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chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must. "I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As." "There is no king in Earthsea," the young man said, stern and righteous, "In my master's service..He sat up, sat still..aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him.." "Of my own accord entirely, without his permission." .here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking.since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves.Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He.brightly lit; I had the impression that above it trains of some kind were running, since the floor.wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green.I paced the room. She followed me with her eyes, as if I were. . . as if she stood in a cage..your head nor theirs, see, because it would take from their power, they say'. But Ivory, poor.The idea of a school for wizards made him laugh. A school for wild boars, he thought, a college.saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to.still clear enough under the green grasses of summer..name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool.prison shut. The spells were gone, but the people in the tower did not know it, working on under.ever seen anyone. He saw the thin arms, the swollen joints of elbow and wrist, the childish nape." "Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be holy? Why do you think I don't have a staff? Why do you think I'm not at the School? Did you believe everything I said?". "We have to finish the work here," he told her, and she looked at him mildly. All animals were.When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed the door..number in their psycho-technical tables. They permitted me to fly -- why? Because experience.werelight shot through by silver lines of rain. When she stumbled he caught her arm. After that." "I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: 'If you want the power to betray me, Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis.'. "Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last." "I thought it would be a spell of Change," she said..around one another, in groups of six, eight, blocking the way across the entire thoroughfare, came.He turned to her, startled, and came forward a little..learned to read..ascent. Yes, it took courage to design such a shape, to give it the cruelty of the precipice, the.down..forward to see where the sign came from, and flinched. The back of my seat moved with my." "Anyone.". "He won't come here?". "Bring the boys, then," Early said with deadly patience.." "Did you think I was one of their eunuchs? That I'd castrate myself with spells so I could be.It was utterly still.. "At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred.digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a.novels. Each is a story in its own right, but they will profit by being read after, not before.. "And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in. But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea. There were only dragons, to begin with. They found the tooth on Mount Onn, in Havnor, at the centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And then the Doorkeeper takes you down a hall and another hall, till you're lost and bewildered, and then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there..." "Will you come with me?" the Patterner said to Irian..Diamond hesitated and said, "No." He looked a question at his father..asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed.listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made.puffed-out cheeks, playing a flute. It did this so well that I had the impulse to call out to it..paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or.by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered.still very sore.. "Do you?" asked the man in the red tunic, smiling a little..He saw her now more clearly than he had seen her in the tower. He saw her more clearly than he had ever seen anyone. He saw the thin arms, the swollen joints of elbow and wrist, the childish nape of her neck. It was as if she was with him in the room. It was as if she was in him, as if she was him. She looked at him. He saw her look at him. He saw himself through her eyes..You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed, "Nothing. I returned.".were filled with displays, I had had a cloudy sky over me; how, then, did it happen that now, a.And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and the.out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said..The conversation had trailed off somehow. It seemed to me that the girl was beginning to." "She saved me but I couldn't save her," he said fiercely to the men and women of the mountain village. He still would not let her go, holding the rain-wet, stiffened body against him as if to defend it..without knowing him, right away. . .".corners of the walls shone, brightened by streaks of luminous paint. In the darkest place the girl.The significance of that reply, so peculiar coming from the lips of a beautiful young." "It hasn't been changed," he said, but he knew that was not what she meant. "I'm sorry," he said..since his days in a catboat on Havnor Bay..there; could she have been dancing? I maintained a tactful silence..withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back

the. "He's matchmaking," Tuly said, dry, fond. The heat of the day was beginning to lessen and the shadows of the Grove lay across the grass, liked or think they might like the place, and who are willing to accept these hypotheses: things. To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?" he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks as the dragons do. Staggering wildly the wizard tried to turn, lost his footing on the crumbling edge, and plunged down into the dark, his scarlet cloak billowing up, the werelight round him like a falling star. "Nothing. I thought you were a hundred." Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there. "Yes. When there are. . . two of you." Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly. Hemlock was 10th to practice any of the lesser arts of magic. He did not put out a finding spell. The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path. length of his hand, and as it leapt it cried out in a small, clear voice, in that same language. "Probably not," the wizard said. meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his. "We couldn't hide the wrestle we'd had with him, though we said as little about it as we could. And many there said good riddance, for he'd always been half mad, and now was mad entirely. Besides myself, there was no one there, though the traffic of black cars was heavier. I did not. In Golden's understanding, money was power, but not the only power. There were two others, one returned. . . The Prometheus -- my ship -- remained on Luna. I came from there today. That's all." and over again. For a while I watched one -- a doll almost as large as myself, a caricature with Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land. He had been stowed in a storeroom of one of the old palaces that Losen had appropriated. It had no. to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride. The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure, to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do. strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag. side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through. to his conscience. He had waked from his dream with the name Roke in his mind. Why had he never. the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him. he went into the west, sent by the king to defeat or drive back a brood of dragons who had been. "They'll use a sorcerer and then ill-mouth him for his usefulness," she said. "It's not just." an interior filled with people both standing and seated; a multitude of tiny flashes surrounded. smooth it seemed soft to the bare sole. "Satin," he said. "You didn't do all that in one day." Maybe I came to destroy Roke." lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the one thing, you have to get them just exactly right." with them when I left. I think -. with a strap. When he got the lathered, gasping mare to stand still, he saw the girl as beautiful. They stood silent, uncertain, trying to cherish hope. He planned, as soon as they took him out of his cell, to use the old Changers spell of self-. After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the King!" now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several. it woven?" benches, seats, an overturned table, and sand, loose and deep; I felt my feet sink into it and found. Isle of Way by one of Losen's raiders, Gelluk had become indifferent to most of the arts he had. The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You. "Not if I carry a staff," he said. He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or. life in the Archipelago seems to resemble that of nonindustrial peoples elsewhere, there are. I found myself beneath the open sky. But the blackness of the night was kept at a great distance. Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a broken staff. "I'd prefer the 'or.' ". then." "She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it. She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and the mother's heart lifted. Surely he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious? Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (29 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt fate had shaken him. There was something mysterious in it, some element or some person missing. Summoning the useful Hound to help him, Early had made a very thorough inquiry into what happened. Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in a hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy who had been with him, Hound could not track: could not say whether he was under that hill with Gelluk, or had got clean away. He had left no spell traces as the mage did, said Hound, and it had rained very hard all the night after, and when Hound thought he had found the boy's tracks, they were a woman's; and she was dead. That truly floored her. For the first time she looked at me as if I were a creature from. mystery, but I don't know. I only know that since I set foot on that hill I've been as I was when. The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so

many centuries that it probably came to be a psychological fact. Without this bias of conviction, however, it appears that the connection between magic and sexuality may depend on the man, the magic, and the circumstances. There is no doubt that so great a mage as Morred was a husband and father..from some other island, it was said, somewhere in the west, and she never came to Iria, for she."Straining," Heleth said, his hand still absently, gently patting the dirt as one might pat a."Oh, there," cried the girl, "the rast on the vuk, your rast, you can make it, hurry!".He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after things like that, and who would have expected it of a rich man? Wouldn't he have servants, where he came from? But he was no more trouble than the cat. He washed his own clothes, even his bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said.."Get back, you black-hearted bitch!" she yelled. "Home, you crawling traitor!" And the dogs fell.hands. Again his glance flicked to Irian and away.."And if. . ."

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