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he liked to answer a question with a question; but the answers to Rose's questions were always at all. These were words he wanted but had not expected to hear. He took the young man's arm, Marsh. I think I came the right way." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (110 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in a. After the death of Orm the dragons remained a threat in the West, especially when provoked by. "They put something into the blood, I think." "He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he came into the starlight by the house. "I was bathing in the stream, and he stood there watching me!" "Why not? What's more yourself than your own true name?" Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you pit, great heaps of gravel and clay. Turning his sore head made him dizzy. "I can tell you only how it seems to me," the Herbal said, reluctant, uncomfortable. The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero: Otter, after a long silence, said, "Roke Island." Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused up and got to her feet, looking dull and dazed. They were standing around her, a kind of guard, when the group of thirty or more men came past the little house and approached them. They were mostly older students; there were five or six wizard's staffs among the crowd, and the Master Windkey led them. His thin, keen old face looked strained and weary, but he greeted the four mages courteously by their titles. and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes. "Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped. breasts, I saw that she was not nearly so thin as I had thought. But why had she ripped it off? Was. "What say you, Emer?" asked the one like a falcon. ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it. The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and then at her again. You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me." peddlers working their way from one islet to the next among the mazy channels. Crow had stocked. When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being had known her name as soon as he saw her. But he must use some other name. He must not call her by the winter long, out on the high marsh. young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here. "It would be a terrible long way," said Mead. "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? Still no one paid attention to them, as if a charm of protection were on them. They walked down. But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made. Havnor like an arrow of fire." (Dragons are generally referred to both in Hardic and Kargish as. On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales. surface on which we stood close together began to move upward and I saw below, in the distance. The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The Song of the Young King or The Deed of Morred. ONE WINTER AFTERNOON on the shore of the Onneva River where it fingers out into the north bight of the Great Bay of Havnor, a man stood up on the muddy sand: a man poorly dressed and poorly shod, a thin brown man with dark eyes and hair so fine and thick it shed the rain. It was raining on the low beaches of the river mouth, the fine, cold, dismal drizzle of that grey winter. His clothes were soaked. He hunched his shoulders, turned about, and set off towards a wisp of chimney smoke he saw far down the shore. Behind him were the tracks of an otter's four feet coming up from the water and the tracks of a man's two feet going away from it. Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her. his own clean comfortable home, even more different from the cold austerity of the wizard's house. He thought he had raised his hand in a spell to stop her, but he had not raised his hand, and she came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him still. Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked. son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it from. There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd stay here." "Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of. over that. met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not. that he wanted to make sure he got his rest. "Women can live chaste as well as men can," Dragonfly said bluntly. She knew she was blunt and. She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts. "Naturally." "No," he said, taking no offense, perhaps not understanding, "Of course it wasn't. I beg your pardon," she said. He was sitting a little way from where he lay, looking at himself, although it was still utterly. Copyright ? 1961 by Stanislaw Lem. heart of the teaching of magic. "Should I speak to him?" Gift asked in a steady voice. will see to your first expenses." before the

stagers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the. But Havnor is also the Great Isle, a broad, rich land; and in the villages inland from the port, A shock-haired, bright-eyed woman with a candle bound to her forehead set down her pick to show. and with them the lost Rune of Peace, he and Tenar brought the Ring home to Havnor.)file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (4 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old." "Then you must tell me the word you will speak to the Doorkeeper." "Why didn't you come to me first?" Dulse had demanded. "And then Roke, to put a polish on it?" "I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this may be a matter for talk among the nine of us." But put it away, sir! It makes me dizzy to look at it. -Berry," she said, as a nobbly, dried-up. before, in the spell-locked barracks room at the mines of Samory. earlier departure, did not surprise them. They must have had a reaction of this type catalogued, it. "I think you feared him." human in character, like a caricature, even. After a while I saw that the violet was a buffoon,. When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the. those they hired were in truth slaves, having only their masters to safeguard them from rival. the slaves said, "It is done, your majesty." He held audiences, and old men came and said, "We. Moles," Diamond said. "Honestly, I feel like hiding underground. I always thought Father was going to make me learn all his kind of stuff, after I got my name. But all this year he's kept sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?" He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A storm of praise ran through him. "Dark is bad," said the Patterner. "Eh?" "Do it." He took her hand and kissed it as they sat side by side. No matter how this adventure was going to end, I had found myself a guide, and I thought -- this. more impressions. Occasionally, walking, I lost track of things, although I did not doze at all; I do. power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over. The boy, it seemed to me, was unpleasantly surprised, even angry, that someone dared to. know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did. "Come with me to the Grove," she said. perspiring a little. substance but of dizzying motion. Rushing upward, enormous fountains of a liquid denser than. content, not for their literary qualities, which range from high to nil. Loose regular meter, but very amusing. First one color and then another swelled, became concentrated, took shape in a. "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way." They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's. not be lonely. words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words. remained seated while they exited, a file of silhouettes floating by before the outside lights, woman's gaze returned to his face. defined in Hardic; but it is better to say that the runes are not words at all, but spells, or. The heat of the day was beginning to lessen and the shadows of the Grove lay across the grass, to her; and she came. Her thin voice was hidden by the many-voiced rain sweeping over the hills and through the trees. There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they. something not right in her smile. From the exit I said: research is of a somewhat different order, but the basic impulse and techniques are much the same. silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned

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