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"What, then? Movies? Theater?". Hound was sorry for him. "You know, if it was Gelluk questioning you, he'd have everything you.it was definitely the better plan to be honest. What Master did you speak of?".son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned.".stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him..long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo.AVON BOOKS.freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing. "I've been thinking," he said. "There are eight of you. Nine's a better number. Count me as a houses, merchants, and pirates, any who could hire soldiers and wizards called himself a lord, He was in fact a town boy, born in Gont Port. He had said nothing about himself, but Dulse had mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a there was nothing but shame and pain and anger in it for Golden. So he had his tragedy.."What it does is make him behave, make him have to. You know... maybe some. Once instead of smiling and agreeing, she said, "It's lovely to have him back, but" and Golden stopped hearing. Mothers were born to worry about their children, and women were born never to be content. There was no reason why he should listen to the litany of anxieties by which Tuly hauled herself through life. Of course she thought a merchant's life wasn't good enough for the boy. She'd have thought being King in Havnor wasn't good enough for him. dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the colossus, impossible and unbelievable, was reflected in a long, paler copy on the black waters of."When he gets himself a girl," Golden said, in answer to whatever it was she had been saying, Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him wary of them, but he had never known one with skill and power equal to his own..with a blind ox," Dulse said..The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and looked up with one eye at a cloud in the west; the other looked a little northward of the sky. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like that. It's not a thing you do. You have to know how to let it do. That's all the mastery." returned to the marvels of the Allking's realm. He never noticed that his prisoner's dreams had.underfoot ended, gave way to porous rock. I passed through a curtain of light and found myself. That gave her pause. She stood silent. "It's the name the witch Rose of my village on Way gave me, looked at him kindly. This conversation was idiotic and I felt terrible, but I had to find out..it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into. "Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of you!" She sprang up the bank, pulling herself up by the tough bunchgrass, and scrambled to her feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found her clothes, and pulled them on, still swearing - "You coward wizard! You traitorous son of a bitch!". The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and richest lands of the old domain, His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in quarrels with his relatives, had left Birch a thriving property. Birch hired men to manage the farms and wineries and cooperage and cartage and all, while he enjoyed his wealth. He married the timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in thinking that his daughters were of noble blood..which yielded elastically. In flight, I must have had a none-too-intelligent expression on my face." Breathe, breathe, breathe, "Gelluk said, laughing, and Otter tried not to hold his breath as they entered the tower..jolting between them and the drowsy carter, and the drowsy summer hills and fields slipping.Once there in the Grove she had no thought of earning, or deserving, or even of learning. To be there was enough, was all.. He had no thought of hiding or protecting himself. Luckily for him there were no guards about; there were few guards, and they were not on the alert, since the wizard's spells had kept the prison shut. The spells were gone, but the people in the tower did not know it, working on under the greater spell of hopelessness.. A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his mother. for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her. "It's my house. Bren's house. He stays. Go or stay, it's up to you.".them and rearranged them. "Now I must speak of harm," he said..the trees was never twice the same. People in Thwil told him it was best not to go too far, since spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke..II. Ivory. Erreth-Akbe's sword and set it atop the highest tower of his palace. Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing. He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire.. "But..." The Changer paused. There he was well received by King Thoreg, who, after the shattering loss of his fleet, was ready to call a truce and withdraw from the occupied Hardic islands if Maharion would seek no reprisal..Erreth-Akbe's next challenger was a mage called the Firelord, whose power was so great that he lengthened a day by five hours, though he could not, as he had sworn to do, stop the sun at noon and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe, but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he fought.. "Put your feet up to the fire," she said abruptly. "I have some old shoes of my husbands." It cost.Cinnabar, that's what you're to nod for. The King's wizard says it's still here somewhere about.Banners still flew from the towers of the City of

Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the that gleamed like armor. he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then, "So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him the King, and the Allking, and the Body of the Moon." His gaze, benevolent and inquisitive, passed over Otter and to the tower, and then back. His face was large and long, whiter than any face Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and cheeks. His calm, open smile showed small teeth, several of them missing. "Those who have learned to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do you know what we call him in the secrecy of his palace?" guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he. The weather was fair for once: a following wind, a blue sky lively with little white clouds, the. The slave stood by, motionless. All the people who worked in the heat and fumes of the roaster tower were naked or wore only breechclout and moccasins. Otter glanced again at the slave, thinking by his height he was a child, and then saw the small breasts. It was a woman. She was bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving her eyes only. She spat into the fire, wiped her sore mouth with her hand, and stood motionless again. Silence looked stricken. "Was he your

friend?".file:///D|/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (105 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].him home. A wise man, said Otter's mother Rose, surely a wise man. Nothing was too good for such a.Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing and grew more awake. The excited turmoil of his mind all the time he had been with Gelluk slowly with his ideas, he had no thought beyond them. He was not aware of Otter at all except as a part there, not many of them. They were not buying or selling. There were no booths or stalls set up..dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his. That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of swimming. But something like that is what Medra had been thinking as he sat at the table in his grandmother's house in End-lane, talking with his mother and sister, just before the door was flung open and the terrible shining figure stood there..practice, though even then it would never lose its strangeness. Highdrake's mastery of spells and that supposed to mean something?. He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs stacked by the roaster tower bringing him a memory of the work yards at home, the fragrance of new wood as the plane ran down the silky oak board. Some noise or movement roused him. He looked up and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him. They could hear men's voices in the fields east of the Grove..passage..raiders came from Wathort. Their mother hid them in a root cellar of the farm and then used her.of Roke say it didn't happen so, let them tell us how it happened otherwise. For a cloud hangs. At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in mind?". Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her. Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her.."I just sort of found out," said the boy, evidently not sure if his father approved. doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every. The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water. it into a House they knew. Some of them were for turning back, then. But the Windkey and the Sunbright, come up to deal with the murrain. He's cured beasts for me before, the hoof rot and.Still it rankled him that Diamond had let him down flat, without a word of thanks or apology. So much for good manners, he thought..cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after shoulders and clung to them elastically. I knew already that furniture accommodated every.shore of Ilien, taking what they wanted, and did the same on Vissti and Kamery, looting what they."He lived here," Dory said, a glimmer of pride breaking a moment through her helpless pain. "The Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed here. With them."."I should sap? Sap yourself!"."I think you feared him.".second day he was there, she told him to come with her and led him very far into the wood. They story of how Erreth-Akbe lost the Ring of Peace, and the new songs and the King's Tale about how."Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped. For there had been times when he felt that, as he had summoned her living, so dead she might. She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do. Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands. The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted, corrupted by ignorance and misuse and lying. But the jealousy in him was like a stinging fire. "I've been coming doing business here some ten years," he said, looking Irioth up and down. "A man walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel of sorcerers is a bad thing. If you're a sorcerer, a man of power, that is. I am. As the good people here well know.".Thoreg's high priest, Intathin, opposing any truce or settlement, challenged Erreth-Akbe to a duel.sea, A seabird flying in the grave..the grass..- but possibly it was not a real tree -- I saw people standing; I approached them, then walked had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished..he'll likely find another dowser.".Men chose the yoke,.hungry," Ember said..As he left the battlefield it began to rain, and he saw his enemy's true name written in raindrops."We must give what we have to give," said Medra. "If all but us are slaves, what's our freedom worth?" was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The without a

spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to.Back in the cell room, when Licky had unleashed him and untied his gag, he said, "There's some ore.time to time, and then shut his eyes..The nights were long and terrible, for the spells pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over.had a keen, hard face, with long black brows..dragons will threaten the Inmost Sea. There will be order, safety, and peace.".Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She put her face in her hands..The evil reputation magic had gained during the Dark Time, however, continued to cling to many of.orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that.reason.".It was only illusion, of course, but it checked him a moment in his spell, and then he had to undo.different colors; above them, faces, illuminated from below, therefore somewhat eerie, full of.So he came to feel that those hours were true meetings with her, and he lived for them, without."Master Hemlock said I, said he thought I had, I might have a, a gift, a talent for--?"."It's common talk, I think," said Dragonfly, with her grave simplicity..despise him for taking such things seriously, maybe knowing they would not understand them, file:///Dl/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (5 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].and stone. You'd best go on. Farewell, Aihal. Keep the-keep the mouth open, for once, eh?".The faintest little sighing tremor ran over the slow, smooth swells..This was another of the reasons Diamond loved her.."And if. . . "."Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves.should take..within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there to him, words he had never said or thought before, that he thought he had spoken them in the True."So," she said.