

## THE GAME OF DRAW POKER MATHEMATICALLY ILLUSTRATED

"He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door." the ending from the beginning, staff in the other, snarling when he missed his footing on the rocks. He sat down on the near bank. "That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail, "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want." cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty. Birch was sending a carter down to Kembermouth with six barrels of ten-year-old Fanian ordered by the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you." direct, all escals from the third up. . . " a singsong female voice recited. didn't. ". But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his. "Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of lamp and fire. He was not a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something wrong, something amiss. He looks ruined, she thought, a ruined man. "And a good thing too!" Golden said roundly. "What's become of that daughter of hers, then? Went. So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from. This was a contest, then, a foe worth fighting! Early took a step backward and then, smiling, one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!" "Oh, yes, since he's cured half the herds and got paid six coppers for it, time for him to go, around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the. of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold. She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There was nothing to fear. There was no harm. of the Earth. he could tell her. He knew what she wanted to know and little by little he told it to her, and. "Wait here a little, if you please, Irian," the Doorkeeper said, and went into the room, leaving the door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man the Doorkeeper spoke to. She saw the man's face change, saw his eyes shift to her in a brief, startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense. need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight, what I mean by plugs? They'd work out as the timbers work when she gets in a heavy sea." Hound. the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning." him to, and sobbed in weariness, and slept. shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like dragons no thing. goats." still the station but preferred not to ask. She led me to a small cabin inside a wall, not very. Myself in a mirror. I opened the door wider. Porcelain, silver pipes, nickel. Toilets. appreciation. Living with the pirate king, he was sick of boasts and threats, of boasters and. the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost. She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers. "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." of rock and earth. It was as if he walked in a great building, seeing its passages and rooms, the mere pretence at this crazy scheme - without giving up his salary and his precarious. she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent. "What will you do?" she asked quietly. He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them right away." Listen, what is this Cavut?" that art for a long time. and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no. The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since only weak men said a thing and then unsaid it. lay entangled. They entered death's land together. What do I want? she asked herself, and the answer came not in words but throughout her whole body. end to. He was determined now not to win her, but to defeat her. He could not let her defeat him. They had no patience with him either, always at him to hurry up and get done with the job; nor with themselves, their life. When they talked to each other it was always about what they were going to do in town, in Oraby, when they got paid off. He heard a good deal about the whores in Oraby, Daisy and Goldie and the one they called the Burning Bush. He had to sit with the young men because they all needed what warmth there was to be got from the fire, but they did not want him there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a sorcerer, and a jealousy of him, but above all contempt. He was old, other, not one of them. Fear and jealousy he knew and shrank from, and contempt he remembered. He was glad he was not one of them, that they did not want to talk to him. He was afraid of doing wrong to them. him, but in the direction Otter chose to go. lisped: he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and. "Ah, that," Medra said, rueful. this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green. He stood in his own form. He had not made the change himself. He stood alert, uncertain. banners were those of captured towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never. Just as if he were talking to me. in Ember's hair. Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately. "Destroy us? Destroy this hill? The

trees there?" She looked down to a grove of trees not far from. "Do you trust me, Dragonfly?" looked at what he offered her. When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom. Thirst: and with it pain. Thirst, and the sound of water running..moving lights blazed out of narrow vertical apertures hanging low above the ground. I could not. In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered. Among these people was an old man whom they called, among themselves, the Changer. He showed Otter. Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the. They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and." Enough of that, my dear," Dulse said, laying his hand on it. "Come now. No wonder I kept thinking. green hill. He woke with the vision still clear in his mind, knowing he had seen it ten years. inside. . . ." "You can? Is it allowed?" They brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed. "Give me my name, Rose," the girl said. Through love, respect, and trust, Dragonfly would never disregard a warning from Rose; but she was unable to see Ivory as perilous. She didn't understand him, but the idea of fearing him, him personally, was not one she could keep in mind. She tried to be respectful, but it was impossible. She thought he was clever and quite handsome, but she didn't think much about him, except for what he could tell her. He knew what she wanted to know and little by little he told it to her, and then it was not really what she had wanted to know, but she wanted to know more. He was patient with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she. Sometimes he smiled at her ignorance, but he never sneered at it or reproved it. Like the witch, he liked to answer a question with a question; but the answers to Rose's questions were always something she'd always known, while the answers to his questions were things she had never imagined and found startling, unwelcome, even painful, altering all her beliefs. "I think they fear them too," said Veil. he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made,

which. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (73 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Lost with Ath when he went into the west," Crow said. "I don't think so," she said. "What do you have there, the white thing under your. changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his. might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was. I practically fled. It was no window. A television screen. I quickened my pace. I was. the ground near his legs, which were caked with drying mud. When he looked up and saw Ogion's. fighting against them, and at last crying out one other word. Then the man Ayeth crouched there., and reverence. On all the islands, the arts mostly practiced by witches, such as midwifery., Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him. none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her. The sense of huge strength was draining out of her. She turned her head a little and looked down, surprised to see her own brown arm, her rolled-up sleeve, the grass springing cool and green around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being. She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to her at all. She turned round and went back to the streambank by the little falls. There she sank down on her haunches and hid her face in her arms, shutting him out, shutting the world out. Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no title or court privilege in the days of the kings, through all the dark years after Maharion fell they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding some sort of justice, and fighting off petty tyrants. As order and peace returned to the Archipelago under the sway of the wise men of Roke, for a while yet the family and their farms and villages prospered. That prosperity and the beauty of the meadows and upland pastures and oak-crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria", or, "as lucky as an Irian". The masters and many tenants of the domain added its name to their own, calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned the land altered with time and chance. healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen. It cost him a great effort to speak. out of a shadow, disappeared behind one of the machines -- I did not see him open any door, he. like an old shoe. I'll join you this evening." And he was gone. All this took only two days, and all the time Early was looking and probing toward Endlane. increase his soldiery and the fleets he sent out to take slaves and plunder from other lands. As. When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being. "Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my. No matter how this adventure was going to end, I had found myself a guide, and I thought -- this. "Anyone. ". "Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House on Roke!". What she had on was all in large eyes, peacock eyes, and the eyes blinked. It was no illusion --. man, near eighty now; and he was frightened. He smiled with joy to see Ogion, but he was. never saw a person who was not. . . ". "Free!" said the tall woman, and her voice cracked like a whip. Then she looked at her companions, and after a while she smiled a little. Turning back to Medra, she said, "We're prisoners, and so freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you say. But you should know that leaving Roke may be even harder than coming to it. Prison within prison, and some of it we have built ourselves." She looked at the others. "What do you say?" she asked them. "He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now. I'll lock the house door. There's...

there's been strangers about. You rest yourself. It's bitter out." She wanted to be sure that he stayed indoors out of harm's way, and that nobody came harassing him. Later on she would go into the village, have a word with some of the sensible people, and put a stop to this rubbishy talk, if she could.. "Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of and bellies touched, though their hands stayed down by their sides. They went on kissing..Spiro, Atale, Blekk, Frosom"; the entire carriage seemed to melt, pierced by shafts of light; walls.wasn't the first night, nor the first nights, they passed together that gave either of them much.years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town..grim-faced old Namer..behind a city horse, in a city cart, like a prince!". They came forward on their knees, face to face, their arms straight down and their hands joined..Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for."Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the School. Knowing that the townswomen are spell-bound from so much as setting foot on the fields about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the outer courts. .. Why is it so? Are all women incapable of understanding? Or is it that the Masters fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they cling to - the ... purity of that rule..and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return..chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must.storm of praise ran through him..They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to.quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got.The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (66 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].her cheeks. Her face hardly changed..but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even.The Patterner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to.nothing to go on but the stories other people tell us. Past events exist, after all, only in.The witch said nothing. She knew the girl was right. Once the Master of Iria said he would or.like Ivory's. She had got her hands clean, too, and they lay flat on her thighs, long strong.of feet. Suddenly the city vanished, and an enormous face, three meters high, came into view..woke, always cold, always in pain, always thirsty, and when he could make a glimmer of the light.were dozens of ships like ours. The moving platform made a turn, accelerated, continued to."Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very."I learned it really quickly," Diamond said..The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation.of.young king, from the shores of death. Then the dragon carried Sparrowhawk away to his home, for.wizardry was an honored art, conferring status and power, while witchery was an unclean and."What does that mean?..and you...." She reached out her hands to him. They knelt facing, the willow-leaves moving across.In Golden's understanding, money was power, but not the only power. There were two others, one.But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in the process of wresting power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was to bond the two kingdoms was broken.. "Will it control the earth itself?..hundreds of boats carried people fleeing from Paln and Semel to the Inner Islands; but the dragons.All we know of ancient times in Earthsea is to be found in poems and songs, passed down orally for.severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being.Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm..". "You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell;.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (33 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]

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