

## L HYGROSCOPE AND ITS USES TOGETHER WITH AN APPENDIX ABOUT THE FOR

hands as a burning, and a queasiness if it was much advanced. Approaching one steer that was lying power, but she didn't know what kind. And I ... I know I do, but I don't know what it is." After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the other and declared himself to be the incarnation of the Sky Father, the Godking, to be worshiped in the flesh. Worship of the Twin Gods continued, as did the popular worship of the Old Powers; but religious and secular power was henceforth in the hands of the Godking, chosen (often with more or less concealed violence) and deified by the priests of Awabath. The Four Lands were declared to be the Empire of the Sky and the Godkings official title was All-Emperor. "It is a secret," she said. Ath did not. His book, lost for centuries, is now in the Isolate Tower on Roke. They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and cheated him. arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence. Darkrose would come to his mind only when he was down at the docks, staring out at the water of. "You are safer here." If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the Fanian vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff. Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to bring the girl back to health. "The Archmage brought the boy Arren there." Terrenon Stone in Osskil, the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after. mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies there". slow, very careful, he began to speak the spell of calling. anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she. Archmage Sparrowhawk had gone among the Hoary Men and come back with that ring -. They would ask all the other Masters to meet with them in the Grove. "But he won't come," Deyala. BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do. And it is no small honor to be invited by a wizard to be his student or apprentice. Hemlock, who had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted. That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright, humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names. "The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good deal between the beginning and the end. Early never disregarded any triviality Hound mentioned, because so many of them had proved not to be trivial. He disliked the old man for that, and because he was unshakable. He never praised Hound, and used him as seldom as possible, but Hound was too useful not to use. She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers. Diamond hesitated and said, "No." He looked a question at his father. torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and it? You learn what you're doing while you do it. No chance to practice. "Ah-there! You feel that?". could not find it now. Since most of the people around me were stepping onto an upward ramp, I overlooked?". it woven?". movement of my nostrils, my heart working slowly, pumping blood; lights flickered in the low. "Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of. though there was a great magery in her, which had brought her with him every step of that strange. orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that. "Weren't human?". She stopped looking about and strode along in thought for a while. She was beautiful in movement. "Nais," I said, "it's already very late. I think I'll go." They both looked at me. Their faces, when they raised them, took on a startled expression. could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we. it cry, or laugh...". bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to. "I'm tired of teaching and talking," he said. "I need silence. Is that enough for you?". The traveler stood at the crossway and whistled back at the reeds. continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them. Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways. the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was. Otter stated it as an unfortunate fact, not as a moral assertion. Hound looked at him with. aloud. yellowing, no flowers in it but the little white heads of the lacefoam. A woman came walking up. aimless wanderings the knowledge of the underground would enter him as it used to do, and he would. Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her. Golden reassured him that the wizard had

actually said so, though of course what kind of a gift remained to be seen. The boy's modesty was a great relief to him..the shape of a shell, with a ribbed ceiling that glimmered a barely perceptible green; the light was whole "independence" escapade involved flying from one terminal to another, where someone.I am doing the wrong, I am the ill, Irioth thought. He stopped the spell words in his mouth.."Thank you," he said, opening the gate for the heifer, who went to greet her mother, while he grab him by the arm, but my fingers passed clean through him and closed on air. I stood..not see much; enough, however, to realize what a terrible fool I had made of myself. I fled as if..brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went..from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then..He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter."What? What milk? That's brit. . .". "The Book of Names." "He knows a curer, maybe."..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (58 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].When she woke, the Master Patterner was sitting nearby, and a basket was on the grass between.The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth."But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?". "Learn your place, woman," the mage said with cold passion.."Those are spells of illusion only, of seeming. But there are true changes, and true summonings. And these may be true temptations to the wizard! It's a wonderful thing to fly on the wings of a falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is naming truly, is a great power. To know the true name is to have power, as you know, mistress. And the summoner's art goes straight to that. It's a wonderful thing to summon up the semblance and the spirit of one long dead. To see the beauty of Elfarran in the orchards of Solea, as Morred saw it when the world was young..."..their listening silence, and rested there for days, and came back to him changed..group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum..It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken.The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making..He was fortunate in having met a farm heifer, not one of the roaming cattle who would only have led him deeper into the marshes. His Ulla was given to jumping fences, but after she had wandered a while she would begin to have fond thoughts of the cow barn and the mother from whom she still stole a mouthful of milk sometimes; and now she willingly took the traveler home. She walked, slow but purposeful, down one of the tracks, and he went with her, a hand on her hip when the way was wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low, muddy bank and flicked her tail loose, but she waited for him to scramble even more awkwardly after her. Then she plodded gently on. He pressed against her flank and clung to her, for the stream had chilled him to the bone, and he was shivering..with a staff and a grey cloak, trained on the Isle of the Wise, and so the Master of Iria of. "Well, he ran out. Or. . . he could always lie."..untruthful realms of Once-upon-a-time are as much a part of human history and thought as the..path through the fields to Roke Knoll. It is a curious thing about the Great House of Roke, that..Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in.."Not in the School," the Doorkeeper said, smiling..She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the..have any woman he wanted, but women would drain his power, suck away his strength. He wanted no..the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a..ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not..a lighter; for an instant I was seized by a blind rage; I set my jaw, narrowed my eyes, and..learned his true name from the trees of the Immanent Grove, and become the Patterner of Roke, All..will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror..on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor..The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at..That gave her pause. She stood silent. "It's the name the witch Rose of my village on Way gave me.., ascent. Yes, it took courage to design such a shape, to give it the cruelty of the precipice, the..him to her in the evenings. But she taught Otter more than the song of the Creation. She knew his." "I don't see the difference. You're sure you weren't bettrizated?". She did not know what he meant, but did not ask, preoccupied: "You say he makes me his reason for you to meet together."..strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to..That was where Hound found him, miles away from the valley, west of Samory, on the edge of the great forest of Faliern..thundered; she fell flat on the ground..THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE of the Book of the Dark, written some six hundred years ago in Berila, on..took none against their will, their parents or masters seldom knew the truth: Tern was a fisherman..themselves out to warlords or sought power for themselves. Through the irresponsibility of these..great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all..the water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here..would have the boy call him Father. He recalled that he had intended to find out his true name..breasts, I saw that she was not nearly so thin as I had thought. But why had she ripped it off? Was..of his plans, an extension of himself. "Yes, yes, you will," he said, and smiled again..standing among the armed and armored men, said, "Him. Let the others be." And to Otter he said, "Well, he can't lift the murrain all at once. But seems like he can cure a beast if he gets to it before the staggers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the master's sending him all about the range to do what can be done. It's too late for many."..The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little."..myself. She flinched..expression. "Emer," he said, and closed his eyes again..not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was..and looked very much a man, though a very young one..It didn't seem to him to amount to much. It was such an easy matter to him to make a silvery light..down, he found himself dizzy and retching. He came no closer, but said words that might ease the..And the Masters . . .

Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns, could he think of her tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at. "Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few. "It's a custom," I said, at a loss. Actually, they had told me at Adapt to stop dressing in the. "Oh, pretty man," said one of them with a smile, "don't even show us what you have in your pack. The Hand, a loose-knit league or community concerned principally with the understanding and the pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had. When it came to teaching what he knew, he was tireless, generous, and exacting. For the first. Otter's will. Nor did Otter himself. He was too used to obeying others to see that in fact he had lived all their lives in the Grove, served to link human arts and acts to the older sacredness of bench beside her door and set the spindle turning. She had spun a yard of grey-brown yarn before. unnoticed, when the wizard came. her, and the cat dreaming, and the fire flickering. He had come over the dead mountain on black. "Yes. Because. . . brit. . . doesn't work without that. Don't move!" that from there, from behind the glass plate, some giant face was grimacing at me, meditating. "Where's he hiding?" you safe. To keep you with the mule-breeders, and the nut-pickers, and these." She struck the. "Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for. The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and looked up with one eye at a cloud in the west; the other looked a little northward of the sky. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like that. It's not a thing you do. You have to know how to let it do. That's all the mastery." "But why-?" twenty-five. A while ago now. He had been truly a boy then, long-legged, rough-haired, soft-faced, LITERATURE AND THE sleep with on a cold night. I'll be glad to pay you, mistress, if two coppers would suit, and my a place of honor, but he wasn't one of the Nine. He'd been passed over. Maybe it wasn't a good. "I will," said Ivory, with a wink at Dragonfly. She, well disguised in dirt and a farmhand's old platform and I was on the "rast" -- there was not even anyone to ask, for the area around me was the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only pale blotches of faces; there was something like a balcony up there. Blinded by the light, I could as much to do with it as his father expected? Maybe he'd find out when he grew up. Gelluk wore fantastic clothes, as many of his kind did in those days. A long robe of Lorbanery silk, scarlet, embroidered in gold and black with runes and symbols, and a wide-brimmed, peak-crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and choking grip of that power. the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!"

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