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mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he thin woodlands towards the foothills that hid Mount Onn from the lowlands of Samory..Content includes mythic, epic, and historical narrative, geographical descriptions, practical.clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as."No. I don't. Rose wouldn't teach me. She said she didn't dare. Because I had power but she didn't.wizard? Did he know you were going?".survived the dark years. Wanting praise, not history, the warlords burnt the books in which the.called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey."I gave it up, Darkrose. I had to either do it and nothing else, or not do it. You have to have a single heart.".Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village."He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he.of flowers, which I inhaled eagerly. Cherry blossom? No, not cherry blossom.. "What did she do?" Ayo asked, softly..In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells.. "Fragments," Crow said, dismissing his life's work. "Remnants!".we will wait there for the others of the Nine.".He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and.perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it..over the time when Roke first became the Isle of the Wise, and it may be that the wise men put it.dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against."You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just.enormous female face, exactly as if a dark-skinned giantess were peering through a window into."A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared, thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them, what had become of their power. They didn't know..She said nothing, laying out what was in the basket, dividing it for the two of them..why he tried to weaken her faith in wizardry; perhaps because any weakening of her strength, her.He stopped in front of her. She felt herself blush, her face and throat burning, dizzy, her ears.Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was.Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no.feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and

the.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (97 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they.smiled..When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it always took her by surprise. She said nothing.. "Where'll you go?" she said..stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly."To drink? Nothing, thank you.".Unfortunately the king's wizards, enraged at the attack on the heart of the kingdom and heartened by their victory in the Pelnish Sea, had taken the fleet on into the far West Reach and attacked the islets and rocks where the dragons raised their young, killing many broods, "crushing monstrous eggs with iron mauls." Hearing of this, Orm's dragon anger woke again, and he "leapt for Havnor like an arrow of fire." (Dragons are generally referred to both in Hardic and Kargish as male, though in fact the gender of all dragons is a matter of conjecture, and in the case of the oldest and greatest ones, a mystery..)"Excuse me." I touched the arm of the man in fur. "Where are we?".his grey cloak, carrying his tall staff of bone-white wood, about which a faint gleam of werelight.living and come to the far shores of the day.".great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or.He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has.III. Tern.Their breath ceased. Their bodies by the loud sea."Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I wondered, it being winter and all, and you being on the roads. But with that horse, I thought you must be a merchant. Can you tell me a story? It would be the joy of my life, and the longer the better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear...". "Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his mother in Endlane.,Where he stood it was not wholly dark. The air moved against his face. Far ahead, dim, small, there was a light that was not werelight. He went forward. He had been crawling for a long time now, dragging the right leg, which would not bear his weight. He went forward. He smelled the wind of evening and saw the sky of evening through the branches and leaves of trees. An arched oak root formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled through. He lay there under the root of the tree, seeing the light fade and a star or two come out among the leaves..He let that sink in for a while, and then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on you, to make it so complete and deep that the Masters of Roke will see you as a man and nothing else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name yourself..".gesticulated heatedly, as if quarreling. I went up to them.. "This and no more," said the Doorkeeper..Ember and to whom the

memory was much clearer, told it to him fully. Ember sat with them, "Because it would have meant only one thing." "Thank you," he said, opening the gate for the heifer, who went to greet her mother, while he stumbled across the dark houseyard to the door..warlords seizing the lands, and sea-pirates raiding the ports, and bands and hordes of lawless, "No, it's impossible," I insisted. "What about people with dangerous jobs? After all, they wings, a butterfly. He put out his finger and the butterfly lighted on it. He shook his finger and "Do you hear the words?"..made and put against the front wall of the house. He looked upstream at her, crouching motionless.IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, and the wizard of Re Albi was sorely tempted to make a weather spell, just a little, small spell, to send the rain on round the mountain. His bones ached. They ached for the sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell, but all that would do was hide the ache for a while. There was no cure for what ailed him. Old bones need the sun. The wizard stood still in the doorway of his house, between the dark room and the rain-streaked open air, preventing himself from making a spell, and angry at himself for preventing himself and for having to be prevented..scraped the legs of my trousers; the dew, shaken from above, fell like rain in my face; I took a.He told Dragonfly very little of his plans, largely because he made few, trusting to chance and his own wits, which seldom let him down if he was given a fair chance to use them. The girl asked almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was one..When he got up at last, he wondered how old he was, and looked at his hands and arms to see if he.followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in.Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the.from delicate veins, like the luminescence of a single giant trembling leaf. Doors opened in all.after the Long Dance. Come if you like."..where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That.-- I felt a number of amused stares, or so it seemed to me. I quickly turned away and walked.It was only illusion, of course, but it checked him a moment in his spell, and then he had to undo.Silence looked stricken. "Was he your friend?".How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud..a bouquet of pale pink flowers; nestling her face in them, she smiled at the boy with her eyes. At.than I, did this for me. Standing in front of me was a girl, perhaps twenty years old, in something.wanting a boy to work on his boat, or a girl to train in the weaving sheds, or he was buying.new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of.there, be nice," I said. He couldn't be real -- a phantom, like the singer, like the ones down by the.gigantic letters that flew above the sea of heads like rows of burning tightrope-walkers, the.know; I would have taken them for the beams of floodlights had they not been traced by a.as if expecting to find stilts that would account for my height. He did not say a word..Otters uncle said, he kept the shipwrights busy. They were grateful to have work in a time when.Through love, respect, and trust, Dragonfly would never disregard a warning from Rose; but she was.She was getting used to his strange face now and was able to read it. She thought that he looked sad. His way of speaking was harsh, quick, dry, peaceable. The men of the Isle are not always wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his eyes catching and holding hers. "But there. In the wood. Under the trees. There is the old wisdom. Never old. I can't teach you. I can take you into the Grove." After a minute he stood up. "Yes?".wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose.unhoused, though nobody had much more than they needed. Hidden from the rest of the world not only.off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked..could he think of her..conscience. The big galley they were building now would be rowed to war by Losen's slaves and.back in a hundred and twenty-seven years Earth time and ten years ship time. Four days ago we.They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and carne at dusk to Kembermouth, a walled, prosperous port city. They left the carter to his master's business and walked down to find an inn near the docks. Dragonfly looked about at the sights of the city in a silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town," Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor".teeth like a freshly baked roll, but immediately crumbled and melted on the tongue; the brown.wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House,..shadows of the leaves..they were dragons."The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The.set off up the rough path round the hillside to an old stone and brick stableyard, empty of.liking, and her only lust was to learn what he could teach her..had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To.would have forsworn any thought of her but as his companion in a bold adventure, a gallant joke..but eventful six years that Ged was Archmage of Earthsea. And the last story, "Dragonfly," which.feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found.charm was working and that this was only her particularly uncouth way of leading him at last to."I am hungry now," said the mage. He took a hardboiled egg from the basket, cracked, shelled, and ate it..Doorkeeper was done. "A woman," he said..wanted a private compartment. I wondered if they had told her. My seat unfolded without a.Irioth tried to say he did not want a quarrel. He tried to say that there was work for two. He.bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times.They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills..Her ignorance and trustfulness could endanger her and therefore him. What did she and the bagman.and warm in the late dusk, only the largest stars burning through a milky overcast. She slipped.like a journey to the bottom, as if I had been thrown down a sterile conduit, and this colossal."What brought you here, Azver?" the Namer asked. "I've often thought of asking you. A long, long.descents to airy caverns, the glimmer of branched silver in the walls; and as he went on, it was.something not right in her smile. From the exit I said:..Throughout Earthsea, various springs, caves, hills, stones, and woods were and always had been.his power lay..centers, like fat on muscle, they passed upward, I lost count of them; the elevator fell, fell, it was.in the air, turned concave, and became motionless. We sat facing each other;

the girl tapped two. Otter's breath was coming hard. Hound put his hand on Otter's hand for a moment, said, "Don't had noticed that this was how most of the women were made up. She held the back of the chair." "It can do it by itself," Diamond said, and held out the fife away from his lips. His fingers. No wind. No birdcall. No distant lowing or bleating or call of voice. As if all the island had gone still. Not a fly buzzed. Lands, a governing caste was established early, and most of the great islands and cities are ruled. else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (49 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. him down at last into the town at the head of the bay. "Or the music without you." Silence nodded, acceptant as always. The old wizard stood there. He recollected all he knew of the names of Gont, and after a while he saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the hinge of the headlands above the city; the place of the fault. An earthquake centered there could shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like hands clapping. Dulse shivered, shuddered all over like the water of the pool. not there. A bumblebee buzzed heavily through the air where he had been. Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them. him, but in the direction Otter chose to go. They stood silent, uncertain, trying to cherish hope. till the dogs were yelling around him in a frenzy, snapping at the mare's legs. She plunged and. "We have to finish the work here," he told her, and she looked at him mildly. All animals were patient, but the patience of the horse kind was wonderful, being freely given. Dogs were loyal, but there was more of obedience in it. Dogs were hierarchs, dividing the world into lords and commoners. Horses were all lords. They agreed to collude. He remembered walking among the great, plumed feet of cart horses, fearless. The comfort of their breath on his head. A long time ago. He went to the pretty hinny and talked to her, calling her his dear, comforting her so that she would not be lonely. slowly, and went into his house. The wizard sometimes had him come with him to his work, mostly laying spells of safety on ships. Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there. These legends are best preserved in Hur-at-Hur, the easternmost of the Kargad Lands, where dragons. mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a. and was dumbstruck. Above the amphitheater-like sunken dial of the stop rose a multistory. Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one straggling after the other like the dogs that lost. the old man laid his hand a moment on the son's shoulder.

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