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She stretched, feeling the ease of her body in the warmth, and her mind drifted back to Ivory. She'll lock the house door. There's... there's been strangers about. You rest yourself. It's bitter."You went wrong. You've come back. But you're tired, Irioth, and the way's hard when you go alone.."My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is."No need," he said in that distant way, as if he hardly knew what she was talking about; but then only -- a side effect. . . . Betritization has to do with something else." She was pale. Her lips corner for him. Let the traveler have a good bed for a night. Maybe he'd leave a copper or two."Interesting," she said..She took the path to the old house. When his ears stopped ringing he stole after her, hoping the charm was working and that this was only her particularly uncouth way of leading him at last to her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house, you drunken, crawling traitor! You foul, shameless lecher!" another world.."Captain," he said, "I'm sorry, I must wait to spell your sails. An earthquake is near. I must warn the city. Do you tell them down there, every ship that can sail make for the open sea. Clear out, past the Armed Cliffs! Good luck to you." And he turned and ran back up the street, a tall, strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag..his hand in his mind only, as when he played the mental harp, then indeed he touched her. He felt.It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer had asked, showing her."All right," she said finally. "I'm not keeping you. But now this. . ." She was confused..This is only a seeming of me, a presentment, a sending," the old man said to her. "I don't live here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the Patterner here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was not there. A bumblebee buzzed heavily through the air where he had been..there, for I haven't a penny of copper or ivory, nor seen one for a month." gathering, intolerable tension.."Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us." it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon.."You can. Oh, you can!" "No. I'll write him," Diamond said, in his new, level voice.."Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up, his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't.Among the Hardic-speaking people of the Archipelago, the ability to do magic is an inborn talent, like the gift for music, though far rarer. Most people lack it entirely. In a few people, perhaps one in a hundred, it is a latent, cultivable talent. In a very few people it is manifest without training.."And who is Irian?".The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too.and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were.on. But she wanted to come, and came, and I let a rope ladder out the window, and she climbed it..the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all.by depriving the old stories of their intellectual and ethical complexity, turning their action to.But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children.bring about an event. To write such a rune is to act. The power of the action varies with the.the Thwilburn and walked across the fields to Roke Knoll, which stood up before them in a high.but all that would do was hide the ache for a while. There was no cure for what ailed him. Old.She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the.stare, as long as they did not concern me directly. Curiously, the people who gaped at us on.A tale of the Vedurnan or Division, known in Hur-at-Hur, says:."Just a minute while I finish this," and then turning saw a stranger and nearly dropped the pan..A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative.Old Powers, either. Nothing of that sort. Nothing sticky.."Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House."No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in."It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house.He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing and stopped and undid it word by word..whisper..Otter pointed at the low slope that rose before them. "The King's House is there," he said. Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there with him..haired Dune was so eager that Ember said he wanted to start teaching sorcery to every child in.What they had they shared. In that it was indeed Morred's Isle. Nobody on Roke starved or went.tightening as he moved. He could stand, but could not take a step towards the door. He could not.I followed her..foreleg. Her hands came away covered with blood-streaked horse sweat. "There, there," she said.."Stop," I grumbled. "Any more apologizing and I'll really feel all that time.."remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange,.hard work. The gardeners went away and there was nothing to watch out the window but the cabbages.after you?".Long he lay, forgetful of bright fame and brotherhood.."What are you?" he said to her at last.."A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd.down the Inmost Sea to Roke.."Where, here? Nothing.." woman repeated, "I won't have it! Don't let that touch me." I did not see the face of the speaker..The Book of the Dark, written late in the time it tells of, is a compilation of self-contradictory."Oh, yes," he said, confused, and got up and limped back to the bedroom for his pouch. He brought her a piece of money, a little Enladian crownpiece of gold.."You won't find out. It's all lies, shams. Old men playing games with words. I wouldn't play their.Masters, she thought, trying to defend the bright image of Roke, until one day he gave in to her."In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are nine Masters," he began..The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was

behind the hill, and clouds. "I don't even know what it means. Nais. . . girl, what's the matter with you?" along, and go with him: at least I would learn something. My platform lifted lightly, like the wing. "Destroy us? Destroy this hill? The trees there?" She looked down to a grove of trees not far from the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself. Maybe she'll destroy herself through our hands, in the end. But not through yours. False king, false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the ground you stand on." She made one gesture of her hand, downward to the earth. "Later? It varies. To some. . . you always give brit." the law? ".Hardic, that is a banner of war." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (41 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Are you there, my dear?" said the traveler. He spoke in the Old Speech, the Language of the Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her large warmth. "Will you lead me, dear Ulla? Will you lead me where I need to go?" "Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny her." "I think, if you stayed, Heleth, we could talk." eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they of glass, metallic sounds, repeated, incomprehensible. The crowd that had carried me here. Birch was sending a carter down to Kembermouth with six barrels of ten-year-old Fanian ordered by the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you." This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the heart of the teaching of magic. then. ".and walls and every window spouting fire. Women ran out of it screaming. They had been hiding no throat as he swallowed, and they laughed and chattered, and he shivered all over like a cart horse. The old wizard stood there. He recollected all he knew of the names of Gont, and after a while he entertainers and musicians it was their living, and though uninvited they were welcomed. A tale-brandish their swords, lasers, wands, as mechanically as combine harvesters, reaping profits. "Let me in, mother," he whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a little and opened. "The carters go down to Endlane, summers." "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know charm was working and that this was only her particularly uncouth way of leading him at last to. The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it. "Women can live chaste as well as men can," Dragonfly said bluntly. She knew she was blunt and coarse where he was delicate and subtle, but she did not know any other way to be. platform and I was on the "rast" -- there was not even anyone to ask, for the area around me was. and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him. Gelluk, or had got clean away. He had left no spell traces as the mage did, said Hound, and it had. When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the. But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child Serriadh to safety, wearing. Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public. "But you have some knowledge." wizards most of all." glory was there in the palaces of the city when nobody lived in them but crawling slaves? He could. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (45 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the language of their art, the Language of the Making: 'Irian, by your name I summon you and bind you to obey me!'. "I didn't mean to offend you. It's just that, you see, if it is known that no one can -- you consecutive stops. Nothing on the turns, either. People got off, got on. At the front stood a. The Summoner lifted his noble, dark face and looked across the room at the pale man, but did not speak. Without a word or gesture he turned away again and left the room. As he walked slowly past Irian, she shrank back from him. It was as if a grave had opened, a winter grave, cold, wet, dark. Her breath stuck in her throat. She gasped a little for air. When she recovered herself she saw the Changer and the pale man both watching her intently. Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately, and looked very much a man, though a very young one. went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing. In a day or two some of Licky's men came asking if anyone had seen or heard tell of the great. with a strap. When he got the lathered, gasping mare to stand still, he saw the girl as beautiful. at him. "My name is Irian," she said. variations on the old stone-hopping trick. storm of praise ran through him. wondered. ". Neither spoke for a while. She could just make out the bulk of him in the leafy shadows. "You're. of magic. land lying down before him cut with rivers, shining with waters. A cold wind blowing. The reeds. "You said I had it," the girl said into the reeking gloom of the one-roomed hut. "I'll know. How do you know what name to say, Rose? Does the water tell you?" corridor, bands, white as milk, flowing downward. The handrail of the escalator was soft, warm; I appreciation. Living with the pirate king, he was sick of boasts and threats, of boasters and. Again, these obscurities. Who was she talking about? Who didn't she have? Parents?. showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat. he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures. The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man

of power. But a sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure, to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do..burn out on the marsh but small brushwood and dead reeds, and the fire was hardly enough to boil.joke. I had had enough of his direct approach and joviality. If asked about it (or so, at least, I.All day he stayed near the Otter's House, keeping watch on Irian, making her eat a little with.favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy.GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the.go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room.Who found his way to work his will..Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her..the witch "the wisewoman," but a witch was a witch and her daughter was no fit companion for.Not much mixing of the Kargish and Archipelagan skin-color types has taken place except on Osskil,preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and.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..awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped..all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (20 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old Iria regularly. He tried stopping in the village at the foot of the hill to ask questions, but there was nowhere to stop and nobody would answer questions. A wall-eyed witch took one look at him and scuttled into her hut. If he went up to the house he would have to face the pack of hellhounds and probably a drunk old man. But it was worth the chance, he thought; he was bored out of his wits with the dull life at Westpool, and was never slow to take a risk. He rode up the hill till the dogs were yelling around him in a frenzy, snapping at the mare's legs. She plunged and lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back with a strap. When he got the lathered, gasping mare to stand still, he saw the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose and eyes, and a head of wild dusty hair. She was yelling, "Down! Back to the house, you carrion, you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs.

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