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something inside me kept repeating: So even time has changed. That somehow did me in. I saw have anyone. It's strange. . . with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted. . . gift. She and some men and women like her, people of no fame and some of questionable reputation. "You want me to stay?" "But she was only a girl like the others, too," Mead said, and hid her face. "A good girl," she said. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (64 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. nothing but bone and shadow. As Tern came close she tried to sit up and to speak. Her daughter and sensed danger. Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that." to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?" A while after that he left Pendor, drawn southward again, and maybe went to Ensmar. In one guise. Ember parted from him with only a "Good night." throat as he swallowed, and they laughed and chattered, and he shivered all over like a cart horse. "Yes. When there are. . . two of you." Nine Masters only the Patterner and the Doorkeeper protested; they were overruled. For more than a fountain, perhaps because it was pleasant to come across something even a little familiar. But I. "Oh, yes, since he's cured half the herds and got paid six coppers for it, time for him to go, right enough! I'll have him here as long as I choose, and that's the end of it." because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside. When in 730 the first Archmage of Roke, Halkel of Way, excluded women from the school, among his version of it, and several other versions already current. In the best of them, Otak had towered. faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal and a powerful mage when he faced the dragon Orm. separately. They did not even hold it against me that I got Olaf to rebel (because if it had not been. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (52 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Ah, that," Medra said, rueful. Looking for the bathroom, I accidentally found the bed; it was in a wall and fell in a. Ember usually scowled when he greeted her. She asked him abrupt questions, listened to his wizardry. And he had learned a man's name. 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. He heard an eagle scream. He got to his feet. He leapt into the dark. "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town? killed and killing, beyond these shores. You say it, and I believe it." But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also, like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit, consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand, Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of all a judgment on his son. "On Havnor," he said, "far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing of the world, there are still women of the Hand. That net hasn't broken after so many years. How was it woven?" "Ah." Presently he said, "The Master Summoner is not old." And she got a sidelong look from those. the Bond Rune or Rune of Peace, believed to be a guarantee of peaceful and righteous rule. "Let. "Who says that?". sides; it resembled the hull of a peculiarly painted vessel lying on its side. This, visible through their Parley and merchant and trade guilds. . . staring up at the words visible here and there between the rushes in the eaves, began to tremble. "Pretty good, pretty good," his father said. "Keep practicing." And he went on. He was not sure. "That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail. spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he. it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc. "This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the. there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the. Seven or eight years after Tehanu was published, I was asked to write a story set in Earthsea. A. enough. I walked awhile. I remember that later I sat by a fountain, though perhaps it was not a. seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though. occasionally the blur of a face shone, once I even brushed by someone. The crowns of the trees. him. The mare was afraid of dogs and liable to buck and bolt, so he kept his distance. But he had. apart. They are safe from sea-pirates in Gont Port. But their safety is their danger; the long bay. "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. be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged. break the stillness of their surface, but he drank from them. He thought he had gone down deeper. "I wanted to ask you to go away with me," he said. was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain. may be a matter for talk among the nine of us. "We entered a small bright room. Instead of a ceiling it had long rows of tiny flames, like. strong there, she said. "I will unmake the islands, the white waves will whelm all. "There are no such people," she said. It seemed to me that I had not heard her right. "He wanted me to go to the College on Roke to study with the Master Summoner. He was going to send. not threateningly, but with pleasure. He gazed

at Otter again, his large, white face smooth and. The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to overweening confidence in the young of their kind. They expect modesty to come later, if at all. "I said Roke," Hemlock said in a tone that said he was unused to having to repeat himself. And then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find a wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names. The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty breed modesty, sometimes, even in unlikely places. "If you were to go to Roke, I'd send a letter with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner." "Child, don't be ridiculous." "No, nothing. And if a girl visits a man, what then?" freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing. The ocean, however, is older than the islands; so say the songs.. To it he flew, and on it landed, and as he touched the earth he was a man again.. in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that. The Book of the Dark, written late in the time it tells of, is a compilation of self-contradictory. settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep. now, dragging the right leg, which would not bear his weight. He went forward. He smelled the wind. "They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him listen and begin to learn. It took them a long time. There was a rivalrous spirit in him that made him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I was lucky. I learned my lesson young.. day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through. He did not forgive his son. It would have made a happy ending, but he would not have it. To leave so, without a word, on his nameday night, to go off with the witch-girl, leaving all the honest work undone, to be a vagrant musician, a harper twanging and singing and grinning for pennies -- there was nothing but shame and pain and anger in it for Golden. So he had his tragedy.. "I want to go home," she said.. all, a love story can happen at any time, anywhere. "On the High Marsh" is a story from the brief. storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra. her clothes, and pulled them on, still swearing - "You coward wizard! You traitorous son of a. to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The. "The key is the King's name." Medra knew only a hint of this story from Ember. One night Veil, who was three years older than Ember and to whom the memory was much clearer, told it to him fully. Ember sat with them, listening in silence.. No, not for her. We can do nothing for the dead. But for..." them, he knew. It had come with her.. The Changer and a thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine." was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and. him I wasn't coming back, he thought, his last words in Hardic, his last grief, for he was in the. you." And when he had drunk his soup, and she was settled with her mending, he told it.. Birch was sending a carter down to Kembermouth with six barrels of ten-year-old Fanian ordered by the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you." Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed. "You can. Oh, you can!" a tall white staff, the horn of a sea beast from the farthest North, stood in the decked prow of. "And who is Irian?" for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has. The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?" talons to a man's legs and his great wings to arms.. and her shame turned slowly into anger.. Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Turren," he said, after a time, almost in a. "I'll bring food," he said, and strode on, quickening his pace so that he vanished soon, though. She had never seen where he lived. He slept wherever he chose to, she imagined, in these warm

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