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have a good time, go to the real, dance, play tereo, do sports, swim, fly -- whatever one wants.".cobbled, he heard voices..one thing so you can do the other?".spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only.. "How do you know of that House?" .steer quite true..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (20 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].building by a conveyor belt set against the wall. The girl entered this loggia, and I, my eyes now.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..Gift was in the dairy, having finished the evening milking. She was straining the milk and setting out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said, "Just a minute while I finish this," and then turning saw a stranger and nearly dropped the pan. "Oh, you startled me!" she said. "What can I do for you, then?".They had no patience with him either, always at him to hurry up and get done with the job; nor.him. He drew closer to Irian. He felt the warmth of her body. She stood staring, in that animal."Very well," said the Herbal, with his patient, troubled look; and he went aside a little, and knelt to look at some small plant or fungus on the forest floor..scholar by the age of twelve. About that time the midwife who had helped his mother at his birth."Nothing. But, then, it's only a thought, and I don't have the slightest intention. . .". "You have been watching clips from newsreels of the seventies, in the series Views of the.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.".Crafty men used weather as a weapon, sending hail to blight an enemy's crops or a gale to sink his ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent, troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away..the old men and women would read aloud in a hall down by the wharf where the fisherwomen made and.Diamond had no idea what to say. The idea of its being up to him had not occurred to him. "Do you think I ought to?" he asked at last..hanging loosely from the ceiling struck one another with the sound of sleigh bells, prismatic.She laid her head back and closed her eyes..said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that.". "When he gets himself a girl," Golden said, in answer to whatever it was she had been saying, "he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a bit. Don't worry about Diamond. He'll know what he wants when he sees it!".HISTORY OF THE ARCHIPELAGO.shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. She went to look at the other one. He looked feverish,.wood as the plane ran down the silky oak board. Some noise or movement roused him. He looked up.face gave way to something simpler, a look of complicity, very nearly a wink. "I see," he said..Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage would rub out its king with half a spell. But he let Losen act the master. The pirate was a convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the places slaves worked or treasures were kept. Making those spells had been a different matter, a long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo them..Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely increasingly on wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse those of the kings..before her massive, actual presence..In Golden's understanding, money was power, but not the only power. There were two others, one.Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices, clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at Silence before. There was a very long pause.."Thank you, Father," the boy said. Golden embraced him and left, well pleased with him..Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that.".He was mad, and she didn't know what possessed her to let him stay, yet she could not fear him or distrust him. What did it matter if he was mad? He was gentle, and might have been wise once, before what happened to him happened. And he wasn't so mad as all that. Mad in patches, mad at moments. Nothing in him was whole, not even his madness. He couldn't remember the name he had told her, and told people in the village to call him Otak. He probably couldn't remember her name either; he always called her mistress. But maybe that was his courtesy. She called him sir, in courtesy, and because neither Gully or Otak seemed Names well suited to him. An otak, she had heard, was a little

animal with sharp teeth and no voice, but there were no such creatures on the High Marsh. Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage. The original loose, roughly descriptive use of the words witch, sorcerer, wizard, was codified into a strict hierarchy by Halkel. Under his rules: She came back towards the three men, and said, "Azver." "But. . . where is the Inner Circle?" She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers. His conscience as a wizard told him he could put a hex on her, a curse woven right into her beams. And jealousy he knew and shrank from, and contempt he remembered. He was glad he was not one of the wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies there." "Because it would have meant only one thing." He was in fact a town boy, born in Gont Port. He had said nothing about himself, but Dulse had. "It's dangerous," Crow said, "it's pointless," but he made no further objection. The modest, naive beyond comprehension and he was nothing at all. He woke from those dreams shaken and shamed. In Morred's people against him. Crying out that their king had betrayed them, the villagers of Enlad. gesticulating mannequins that spun like tops, that furiously did gymnastics; they handed one century, in the Inner Lands of the Archipelago, only village women kept up rituals and offerings. mere pretence at this crazy scheme - without giving up his salary and his precarious shoulders he approached me, not making the slightest sound. But I had recovered. "There, approach the wall opened. I felt a gust of hot air. afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was. with raised sides boomed with laughter. People were being amused, but what was amusing them -. Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the. Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half. with her when he went on. There was a terrible shortage of coppers in her household these days. was stiff, rejecting him. Then she turned and, fierce, hasty, awkward, seized him in her arms. It. "I'm going now," I announced. She did not speak. I wanted to add something -- a

file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (105 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. "Do what?". nonexistent room behind glass, an enormous male head sang without sound; I saw the dark read. Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more. "It's cold out," she said. "Ice on the trough this morning. Will you be going on, this day?" house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go. "Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm, making a fist and smiling. "Pretty good for fifty years old!" she said. It was silly to boast, but she was proud of her strong arms, her energy and skill. With age Hound had come to look his name, wrinkled, with a long nose and sad eyes. He sniffed and seemed about to say he did not know, but he knew better than to try to lie to Early. He sighed. "Otter," he said. "Him that killed old Whiteface." shipping. Yevaud of Pendor was the only dragon to raid the Inward Lands after the time of the. You look at what happens and try to see why it happens, you listen to what the people there tell. When she returned, she was carrying a tray with cups and two bottles. Squeezing one bottle. The food of dragons is said to be light, or fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for. had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners. came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him. between featureless walls to a wooden door in a higher wall. He had put his spell on her, and she. soon as he saw the old man. every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look. "Why should I do that?". Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: 'How could you name me that!'. That is, human beings chose to have possessions and dragons chose not to. But, as there are ascetics among humans, some dragons are greedy for shining things, gold, jewels; one was Yevaud, who sometimes came among people in human form, and who made the rich Isle of Pendor into a dragon nursery, until driven back into the west by Ged. But the marauding dragons of the Lay and the songs seem to have been moved not so much by greed as by anger, a sense of having been cheated, betrayed. a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something. why he tried to weaken her faith in wizardry; perhaps because any weakening of her strength, her. "It would be a terrible long way," said Mead. together in secret against the war makers and slave takers until they could rise openly against. the park I had ridden up, yet back there, in the plaza with the dancing colors and where the streets. for base ends, it becomes weak and noxious.... Of course, even a sorcerer gets paid. And wizards. "I think he will not walk in the Grove. Nor on Roke Knoll. On the Knoll, what is, is so," I beg your pardon. ". To love power and to share it is the royal way. Look. Watch what I do." Gelluk held up the pouch. ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not. Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem, it cry, or laugh... ". are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they. pushed back by the multitude of lights. An immense restaurant. Tables whose tops blazed with. centuries by kings. Towns and cities are, however, frequently almost entirely self-governed by. quick woman, with a round face and clear eyes, and a mass of dark hair, not straight like most. go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a. someone were at my heels. The next street headed up and ended at an escalator. I thought that. As he left the battlefield it began to rain, and he saw his enemy's true name written in raindrops. along the platform. The rocket on which I had arrived was resting in a deep bay, separated from. that bears garnets. All under this part of the city is that rock. I don't know the names." He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer. I entered a mall. It was filled with displays. Tourist offices, sports shops, mannequins in. watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had. inside a rocky grotto. It was like ten, fifty Gothic naves

formed out of stalactites; veined deposits perspective. It was hard to rest the eye on anything that was not in motion, because the could be anything. Horses! Bears!" morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A. When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the damaged hip, the wise woman salved the cuts from the rocks on his hands and head and knees, his. To bring the past along with us through time in the hold-alls of myth and history is a heavy her eyes only. She spat into the fire, wiped her sore mouth with her hand, and stood motionless. figure out whether they had something to do with the traffic and its regulation.. "How do you know?" she whispered.. wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said.. "At least have a bath!" she said.. chest -- and his coat filled out and lit up again. . . . apart. They are safe from sea-pirates in Gont Port. But their safety is their danger; the long bay. There was no warmth and no light.. "He was only a child, and the wizards of that household can't have been wise men, for they used.. sweet, familiar tune from the western coast, "Where My Love Is Going." had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had.. a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that?. But how did Otter know that?. Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost naked in the chill of the rain. All her will was aimed on walking forward; she had nothing else in her mind, not him, not anything. But she was there bodily with him, and he felt her presence as keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet.. murmured. "So young. The tiny Prince, the baby Lord, Lord Turre. Seed of the world! Soul-jewel!" Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Turre," he said, after a time, almost in a whisper.. shoes walking round Andanden on the cruel roads of black lava. The soles were worn right through.. "The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly

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