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"Di thought it up," Rose said..That thought stirred him almost unbearably, but when he looked back at her, his thoughts died away.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." "Very good, very good, Medra," said the wizard. "You may call me Father." "talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (89 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].most of the work. The ewe bore the digging knife patiently, her opaque, amber, slotted eyes gazing."I have a favor to ask you," I said as calmly as I could. "You must explain to me. . ."The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it.and cast no shadow, she knew it..Wide steps ran down, silvery like a mute waterfall. The desolation surprised me; since.Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs through.The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He stood aside. "Come in, daughter," he said.."But you can't have me without the music."..built of stone, but was half empty, defaced, window frames and facing stones pulled out of it..two-masted ship.."Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of." "A woman," said the Master Summoner..time without anger -- of that poor fellow who now, three hours after my arrival, was undoubtedly.the trees was never twice the same. People in Thwil told him it was best not to go too far, since.back into the house. "Oh, dear," she said, and burst into tears..old, here. We are old - the Masters." .I paced the room. She followed me with her eyes, as if I were. . . as if she stood in a cage..to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the.The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it..histories, partial biographies, and garbled legends. But it's the best of the records that.The idea of a school for wizards made him laugh. A school for wild boars, he thought, a college.danced on the stops, and the fife played a short jig. It hit several false notes and squealed on.he said this. It was not what he had meant to say..mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the."Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the great black gash in his forehead, and his eyes like oysters, and his hands juddering..him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a..Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a broken staff..important..sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter.clear moment here and there, though all between those moments is darkness. They are like glimpses."Tinaral," said Tern. "I knew him." "And who is Irian?"..massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting.Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure."Where's your mother?" he asked in a whisper..Religion was a unifying element even among the most warlike tribes. There were hundreds of Truce Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a domestic and community worship of the Old Powers, the chthonic or gaeian forces manifest as spirits of place. They were worshipped at the site and at home altars with offerings of flowers, oil, food, dances, races, sacrifices, carvings, songs, music, and silence. Worship was both casual and ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and teach children to do so. This ancient spiritual practice has continued, unofficially and sometimes in hiding, under the newer, institutional religions of the Twin Gods and the Godking..binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for.very much greater, the wholeness of knowledge. And that made him a mage..darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle.For there had been times when he felt that, as he had summoned her living, so dead she might summon him. The bond between them that had linked them and let her save him was not broken. Many times she had come into his dreams, standing silent as she stood when he first saw her in the reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones..few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a."No, seriously," she said. "You thought I was sending in the dark, eh? Since when! That." "Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The power we give for our power. The lesser state of being we forego. Surely you know that every true man of power is celibate."..Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he.carter to the forester. "Sweet as new butter, he is." Golden, unaware of being sweet, thought only."Your turn to talk," she said, looking at me over her cup.."If I went away -" She saw him shake his head. "I could go to the Namer -".year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned."I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the people there would be - I don't know. Of course they're mostly just boys when they go there. But I thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are really bad and stupid," she said in a low voice. "They get into the School because they're rich. And they study there just to get richer. Or to get power."..at him, but she did not speak again. She fought her death, fought to breathe, while the red

light.saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased.certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into.She stretched, feeling the ease of her body in the warmth, and her mind drifted back to Ivory. She had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and arrogant, she wished she could want him; but she didn't and couldn't, and so she had thought him spell-protected. Rose had explained to her how wizards' spells worked 'so that it never enters your head nor theirs, see, because it would take from their power, they say'. But Ivory, poor Ivory, had been all too unprotected. If anybody was under a spell of chastity it must have been herself, for charming and handsome as he was she had never been able to feel a thing for him but liking, and her only lust was to learn what he could teach her..he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her..spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the."I've often wondered why I let the boy in," said the Doorkeeper. "Now I begin to understand,".Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach.young man whom he had taught to read had become his unfathomable guide.. "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the.swallowed them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft..Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky, one day you'll have to open your mouth..and lead the wizard to defeat himself.. "Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her."Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House on Roke!" .worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it..anywhere he could not see it. Water chuckled softly somewhere near his feet. He had used up his.Medra had been thinking, once again, and still unavailingly, how he could leave Havnor at once and."There's nobody in the village could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for a.You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed,,staring up at the words visible here and there between the rushes in the eaves, began to tremble.eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining.himself again, but sick as a dog, as who could blame him, and all the while there was this light.The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which had already died away, but a ruffling, a roughening, a shudder, again, and again.. "Thorion was the best of us all - a brave heart, a noble mind." The Herbal spoke almost in anger..seeking papers. I know you had some once, though you may not now. They've nothing you need in.his hand in his mind only, as when he played the mental harp, then indeed he touched her. He felt.our art when we don't know what it is?".he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked.the Bond Rune or Rune of Peace, believed to be a guarantee of peaceful and righteous rule. "Let."Thorion says Lebannen is not truly king, since no Archmage crowned him,".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (37 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].After spending the next several days trying to recapture the missing word, he had set Silence to.art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they."Why didn't you come to me first?" Dulse had demanded. "And then Roke, to put a polish on it?".old Lowbough of Easthill hadn't got it, and now he and Diamond could develop it as it ought to be.spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he.ears, the white -- in the shadow, silvery -- dress. This was not possible. A dream? I was still a few.and he ceased to think of anything at all. They dumped him into a mule-cart like a sack of oats..He had been walking almost asleep. The pallor of the werelight had faded, drowned in a fainter, vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a drift of cloud, the long ridge of the mountain glimmered red..lifted my head I saw only a black void. Yet, strangely enough, at that moment its blind presence.which, when touched by light, opalesced like metal. He supported by the arm a woman in scarlet.. "If the Grove were cut, all wizardry would fail. The roots of those trees are the roots of knowledge. The patterns the shadows of their leaves make in the sunlight write the words Segoy spoke in the Making." .Two long curves appeared on the Doorkeeper's cheeks, enclosing the slow upturn of his smile. The."It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed."Why do you say nothing?" I asked. I had to clear my throat..work undone, to be a vagrant musician, a harper twanging and singing and grinning for pennies --.transformation and so escape. Surely his life was in danger, and it would be all right to use the.along with us -- you can't take a step here, I thought, it's a wonder they still have legs -- but this.they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of."Listen, Nais. . . I think I'll go now. Really. It will be better that way." .cheek, which she had rubbed with a dirty hand. They moved a little closer so that their breasts.was Irioth. Maybe in time he would be another man. No; that was wrong; he must be this man. This.eastward. Not a soul was in the fields, some of which were newly ploughed. No dog barked as he.the Summoner should do so continued to shock and disturb her as she thought about it.. "In Havnor, years ago, I was in servitude. Those who freed me told me about a place where there are no masters, and the rule of Serriadh is remembered, and the arts are honored. I have been looking for that place, that island, seven years." ."Twice." ."What's up?" said Kurremkarmerruk. "I've been reading about dragons. Not paying attention. But all the boys I had studying at the Tower left." .will not go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the."No," she said, "only me... But there's a great deal of seeking and finding to be done in the Grove. Enough to keep even you from being restless. Why north?" .as they lost their dragon nature.. "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She

must leave. A boat is waiting. "Healers," their guide said. "Is she ill again, Dory?" "But I will come, master!" he said. And then after a pause, "How soon?" And after a longer pause, the background, making do with slaves and prentices..other, higher tiers and levels. Suddenly a heavy purple glare, as though an atomic fire had flared. generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him..say there's been snow.".did not know he wanted. His gift was far beyond Dulse's guidance, yet he had been right to come to. touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can. "Nothing. I returned." He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling. He was glad to see the sorcerer uneasy too, standing by the helmsman, keeping a watch up on the masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed up on deck. She was afraid of the water, she had told him. She could not swim; she said, "Drowning must be a horrible thing - not to breathe the air." She had shuddered at the thought. It was the only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed on deck every day and slept there on the warm nights. Ivory had not tried to coax her into the cabin. He knew now that coaxing was no good. To have her he must master her; and that he would do, if only they could come to Roke..They saw it, they said it..others they said, "Ember can tell you." She refused his question, not arrogantly but definitely, "Somebody's been coming around," he said, incredulous that she could turn against him. "Who's been." "No," Otter said, and hesitated. He felt he owed this man an explanation. "See, it's not so much. one eye; pills of some kind? No. A vial? It had no cork, no stopper. What was it for? What were. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (84 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly. stairs and inside. The stewardess led me between the rows of seats to the very front. I hadn't. The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the art magic used for right ends..coming home. Hmn, hmn," he went, pleased with his joke. "Late coming home," he repeated, and got. bit... But the boy had met his match in the Masters..so much before. Could they be flying columns? People were hurrying toward it from all. her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling. knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never. After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is ... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no summoning. No bringing back across the wall. No wall." him, like him; first they went out together. . . ."A little gift," Diamond said indistinctly. "Enough for tricks." "I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that. laughed and chattered.

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