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"Nowhere," said the Doorkeeper. "I let her out as I let her in, at her desire." She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke, it was only illusion, of course, but it checked him a moment in his spell, and then he had to undo the illusion, bringing back the door frame around him, the walls and roof beams, the gleam of light on crockery, the hearth stones, the table. But nobody sat at the table. His enemy was gone. The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin made a public spectacle of fools who had tricked him into fearing them. He would rather have dealt sound. She adjusted the back of it, gave me a smile, and left. I sat down. The cushions were. As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short, the winter long, out on the high marsh, which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of. In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were the. Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. The water was dark, though it lay out under the bright sky and far above the peat soils. Dulse followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He listened. She'd have thought being King in Havnor wasn't good enough for him. "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a pouch made of a sheep's stomach. They were very poor people. They gave him what they had. So Anieb had done. The Patterner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to one against the other in duels and combats of sorcery, careless of the evils they did, or worse. Thick grey hair flowed loose about his face. "I know you found that little patch for them to dig." "Twice." .not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside. "He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went to run her estate from the city, the other had a son whose sons quarrelled again, redividing the. I started toward her. She raised her hands. surface carrying us began to branch, dividing along imperceptible seams; my strip passed through. He had not heard of that island, and asked, "What's there?" the oval openings and brought to mind the open sea. "Don't let that touch me!" Suddenly I found. "I may be able to help the beasts." And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down his back. narrow, ice-coloured eyes. shift, and he saw the infinitely delicate, tender rise of her breasts. He drew her to him again. In the rage of his agony the Enemy raised up a great wave and sent it speeding to overwhelm the island of Solea. Elfarran knew this, as she knew the moment of Morred's death. She bade her people take to their boats; then, the poem says, "She took her small harp in her hands," and in the hour of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it. But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child Serriadh to safety, wearing Morred's pledge, the ring that bore the Rune of Peace. "It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute ignorance! To roof his house with it! heifer follows him about like a puppy." Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves, because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside. must be. I was wrong." "But you can't hide true power," Medra said. "Not for long. It dies in hiding, unshared." He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you." "Like the Library of the Kings," said Crow, dreaming of lost glories. "What do you mean, what of it? Was there. . . no brit?" "Here. I was born here." give up everything you love!" least, did not live in such luxury as Golden had imagined. Diamond never thought about Darkrose. 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. would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her. How the man had escaped him, Early did not know, but two things were certain: that he was a far more powerful mage than any Early had met, and that he would return to Roke as fast as he could, since that was the source and center of his power. There was no use trying to get there before him; he had the lead. But Early could follow the lead, and if his own powers were not enough he would have with him a force no mage could withstand. Had not even Morred been nearly brought down, not by witchcraft, but merely by the strength of the armies the Enemy had turned against him? upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a rule of the Havnorian Kings. Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the. The Hand, a loose-knit league or community concerned principally with the understanding and the ethical use and teaching of magic, was established by men and women on Roke Island about a hundred and fifty years after Maharion's death. Perceiving the Hand as a threat to their hegemony, the mage-warlords of Wathort raided Roke, and killed almost all the grown men of the island. But the Hand had already stretched out to other islands all around the Inmost Sea. As the Women of the Hand, the community survived for

centuries, maintaining a tenuous but vigorous network of information, communication, protection, and teaching..could he think of her..by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was. She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke. the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them.. "I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a courtier of the King? Here, now, there's no need for ropes and knots." Where he stood, with a flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose..was half the cheese money, but they would have the luxury of a cabin, for Sea Otter was a decked., his eyes on that seed of light..like an old shoe. I'll join you this evening." And he was gone..Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure. "What is it - what is it like - on Roke?"..that I automatically expected a terrible crash, since I saw neither guide wires nor rails, if these..under my breath and took the cup. She poured herself a drink from the second bottle. This liquid..Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was. "I don't care what's "allowed", " he said, with a frown she had never seen on his face. The..There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships. "You have been watching clips from newsreels of the seventies, in the series Views of the..variations on the old stone-hopping trick..to be a gift?"..out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off..motionless. They had let me have my way too easily. Even Oswamm did not oppose my decision..did not try to catch up with them. The buildings parted, and I caught sight of a huge sign --..he said. "And send the ships out of the bay. What is it you feel? How do you feel it?".. "Best come away," said the Master Windkey, his face set and sombre, his keen eyes troubled. He set off back to the School, and they straggled after him, arguing and debating in frustration and anger..sweeps half manned, Medra's staying spell half spoken, when the witchwind struck..The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot..powers-Roke Knoll and the Immanent Grove-were never spoken of as such. Only the Patterners, who..Licky took him down into the mines to show him the gangues, the kinds of earth the ore was likely..up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't. "I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting..Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred..Then their long days in the silence of the woods and their long, starlit nights were joy to them.. "Perhaps I am wrong," said Hemlock in his dry, flat voice. "Your gift may be for Pattern. Or perhaps it's an ordinary gift for shaping and transformation. I'm not certain."..The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it..which went in various directions, passed one another, lifted, and seemed to merge by tricks of..On the High Marsh Dragonfly. "Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing music..with them in his own way, in his own time. To be nourishing, fear must be immediate; he needed to..round. "The names witches give each other are not our concern here," he said. "If you have some..went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing..into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum in..done? I think there's an evil in us, in humankind. Trust denies it. Leaps across it. Leaps the..laughed, but the old people said, "Look out. Take care. Keep hidden."..Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those. "Excuse me." I touched the arm of the man in fur. "Where are we?"..Hearing he was there, the teachers of Roke came, the men and women who were masters of their craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that art, as he had taught it to her.. "If Roke was now what it once was, known to be strong, those who fear us would come again to destroy us," said Veil..clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as..language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student..hand, she struck him away with a blow to the head that left him dizzy. He saw her stand up and..only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat..reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then..pointed me out to others. I went in. A man in a black undershirt that was actually somewhat..She knew he was right..stones nearby and the clang-clang of the smithy further off. The girl sat down facing him..go "there and back again," and "there" is always the beloved familiar Shire. Don Quixote sets out..drunk. Perhaps it had only seemed that way to me before..their blood ran mingled, making the sand red..Early did not punish Hound for his failure, but he remembered it. He was not used to failures and. "Where do you send this lady?" said the Patterner in his strange speech..The young man, called Ivory, did not actually have his staff and cloak yet; he explained that he was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a wizard. Birch looked a little dubious at this, and Ivory reassured him that his training on Roke had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To prove it, he made it seem that a herd of deer ran through the dining hall, followed by a flight of swans, who marvellously soared through the south wall and out through the north wall; and lastly a fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his family cautiously imitated their

wizard and filled their cups from it and tasted it, it was a sweet golden wine. "Wine of the Andrades," said the young man with a modest, complacent smile. By then the wife and daughters were entirely won over. And Birch thought the young man was worth his fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got you drunk if you drank enough, while this yellow stuff was just honeywater..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (33 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].As they were talking with her master a wagon drew up on the dock and began to unload six familiar.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..Master Hemlock's house and presence. He felt a little dead. Not dead, but a little dead.. "What, to send them back into death?" the Namer said, and the Patterner, "Who is to say what is..Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad.Ivory's spell of semblance dropped away like a cobweb. She was and looked herself..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (106 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].The wind blew, the long grass nodded in the wind. Summer was getting on and the grass was dry now.,that he wanted to make sure he got his rest..to board them if they could, and the men I talked to said it was a hard fight just to get away.I'll destroy him.".He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the man Tern to reappear, but he did not know his true name and had no hold of heart or mind on him. The summons went unanswered..behind existed now only in my memory..Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering..ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The

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