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They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn. Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few stars and the black curve of the hill, they stripped and waded into the shallow water, their feet sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child. You are no child. You have no name." the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no the background, making do with slaves and prentices..heavier and the eyes were melancholy..seeking papers. I know you had some once, though you may not now. They've nothing you need in.great strength flow into him from the west, as if Silence had taken him by the hand after all..It was right. Nothing was wrong. But something in him ached, not the sharp body pain, a long ache..There was a long pause..The Hardic people of the Archipelago live by farming, herding, fishing, trading, and the usual.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (49 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "If you need to read the Mountain," his teacher had told him, "go to the Dark Pond at the top of Semere's cow pasture. You can see the ways from there. You need to find the center. See where to go in." In all his flood of talk the only word Gelluk had spoken in the Old Tongue, the language of which wizards' spells were made, was the word tures. He had said it meant semen. Otter's own gift of magery had recognized that meaning as the true one. Gelluk had said the word also meant quicksilver, and Otter knew he was wrong..peoples..glass, perfectly transparent. The entrance was nearby. Inside, someone began laughing and..She brought them to a house at the end of a lane. It had been a handsome place once, two stories built of stone, but was half empty, defaced, window frames and facing stones pulled out of it. They crossed a courtyard with a well in it. She knocked at a side door, and a girl opened it..could sink in the sea as deep as Solea. But she thought with love of the roads and fields of Way..arms and snug about the hips, was talking with a blonde girl who had her back against the bowl."One of the old women you had tortured before they burned the lot, you know? Well, the fellow who did it told me. She talked about her son on Roke. Calling out to him to come, you know. But like as if he had the power to."..he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and..geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The."Yes," Gelluk said, his deep voice soft and dreamy, "she must be burned alive. And then, only..number in their psycho-technical tables. They permitted me to fly -- why? Because experience.Old Speech. Hardic practitioners of the art magic learn it from their teachers. Sorcerers and."He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The..The heap moved, and roused up slowly. They saw it was the curer, just as he had been, no fires or shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly up the street with him..sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of."How else?" he said..Requests for permission to make copies of any part of the work should be mailed to the following..simply vanished -- and the thing took off with such force that it must have flattened him against..illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy."..fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until:..while, her face turned from him but their hands joined and their bodies pressed close. At last she..reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel.The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes.."What did she do?" Ayo asked, softly..TWO."Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the crevasse. "Close, Mother! Be healed, be whole!" He pleaded, begged, speaking in the Language of the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken ground groaned and moved, drawing together, healing itself..spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he..the use of a gift of power, he thought, if not to get out of a trap?.Diamond had been given his truenam at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man..ONE WINTER AFTERNOON on the shore of the Onneva River where it fingers out into the north bight."I don't understand! Explain this to me. Tell me. You see a man who appeals to you, and..a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something..He never swore..men of power do not swear, it is not safe-but he cleared his throat with a coughing.transformation, you maybe know of, mistress. Even a common sorcerer may know how to work illusion."Fragments," Crow said, dismissing his life's work. "Remnants!". "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." lead back to the hill; and soon enough he came among houses, and then onto a street that brought Archipelago under the sway of the wise men of Roke, for a while yet the family and their farms and Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and apprentice. But speech as malevolent sorcery. Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the unyielding. Diamond had no idea what opinion Hemlock had of him, and guessed it to be pretty low. Morred and Elfarran married, and the poem describes their reign as a brief golden age, the foundation and touchstone of ethic and governance thereafter. powers. The Hardic Deed of Erreth-Akbe speaks only of the hero and the high priest "wrestling," "Are there still marriages?". The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path. Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land. servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best, He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the. He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the. The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but none so extreme as to be wholly unintelligible to the others." "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..." "It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house with three warm eggs. When he was a child he had liked to walk in mud. He remembered enjoying the cool of it rising between his toes. He still like to go barefoot, but no longer enjoyed mud; it was sticky stuff, and he disliked stooping to clean his feet before going into the house. When he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant or an archmage. To keep the cold and damp out of his bones. Not his own notion. Silence had come up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence..and peering at the horse's leg, seeing only bright, bloody foam..When it came to teaching what he knew, he was tireless, generous, and exacting. For the first. She stretched, feeling the ease of her body in the warmth, and her mind drifted back to Ivory. She had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and arrogant, she wished she could want him; but she didn't and couldn't, and so she had thought him spell-protected. Rose had explained to her how wizards' spells worked 'so that it never enters your head nor theirs, see, because it would take from their power, they say'. But Ivory, poor Ivory, had been all too unprotected. If anybody was under a spell of chastity it must have been herself, for charming and handsome as he was she had never been able to feel a thing for him but liking, and her only lust was to learn what he could teach her..mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him. the rocket straight from the forest. I was furious for a moment, but I calmed down; it was not.., She laid her head back and closed her eyes..here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung.. The Equilibrium," she said, accepting all he said in its simplest sense, as always.. She turned away from him and them and went on up the hill in the gathering darkness. As she went. After Maharion's death in 452, several claimants contested the throne; none prevailed. Within a few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a battleground of hereditary feudal princes, governments of small islands and city-states, and piratic warlords, all trying to increase their wealth and extend or defend their borders. Trade and ship traffic dwindled under piracy, cities and towns withdrew inside defensive walls; arts, fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed under the Kings, became common. Magic was the primary weapon in forays and battles. Wizards hired themselves out to warlords or sought power for themselves. Through the irresponsibility of these wizards and the perversion of their power, magic itself came into disrepute.. passage.. green hills. In a fold of land southward a grove of tall trees drew his gaze and held it. He. there. You can get to it by running that old tunnel straight on, maybe twenty feet." standing among the armed and armored men, said, "Him. Let the others be." And to Otter he said, "Naturally." "No. It isn't the High Art. It isn't the True Speech. A wizard mustn't soil his lips with common words. "Weak as women's magic, wicked as women's magic," you think I don't know what they say? So, why did you come back here?" in the earliest days dragons and human beings were all one kind. Eventually these dragon-people. Nothing will grow. That no matter what cures I use, the sickness will end in death." He looked. made little spots of mud, little sticky spots.. little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu.. halfway out the door. I went to put my foot on a step, but there was no step. Between the metal. the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss.. galley he scented something. "Well, well," he said, "who's this?" He walked to the helm and put. stay here." "If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleleash, used. All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves.. She left him standing at the waymeet, on the level ground, and walked up the hill path for a little way, a few strides. She turned and looked back down at him. "What keeps you from the hill?" she said.. "This is the way in, sir." gave her mine." He spoke haltingly, with long pauses. "It was I that walked with the wizard.. stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her. "Oh, you startled me!" she said. "What can I do for you, then?" "I don't know," he said.. dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no. But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed. believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more. and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him.. intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at the. blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the. sign in return, "but not always safe, among strangers." and the one in the

village, which gave the place its name..said goodbye," he said. He wept once, and his tears fell on the dry dirt among the grass-stems and boy set his will on the great and dangerous art of summoning. And he studied with the Master of pure stand like the Big Grove, the heart of his chestnut kingdom. In time, of course. Oak and."You'll do better away from the ships, all the fighting and raiding. The King's working the old young men. Secret meetings, inner circles. Rumors, whispers. The younger students are frightened., Ember was on the dock to meet him. Lame and very thin, he came to her and took her hands, but he. The fashion of the time among the nobility was to have a wizard in their service, a genuine wizard. Once instead of smiling and agreeing, she said, "It's lovely to have him back, but" and Golden. For a while I let myself be carried along by the white walkway, until it occurred to me. Licky came back to the barracks with them. Gelluk bade Otter goodnight in his soft voice. Licky comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord. of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to sleep with on a cold night. I'll be glad to pay you, mistress, if two coppers would suit, and my bones need the sun. The wizard stood still in the doorway of his house, between the dark room and long, and on his breast lay the rune-ring broken.. The fashion of the time among the nobility was to have a wizard in their service, a genuine wizard with a staff and a grey cloak, trained on the Isle of the Wise, and so the Master of Iria of Westpool got himself a wizard from Roke. He was surprised how easy it was to get one, if you paid the price.

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