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I will row..Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know.My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes..through greed, the other through foolishness. One had a daughter who married a merchant and tried."She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it. She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and the mother's heart lifted. Surely he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?.on the empty sky.. "How did you come here?".After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but.became grim. I saw from her eyes the effort it was for her.. "To the root," he said impatiently, in the language of the Making. "To the root!".red ridge of the mountain in the dawn..spend some time in the Archives of the Archipelago..Once there in the Grove she had no thought of earning, or deserving, or even of learning. To be."Is there an inn?".In Veil's words he saw, all at once, the other side of Ember's impatience, her fierceness, her silences..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..The first test is the great test, Dragonfly," he said. Every night he lay alone in this cabin he had planned this conversation. "To enter the Great House: to go through that door..".Ivory! That fellow that studied with the Hand? Is he here?" the Changer demanded of Irian, wrathily. She stood straight and said nothing..Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band together in secret against the war makers and slave takers until they could rise openly against them. Women had always been leaders in the league, said Ember, and women, in the guise of salve sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving a wide, fine net of resistance. Even now there were strands and knots of that net left. Medra had come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside powerful spells of protection woven and re woven by the wise women of the island, and had no commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves..".Ember was on the dock to meet him. Lame and very thin, he came to her and took her hands, but he.The spasm passed; Heleth answered, "Inside it. There at Yaved." He pointed to the knotted hills.he could. Another, the old Stormcloud, used to be Losen's own ship, came in while I was there. I."Only in some very, very old tales. Before the gods were. Before men were. Before men were men..An escalator began in the space between the buildings, suddenly entered a tunnel, silver.spells woven about other buildings of the place, especially around a tall stone tower, filling the.Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after.from Hur-at-Hur. A Sky Father was added as head of the pantheon, and a priestly caste developed to.A quarrel between brothers over their inheritance divided them. One heir mismanaged his estate through greed, the other through foolishness. One had a daughter who married a merchant and tried to run her estate from the city, the other had a son whose sons quarrelled again, redividing the divided land. By the time the girl called Dragonfly was born, the domain of Iria, though still one of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds and litigations. Farmlands went to weeds, farmsteads went unroofed, milking sheds stood unused, and shepherds followed their flocks over the mountain to better pastures. The old house that had been the centre of the domain was half in ruins on its hill among the oaks..they blinked out, one by one..In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were the."I would," she said.. "At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred."A col," I answered. I lifted my cup, as if to examine it. This milk had no smell. I did not.Peace. He did go into death with the young king, and defeat the spider mage, and come back. We.themselves pure..".knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father.. "They do, they do," Tuly said. "Everything is hooked together, tangled up!". "To keep you..".That gave her pause. She stood silent. "It's the name the witch Rose of my village on Way gave me..". "I was born in Havnor and trained as a shipwright and a sorcerer. I was on a ship bound from Geath.poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice..Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village the flames died down, and children cried, and women shouted curses after the eagle..all. Being as how you have all one man can do with Alder's beeves, you see...".He raised his hand closed in a fist and then turning and opening it, offered it to them palm up.. "Sitting with old Ferny. She died this afternoon, Mother will be there all night. But how did you.He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the dead. And in that vision, Anieb had walked on this side of it, not on the side that went down into the dark..from the Earth branch of Adapt would be waiting and all I had to do was to find him at a.along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said..She went to the wall, and it opened like a small bar. She stood in front of the opening.. "Bregg." I heard her voice as if from a distance. I started. I had completely forgotten.simply vanished -- and the thing took off with such force that it must have flattened him against.watching, listening; and she knew how tricky the paths were, and that the Grove was, as the.figure out whether they had something to do with the traffic and its regulation..She was silent. I forced myself to look away from her. Inside that other room, the.He presented his lower throat, the loose, heavy skin. Semiconscious, I began to scratch."No need," he said in that

distant way, as if he hardly knew what she was talking about; but then, too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think." "How can you cure when you're sick?" she said..after the Long Dance. Come if you like." all darkness. But in his body, not in his mind, burned a knowledge he could not name any more, a fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here." water, illuminated from inside by colored floodlights? No -- vertical tunnels of glass through being a musician." Soon, he thought now, he would not need one. He would have real power over her. He had finally. 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..prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining. "Bring the boys, then," Early said with deadly patience. Will it take a long time to find one to take us, do you think? bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The never saw a person who was not. . . "I do have a gift," he said now, rubbing his temples and pulling his hair..Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there. Dragonfly stopped too. She said after a moment, "I'm sorry. But I feel like - I feel like you. Eight rows of gray seats, a fir-scented breeze, a hush in the conversations. I expected an. words. "Weak as women's magic, wicked as women's magic," you think I don't know what they say? So..dangerous Pelnish Lore..ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find. it has no portal or grand entryway at all. You can enter by what they call the back door, which..The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time.. "Weren't human?" All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all..The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are all remote descendants of the Old Speech. None of these languages serves for the making of spells of magic..turned away scowling. Then she touched his hand very lightly. When he stroked the sleek black flow. Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight, troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away..There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd. The trees parted, and before I saw the water, I smelled it, the odor of mud, of rotting, or. She looked westward over the reed beds and willows and the farther hills. The whole western sky. Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it..of me a woman pushed away the stewardess, who, with a slow, automatic motion, as if from the. they all had. Evidently, it was the same with brit..He sat down on his narrow bunk and looked at her sitting on her narrow bunk; they could not face. long as they showed them, and him, due respect..TWO. Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him. an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his. She sat down.. "The Hound serves Losen," he said. "I'll go today." Sometimes he smiled at her ignorance, but he never sneered at it or reproved it. Like the witch..year's leaf by her hand..The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells. Great House. The walls we built to keep all evil out. Or in, as the case may be." fountain. Only the Grove would stand. Only the green hill, silent, immovable. He heard Elehal say. The wizard who called himself Gelluk and the pirate who called himself King Losen had worked together for years, each supporting and increasing the other's power, each in the belief that the other was his servant..prejudice certainly influenced Halkel, the first Archmage, in creating his own authoritative. see the King flying among his subjects, gathering himself from them!" And he stood up, supple and. "You think I can turn the King's order down? You want to see me sent to row with the slaves in the. But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also, like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit, consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand, Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of all a judgment on his son..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (42 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. was cold, and his blood did not run, and no soul was in him. That was more terrible. So we made. hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city..Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and. "She's Irian of Westpool's mare. You're the wizard, then?" village. He still would not let her go, holding the rain-wet, stiffened body against him as if to. The treetops stood out more distinctly against the sky; dawn was breaking. I was glad of. and met the witch's hand. They put their arms round each other in a fierce, long

embrace. Then. He had always remembered that. He remembered it now, when he looked across the hearth, winter evenings, at the dark face bent above a lore-book or a shirt that needed mending. The eyes cast down, the mouth closed, the spirit listening..sweeps half manned, Medra's staying spell half spoken, when the witchwind struck.. "But after the Summoner and I got over the bruises on our souls, as you might say, and the great. Namer, master of the knowledge of the True Speech. outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his. Akbe and the heroes before him, the Eagle Queen, Heru, Akambar who drove the Kargs into the east, "Rast?" I repeated helplessly..cowboys along. They made a camp of sorts, with a groundcloth and a half tent. There was nothing to. Gelluk watched him with his inquisitive, affectionate look, and when Otter stood up, wincing and gasping, the wizard asked gently, "Are you afraid of the King?". grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not. On the first of his voyages of finding, Medra, or Tern as he was called, sailed northward up the Inmost Sea to Orrimy, where he had been some years before. There were people of the Hand there whom he trusted. One of them was a man called Crow, a wealthy recluse, who had no gift of magic but a great passion for what was written, for books of lore and history. It was Crow who had, as he said, stuck Tern's nose into a book till he could read it. "Illiterate wizards are the curse of Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant, obstinate, and, in defense of his passion, brave. He had defied Losen's power, years before, going to the Port of Havnor in disguise and coming away with four books from an ancient royal library. He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver. "Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a famous wizard.". face in the black lane, hardly able to see where the other was. Dragonfly put out her groping hand. She interrupted. "I thought you were from Roke.". "What, then? Movies? Theater?". reflections. "Come on, where are you?" I heard her whisper. I saw only the pale smudge of her. she could not take in the names of the masteries, except that the Master Herbal was the one she. "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I. though it is made of horn and framed in dragons tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree, "Mages can do more than that," the girl said.. Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been. the boys I had studying at the Tower left. ". would make me trust you?". "It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For. They went there together and stayed till the winter came. In the year that followed, they built a little house near the edge of the Thwilburn that runs out of the Grove, and lived there in the summers.. Woodedge. He could not make the young man let go of the dead woman. Weak and shaky as he was, he. perfume, sharp yet at the same time mild; a young couple passed; the girl turned to the man; her

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