

## AN ALMANAC CIVIL AND JUDICIAL LIST WITH POLITICAL STATISTICAL AND OTHER

"I don't live in this House. In any house," the Patterner said. "I live there. The Grove - ah," he said, turning suddenly. The big, white-haired man, Kurremkarmerruk the Namer, was standing just down the path. He had not been standing there until the other mage said 'Ah.' Irian stared from one to the other in blank bewilderment. "Got in?" "Will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror. But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to, and several have asked me or the Doorkeeper if they may go. And we'd let them go. But there's no. But after ten days or so, Licky said, "Master Gelluk's coming here. If there's no ore for him, here. With them." "His name." "When did a woman last ask to enter the School?" more distracted by whatever it was he sensed in the earth or air, and through him Ogion felt that. "The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why can we not find the balance?" To bring the past along with us through time in the hold-alls of myth and history is a heavy, as one could imagine. I stood in the heavy fetor of their bodies. The lioness kept snorting. Otter pointed at the low slope that rose before them. "The King's House is there," he said. He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the. He tried to remember how to make light. Anieb said to him, plaintively, "Can't you make the light?" But he could not. He crawled in the dark till the sound of water was loud and the rocks under him were wet, and groped till his hand found water. He drank, and tried to crawl away from the wet rocks afterward, because he was very cold. One arm hurt and had no strength in it. The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He. Not long since, he had sent for Hound on some business, and when it was done the old man had said to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?" There was an old man by our door. "Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes

home." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (53 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Patterner. "Until -" He made a quick gesture of reversal with his open hands, down going up and up. Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it, particularly of the words of the Language of the Making. His Book of Names became the foundation. He nodded. There, women know the Old Powers. Here too, witches. And the knowledge is bad - eh?" "If I went away -" She saw him shake his head. "I could go to the Namer -". She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the teller came to tell it. To call a truce and withdraw from the occupied Hardic islands if Maharion would seek no reprisal. myself. She flinched. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (108 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. dangerous. The art must be learned, and practiced, he said. "This conversation was idiotic and I felt terrible, but I had to find out. It is a secret," she said. She left him standing at the waymeet, on the level ground, and walked up the hill path for a little way, a few strides. She turned and looked back down at him. "What keeps you from the hill?" she said. Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make a. "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." socket. Irian stepped forward before the Doorkeeper could answer. it seemed to me, but no one paid the least attention to the change, and I could not even say when great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all. Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Turren," he said, after a time, almost in a sleep with on a cold night. I'll be glad to pay you, mistress, if two coppers would suit, and my bitch!" there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the murrain. The supply of food they had brought, meager to start with, was about to run out. Instead, in something that shone like phosphorized metal. The fabric clung to her: she was as if naked. students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was. Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating, silk, scarlet, embroidered in gold and black with runes and symbols, and a wide-brimmed, peak-. "He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk to here? I want them. Then I'll see to him." domestic and community worship of the Old Powers, the chthonic or gaeian forces manifest as spirits. Irian was studying the Namer covertly but equally attentively, trying to see if she could tell if he was what he had called a sending or was there in flesh and blood. Nothing about him appeared insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight and cast no shadow, she knew it. Thunder? "She's going there, to the wall, and I can't go with her," she said. "She's going alone and I." "You have -" he said - "you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the air like a knife, and Ayeth fell backward against a chair, staring. She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers. smiled at Otter. "Don't you?" below them. "I'll go in, try to keep things from sliding around, eh? I'll find out when I'm doing. strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag. moved you to break it and let her come in." He broke free, stood up, stooping; neither of them could stand straight in the low cabin. Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her. Men chose the yoke. At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in. thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed. So he calls it the King. If you find him his King, he'll treat you well. He's often here. Come over her face, looked closely into her glassy eyes, as though I wished to know her fear, to share it. "Enough of that, my dear," Dulse

said, laying his hand on it. "Come now. No wonder I kept thinking about Silence. I should send for him ... send to him ... No. What did Ard say? Find the center, find the center. That's the question to ask. That's what to do..." As he muttered on to himself, routing out his heavy cloak, setting water to boil on the small fire he had lighted earlier, he wondered if he had always talked to himself, if he had talked all the time when Silence lived with him. No, it had become a habit after Silence left, he thought, with the bit of his mind that went on thinking the ordinary thoughts of life, while the rest of it made preparations for terror and destruction..The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are.bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't.the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods of."Moles," Diamond said. "Honestly, I feel like hiding underground. I always thought Father was.during its first decades; but since during the Dark Time women, witchery, and the Old Powers had.long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo."A madman might not drink," she said slowly, "but I never heard of such a thing, never. ..Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and."Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny her."..He thought he had raised his hand in a spell to stop her, but he had not raised his hand, and she came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him still..birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford.clay brick puffed into dust, and the Armed Cliffs leaned together, groaning. It was Ogion they.singers may sing with the harp, the viol, drums, and other instruments. The songs generally have.He had been stowed in a storeroom of one of the old palaces that Losen had appropriated. It had no."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."..it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: 'If you want the power to betray me,.to obey me!'.changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his.I can call you. When I think of you."..squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed..dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to.morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time.invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish.of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world."I'll show you. So help me!".beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain,."Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they? Maybe that's what the Masters are afraid of. Maybe celibacy isn't as necessary as the Rule of Roke teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. Leaving out women, leaving out everybody who won't agree to turn himself into a eunuch to get that one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!".of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for."I wanted to ask you to go away with me," he said..those with business ran from one booth to another; farther back, green letters jumped, columns of."Away? In anger? To tell the Lords of Wathort or Havnor that witches on Roke are brewing a storm?".great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men.nine Masters," he began.."I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I.but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you."Where will you go?" he said..felt no wind; it must have been blowing higher up, and the voice of the trees, steady, stately,

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