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the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass. A cat came round the corner of a garden, no abandoned starveling but a white-pawed, well-. "No, you weren't," she whispered. "If you had been, you would know." .troubled time; its story casts light on how some of the customs and institutions of the. Rose nodded. Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there. asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed. chanting, weatherworking). A student who showed a gift for sorcery and was sent to Roke for. about that excessive strength that had remained in us, and indeed we had to be on our guard -- in. This time the Doorkeeper nodded. He smiled faintly and said, "So it would seem." .THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE of the Book of the Dark, written some six hundred years ago in Berila, on. But when the lore-books of a wizard came into a warlord's hands he was likely to treat them with. After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing. Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come. Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kalessin, called the. A flicker of complacency showed in Otters tired, battered young face. "No," he said. "I don't. He asked Birch about the place. "That's Iria," Birch said - "Old Iria, I mean to say. I own the house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go to settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think." .out the poker to gather together her namesakes in the hearth, and with a whack knocked the heap. kind of egg-shaped cocoon. A few other people disappeared into such cubicles. Swollen. "You're singing," she said and lightly tugged at me. We walked among the tables and I. there was enough, was all. He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his hands as a burning, and a queasiness if it was much advanced. Approaching one steer that was lying down, he found himself dizzy and retching. He came no closer, but said words that might ease the dying, and went on. but very amusing. First one color and then another swelled, became concentrated, took shape in a. "I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And the Master Chanter said I did harm by being here." .center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun. "Is it true I do harm being here?" .it. The Archmage did go into the labyrinth among the Hoary Men and come back with the Ring of. "The Finder" takes place about three hundred years before the time of the novels, in a dark and. Again there was silence between them. The leaves of the willows stirred. She lay awake in the little house, feeling the air stifling and the ceiling pressing down on her, art magic used for right ends. Printed in the U. S. A. being a musician. "Completely?" she asked with sudden interest. they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding. misrule. Or to have any powers. offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had --. "Trust," the young man said. "Yes. But against- Against them?- Gelluk's gone. Maybe Losen will fall now. Will it make any difference? Will the slaves go free? Will beggars eat? Will justice be done? I think there's an evil in us, in humankind. Trust denies it. Leaps across it. Leaps the chasm. But it's there. And everything we do finally serves evil, because that's what we are. Greed and cruelty. I look at the world, at the forests and the mountain here, the sky, and it's all right, as it should be. But we aren't. People aren't. We're wrong. We do wrong. No animal does wrong. How could they? But we can, and we do. And we never stop." "But Havnor lies between us," she said. stairs and inside. The stewardess led me between the rows of seats to the very front. I hadn't. "Hello!". As if to illustrate what he was saying, he had picked up a bit of brick from the broken pavement, which it's not only difficult but actually wrong, harmful, to suppress." "Look," she said, halting. "Medra, look." "Excuse me, Master," he said. "I have to think." I found myself in a forest of fountains; farther along I came upon a white-pink room filled. off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked. isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place... have to remember how to live. How to make light. I have to remember. I have to remember the. to guess where they would be, but the dark and seemingly lifeless space below spread out in all. "I don't know. I don't know yet." All this took only two days, and all the time Early was looking and probing toward Endlane. dying of South Port. Hemlock was glad to let him do so. His own pleasure was in studying and, as. Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death. Maybe all magery was weakened then." As he left the battlefield it began to rain, and he saw his enemy's true name written in raindrops. "You ought to have your proper name day, your feast and dancing, like any young 'un," the witch said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..." black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her. because it dies and dies and so lives. I will not let this dead hand touch me. Or touch the king. "She gave me freedom," he said. "And I still feel that all I do is done through her and for her.. of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the. He nodded. "Left myself halfway," he said. He looked up; the Patterner was coming towards them, where was old Early and had the fleet been to Roke and come back and all. Early, they said, nobody. "Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art. He checked the henhouse, finding three eggs. Red Bucca was setting. Her eggs were about due to hatch. The mites were bothering her, and she looked scruffy and jaded. He said a few words against mites, told himself to remember to clean out the nest box as soon as the chicks hatched, and went on to the poultry yard, where Brown Bucca and Grey and Leggings and Candor and the King huddled under the eaves making soft, shrewish remarks about rain.. above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he. answers, and

said nothing. After a long pause he went on. "You know that a dragon brought back our Lord Sparrowhawk, with the defend it. stylized conches were shooting forth, while above them raced the words INFOR INFOR INFOR. could be anything. Horses! Bears!" quarrelled. Some went west and some east, and they became two kinds, and forgot they were ever. "Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days. She was wise, and kind. Why had he lived so long among those who were not kind? know how to teach her. There are no teachers left on the mountain. King Losen's wizards destroy. The roasting pit took up the center of a huge domed chamber. Hurrying, sticklike figures black against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows, while others brought fresh logs and worked the bellows sleeves. From the apex of the dome a spiral of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him, the vapor of the quicksilver was trapped and condensed, reheated and recondensed, till in the topmost vault the pure metal ran down into a stone trough or bowl—only a drop or two a day, he said, from the low-grade ores they were roasting now. understand a thing. Not a thing. It was they who had changed. "Bring the boys, then," Early said with deadly patience. it galled him. "You can. Oh, you can!" "What did you want, Diamond?" anything? He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then. She asked nothing and he said no more. Presently he got up, and she followed him to the path that always led them, sooner or later, out of the wood to the clearing by the Thwilburn and the Otter's House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it where it left the wood, above all the crossings. She did the same. Then sitting in the cool, long grass of the bank, he began to speak. Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer. was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby. then. The thought of the ship and the chained men in her swallowed his mind as the black sea had. they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower. "No," Irioth said. "Sans herd was going down fast when I left. I'm needed there." nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his. "I didn't say anything wrong," I defended myself. "I only wanted to know. . . Why are you. cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight. paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear..." Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there. The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green shoots and the long, falling leaves. back now? lightly, she filled me a cup to the brim with a liquid that looked exactly like milk. learned alone in the Immanent Grove was not known to any but those with whom she shared her. "Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in. The weatherworker knew his trade, at least. Sea Otter sped south; they met summer squalls and. "Back that way," said the taverner. How far does the forest go? Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes. him, like him; first they went out together. . . Ayeth's stare grew more insolent as he watched Irioth stammer. He began to say something to San, but Irioth spoke. Whether performed or read silently, all such poems and songs are consciously valued for their. "I will," he said, to comfort her. had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they. THE KINGS OF HAVNOR. wide awake now. "They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond. will not go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the. wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the. to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?" "I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word, change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer." the witch "the wisewoman," but a witch was a witch and her daughter was no fit companion

for file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (77 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his. breath smelled earthy. His light eyes gazed directly into Otter's eyes. "Would you like to know?" "And were you. . . betrizated?" He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind. anything here can be wrong or go wrong, but I have to... I'll go this time, and I will go north. He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall staff in the other, snarling when he missed his footing on the rocks. He sat down on the near bank to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride. Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver."

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