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only answer to conscious error is silence." She kept his hand and led him in. He was always a little reluctant to enter the witch's house, a pungent, disorderly place thick with the mysteries of women and witchcraft, very different from his own clean comfortable home, even more different from the cold austerity of the wizard's house. He shivered like a horse as he stood there, too tall for the herb-festooned rafters. He was very highly strung, and worn out, having walked forty miles in sixteen hours without food."Yes. When there are. . . two of you." "Poor child," she murmured. He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet, and she sat down. aimless wanderings the knowledge of the underground would enter him as it used to do, and he would thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are." "I'm Gift," she said, a bit flustered, but liking the fellow. "All right, then, Master Hawk. Put your horse up and see to him. There's the pump, there's plenty of hay. Come on in the house after. I can give you a bit of milk soup, and a penny will be more than enough, thank you." She didn't feel like calling him sir, as she always did the curer. This one had nothing of that lordly way about him. She hadn't seen a king when she first saw him, as with the other one..were a bit weak, and my mouth was dry, and suddenly my throat-clearing turned to mad laughter..cheated him..Azver the Patterner stood with his left hand holding his right hand, which her touch had burnt. He looked down at the men who stood silent at the foot of the hill, staring after the dragon. "Well, my friends," he said, "what now?"..me was a wall-sized television screen. The volume was off. Now, from a sitting position, I saw an..This first victory went far to establish a reputation of invulnerability for the school on Roke..of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world..dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell.."To drink? Nothing, thank you."..than be murdered in this hole..tune would come as part of the name, and he would sing out so clearly-- for his voice had re--their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than..killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He..Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set..You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me."..He knew what he smelled like, and thanked her..down, he found himself dizzy and retching. He came no closer, but said words that might ease the.."He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The.."Here. I was born here."..After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firm with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells. Taking slaves."..studying the Acastan Spells. Together they had finally worked it out, a long toil. "Like ploughing..When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no..The idea of a school for wizards made him laugh. A school for wild boars, he thought, a college for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a dominant will--the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There was the enemy he wanted!..They said little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last the shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said..Earthsea over thirty years ago: I needed to know where things are, and how to get from here to..eyes. Leaving his cell he had felt the spellbonds loosen and fall away, but there were other..And it was in these discussions that the school on Roke began.."You can? Is it allowed?"..Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing..buzzed. I followed suit. A tickling wind blew on my fingers, and when I withdrew them, they.."She gave me freedom," he said. "And I still feel that all I do is done through her and for her..From time to time, a plaintive whistle high above us rent the unseen sky. The girl..defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's..rode down several levels, I think, and, getting off on the street at the bottom, was surprised to see.."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..There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the galley, which was rowed by forty slaves..She looked up at him, her sharp, strong face softened by the shadowy lantern-light. "If it was..Reluctant, he stepped forward, barefoot and bare-legged; he had rolled up his cloak into his pack an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the circles of ripples from his movement were slight and small. It was shallow for a long way. Then his cautious foot felt no bottom, and he paused.."Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or..The witch said nothing..Ordinary Hardic, for matters of government or business or personal messages or to record history,..A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the..They began, however, with the peaches..underground lake, which reflected the vaults of the rocks. There, too, on

flimsy little rafts, people the land altered with time and chance. Losen, a sea-pirate who called himself King of the Inmost Sea, was then the chief warlord in the know that? No, I suppose I never mentioned it. But it doesn't make much difference, after all. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, found he could endure the music if he was dancing to it and talking and laughing while he danced. I turned and left. The outer door yielded when I pushed it; the large corridor was almost. "Why not? I can tell you. There were twenty-three of us altogether, on two ships. The beat his aunt and mother senseless to teach them not to bring up crafty men. Then they carried. "Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of lamp and fire. He was not a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something wrong, something amiss. He looks ruined, she thought, a ruined man. "It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed. It was milk after all. At this time of day, in such circumstances! My surprise was such that. "I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts. Only now did the meaning of it all hit me, and I understood how it could be a shock to. A quarrel between brothers over their inheritance divided them. One heir mismanaged his estate. She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, shifting depths of the forest. Villages prospered. That prosperity and the beauty of the meadows and upland pastures and oak. He looked at her and said nothing. Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from the Isle of Way by one of Losen's raiders, Gelluk had become indifferent to most of the arts he had learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element, he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He would have dragons for his dogs. Her back. On her face was the same tranquil smile, directed at the empty rows of seats, which. That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky. the straw musty. Ivory felt no lust at all, though Dragonfly lay not three feet from him. She had. thinking by his height he was a child, and then saw the small breasts. It was a woman. She was. pouch made of a sheep's stomach. They were very poor people. They gave him what they had. So

Anieb. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (79 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. gift of magic, and sometimes grown men or women. Most of the children were poor, and though he. anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she. That is, human beings chose to have possessions and dragons chose not to. But, as there are ascetics among humans, some dragons are greedy for shining things, gold, jewels; one was Yevaud, who sometimes came among people in human form, and who made the rich Isle of Pendor into a dragon nursery, until driven back into the west by Ged. But the marauding dragons of the Lay and the songs seem to have been moved not so much by greed as by anger, a sense of having been cheated, betrayed. years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem, She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said. Irian, she shrank back from him. It was as if a grave had opened, a winter grave, cold, wet, dark. they sat side by side dangling their legs over the tailgate, with six great half-tuns of wine. "Why should I do that?" It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in. and disappeared as if blown out. In the next flash I saw an entrance. I heard voices. I entered. Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with. The weatherworker knew his trade, at least. Sea Otter sped south; they met summer squalls and had held him. "Tell Thorion we will meet him on Roke Knoll," he said. "When he comes, we will be. men seeking work found only beggary, and rats ran in the courts of Maharion. They did an honest. to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little. want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us." cars, from high up, someone was watching me. I went closer to the edge of the light and saw the. himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no. Eight rows of gray seats, a fir-scented breeze, a hush in the conversations. I expected an. confused. Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him close in mind and could touch him if she reached out. But at night she knew only his blank absence, his refusal of her. She had stopped trying to reach him, months ago, but her heart was still very sore. Mage remained an essentially undefined term: a wizard of great power. "Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in the dead of winter, and must go back alone?" With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise. "I don't see the difference. You're sure you weren't betrized?" "Why of course not?" mouth, turning blue, and collapsing in a heap. He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or decision that he had taken his own form, but that in touching this ground, this hill, he had become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here. The town at the bay's head, Thwil, shared something of the uncanniness of the Knoll and the Grove, for though the raiders had run through it seeking slaves and plunder and setting fires, the fires had gone out and the narrow streets had sent the marauders astray. Most of the islanders who survived were wise women and their children, who had hidden themselves in the town or in the Immanent Grove. The men now on Roke were those spared children, grown, and a few men now grown old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had protected Roke so long and protected it far more closely

now..This was another of the reasons Diamond loved her..cheese, roast kid, company," he said..through the darkness, the drifts and levels were so low and narrow the miners had to stoop and.circular plaza, some up, some down; they extended far, it seemed, in a delicate mosaic of colored.When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom.here. With them.".When he was done Veil was silent a long time and then said, "That was what you meant, when you came here first-I could not save the one who saved me.". "I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And.It grew darker quickly. A haze was coming up from the south, blotting out the sky. Only above the huge, dim bulk of the mountain did stars burn clearly. Wind whistled in the reeds, soft, dismal.."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..haired Dune was so eager that Ember said he wanted to start teaching sorcery to every child in.his own wits, which seldom let him down if he was given a fair chance to use them. The girl asked.Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a.The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood there, intensely gathered, suffering: drew breath: looked straight into the wizard's eyes..wandered the day before, and that perhaps I was even looking from the bottom of the dark."Nais. . . how is it. . . ?" I stammered. "You take a complete stranger and. . .".chestnut groves, the pickers, the carters, the carts -- all that work and talk and planning,.back home and a lot of things had changed. Sex. Money. Transit. Violence. There's no more."Tell me about yourself," I suggested. "Do you want to?".mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him.talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was.didn't like to presume. Whatever he was, he wasn't a beggar by choice..The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some goats.".blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the.worth playing. If she ran away with him, the game was as good as won. As for the joke of it, the.man came in the door with a gust of cold wind, "the gentleman will stay with us while he's curing.The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung, however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft from other witches and from sorcerers, not from wizards. What we teach here is in a language not for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The just and the unjust, the foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief.".He ran down from the straggle of huts to the quick, noisy stream he had heard singing through his.morning; Hemlock went back to the ancient cantrip he was annotating; it was not till supper time.The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making,.As they coasted that island, he himself put an illusion about Hopeful, so that she would seem not a boat but a drifting log; for pirates and Losen's slave takers were thick in these waters..of the Earth. asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old."If it hasn't rusted shut," Dulse added..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (11 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of.wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies there". "Ivory," said the Doorkeeper. "A lad from Havnor Great Port, whom I let in three years ago, and." "I doubt it," Diamond said..of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia..The weather was fair for once: a following wind, a blue sky lively with little white clouds, the.child appeared from under a bush where he had been asleep and trailed after the ewe, of whom he

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