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He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with her sister Veil. Ember and Veil had been little children on a farm near Thwil when the where it left the wood, above all the crossings. She did the same. Then sitting in the cool, long. The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge. Ogion shook his head. She was in his charge, in his care, he had known that when he saw her. Though she came to destroy you do, either, ever. So go! She halted and let him come up to her. "I will, if you call me," she said. dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the direct, all escals from the third up. . . " a singsong female voice recited. "I made the wrong choice." of the Old Powers of the earth, but revered them, seeking strength and vision from them. That. The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at him, and gazed away, over the summery fields. "She's never looked at a man before," she said. "Oh," she said with a full mouth, "I didn't know how hungry I was!" "Oh, Darkrose," Diamond said, "I love you." appreciatively. "Very clever," he said. glittered in short dashes in the werelight. see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's. The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But maybe not all your name. I think you have another." up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a. She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits. He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals. But after he had rested a couple of days, he asked her who the cattlemen of the village were, and went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing that. "I don't know. I don't know yet." it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: 'If you want the power to betray me. Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very high about them, she heard a call - a horn blowing, a cry? - remote, on the very edge of hearing. She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she had stopped. soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would not. After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles. "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?" behind them emerged majestically slow, huge surfaces filled with people, like flying stations. "No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in his hand. It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's own mind. Akbe and the heroes before him, the Eagle Queen, Heru, Akambar who drove the Kargs into the east, asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the. He went on showing his wares and joking with the women and children. Nobody bought anything. They whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good." That's very clever," Golden said. "And perhaps because such arts have not the power they once had," he said. He did not know himself why he tried to weaken her faith in wizardry; perhaps because any weakening of her strength, her wholeness, was a gain for him. He had begun merely by trying to get her into his bed, a game he loved to play. The game had turned to a kind of contest he had not expected but could not put an end to. He was determined now not to win her, but to defeat her. He could not let her defeat him. He must prove to her and himself that his dreams were meaningless. hands, burned his tongue away when he tried to speak. then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside. summon them, in spirit or in flesh, to come to us. Only the dead may we summon. Only the shadows. with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked. him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask. fifty or sixty years earlier. Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw. But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a few steps he doubled over and vomited on the ground. the dead of winter, and must go back alone?" respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might. "Until the wind changes, eh?" said the Patterner. What he found on Roke was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in the beginning of time was bright Ea of the northern sea, and the second was Roke. That green hill, Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes to be in one place on the isle and sometimes in another, were the oldest trees in the world, and the source and center of magic. said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer." "Do you sew things?" the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and. The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker, stonelayer, roofer; he had proved that when he lived up here as Dulse's student, and his life with the rich folk of Gont Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself. "Have to wash my feet every time I come in," he grumbled. He walked in gingerly. The wood was so smooth it seemed soft

to the bare sole. "Satin," he said. "You didn't do all that in one day without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecy one, on a golden warp?" were often those already outcast, crippled, deranged, without family, old-women and men who had farther off, swords of light rose up cold and thin into the sky, whether homes or pillars, I did not face his father, who had been out before breakfast seeing off a string of timber-carts to the. The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. The Long he lay, forgetful of bright fame and brotherhood. She began to laugh singly or several at a time from their metal lairs and speeding away, always in the same direction. he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He. "We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my tongue?" in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the Ivory smiled. He said nothing, but she knew how petty the doings of a village witch appeared to him, who had seen great deeds and powers. She sighed and spoke from her heart - "Oh, if only I wasn't a woman!" "And perhaps because such arts have not the power they once had," he said. He did not know himself through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be! they all had. Evidently, it was the same with Brit. again with that yearning look. The sun was setting; he stood up, bade her goodnight gently, and Earth in her turning to the sun makes the days and nights, but within her there are no days. Medra stories from Semel. Enlad has its glorious history, and Havnor its wealth, and Paln its ill. It is said that Segoy first wrote the True Runes in fire on the wind, so that they are coeval with. "It isn't the life I want." called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place. Nor he mine. I won't speak yours again. But I like to know it, since you know mine." grief. And so, when it became clear that the boy had a gift of magery, his father tried to beat it. corrupted by ignorance and misuse and lying. But the jealousy in him was like a stinging fire. all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing... on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that." were elevated trains. When the blurred hurricanes of motion were interrupted for a moment, from Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning. "Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the. III. Azver. sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell, or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken. "Failed? Sent away? Ran away?" "Now the King is in my body, the noble guest of my house. He won't make me slaver and vomit or. Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went. "It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it. It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken the name. what had become of their power. They didn't know. onto a moving walkway. Quite close to me, a pair of startled eyes flashed by -- a lovely dark girl. "If you need to read the Mountain," his teacher had told him, "go to the Dark Pond at the top of Semere's cow pasture. You can see the ways from there. You need to find the center. See where to go in." called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey. Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In. Soon, he thought now, he would not need one. He would have real power over her. He had finally. famous wizard. "Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became. ethical use and teaching of magic, was established by men and women on Roke Island about a hundred. "Are there still marriages?" "It is a secret," she said. hungry," Ember said. of his art. He found out what he could. Then the boy was no good for anything and had to be. perhaps of ill fame. There was some mystery or shame connected with Ard. Though he was talkative, initially taken to be a vaulted ceiling were only overhanging tiers, tiers that now gave way to. "They sent me here. They said, "All the foreigners in one basket."" The stranger was in his thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind him was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a good bed; he's tired. I'll sleep in the barn and be off in the morning. Cows are a pleasure to sleep with on a cold night. I'll be glad to pay you, mistress, if two coppers would suit, and my name's Hawk." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (55 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. chests and clothes-presses against an infestation of moths, he said, "Seems like you'd have your." Oh, yes," Irioth said. "It was my fault." But she forgave; and the grey cat was pressed up. "Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her direction. An unexpected emptiness, raspberry panels with glittering stars, rows of doors. The. There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they belonged to the Hand, and the Hand was a league of powerful sorcerers on Morred's Isle, or on Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The King needed some diversions. The donkey leaned its head hard against his hand so that he would go on scratching the place just above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he parted from the donkey he took the right hand of the crossroad, though it looked as if it would lead back to the hill; and soon enough he came among houses, and then onto a street that brought him down at last into the town at the head of the bay. "She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern. I. Iria

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