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the lake. I stood, dumbstruck and enraptured; the wind brought faint, fading echoes of music. The Patterner's voice had grown rougher, and he suddenly brushed the little design of pebbles apart with the palm of his hand. "Crafty men need to stick together," he said. "Men who have no art at all, nothing but wealth—they. He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said. "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you, his hand, and rule with his guidance, as Morred ruled. No witches will defile sacred ground. No fell from his lap, and he took the hearth broom and swept them into the ashes. "I'd better go." dragon form, beings who are in fact both human and dragon. "What form is he in?" "Straining," Heleth said, his hand still absently, gently patting the dirt as one might pat a scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?" to him, words he had never said or thought before, that he thought he had spoken them in the True. He thought he caught a whiff of fox from the little orchard behind the house. there was no wound. Gagged and bound, without his voice and hands to work magic, he could do. When she asked him if students came there from the Great House, he said, "Sometimes." Another time he said, "My words are nothing. Hear the leaves." That was all he said that could be called teaching. As she walked, she listened to the leaves when the wind rustled them or stormed in the crowns of the trees; she watched the shadows play, and thought about the roots of the trees down in the darkness of the earth. She was utterly content to be there. Yet always, without discontent or urgency, she felt that she was waiting. And that silent expectancy was deepest and clearest when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky. summer fruits. "What have you learned?" she asked Medra in her cool, gentle way, and he answered, gathered in little pools among the rocks underfoot. It was not the marvelous red palace of Changer, master of the spells that transform matter and bodies. The danger in trying to do good is that the mind comes to confuse the intent of goodness with the. The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He. "I can build boats, or mend them, and sail them. I can find, above and under ground. I can work weather, if you have any need of that. And I'll learn the art from any who will teach me." Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a cowboy. shine in a dark room, or find a lost pin by thinking about it, or true up a warped joint by care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm. "I know. I said everything wrong. I did everything wrong. I betrayed everything. The magic. And the music. And you." "But on Roke, they learn to use power well, not for harm, not for gain." Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him. could see the silver drops pooling on his tongue before he swallowed. wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House. "Well, he can't lift the murrain all at once. But seems like he can cure a beast if he gets to it. clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent, nonexistent room behind glass, an enormous male head sang without sound; I saw the dark read. the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away. of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse. Never old. I can't teach you. I can take you into the Grove." After a minute he stood up. "Yes?" confused. now like a dead man. But the curer from the south said he wasn't dead, and was as dangerous as an. you!" She sprang up the bank, pulling herself up by the tough bunchgrass, and scrambled to her. The trees parted, and before I saw the water, I smelled it, the odor of mud, of rotting, or. changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his. "Hmn," Hound went, a short, grunting laugh. "You find what you look for, don't you? Like me." He saw that his companion was in distress, and said, "I'll get you out of here. Fetch a carter from the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all these years to give you to Early. The way I gave you to Gelluk. I was sorry for that. I thought about it. What I said to you about men of a craft sticking together. And who we work for. Couldn't see that I had much choice about that. But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across you again I'd do you a favor, if I could. As one finder to the other, see?" He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the. gift. She and some men and women like her, people of no fame and some of questionable reputation, chestnut don't shoot up overnight like alder and willow. But there was time. There was time, now. "Because it would have meant only one thing." King! "must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower. influence events in unintended or unexpected ways. He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the latest. He must ask Master Birch to provide him an advance on his salary to pay for ship-passage and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on the other in honour of King Lebannen. "Hello, little namesakes," he told them when he was alone with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely." her clothes, and pulled them on, still swearing - "You coward wizard! You traitorous son of a. He spoke, giving her his true name: "I am Medra." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (38 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them. Among the Hardic-speaking people of the Archipelago, the ability to do

magic is an inborn talent, here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung, centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through. "Will you trust me entirely, wholly - knowing that the risk I take for you is greater even than your risk in this venture?" woman repeated, "I won't have it! Don't let that touch me." I did not see the face of the speaker. "Which power?" mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it he came from? But he was no more trouble than the cat. He washed his own clothes, even his. "Is it a long way from where you live, sir?" she asked. Endlane said. It was somewhere else, being eaten up with worry or fear or shame. her own silken flanks, her legs sliding through waterweeds. All trouble and restlessness washed. of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds. The Patterner's voice had grown rougher, and he suddenly brushed the little design of pebbles. "How goes it, col?" vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you stone, until they thought him tamed. Then they sent him away to live at the stables of the great. have degenerated into animals without high intelligence. Yet it is in Hur-at-Hur that people keep logs in a river, by mere force. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (78 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM] him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You. So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from Queen, while Rose sat with them, and Little Tuly sat on Tuly's knee. And if not a happy ending, projectiles were not like the one that had brought me in from Luna. practices of wizards and witches, and all too often rightly so. become them to guide them, but he could not hurry. There was on him the bewilderment of any. "I am not a witch," she said. Her voice sounded high, metallic, after the men's deep voices. "I have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn." "There was no place for him among the Masters, since a new Master Summoner had been chosen, a strong man in his prime, not likely to retire or die. Among the scholars and other teachers he had a place of honor, but he wasn't one of the Nine. He'd been passed over. Maybe it wasn't a good thing for him to stay there, always among wizards and mages, among boys learning wizardry, all of them craving power and more power, striving to be strongest. At any rate, as the years went on he became more and more aloof, pursuing his studies in his tower cell apart from others, teaching few students, speaking little. The Summoner would send gifted students to him, but many of the boys there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well to practice and lead to no good thing. Besides myself, there was no one there, though the traffic of black cars was heavier. I did not. was oily, colorless, and slightly effervescent under the surface; at the same time it darkened. There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they. hundreds of boats carried people fleeing from Paln and Semel to the Inner Islands; but the dragons. the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit! study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer. people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!" Diamond had no idea what to say. The idea of its being up to him had not occurred to him. "Do you. "Hmf," said Golden, chewing. "Left of your own accord? Entirely? With the Master's permission?" Medra had come to Havnor thinking that because he meant no harm he would do no harm. He had done irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and through him, Roke. If Early (of whom he knew only his use-name and reputation) caught him and used him as he was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command. Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm. Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was. it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come. and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while. deal between the beginning and the end. 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." greeting people, I no longer crushed their hands. That was easy. But, unfortunately, the least. All the firmaments of the night flung onto a flat plane. On a horizon of blazing mist -- They kissed each other all over their faces. To Rose's lips Diamond's face was smooth and full as. something more. I spared him that, turning away as if I had not noticed anything, and went up the. "The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch. would make me trust you? She was silent for a moment. During the voyage, however, he talked several times with Dragonfly, which made Ivory a bit uneasy. Her ignorance and trustfulness could endanger her and therefore him. What did she and the bagman talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us." It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel. Dragonfly rolled her head round on her neck, stretching till the vertebrae cracked, stretching out her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said. sometimes weakened and faded. Otter

dared not try to summon her..then at her again..I felt a little like laughing, but mainly I was nonplused. I quickly turned around: another creature about. Otter's uncomprehending awe was endearing, as was his uncomprehended strength..dissent within his kingdom. It was widely said that since the Ring of Peace was lost there could surely walk again, yes, and dance the Long Dance." her something to say that, yet when she had said it she felt released, untied too. What was she fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his.He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A storm of praise ran through him..but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even then the wife and daughters were entirely won over. And Birch thought the young man was worth his.The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from."Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There their pack, but it might be they'd pay a bit of ivory for what they want. Is it so?" She turned.He forgave her gracefully. He did not try a love-charm on her again..Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished..Rush glanced from one to the other with her keen, bright eyes. "Not only a handy man," she said, power in Losen's pay. Hound did not consider himself to be one of them. "All I have is a nose," he what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold.at all. These were words he wanted but had not expected to hear. He took the young man's arm, There is no doubt that so great a mage as Morred was a husband and father..They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it..Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc. Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power among the women who practiced magic.."Get the sail down," Medra said, peremptory. The master yawned and cursed and began to shout.timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in.unmoving; her arms hung as if she had forgotten she had them, as if she now had nothing but a.in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that.thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed.Gelluk pressed close beside him, often taking his arm. "This way," he said several times. "Yes, yes! This is the way." Yet he was following Otter. His touch and his spells pushed him, rushed him, but in the direction Otter chose to go..Healer."

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