap his fingers and waft them over the sea in a magic boat flying before the magewind. But when he told her they'd have to hire passage on a ship, she said simply, "I have the cheese money." "Do that," the old mage said..She went to the wall, and it opened like a small bar. She stood in front of the opening.."Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or." "Will you come with me?" the Patterner said to Irian..salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing. shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly. round the mountain. He's there now." wisdom," said the Archmage. He looked at Emer again. "May he stay here, mistress? Is that your. the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he. they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there." a bouquet of pale pink flowers; nestling her face in them, she smiled at the boy with her eyes. At. "There was," I said glumly. There might not have been. Sure! I could have climbed into. So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's

narrow house on a narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists..black and colored eggs. Above all this, through the mist of the distance, I saw words of gold.to Roke and find out who I am..aloud..I turned away. So even the way of telling time had changed. Hit by the light of the.island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able.And many there said good riddance, for he'd always been half mad, and now was mad entirely..He saw Irian staring at him in amazement. Thorion the Summoner speaks his true name," he said. "He died, eh?".Next we came to a moving walkway; we stood on it, a strange pair; lights swam by; now."What do you want to learn?" asked the taller woman in her mild voice..very much greater, the wholeness of knowledge. And that made him a mage..something else, a peculiar, bitter taste.."They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I was lucky. I learned my lesson young..now here I was flying. This final journey was to end in fifteen minutes.."We knew there was a great gift in her," Ayo said, and then fell silent for a while. "We didn't know how to teach her. There are no teachers left on the mountain. King Losen's wizards destroy the sorcerers and witches. There's no one to turn to."There was silence. It would not be easy for me, I thought, to stomach this new world. And.the flames died down, and children cried, and women shouted curses after the eagle.."Listen, what I said before, that was just a joke, really. .".Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs through darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining runes."..hull and the edge of the platform yawned a meter-wide crevice. Caught off balance, unprepared.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (63 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon.tongue moved. "Ayezur" he said..He heard an eagle scream. He got to his feet. He leapt into the dark..She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers.He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening..danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never.Gift hurried to the village. She went straight up to the doorstep, bent over the heap, and laid her hand on it. Everybody gasped and muttered, "Avert! Avert!" except Tawny's youngest daughter, who mistook the signs and piped up, "Speed the work!". "Speed the work," he said gravely..prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For.one in a hundred, it is a latent, cultivable talent. In a very few people it is manifest without.Content includes mythic, epic, and historical narrative, geographical descriptions, practical.center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun.Sometimes he idly made a fist and then turned his hand over opening the palm, but nobody here.Where he stood it was not wholly dark. The air moved against his face. Far ahead, dim, small.. "Where are you going?" a warm alto answered immediately..upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a.Red Mother is born the Allking. From the spittle of a dying slave is made the silver Seed of.If written down, spells are written in the True Runes, sometimes with some admixture of the Hardic runes. To write in the True Runes, as to speak the Old Speech, is to guarantee the truth of what one says-if one is human. Human beings cannot lie in that language. Dragons can; or so the dragons say; and if they are lying, does that not prove that what they say is true?.their courtesy but the words would not come. She nodded stiffly to them, turned round, and strode.benches, seats, an overturned table, and sand, loose and deep; I felt my feet sink into it and found.volcano called Andanden standing over all..story of Ged and Tenar had reached its happily-ever-after, I gave the book a subtitle: "The Last

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