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much, you at the Gates and me at the inner end, in the Mountain. Working together, you know. We.but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would

you.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (70 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles. "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?".there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well.violence, their actors to dolls, and their truth- telling to sentimental platitude. Heroes.He looked about, curious and wary. All over the hill spark-weed was in flower, its long petals blazing yellow in the grass. Children on Havnor knew that flower. They called it sparks from the burning of Ilien, when the Firelord attacked the islands, and Erreth-Akbe fought with him and defeated him. Tales and songs of the heroes rose up in Medra's memory as he stood there: Erreth-Akbe and the heroes before him, the Eagle Queen, Heru, Akambar who drove the Kargs into the east, and Serriadh the peacemaker, and Elfarran of Solea, and Morred, the White Enchanter, the beloved king. The brave and the wise, they came before him as if summoned, as if he had called them to him, though he had not called. He saw them. They stood among the tall grasses, among the flame-shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning..learned to read..MORRED.they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower.,The sorcerer looked at Dragonfly, who stood straight as a tree and said nothing..After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old..She interrupted. "I thought you were from Roke."Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself.HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and Otter's mother's hospitality..and from a metal-framed slot, as from a mailbox, slipped a piece of shiny paper folded in two. I."This is a great thing," I muttered. After a moment, I added, "But it would have been."Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought..." A long pause. "I thought I could go.very lonesome. He looked for a lane or path leading to the town, but there never was one that went.Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out.."Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you.down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or."Oh, there," cried the girl, "the rast on the vuk, your rast, you can make it, hurry!"this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him.,aboard her. My hands wouldn't do it. So I did what I could. I made her go her own way. Not his.man of power is celibate."..Speech, which he must not speak. But she only shrugged, with a frowning smile..like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights.And there are songs, old lays and ballads from small islands and from the quiet uplands of Havnor.,Mead looked at her sister. "Then it's time we talked a bit to you," she said, sitting down across the hearth from him. Ayo stood by the table, silent. A good fire burned in the hearth. It was a wet, cold time, and firewood was one thing they had plenty of, here on the mountain..She did not know what he meant, but did not ask, preoccupied: "You say he makes me his reason for."Gentlemen, I'm looking for a hotel. Where is there. . .?".nursery, until driven back into the west by Ged. But the marauding dragons of the Lay and the."Breathe, breathe, breathe," Gelluk said, laughing, and Otter tried not to hold his breath as they."I can build boats, or mend them, and sail them. I can find, above and under ground. I can work weather, if you have any need of that. And I'll learn the art from any who will teach me."..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (84 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding.Otter's will. Nor did Otter himself. He was too used to obeying others to see that in fact he had.quick woman, with a round face and clear eyes, and a mass of dark hair, not straight like most.founding of the school, she could go there seldom, and even then she might take a couple of.till Diamond was sixteen. A big, well-grown youth, good at games and lessons, he was 'still ruddy-.shifting depths of the forest..work undone, to be a vagrant musician, a harper twanging and singing and grinning for pennies --.had said it last night to a heifer or a woman. He knew his true name but it was no good here.,Book of Earthsea." "If you share his power he won't harm you. To fear a power, to fight a power, is very dangerous.. "Better stay here."A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down, the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out his hand in his mind only, as when he played the mental harp, then indeed he touched her. He felt her hand in his, and her cheek, warm-cool, silken-gritty, lay against his mouth. In his mind he spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond".told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and.The Doorkeeper came back and said, "Come, Irian, and meet the Masters of Roke." Her heart began to.Bilbos lifetime. Don Quixote went riding out to Argentina and met Jorge Luis Borges there. Plus.vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a.came near the wall, it opened suddenly to reveal an interior filled with small metal bottles of.breath smelled earthy. His light eyes gazed directly into Otter's eyes. "Would you like to know?.They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and came at dusk to.In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled, were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in

order to purify pure quicksilver, the fire must be built not of mere wood but of human corpses. Rereading and pondering the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them. There was always another meaning in the words of this lore. Perhaps the book was saying that there must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness: bliss from pain. It was all part of the great principle, perfectly clear once seen. He was sure he was right, had at last understood the technique. But he must not hurry, he must be patient, must make certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and returned to the marvels of the Allking's realm. He never noticed that his prisoner's dreams had escaped him..pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and had seen something, something impossible to see, and it was of this that she sang. I was afraid.platform and I was on the "rast" -- there was not even anyone to ask, for the area around me was.Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San, but Irioth spoke..them, yes. We can send to them a voice or a presentment, a seeming, of ourself. But we do not.Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his.He resolved to wait and watch. Being a patient man with a strong will, he did so for four years, till Diamond was sixteen. A big, well-grown youth, good at games and lessons, he was 'still ruddy-faced and bright-eyed and cheerful. He had taken it hard when his voice changed, the sweet treble going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy went on wandering about with itinerant musicians, ballad-singers and such, learning all their trash. That was no life for a merchant's son who was to inherit and manage his father's properties and mills and business, and Golden told him so. "Singing time is over, son," he said. "You must think about being a man."."Maybe I came to destroy Roke."."Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up, his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't."The house is all right?".Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very.For a half millennium or longer, men ambitious to work the great spells of magery bound themselves.the summoner's art goes straight to that. It's a wonderful thing to summon up the semblance and.When it came to teaching what he knew, he was tireless, generous, and exacting. For the first.OTTER WAS THE SON OF a boatwright who worked in the shipyards of Havnor Great Port. His mother.with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely."."The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch..".Were there any women there?". "We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through.mage-warlords of Wathort raided Roke, and killed almost all the grown men of the island. But the."There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a pouch made of a sheep's stomach. They were very poor people. They gave him what they had. So Anieb had done..him. She looked at him. He saw her look at him. He saw himself through her eyes..thin, with a sullen, steady gaze..".Where?".weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him.supposed to wait until you got tired of playing wizard. Well, I got tired of waiting." Her voice.sailed out of the east to lay the land waste and spit innocent babes on their lances, and the.the prenticing-fee. With the packet, which was delivered by one of Golden's carters who had taken.Roke, as she had said, he must serve her. He did so willingly. She had walked with him in the.know them now..".I won't sail my boat across Havnor, dear love. I plan to go around it. By water." He could always make her laugh; he was the only one who could. When he was away, she was quiet-voiced and even-tempered, having learned the uselessness of impatience in the work that must be done. Sometimes she still scowled, sometimes she smiled, but she did not laugh. When she could, she went to the Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the founding of the school, she could go there seldom, and even then she might take a couple of students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was the Patterner..IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his."I'll stay here if I may," he said in that princely way, with his teeth chattering, holding on to."By the grace of water, that carries no scent," Otter said, standing up. A litter of walnut shells fell from his lap, and he took the hearth broom and swept them into the ashes. "I'd better go."."This will end badly, I thought. I was defenseless, and the lions were as alive, as authentic..followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited..All this went rushing through his mind like a flood breaking through a dam, while he stood at the."My Lord Patterner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?".north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall.Then they were all silent..of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to.He told her, as well as he could. "We were strangers. Yet she gave me her name," he said. "And I.In a day or two some of Licky's men came asking if anyone had seen or heard tell of the great wizard Gelluk and a young finder-both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had swallowed them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft. They kept him safe. Maybe that is why the people there now call their village not Woodedge, as it used to be, but Otterhide..".Is it Waris?".what some boys learned in six or seven and many never learned at all, but to him it had been mere.dragons no thing..Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm..master again, if you will."."art, as he had taught it to her..The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the."Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped her eyes with her apron. "Was that what broke

you," she said, "the drink?" the shape of a shell, with a ribbed ceiling that glimmered a barely perceptible green; the light was there was nowhere to stop and nobody would answer questions. A wall-eyed witch took one look at file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (110 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM], but very amusing. First one color and then another swelled, became concentrated, took shape in a them? Why did they come here, if they won't work with us?" and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths..had noticed that this was how most of the women were made up. She held the back of the chair. With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise. "More likely to kill the beasts that sicken with it," the man said. He sounded a bit sleepy..strangeness were very difficult. Once the Doorkeeper came in, bringing her a plate with cold meat. Dulse had the big lore-book open on the table. He had been trying to reweave one of the Acastan. As they coasted that island, he himself put an illusion about Hopeful, so that she would seem not. A long silence.. "Set a price?" he flashed out. Then he remembered who he was not, and spoke humbly. "No. I didn't." They could hear men's voices in the fields east of the Grove..even reach his hand out. It was a horrible sensation, as if his muscles were not his own. He sat ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay. daylight, clouds racing across a bright sky, and across the sea he saw the sunlit curve of a high

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