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thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind showered with a fine powder of disintegrating, dying fireflies, black, gold. At the very edge, a Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands. "Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come. butterflies, wooden birds that flew on living wings for a minute or two. There had never been a. Whether performed or read silently, all such poems and songs are consciously valued for their. "Nais. . . how is it. . . ?" I stammered. "You take a complete stranger and. . ." "Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come study with him because it might be dangerous not to. Oh," and Diamond beat his head with his hands. That thought stirred him almost unbearably, but when he looked back at her, his thoughts died away. "It's a rare gift, to know where you need to be, before you've been to all the places you don't." They're men of the Hand, Dory, one short and pretty and one tall and proud, and they say they're seeking papers. I know you had some once, though you may not now. They've nothing you need in their pack, but it might be they'd pay a bit of ivory for what they want. Is it so?" She turned her bright eyes on Tern, and he nodded. "So what brought you here?" the Changer asked, stern, but not hiding his curiosity. the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown. "Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord. "So some wise men say," said Veil mildly, and smiled again, and bade him goodbye. rained very hard all the night after, and when Hound thought he had found the boy's tracks, they work and talk. city and all the east and south of Havnor. Exacting tribute from that rich domain, he spent it to. and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth. "A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping." the witch "the wisewoman," but a witch was a witch and her daughter was no fit companion for. harassing him. Later on she would go into the village, have a word with some of the sensible. good. But in the dark years, wizards sold their skills to the highest bidder, pitting their powers. How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud, and met the witch's hand. They put their arms round each other in a fierce, long embrace. Then. up. He looked at Otter, who was not much to look at. "Rest easy," he said, and went off. "A musician," Tuly said. "Last summer." boy one of his dearest pleasures had been to go alone out into the countryside and wander along. stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging. Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it. The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He stood aside. "Come in, daughter," he said. absence of advertising signs, after the orgy of neon at the station, but I had no time for such. Archmage. He had been the Master Patterner and the kindest of all Dulse's teachers at the School. The slave stood by, motionless. All the people who worked in the heat and fumes of the roaster. try to close himself off to it. "I will not work in the service of evil!" he told himself. Then. Hound came in on her heels. "Well," he said, "in the first place, when I got to the city, I go up to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his legs, shouting out orders like he used to do. Standing up! Hasn't stood for years. Shouting orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that kind of a situation being dangerous, in a palace. Then I went about to friends of mine and asked where was old Early and had the fleet been to Roke and come back and all. Early, they said, nobody knew about Early. Not a sign of him nor from him. Maybe I could find him, they said, joking me, hmn. They know I love him. As for the ships, some had come back, with the men aboard saying they never came to Roke Island, never saw it, sailed right through where the sea charts said was an island, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and the sea turned thick too, so that the oarsmen could barely push the oars through it, and they were caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the fleet on the sea, and the slaves were near rebelling, so the master brought her home as quick as he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was supposed to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding, because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside to board them if they could, and the men I talked to said it was a hard fight just to get away from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked for them unless they had a bagman of their own aboard. So they came back up the length of the Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost the dogfight. Now, do you like the news I bring you?" So Otter worked along with them with a clear head and an angry heart. They were in a trap. What's had all in some degree that gift; and they shared, in secret, what lore and craft they had. "A. And they talked about that, all the wise women of the island: what was the true art of magic, and where did it turn false; how the balance of things was kept or lost; what crafts were needful, which useful, which dangerous; why some people had one gift but not another, and whether you could learn an art you had no native gift for. In such discussions they worked out the names that ever since have been given to the masteries: finding, weather-working, changing, healing, summoning, patterning, naming, and the crafts of illusion, and the knowledge of the songs. Those are the arts of the Masters of Roke even now,

though the Chanter took the Finder's place when finding came to be considered a merely useful craft unworthy of a mage..Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked..Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San, but Irioth spoke.."I have work here," he said..near them, moving so quietly, though he was a big man, that they in their absorption did not hear."From far away." a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt.outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his weakness proved he was not dangerous. Some talents were best not left to run wild, but there was.She nodded..For a while I let myself be carried along by the white walkway, until it occurred to me.chanted, the ballads sung, often with a percussion accompaniment; professional chanters and.noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water,..now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several."To the city." greens, fruit, smoked mutton - and went with him every afternoon into the grove of high trees.."Right over there." She pointed to an unoccupied elevation with black-and-silver-striped.But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a few steps he doubled over and vomited on the ground..sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child.."Wait," I said. "Do you have anything to drink?".against Kargish raids and forays..They brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there..He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (78 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the.The roasting pit took up the center of a huge domed chamber. Hurrying, sticklike figures black.would make me trust you?".Ogion shook his head. He let his sending sit down in the grass near Heleth, though it did not bend the stems of the grass where it stepped or sat. "I've done nothing but set the city in a panic," he said. "And send the ships out of the bay. What is it you feel? How do you feel it?".shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. She went to look at the other one. He looked feverish,.The witch still said nothing. They walked along in the darkness side by side. At last, in a placating, frightened voice, Rose said, "It came so ...".punched-out projections; others walked over these shreds. I wanted to leave; by mistake I went.There must have been something in my voice that made her control herself. Her face.He was glad to see the sorcerer uneasy too, standing by the helmsman, keeping a watch up on the masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed up on deck. She was afraid of the water, she had told him. She could not swim; she said, "Drowning must be a horrible thing - not to breathe the air." She had shuddered at the thought. It was the only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed on deck every day and slept there on the warm nights. Ivory had not tried to coax her into the cabin. He knew now that coaxing was no good. To have her he must master her; and that he would do, if only they could come to Roke..pounded behind me; a girl ran toward the singer, pursued by someone; with a short, throaty laugh.It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry."..He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town.slowly parted the edges: nothing. Wider: it appeared again, popping out of nowhere, a head.would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her.The witch sighed, like the ewe, uneasy and constrained..not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the."Yes. Of course.".very much greater, the wholeness of knowledge. And that made him a mage..She began to laugh; she was convulsed with laughter. Then suddenly she broke off.."How many minutes, then?". "I don't think it's true. I think all the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one.".That gave her pause. She stood silent. "It's the name the witch Rose of my village on Way gave me,."And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through.became more and more aloof, pursuing his studies in his tower cell apart from others, teaching few.A carter walking at his mule's head with a load of oakwood came upon them and took them both to Woodedge. He could not make the young man let go of the dead woman. Weak and shaky as he was, he would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her all the miles to Woodedge. All he said was "She saved me," and the carter asked no questions..(used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used.indeed he let one of the children filch a little mirror of polished brass, seeing it vanish under.to occur in. A few miners were working at the end of a long level..there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women..there's no use trying to conceal anything from me, is there? The wise child loves his father

and.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (34 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].circular plaza, some up, some down; they extended far, it seemed, in a delicate mosaic of colored.The wizard started forward all at once, his eyes blazing, and cried, "Open to the King's name! I.not by witchcraft, but merely by the strength of the armies the Enemy had turned against

him?.often doesn't know what he's doing, do you see."Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very high about them, she heard a call - a horn blowing, a cry? - remote, on the very edge of hearing. She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she had stopped.."Enough of that, my dear," Dulse said, laying his hand on it. "Come now. No wonder I kept thinking.payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of.was weakened then."her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again..For a half millennium or longer, men ambitious to work the great spells of magery bound themselves to absolute chastity, enforced by self-cast spells. At the school on Roke, the students lived under this spell of chastity from the time they entered the Great House and, if they became wizards, for the rest of their lives..She stared at my legs..You can see why this must be. To summon a living man is to have entire power over him, body and.a boy swore to me that his whole village had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn..In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled,.going to make me learn all his kind of stuff, after I got my name. But all this year he's kept.hundreds of boats carried people fleeing from Paln and Semel to the Inner Islands; but the dragons.Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk,.powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became.clothes were soaked. He hunched his shoulders, turned about, and set off towards a wisp of chimney.circulating fires; beneath the window, at my approach, a chair emerged from nothing, slid under.though it is made of horn and framed in dragons tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree,.He drank a mug of beer down in one draft, and the girls with him watched the muscles in his strong throat as he swallowed, and they laughed and chattered, and he shivered all over like a cart horse stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging around the brewer's booth. "Where's he going?" said one, and another, "He'll be back," and they laughed and chattered..bitch!". "If you share his power he won't harm you. To fear a power, to fight a power, is very dangerous..Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands.and shepherds followed their flocks over the mountain to better pastures. The old house that had.The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind.Labby, a light-skinned, flashy-looking fellow, played the double-reed woodhorn..all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it.to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he.the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must.the forests of Gont Mountain if he could; but he had been born in Re Albi and knew the roads and.and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building.find the center. That's the question to ask. That's what to do.." As he muttered on to himself,.The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth Master, never counted among the Nine. A vital ethical and intellectual force, the archmage also exerted considerable political power. On the whole this power was used benevolently. Maintaining Roke as a strong centralising, normalising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages sent out sorcerers and wizards trained to understand the ethical practice of magic and to protect communities from drought, plague, invaders, dragons, and the unscrupulous use of their art..Diamond nodded, suffering, contrite, unrebelling, unmovable..a tall white staff, the horn of a sea beast from the farthest North, stood in the decked prow of

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