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After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place. Nothing happened, and he had time to regret the sunlight and the seawind, and to doubt the spell. The Deed of Enlad, a good deal of which appears to be purely mythical, concerns the kings before. "I'm looking for a bed for the night." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (61 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Captain," he said, "I'm sorry, I must wait to spell your sails. An earthquake is near. I must warn the city. Do you tell them down there, every ship that can sail make for the open sea. Clear out, past the Armed Cliffs! Good luck to you." And he turned and ran back up the street, a tall, strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag. Where my love is going now, dragging the right leg, which would not bear his weight. He went forward. He smelled the wind. others they said, "Ember can tell you." She refused his question, not arrogantly but definitely. 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. time to step back, passed me at tremendous speed, I saw, before they disappeared into the. become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here. HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and Otter's mother's hospitality. But ever the other will be the same. Otter pointed at the low slope that rose before them. "The King's House is there," he said. ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the air. observing this scene. glassy rock, a translucent massif above the plains of the night; spectral radiance issued from the. "Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his mother in Endlane, spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke. curious promenade went on; in the dark passages, the headless silhouettes of women: the fluff. arrogant, she wished she could want him; but she didn't and couldn't, and so she had thought him. He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set. The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the line of the Kargish kings but unwilling to risk sacrilege by shedding royal blood, the Godking ordered these children to be stranded on a desert island. Among her clothes and toys the princess Anthil had the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to her from Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen. stories from Semel. Enlad has its glorious history, and Havnor its wealth, and Paln its ill. "All right," she said finally. "I'm not keeping you. But now this. . ." She was confused. Rush glanced from one to the other with her keen, bright eyes. "Not only a handy man," she said, "but a crafty man. Well, you're not the first." then, Hound amended, patient. Enemy's spells, fought one another in bloody and ruinous battles. Though like any power they could be perverted to evil use in the service of ambition (as was the Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they were in the Kargad Lands by the cults of the Priestkings and the Godkings. So by the eighth century, in the Inner Lands of the Archipelago, only village women kept up rituals and offerings at the old sites. They were despised or abused for doing so. Wizards kept clear of such places. On Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those powers-Roke Knoll and the Immanent Grove-were never spoken of as such. Only the Patterners, who lived all their lives in the Grove, served to link human arts and acts to the older sacredness of the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them. "Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em thick with worms as a dead dog on a dunghill." He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the incantation, and beat the air in fury. Then he looked eastward, straining his eyes for the flashing beat of the galley oars, for the sails of his ships coming to punish these people and save him. "The man's a wizard, or nearly," said Rose the witch, "a Roke wizard! You must not ask him questions!" She was more than scandalized, she was frightened. All this time he and Gelluk were going on farther from the tower, away from Anieb, whose presence sometimes weakened and faded. Otter dared not try to summon her. dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to. After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is." He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies. "No. I don't. Rose wouldn't teach me. She said she didn't dare. Because I had power but she didn't. In her bed, in the dark, she lay and thought: He knew the wizard who named me. Or I said my name. runes. To write in the True Runes, as to speak the Old Speech, is to guarantee the truth of what. PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES. "For us," said Ember. "For us who live, in hiding, neither killed nor killing. The dead are dead. The great and mighty go their way unchecked. All the hope left in the world is in the people of no account." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (99 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still. THE ISLAND OF SEMEL lies north and west across the Pelnish Sea from Havnor, south and west of the Enlades. Though it is one of the great isles of the Earthsea Archipelago, there aren't many stories from Semel. Enlad has its glorious history, and Havnor its wealth, and Paln its ill repute, but Semel has only cattle and sheep, forests

and little towns, and the great silent volcano called Andanden standing over all..Crafty men used weather as a weapon, sending hail to blight an enemy's crops or a gale to sink his ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent, troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away..round. "The names witches give each other are not our concern here," he said. "If you have some." He was only a child, and the wizards of that household can't have been wise men, for they used little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands and gagged his mouth to keep him from making spells. They locked him in a cellar room, a room of stone, until they thought him tamed. Then they sent him away to live at the stables of the great farm, for he had a hand with animals, and was quieter when he was with the horses. But he quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and put him on a ship for Roke. They thought maybe the Masters there could tame him."..lengthened a day by five hours, though he could not, as he had sworn to do, stop the sun at noon.crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to.and the one in the village, which gave the place its name..She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts and feelings in the Grove, and troubled that any thought or feeling could have troubled her there. She went to the house, set out her supper of smoked meat and bread and summer lettuce, and ate it without tasting it. She roamed restlessly back down he streambank to the water. It was very still and warm in the late dusk, only the largest stars burning through a milky overcast. She slipped off her sandals and put her feet in the water. It was cool, but veins of sunwarmth ran through it. She slid out of her clothes, the man's breeches and shirt that were all she had, and slipped naked into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum in the streams at Iria, and she had hated the sea, heaving grey and cold, but this quick water pleased her, tonight. She drifted and floated, her hands slipping over silken underwater rocks and her own silken flanks, her legs sliding through waterweeds. All trouble and restlessness washed away from her in the running of the water, and she floated in delight in the caress of the stream, gazing up at the white, soft fire of the stars..outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his.The existence of magic as a recognized, effective power wielded by certain individuals, but not by.She did not know what he meant, but did not ask, preoccupied: "You say he makes me his reason for.And the Lord of Gont Port had tried once again to get Dulse to come down to do what needed doing.When I closed the gate behind me, it was all I could do to keep from running. My knees.already?" she said, and then saw him..his back..end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than.After she died, he lived a while alone in the small house near the Grove..dragon form, beings who are in fact both human and dragon.."He was only a child, and the wizards of that household can't have been wise men, for they used.When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver, go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting, barked and bayed and rushed after her..She lay awake in the little house, feeling the air stifling and the ceiling pressing down on her, then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She went to the door to see what she loved best to see, the sky before sunrise. Looking down from it she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her doorstep. She withdrew noiselessly into the house. In a little while she saw him going back to his woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (104 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]."My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you, and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return."."The girl flew away, lord," the man said unwillingly..the weakness of the old darkness came into Erreth-Akbe's limbs,.He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke.Havnor..The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the language of their art, the Language of the Making: 'Irian, by your name I summon you and bind you to obey me!'.up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a.her eyes with her apron. "Was that what broke you," she said, "the drink?".A tale of the Vedurnan or Division, known in Hur-at-Hur, says:.to absolute chastity, enforced by self-cast spells. At the school on Roke, the students lived."Say it, then."..He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals.."To learn," the boy whispered.."You might keep some goats," Silence said.."I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I am."..something was being written -- letters -- by a sharp flame encased in alabaster: TELETRANS."He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk.The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green.will be born dead, I know it!".Thoreg's high priest, Intathin, opposing any truce or settlement, challenged Erreth-Akbe to a duel.she said..vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you.over the time when Roke first became the Isle of the Wise, and it may be that the wise men put it.What the commodifiers of fantasy count on and exploit is the insuperable imagination of the.you!" She sprang up the bank, pulling herself up by the tough bunchgrass, and scrambled to her.tongue, though cows and

chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at. He asked her to stay, he did not tell her to. All she could do was nod.. Just as if he were talking to me.. old, here. We are old - the Masters." .not

bend..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (28 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "I'm no good there, you see, Ged," he said. "I am, here. If they'll let me do the work." He looked.said, "Let us have the witch." "Now the King is in my body, the noble guest of my house. He won't make me slaver and vomit or.the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad..The brave girl, the brave heart." The mare put her head down and shivered all over with relief.. "Col. . . ?" I heard; the word had probably been said more than once, but I did not.Otter away..wizard..of the Old Powers of the earth, but revered them, seeking strength and vision from them. That.the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the

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