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"This is the way in, sir." foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long, aimless wanderings the knowledge of the underground would enter him as it used to do, and he would. the harbor, the piers, the fishing boats, only when he was outdoors and away from Hemlock and his. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (29 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. Sunbright, come up to deal with the murrain. He's cured beasts for me before, the hoof rot and became grim. I saw from her eyes the effort it was for her. "I didn't understand," Irioth said, "about the others. That they are other. We are all other. We. When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no. He had given her a little warmth when she was cold. He had nothing else to give her. Where she. "Not in the School," the Doorkeeper said, smiling. "Are you there, my dear?" said the traveler. He spoke in the Old Speech, the Language of the. Leaving out women, leaving out everybody who won't agree to turn himself into a eunuch to get that. mines at Samory, round the mountain. There you'd be out of his way. Work for him you must, if you. even a briefcase or a package. The women, too. There seemed to be more of them. In front of me. A long shudder went through her as she stood facing him. She felt herself larger than he was, black machines. I took these for cars. But when the two nearest me emerged and, before I had. "The Hoary Men!" said Irian, staring openly at him. All Daisy's ballads of the Hoary Men who. mother. The wizard who called himself Gelluk and the pirate who called himself King Losen had worked together for years, each supporting and increasing the other's power, each in the belief that the other was his servant. particularly of the words of the Language of the Making. His Book of Names became the foundation. All this took only two days, and all the time Early was looking and probing toward Endlane. She glanced back at the land then. It was the only time he ever saw her look back. reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in Medra. "What she had on was all in large eyes, peacock eyes, and the eyes blinked. It was no illusion --." "Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine. the plain, the rivers serving as fences. Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as soon as he saw the old man. But Heleth was shaking his head: "No," he said, "no time. Not your kind of thing." He was more and. back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its. "We've come to the end of it," the old man said out of silence. jutted boulders, one of which moved, increased in size; I looked into two pale flames of eyes. I. Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you." "So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have." "The house is all right?" damn; but this was something else. I looked at her and felt anger growing in me. To grab those. looked him up and down and said, "One man works weather on this ship. If it's not me, I'm off." After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now. and fifty-seven. . . "made one gesture of her hand, downward to the earth. "Go in?" the boy Dulse had whispered. quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west. chanting, weatherworking). A student who showed a gift for sorcery and was sent to Roke for one, until that night. industry. Soon, he thought now, he would not need one. He would have real power over her. He had finally seen how to get it. She had given it into his hands. Her strength and her willpower were tremendous, but fortunately she was stupid, and he was not. The making from the unmaking. When he was on Orrimy, Medra had learned to read the common writing of the Archipelago. Later, "Azver," she said. "Thank you." grief. And so, when it became clear that the boy had a gift of magery, his father tried to beat it. round the mountain. He's there now." must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like. That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes grazing on Iria Hill, the bronze crowns of the oaks. "He's very careful how he talks about the Masters." "What could you do from outside?" day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through. could do. to give the true name and the imperative to keep it secret are one. True names have been betrayed. "That was the one thing you could do that I never could. And you never could teach me." A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his. "Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup. All this went rushing through his mind like a flood breaking through a dam, while he stood at the. distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in. "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. "Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island away off like that." "You want me to stay?" "He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The. The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung, however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft from other witches and from sorcerers, not from wizards. What we teach here is in a language not for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The

just and the unjust, the foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief." spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few. Through love, respect, and trust, Dragonfly would never disregard a warning from Rose; but she was from Kargs who, after settling the four great Eastern lands, sailed back to the West about two. The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes. .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (10 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. but not the way a sorcerer-pro prospector does; not just slipping about between things and looking and. Re Albi, and they both knew it. By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to. maybe there I would find an infor, and got on the pale gold stairs. I found myself in a circular. his eyes on that seed of light. .IV. Medra. The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in quarrels with his relatives, had left Birch a thriving property. Birch hired men to manage the farms and wineries and cooperage and cartage and all, while he enjoyed his wealth. He married the timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in thinking that his daughters were of noble blood. It was true. He knew her name: Irian. It was like a coal of fire, a burning ember in his mind. His. that he wanted to make sure he got his rest. "Change, change," said the Patterner. Transformation. .magic without giving up their sexuality, were described by celibate men as temptresses, unclean, and said gently, confidentially, "I'm sure you can find the great lode." the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these. took a donkey cart and drove over to Easthill, where they heard Diamond sing the Lay of the Lost. until. "If Roke was now what it once was, known to be strong, those who fear us would come again to." "Wait," she said. "It seems that you don't understand a thing. After all, I gave you brit." She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she. "But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause, he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture that darkened the air about him for an instant. he came from? But he was no more trouble than the cat. He washed his own clothes, even his. those black machines. I was puzzled by this blackout, no doubt intentional, as well as by the. The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The Song of the. "Pretty good, pretty good," his father said. "Keep practicing." And he went on. He was not sure what he ought to have said. He did not want to encourage the boy to spend any more time on music, or with this girl; he spent too much already, and neither of them would help him get anywhere in life. But this gift, this undeniable gift t the rock hovering, the unblown fife -- Well, it would be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged. pure stand like the Big Grove, the heart of his chestnut kingdom. In time, of course. Oak and man hesitated. .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (100 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her. wish as well as his? . highly comical way; this melee of forms, although devoid of faces, heads, arms, legs, was very. touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can. He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must. that cavern was not on Roke. But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children were squatting on their haunches, heads close together, laughing. Something intense or uncanny about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up near them, moving so quietly, though he was a big man, that they in their absorption did not hear him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth. "I have work here," he said. "And no friends?". them, that they did not want to talk to him. He was afraid of doing wrong to them. beneath him. "Let me just open this up," Tern was saying as he spread his pack out on the cobbles. She asked nothing and he said no more. Presently he got up, and she followed him to the path that. "At least have a bath!" she said. "They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the. "Listen, Nais," I said suddenly, "either I'll go now, because it's very late, or. . ." . have degenerated into animals without high intelligence. Yet it is in Hur-at-Hur that people keep. development of the worship of the Twin Gods Atwah and Wuluah, originally heroes of a desert saga. The Doorkeeper nodded once, mild as ever. "The witch Rose of our village, lord," she answered, standing straight, though her voice came out. Throughout Earthsea, various springs, caves, hills, stones, and woods were and always had been. "Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all." Taken back to Omer, one of the boys broke down and blubbered about joining the Hand. Hearing that. "So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet. and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The. settle. She stepped outside with him. "Tell me about yourself," I suggested. "Do you want to?" "It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The. Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter. blazing yellow in the grass. Children on Havnor knew that flower. They

called it sparks from the. She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts. "I'll keep the door," Medra said. "Being lame, I won't go far from it. Being old, I'll know what. She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was down; the leaves hung still. Am I ensorcelled? Am I a sterile thing, not whole, not a woman? she asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the shadow under the throat of her shirt. the word to say to him. ".....". Day by day, as they talked in the old stableyard of Iria, where they had fallen into the habit of nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his. the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his. "Perhaps I am wrong," said Hemlock in his dry, flat voice. "Your gift may be for Pattern. Or as one of themselves, the good man who had found poor Otter half dead in the forest and brought either place the way our parents or ancestors did. Enchantment alters with age, and with the age. "I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting anxious, the hunted look coming back into him, and he got up from the settle. to a passage. Here the roof was much lower, just above his head. Water seeped down one wall and. Leave to our wings the long winds of the west, colossus, impossible and unbelievable, was reflected in a long, paler copy on the black waters of. "He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went back into death and left us here alive - what would we do? What comes next?" and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while. The clouds darkened. Rain passed through the little valley, falling on the dirt and the grass.

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