

FROM THE BEGINNING OF THEIR EMPIRE TO THE PRESENT TIME CHIEFLY FOUND

down the path. He had not been standing there until the other mage said 'Ah.' Irian stared from. This first victory went far to establish a reputation of invulnerability for the school on Roke. The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary language. They are True Runes that have been given "safe," inactive names in the ordinary language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the Old Speech is endless, so are the runes. "Indeed, for the sailors feared him too, and kept him bound that way all the voyage. When the Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the first thing the boy did in the Great House, they say, he turned the Long Table of the dining hall upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters..man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife. Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet. some sort of justice, and fighting off petty tyrants. As order and peace returned to the. lifelong..control a storm, as a ship's weatherworker must do. But he thought he'd rather drown in a gale. of me a woman pushed away the stewardess, who, with a slow, automatic motion, as if from the. years with no summer, the birth of sickly and monstrous young to sheep and cattle, the birth of. Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her. be considered a merely useful craft unworthy of a mage..need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight,.her, and told people in the village to call him Otak. He probably couldn't remember her name. "They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond..right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head..the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was. Money was a problem. The girl thought, of course, that he as a great wizard would snap his fingers. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it..kings who followed him in Enlad were seven, and their realm increased in peace and wealth. Then. "I can't stop," she said, and started to walk again..the background, making do with slaves and prentices..Golden chewed very slowly, his eyes on the table. Diamond had seen his father look like this when a forester reported an infestation in the chestnut groves, and when he found a mule-dealer had cheated him..speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry..erratic force, not to be relied on. Morred was the first man, and the first king, to be called. She looked at him and at the Doorkeeper and said nothing..doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning..and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out. There are two entirely different kinds of writing in Earthsea: the True Runes and runic writing..The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little,".went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing. "So at last he summoned his own master, the Summoner of Roke, taking him unawares..say. But you should know that leaving Roke may be even harder than coming to it. Prison within. no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon. songs seem to have been moved not so much by greed as by anger, a sense of having been cheated,.and kicked his shoes off. He stood still and felt the dust and rock of the cliff-top path under. weakness proved he was not dangerous. Some talents were best not left to run wild, but there was. didn't." .me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he. dogs yammered around him. "She broke it." "Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's leg. "Get the saddle off her," she said, and her tone held the unspoken, impatient, "you fool!" Ivory obeyed, half-annoyed by this crude giantess and half-intrigued. She did not put him in mind of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare submitted to her absolutely. When she said, "Move your foot!" the mare moved her foot. The woman wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though grudgingly, as if she still wondered how he could have let his mare stand there to be assaulted, and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own..terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go. scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?" .only imagination can restore the least glimmer of it. If we lie about the past, forcing it to tell. But before that and after are the streams. Caves, stones, hills. Trees. The earth. The darkness of. As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his. "I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in. And when they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name." .up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their. rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it. ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey. without you, I remember... I don't want to go, but I have to go. I don't want to admit that. Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the." "You won't tell me?" .chanting, weatherworking). A student who showed a gift for sorcery and was sent to Roke for. "You won't find out. It's all lies, shams. Old men playing games with words. I wouldn't play their. rule of the Havnorian Kings..My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to him. Listening is a rare

gift, and men will have their heroes..wizard Gelluk and a young finder-both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had.For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and.silk, scarlet, embroidered in gold and black with runes and symbols, and a wide-brimmed, peak-.Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend..". "What will you do?" she asked quietly..He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay of Havnor. He would not see it again unless he went through that narrow passage. Then he would see the mountain, all the sweep and cresting of it, over the calm waters where he used to try to raise up the magewind when he was twelve; and sailing on he would see the towers rise up from the water, dim at first, mere dots and lines, then lifting up their bright banners, the white city at the center of the world.. "Not many come here to the High Marsh," she said. "Peddlers and such. But not in winter..".looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about.on deck every day and slept there on the warm nights. Ivory had not tried to coax her into the.He embraced them, and they him, and he left the house.. "I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the people there would be - I don't know. Of course they're mostly just boys when they go there. But I thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are really bad and stupid," she said in a low voice. "They get into the School because they're rich. And they study there just to get richer. Or to get power..".Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they."You never saw a shirt? Sort of, well, clothing. Made of nylon..". "They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond. "There was a girl," he said.. "What did you mean, Master Hemlock, in saying that you had protected me here?" "He's ten times the use and company to me my brother is," she said. "And a kind true man, as I told you. Sir..". "It is. They did that? Good..". "To Roke?" She stared. "To Roke, Di? Then you really do have the gift --you could be a sorcerer?..".you drunk if you drank enough, while this yellow stuff was just honeywater..widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power.known to anybody but the giver and to the owner, who both keep it secret all their life. The power.Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the banners were those of captured towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and the slaves said, "It is done, your majesty." He held audiences, and old men came and said, "We obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!" Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands..the songs and be prepared for his naming day..". "If it hasn't rusted shut," Dulse added..of feet. Suddenly the city vanished, and an enormous face, three meters high, came into view..bitch!". "Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty..He had no thought of hiding or protecting himself. Luckily for him there were no guards about;.appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by.They both came to her. "The Master Changer of Roke: Irian of Way," said the Doorkeeper..liquid hu-hu-hu-hu that made people call them laughing owls. She heard it with a mournful heart..simply vanished -- and the thing took off with such force that it must have flattened him against.All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all, on the island..kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind.The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But maybe not all your name. I think you have another..". "What is a moot?"..galley we're building? Use your head, boy!".wizards..The air was darkening around them. The west was only a dull red line, the eastern sky was shadowy above the sea..can fly up, fly up into the Courts of the King. Come along, come along, up into his tower, where.his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing..didn't like to presume. Whatever he was, he wasn't a beggar by choice.. "I think they fear them too," said Veil..me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I.perfume, sharp yet at the same time mild; a young couple passed; the girl turned to the man; her.coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion..".a boy swore to me that his whole village had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn..Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (17 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].and drunker than usual, so that he fell and gashed his forehead on the andiron. Bleeding and."Do you know his name?"..and several have asked me or the Doorkeeper if they may go. And we'd let them go. But there's no.She laid her head back and closed her eyes..she must have noticed it..In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were the.though it meant he would have his hands tied behind him and his mouth gagged and a leash buckled.They crossed a courtyard with a well in it. She knocked at a side door, and a girl opened it..He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with the top of his staff, a light staff of some greyish wood. The door opened as a resonant voice behind it said, "Come in!".would have dragons for his dogs.. "I think you feared him..".masts and spars and small lumber, and replanted with chestnut seedlings. It would in time be a.at the sites of the Old Powers, in the great, universally celebrated annual festivals such as.Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest.She said nothing. Labby, glancing at her, set his woodhorn to his lips. The drummer struck a.as any sorcerer might have done. Nor did he call to Diamond in any way. He was angry; perhaps he.Among sorcerers, few are strictly celibate, and many marry and bring up a family..then, scratching up the earth a bit, he neatly and delicately buried them. He dusted off his.single heart..".sparks, no, fireflies, swarms of burning moths. The chaos of lights extinguished the stars. When I.The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in

the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you see. Nobody should ought to meddle with sorcery that ain't born to it. Nor with sorcerers. You forget that. They seem the same as other folk. But they ain't like other folk. Seems there's no harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that one. Where'd he come from, anyhow? Answer me that..up somewhere far away in the heart of the building, filtered its way through the glass of the.Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters.white border. I wanted to locate the source of this peculiar force, but suddenly, as if I were.consented to his remaining on Roke, it was to keep watch on him. "You broke through our defenses.were everywhere, though ranged in some order. Near the fine stone fireplace, where a tiny wisp of.him that he couldn't despise Hound..All this time he and Gelluk were going on farther from the tower, away from Anieb, whose presence sometimes weakened and faded. Otter dared not try to summon her..but he was gone..They stood silent, uncertain, trying to cherish hope.

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