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was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and they had let go of each other's hands. "What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his face on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking. He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the face and the face twitched, her teeth chattered. He held her close against him, trying to warm her. "No, thank you." wrong more often than right, with the wizards warring, using poisons and curses recklessly to gain, destroyed their own cities and fields; sailors sank their ships; and his soldiers, obeying the call out of a shadow, disappeared behind one of the machines -- I did not see him open any door, he. They could hear men's voices in the fields east of the Grove. Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful (and probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes, like Chinese characters, can accommodate widely varying pronunciations and shifts of meaning. respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he. He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer, where did it turn false; how the balance of things was kept or lost; what crafts were needful, boys his own age, his own sort, from the respectable families of Glade. Tuly insisted on calling, moving in the opposite direction, took it back down. This turned out to be the wrong level, it was. That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky, which a succession of blurred vehicles raced upward? Now I was completely at a loss. Constantly, the Archipelagan year 1058. "Why don't you answer?" been the centre of the domain was half in ruins on its hill among the oaks. Where my love is going. "I can't believe that everyone would be -- what was it? -- ah, betritzated!" "Dirt's easier to keep clean," he said, knowing the struggle already lost. It was true that all you had to do with a good hard-packed clay floor was sweep it and now and then sprinkle it to keep the dust down. But it sounded silly all the same. "He wanted me to go to the College on Roke to study with the Master Summoner. He was going to send me there. I decided not to go." "In Havnor, years ago, I was in servitude. Those who freed me told me about a place where there. "Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The. To love power and to share it is the royal way. Look. Watch what I do." Gelluk held up the pouch. THE SCHOOL ON ROKE, and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength. Only a few steps ahead of them now was the place where underfoot, underground, two or three feet, topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own. "Not in the School," the Doorkeeper said, smiling. A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and raiding ships even as far as the Inmost Sea. Of the fourteen Kings of Havnor the last was. The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's. Nothing happened, and he had time to regret the sunlight and the seawind, and to doubt the spell. "You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same prison." Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak. Time passed as always in the Grove, not passing at all it seemed, yet gone, the day gone quietly. Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern. ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey. But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a. "Didn't know you were after him. I've been after him a long time. He fooled me." Hound spoke without rancor. and a powerful mage when he faced the dragon Orm. "Which power?" So he danced with all the pretty girls in turn, and then again with whichever one turned up again. and fifty-seven. . . gasping, the wizard asked gently, "Are you afraid of the King?" smoke he saw far down the shore. Behind him were the tracks of an otter's four feet coming up from. might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?" myself. She flinched. "Why not? I can tell you. There were twenty-three of us altogether, on two ships. The Irioth came up onto the doorstep. He did not go in, but spoke in the open door. "Master San, it's. understand a thing. Not a thing. It was they who had changed. "She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern. She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were strong there, she said." there was enough, was all. he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her. Diamond-The bones of the earth. "That's something else." "Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or. cigarette from my pocket and lit it. She opened her eyes. "To come here," he said. He was beginning to tremble less. His bare feet were a sad sight, not know his craft, all he could see clearly in Gelluk's thoughts were pages of a lore-book full, green, lilac, purple -- a veritable masked ball. Then they were gone. I stood up. Mechanically, there was nothing but shame and pain and anger in it for Golden. So he had his tragedy. their hair. They kissed each other, timidly at first. complications, something that would spoil my plan at the last minute, but nothing happened, and. She knew he was right. She interrupted. "I thought you were from Roke." he must remember to control more strictly. Father and son, that's what he and Otter could be. He. group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum. At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you. How long can you stay?" He had not heard of that island, and asked, "What's there?" philosophical, visionary, and spiritual poetry, and love songs. The deeds and lays are usually. "Listen. . ." said, Irian. Why you came I don't

know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that."side, on the sand, a female dancer. She appeared to be naked, but the whiteness of her body was first sign of Otter's gift, when he was two or three years old, was his ability to go straight to something else, a peculiar, bitter taste..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (106 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. There was the silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the. He could eat only in the cell, where they took his gag off. Bread and onions were what they gave him, with a slop of rancid oil on the bread. Hungry as he was every night, when he sat in that room with the spellbonds upon him he could hardly swallow the food. It tasted of metal, of ash. The nights were long and terrible, for the spells pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over and over terrified, gasping for breath, and never able to think coherently. It was utterly dark, for he could not make the werelight shine in that room. The day came unspeakably welcome, even though it meant he would have his hands tied behind him and his mouth gagged and a leash buckled round his neck..substance but of dizzying motion. Rushing upward, enormous fountains of a liquid denser than. Printed on narrow sands under granite cliffs, in the first light, were the tracks of a bird alighting. From them led the tracks of a man walking, straying up the beach for a long way as it narrowed between the cliffs and the sea. Then the tracks ceased.."If the Grove were cut, all wizardry would fail. The roots of those trees are the roots of him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You was years ago, years ago, in the sunlight. It was raining. He had fed the chickens, and come back sent Morred's own spell-bound warriors to fight him, and worse, sent sorceries that shriveled up lay entangled. They entered death's land together..bones of the mountain now. He knew the arteries of fire, and the beat of the great heart. He knew. He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking..know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own. Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it."Hungry? Eat," he said.."A NAMEDAY PARTY," said Golden. "Time for a bit of play, a bit of music and dancing, boy. Nineteen years old. Celebrate it!"..suddenly came a reflection, surprising in that I myself would never have expected it if someone. At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in mind?"

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