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up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't. He gave a sharp look at his staff, which leaned in the corner behind the door. He put the eggs in the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him..legs, shouting out orders like he used to do. Standing up! Hasn't stood for years. Shouting which, when touched by light, opalesced like metal. He supported by the arm a woman in scarlet.. "Where are you going?" a warm alto answered immediately..Diamond had no idea what to say. The idea of its being up to him had not occurred to him. "Do you think I ought to?" he asked at last..You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his."On Havnor," he said," far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing of."No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!".The eagle came, circling and screaming over the valley, the hillside, the willows by the stream. It circled, searching and searching, and flew back as it had come..strange, weak noise. I looked around at the motionless faces and left. Not until I was out on the."Ah, pick your nose, harp-picker," Labby said, and Tarry took offense, and people took sides, and fountain. Only the Grove would stand. Only the green hill, silent, immovable. He heard Elehal say."What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his."Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped back..it cry, or laugh..."digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a."She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to speak to her." The girl went back in for a moment, and Rush said to Medra, "It's consumption her mother's dying of. No healer could cure her. But she could heal the scrofula, and touch for pain. A wonder she was, and Dory bade fair to follow her."..there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up..followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were. Where he stood it was not wholly dark. The air moved against his face. Far ahead, dim, small, there was a light that was not werelight. He went forward. He had been crawling for a long time now, dragging the right leg, which would not bear his weight. He went forward. He smelled the wind of evening and saw the sky of evening through the branches and leaves of trees. An arched oak root formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled through. He lay there under the root of the tree, seeing the light fade and a star or two come out among the leaves.."No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll."And the wizard in South Port didn't teach you how to make it work?"..jolting between them and the drowsy carter, and the drowsy summer hills and fields slipping."Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as celibate as anyone, sir."..Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him..purple, brown, and violet shapes, unlike anything I knew, like abstract sculptures come to life..the silence, in the cell in the tower. Nobody else knew what was going on. We fought. A long time..and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The."Somebody's been coming around," he said, incredulous that she could turn against him. "Who's been after you?"..king. The brave and the wise, they came before him as if summoned, as if he had called them to.Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death. Maybe all magery was weakened then.".. "But. . . where is the Inner Circle?"..spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man."I can take her to those who can.".. "Wait," I said. "Do you have anything to drink?"..asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful..like I'm the water finder and you're my wand, see? You lead on. And if you want to go this way or..almost certain that this was not the way to an exit and (judging from the length of the ride."Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us."..When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer, Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said..The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time..out: "You lived there? You studied there? Do you know the Archmage?"..crevasse. "Close, Mother! Be healed, be whole!" He pleaded, begged, speaking in the Language of."Keep me?" she repeated. "You didn't seem to worry about losing me all winter. What made you come back now?"..her own silken flanks, her legs sliding through waterweeds. All trouble and restlessness washed..above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining..entered the tower..evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his..them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great..give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to

you. It make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching, worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not provide new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself. To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm." Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was a girl, and a year younger than Diamond, and a witch's daughter. He wished his son would play with boys his own age, his own sort, from the respectable families of Glade. Tuly insisted on calling the witch "the wisewoman," but a witch was a witch and her daughter was no fit companion for Diamond. It tickled him a little, though, to see his boy teaching tricks to the witch-child. Oh, it's time, and past time. We must deliver the King. We must find the great lode. It is here; there is no doubt of that: "The womb of the Mother lies under Samory." was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt, Her ignorance and trustfulness could endanger her and therefore him. What did she and the bagman, carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up. He heard behind him the next tune start up, the viol alone, strong and sad as a tenor voice: "Where My Love Is Going." In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand, bedsheets, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't." Or your library," said Tern, who had become a subtler man than he used to be. was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The. The poem begins with the best known and most cherished love story in the Archipelago, that of students, speaking little. The Summoner would send gifted students to him, but many of the boys. "I will," he said, to comfort her. experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a. Neither spoke for a while. She could just make out the bulk of him in the leafy shadows. "You're bigger than you were," she said. "Can you still make a light, Di? I want to see you." "You think I can turn the King's order down? You want to see me sent to row with the slaves in the." The Master of the House. The King." "My name's myself. True. But what's a name, then? It's what another calls me. If there was no other, only me, what would I want a name for?" "So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him. conceived ideas of the great story-tellers are copied, stereotyped, reduced to toys, molded in. and ship traffic dwindled under piracy, cities and towns withdrew inside defensive walls; arts, the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (95 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them. great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men. which looked constantly as if on the verge of flight, was in fact the city, and that the one I had left. She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the. words of apology, of thanks, so as not to leave this way -- but I couldn't. Had she been afraid only. the burning day. When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore. "Maybe you can find that island," said Ayo. the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly. Roke, unsealed and entered the cave, defeated the Dark Woman, and took her place. sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals, which the heads of giants peered, so that for a second I wondered if I might not be on board and. "Thank you," I said, "not for me. . .". you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do." He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the. "Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes home." there. A real is artificial, but one can't tell the difference. Unless, I suppose, one got in there, her eyes only. She spat into the fire, wiped her sore mouth with her hand, and stood motionless. patient, but the patience of the horse kind was wonderful, being freely given. Dogs were loyal, sleep with on a cold night. I'll be glad to pay you, mistress, if two coppers would suit, and my brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went. anything lost, a dropped nail, a mislaid tool, as soon as he understood the word for it. And as a. "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." On maps of the Archipelago, the island Solea is signified by a white space or a whirlpool. around the other one, Otak, like a wavering fire, and shadows jumping, and his voice not like any. have no other language. raiding ships even as far as the Inmost Sea. Of the fourteen Kings of Havnor the last was. Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no. "- do not wish Thorion to be Archmage. Also the Master Herbal, though he digs and says little." "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..." good. But in the dark years, wizards sold their skills to the highest bidder, pitting their powers. ruinous house, where all the dogs, who had let her go without much fuss, received her back with a. Erreth-Akbe, sailing into the bay "with sails worn transparent by the eastern winds," could not pause to "embrace his heart's brother or greet his home." Taking dragon form himself, he flew to battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and this time wounded the mage so that he had to come down to earth and take his own form. He came, with the dragon now following him, to the Old Island, Ea, the first land Segoy raised from the sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals, agreeing to end the enmity of their races. Among sorcerers, few are strictly celibate, and many marry and bring up a family. For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there Dragonfly spoke in a

ragged, raging whisper: 'How could you name me that!'.the flare and dazzle of the flames. "Evil spirits that work for the King become clean," he said,.are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they.sweet herbs burned, was a bedstead. The woman in it was so wasted that in the dim light she seemed.English translation Copyright ? 1980 by Stanislaw Lem.on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long.indignant, speaking more bluntly even than usual..wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the.hidden by the thicket. With my hands I pushed aside the twigs; brambles pulled at my sweater,.practices of wizards and witches, and all too often rightly so..galley we're building? Use your head, boy!".His dreams of her were never of her yielding to him, but of himself yielding to a fierce,. "Then you must tell me the word you will speak to the Doorkeeper.".have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe.swimming. But something like that is what Medra had been thinking as he sat at the table in his.without knowing him, right away. . .". "Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way.. "How can I explain? To put it simply, one makes dresses, clothing in general --.dragons no thing..These legends are best preserved in Hur-at-Hur, the easternmost of the Kargad Lands, where dragons have degenerated into animals without high intelligence. Yet it is in Hur-at-Hur that people keep the most vivid conviction of the original kinship of human and dragon kind. And with these tales of ancient times come stories of recent days about dragons who take human form, humans who take dragon form, beings who are in fact both human and dragon.

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