

## INTO THE NATURE OF THE SYMBOLIC INSTITUTIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that. ".brilliance, black facades; the brilliance gave way slowly to stone; the carriage stopped. I got off. Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself. she answered. .and hull. Surely that was using the secret art to a good end? For harm, yes, but only to harm the. Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely. "It's not my word, it's Waris's. But they've refused. They want the Rule of Roke to separate men. He smiled again. "You're a beautiful woman," he said, but plainly, not in the flattering way he had used with her at first, before she showed him she hated it. "Why would you be a man?" "Away? In anger? To tell the Lords of Wathort or Havnor that witches on Roke are brewing a storm?" Crow was delighted to get a water-stained bestiary from the time of Akambar in return for five silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned over the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle, showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat. Sometimes he idly made a fist and then turned his hand over opening the palm, but nobody here returned the sign. .shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green. paces from me; he had a thin, matted mane; he stretched, once, twice; with a slow undulation of. long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo. asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful. "It's milk," I said. I must have looked like a complete idiot. "But you'll fly again?" the circling, darkening, reeking stairs till he came to the topmost room. Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern. She held up her first finger; raised the other fingers, and clenched them together into a fist; But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of Master Hemlock's house he was reciting lists of names, or wondering what would be for dinner, for he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks could he think of her. Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green hill. He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with. The trees parted, and before I saw the water, I smelled it, the odor of mud, of rotting, or. of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed with. Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees, and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold. "Every reason," said the Summoner. .courteously by their titles. the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass. training would first study the high arts of sorcery, and if successful in them might pursue his. nearby. He did not know what Ember wanted of him; he hoped she meant to teach him, to begin to. He drank a mug of beer down in one draft, and the girls with him watched the muscles in his strong throat as he swallowed, and they laughed and chattered, and he shivered all over like a cart horse stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging around the brewer's booth. "Where's he going?" said one, and another, "He'll be back," and they laughed and chattered. .really bad and stupid," she said in a low voice. "They get into the School because they're rich. .whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to. "Nothing. But, then, it's only a thought, and I don't have the slightest intention. . .". down again and tried to hold still. The spellbonds around his chest kept him from breathing. my friends," he said, "what now?" Silence smiled. He was pleased with himself. .herself, for charming and handsome as he was she had never been able to feel a thing for him but. "There," Anieb said. She pointed at the mountain and smiled. She looked at her companion, then. reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in. man of power is celibate. ". The summons went unanswered. She looked him up and down. "Marks on it, sir," she said. And then, to Tern, in a different tone, "If you'd like to come with me, she lives this way. And though she's only a girl, and poor, I'll tell you, peddler, she has an open hand. Though perhaps not all of us do. ". what some boys learned in six or seven and many never learned at all, but to him it had been mere. years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem, ". "To Roke?" She stared. "To Roke, Di? Then you really do have the gift --you could be a sorcerer?" he come here, is what you have to ask. "To cure the beasts," Gift said. .even then, if a wizard met up with one whose powers were greater than his own, he might be. at Dulse's request that the wizard had to laugh. "I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well. "I have a favor to ask you," I said as calmly as I could. "You must explain to me. . .". with the dragon now following him, to the Old Island, Ea, the first land Segoy raised from the. but her anger. Who are you, Irian? he said to her, watching her crouched there like an animal. the limited habitable land available to them.

Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute. Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with put in compilations. to guess where they would be, but the dark and seemingly lifeless space below spread out in all been more than two hundred. "Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He. "Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a bookkeeper." On the first of his voyages of finding, Medra, or Tern as he was called, sailed northward up the Inmost Sea to Orrimy, where he had been some years before. There were people of the Hand there whom he trusted. One of them was a man called Crow, a wealthy recluse, who had no gift of magic but a great passion for what was written, for books of lore and history. It was Crow who had, as he said, stuck Tern's nose into a book till he could read it. "Illiterate wizards are the curse of Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant, obstinate, and, in defense of his passion, brave. He had defied Losen's power, years before, going to the Port of Havnor in disguise and coming away with four books from an ancient royal library. He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver. "Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a famous wizard." "How can you cure when you're sick?" she said. of her neck. It was as if she was with him in the room. It was as if she was in him, as if she was. On his rides, he sometimes passed an old house on a hill among great oaks. When he turned off the. I had to smile; it was not a pleasant smile. "He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a. All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand. She came there. She came to me, not in the body, and guided me to the track. She was only twelve. "Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought..." A long pause. "I thought I could go on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that." "But the Summoner fought him both in body and spirit, and called to me, and I came. Together we fought against the will that would destroy us." herds and villagers of the lonely western isles. My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold. All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not. perimeter, glowed thin, flickering lights, curiously uncertain, as though not electric, and even. more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that. to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit," set off up the rough path round the hillside to an old stone and brick stableyard, empty of. might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was. Looking for the bathroom, I accidentally found the bed; it was in a wall and fell in a. Inside stood two of the wheelless cars; a few lamps shone, and under them three people. prentice or a witch? Power like that shouldn't go wandering about unchanneled and unsignalled. pretty girls were always near him. He drank a good deal of Gadge Brewer's excellent beer, and. The Summoner, who had been standing with his back to them, facing the fireless hearth, turned. After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now. long as they showed them, and him, due respect. steer quite true. shouted over the sound of a loudspeaker that repeated, "Meridional level, Meridional, change for. above, behind convex windows, scattered shadows sped by, unseen orchestras played, but here a. lie about their art. In their heart they know that their lie, spoken, may change the world. jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his. smile to cover an upsetting incident. She was not pretending to be calm, she truly was calm. troubled times, the boatwright and his family were anxious not to come to notice lest they come to. "Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my living doing what I know how to do. But I don't meddle with the great arts, the perilous crafts, like summoning the dead," and Rose made the hand-sign to avert the danger spoken of. one against the other in duels and combats of sorcery, careless of the evils they did, or worse. He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her. Thirty years before, the pirate lords of Wathort had sent a fleet to conquer Roke, not for its. "No, I'm sorry, there's my lodger, and my brother, and me. Maybe San, in the village-" village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate. and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no. "But he scared em, somehow, did he?" She turned away from him and them and went on up the hill in the gathering darkness. As she went. had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and. "Which power?" raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said. South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano. wasn't the first night, nor the first nights, they passed together that gave either of them much. "Tern," he said; and so he was called. themselves to work "high magic" by scrupulously avoiding "base spells," "Earthlore," and women. A. on the empty sky. "I asked you not to," he said, "and it's not my need I spoke of. I talk enough for two. Never mind. You'll know what to say when the time comes. That's the art, eh? What to say, and when to say it. And the rest is silence." 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!" danced on the stops, and the fife played a short jig. It hit several false notes and squealed on. followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in. in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a. With him were a violist, a tabor-player, and Rose, who played fife. Their first tune was a stampy. Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take. three or four buttons. Or one of these rolls. of ribbon; look at the color of it. Beautiful with. Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her. him to her in the evenings. But she taught Otter more than the song of the Creation. She knew his. "Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House. words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words. Thwil. Once Ember had come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in

offering others freedom, she set. "What will you do, Master Tern?" asked the Summoner, a grey-haired mage from Ilien..the summoner's art goes straight to that. It's a wonderful thing to summon up the semblance and.for?".business of the lords and people, never a chance to walk in the forests on the mountainside or to."I won't sail my boat across Havnor, dear love. I plan to go around it. By water." He could always.say it. And the rest is silence.".took time off for a breather and a swig, a new group hopped up onto the dance floor. "Hey, there's."Probably we can't," said the Herbal. "If the Windkey locks the winds against us ...".lifelong..leave him to breathe the fumes of quicksilver in that highest vault till he died... But when his.last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became.widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power.Often her mind here seemed empty of thought, full of the forest itself, but this day memories came to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he had found a ship to take him back to Havnor. He had told her he'd never go back to Westpool; the only place for him was the Great Port, the King's City, and for all he cared the island of Way could sink in the sea as deep as Solea. But she thought with love of the roads and fields of Way. She thought of Old Iria village, the marshy spring under Iria Hill, the old house on it. She thought about Daisy singing ballads in the kitchen, winter evenings, beating out the time with her wooden clogs; and old Coney in the vineyards with his razor-edge knife, showing her how to prune the vine "right down to the life in it"; and Rose, her Etaudis, whispering charms to ease the pain in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from remembering her father, but the motion of the leaves and shadows drew it on. She saw him drunk, shouting. She felt his prying, tremulous hands on her. She saw him weeping, sick, shamed, and grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch. He was less to her than the mother she had not known..But the boy played no tricks against his father. He took his beatings in silence and learned to.Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds,.Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (111 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]

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