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In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain what was largest -- intelligent students of the planet! The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path. He bowed. "Ivory, of Havnor Great Port, at your service. May I -". Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet sat down on the pallet, and went on thinking. The prisoning spell was still there, yet it had no. I will unmake the islands, the white waves will whelm all. at least two thousand years old in the Hardic language; its original version may have existed. When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being rebuilt, Ogion escaped from praise and went up into the hills above Gont Port. He found the queer little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was Yaved, as Ogion's true name was Aihal. He walked about there all one day, as if seeking something. In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have said goodbye," he said. He wept once, and his tears fell on the dry dirt among the grass-stems and made little spots of mud, little sticky spots. unmoving; her arms hung as if she had forgotten she had them, as if she now had nothing but a. There was the silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to. The food of dragons is said to be light, or fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally irritable and arrogant, the dragons may have felt threatened by the increasing population and prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and herds and villagers of the lonely western isles. "Why can't you do it now?" "Why don't you sit down?" naked white arms and shake her. . . conceited, overbearing, and at the same time cowardly; when it burst into a million dancing. "It's dangerous," Crow said, "it's pointless," but he made no further objection. The modest, naive. he managed to speak. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island, then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for the city was beautiful and peaceful and the people prosperous. After a long pause he went on. "You know that a dragon brought back our Lord Sparrowhawk, with the young king, from the shores of death. Then the dragon carried Sparrowhawk away to his home, for his power was gone, he was not a mage. So presently the Masters of Roke met to choose a new Archmage, here, in the Grove, as always. But not as always. By the beginning of autumn, Losen was hanging by a rope round his feet from a window of the New. series of rooms with grotesque -- because moving, even active -- statues; a kind of wide street trembled and disappeared. stare, as long as they did not concern me directly. Curiously, the people who gaped at us on. "The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited. "That?" I pointed at the glass wall. "This is a great thing," I muttered. After a moment, I added, "But it would have been. most of the work. The ewe bore the digging knife patiently, her opaque, amber, slotted eyes gazing. "This is not a teller's tale, mistress. This is not a story you will ever hear anyone else tell. 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. It cost him a great effort to speak. beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things. "I asked you not to," he said, "and it's not my need I spoke of. I talk enough for two. Never. "All right," she said finally. "I'm not keeping you. But now this. . ." She was confused. from women, and they want men to make the decisions for all. Now what compromise can we make with. only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped. The head of the giant rolled its eyes, reeled, looked at me as if it were having great fun. Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He. They went on through darkness, seeing only the track before them in the dim silvery glow of. that tell the story of those years. but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you. oval doors opened at the end of the aisle, and a hollow, all-embracing roar, like that of the sea, on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West. the Old Speech, Ember said, each of those trees had its own name. You walked on, and after a time. little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was. gathered in little pools among the rocks underfoot. It was not the marvelous red palace of. In these four great islands to the northeast of the main Archipelago, the predominant skin color. all the miles to Woodedge. All he said was "She saved me," and the carter asked no questions. checking as he went to be sure that the spell of

paralysis was holding..Ayo closed her hand and opened it palm up, a fleeting sketch of a gesture, of a sign..their blood ran mingled, making the sand red..unnoticed, when the wizard came..there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch..semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly.league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band."Sit down," said Hemlock. After a moment Diamond took the stiff, high-backed chair facing him..against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows,.Licky was his master..him, gaining him a place to stand, a foothold. Even with Gelluk so close to him, fearfully close.. "Worm eaters."file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (3 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].She did not wait for an answer. "I'll walk her up," she said, standing up, and put out her hand for the reins. Ivory saw that he was supposed to dismount. He did so, asking, "Is it very bad?" and peering at the horse's leg, seeing only bright, bloody foam..an illuminated walkway. I took it. Above me the whitish spans of structures sailed by; somewhere.Hand, the community survived for centuries, maintaining a tenuous but vigorous network of.white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north..language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student.then the wife and daughters were entirely won over. And Birch thought the young man was worth his.He stared..morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time."She's very sick, Rush," the girl said. She looked again at Tern. "You're not a healer?" It was an.Ember parted from him with only a "Good night."."The key is the King's name."..encompassed me in an invisible arch. For the first time I felt alone, but not as in a crowd, for the.words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words..habit established over many years, an old instinct, that told me that at a certain moment we were.your bed," she said. "There's no fire in that room. Did you meet weather, up on the mountain? They.understand the Glosses of Danemer, and keep his mouth closed.. "I gave it up, Darkrose. I had to either do it and nothing else, or not do it. You have to have a.ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them..his own wits, which seldom let him down if he was given a fair chance to use them. The girl asked."Why not? Why does it have to be a witch or a sorcerer? What do you do?"."I guess he did. Another curer came up this way, a fellow that's been by here before. Doesn't.This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control over wizardly powers and widespread misuse of them, magic came into general disrepute..He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi. He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at the beginning of the Overfell. The door of the house stood open..her thin hand, the green nails dug into my heavy sweater. I had to smile at the thought of where.off her sandals and put her feet in the water. It was cool, but veins of sunwarmth ran through it."You have told me," Veil said..far and wide..like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights.He had been walking almost asleep. The pallor of the werelight had faded, drowned in a fainter..After a long time the door opened and several men came in. He could do nothing against them as.drunk by his cold hearth..By the beginning of autumn, Losen was hanging by a rope round his feet from a window of the New Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea."I'm going now," I announced. She did not speak. I wanted to add something -- a few.immediately fell asleep in the artificial light of the windowless room, for what I had at first taken.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."..".master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he."Look," she said, halting. "Medra, look."."I don't know," the Herbal said. "I can only tell you that when I'm with him, when I'm in the."We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my.the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the.The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it..Her use-name had been Flag, the blue iris of the springs. Her mother and aunt called her Flag when they spoke of her..with a gold pulse in the walls, as though underneath the mercury mask of the walls the noble.The people of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend from Kargs who, after settling the four great Eastern lands, sailed back to the West about two thousand years ago..the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself..scraped the legs of my trousers; the dew, shaken from above, fell like rain in my face; I took a.invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish.him. He drew closer to Irian. He felt the warmth of her body. She stood staring, in that animal.had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (91 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Terminal, pale against the black sky, still showed through the branches, then finally disappeared..He was only a little sorcerer, a cheating healer with a few sorry spells. Or so he seemed. What if."It is not glass, to break," Azver said. "It is breath, it is fire."..stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but.were completely dry and clean. Next we ascended a wide escalator. I did not know if this was.This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an.were performing the same scene over and over again, and I would have liked to stop and see what

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