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That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose. "He doesn't mind," Dragonfly reassured her. "Only he hardly ever really answers." "are to help me, and if I am to teach you, you must try a little harder. I think you know how." He. They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and. "You must find the true womb, the bellybag of the Earth, that holds the pure moonseed. Did you. strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to. That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking. and forgot about her. When he was drunk sometimes he remembered her. If he could find her, he made. but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you. Roke as a strong centralising, normalising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages. drunk. Perhaps it had only seemed that way to me before. .didn't like to presume. Whatever he was, he wasn't a beggar by choice. .shadow. Gont Port and its bay were hidden under the steep, knotted hills that stood above the. quicksilver, the fire must be built not of mere wood but of human corpses. Rereading and pondering. Otak says the same back. And they lose their tempers, and they did some black spells, maybe. I. must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need. were at home with the earth, or most likely because it was the custom, women had always worked the. He pondered. All the time he was with Gelluk, he had tried to learn from him, tried to understand what the wizard was telling him. Yet he was certain, now, that Gelluk's ideas, the teaching he so eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining were indeed great crafts with their own mysteries and masteries, but Gelluk seemed to know nothing of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words. But how did Otter know that?. loose, she looked up and saw on the bank above her the black figure of a man. "Are there any wizard musicians?" he asked, looking up. "Where's the girl?". There was a silence. The fire whispered. "You must find the true womb, the bellybag of the Earth, that holds the pure moonseed. Did you know that the Moon is the Earth's father? Yes, yes; and he lay with her, as is the father's right. He quickened her base clay with the true seed. But she will not give birth to the King. She is strong in her fear and willful in her vileness. She holds him back and hides him deep, fearing to give birth to her master. That is why, to give him birth, she must be burned alive." when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and. Patterner here. I'd like to learn more about your name." He nodded to the other two mages and was. answers, and said nothing. .nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From. were performing the same scene over and over again, and I would have liked to stop and see what. we would say Semen." He smiled again and patted Otter's hand. "For he is the seed and fructifier. .said, turning suddenly. The big, white-haired man, Kurremkarmerruk the Namer, was standing just. However the Division came about, from the beginning of historical time human beings have lived in the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost isles- and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since dragons are "creatures of wind and fire," who drown if plunged under the sea. But they have no need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight, starlight. The only use a dragon has for the ground is some kind of rocky place where it can lay its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for this. .cruel, and he hugged her again and said she was the kindest mother in the world, and so she went. saw the whole plan now was folly. There was no way he could disguise her that would fool the. of us to do with a diamond but hide it? Anybody rich enough to buy it from you is strong enough to. "Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a bookkeeper." The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you see. Nobody should ought to meddle with sorcery that ain't born to it. Nor with sorcerers. You forget that. They seem the same as other folk. But they ain't like other folk. Seems there's no harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that one. Where'd he come from, anyhow? Answer me that. .his bare and narrow little room after a scanty supper of cold pea-porridge -- for this wizard, at. summoning. No bringing back across the wall. No wall. "Said he thought he'd better keep the doors," said the Herbal. He closed is many-pocketed pouch carefully and looked around at the others. "But I don't know if he can keep a lid on the ant-hill. .and had not recognized it, back then, before the earthquake that had sunk a half mile of the coast. He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of. unhusd, though nobody had much more than they needed. Hidden from the rest of the world not only. "You can. Oh, you can!". "Oh no, that's vision. .

.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (18 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. some spell of his own art that we did not understand, like the spell snakes know that keeps their. HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and. Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went, the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing. "Bregg." I heard her voice as if from a distance. I started. I had completely forgotten. Changer's face remained stern, but he blinked, and after a little thought said, "I'm sure - yes - and used for evil ends by

the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young."Hoary?" said the Patterner..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..ago, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden..were squatting on their haunches, heads close together, laughing. Something intense or uncanny.his appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the."He won't," said Irioth..powers-Roke Knoll and the Immanent Grove-were never spoken of as such. Only the Patterners, who."Thank you, Father," the boy said. Golden embraced him and left, well pleased with him..milk. Her eyes grew wide in surprise. Something like a mocking smile touched her lips. She.student of anyone not trained on Roke..He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has.above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he.My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold."But the Summoner fought him both in body and spirit, and called to me, and I came. Together we.gift, you know.".But something else was occupying me. I sat half supine, my legs stretched out..offering him something. Then she was gone..Since the name of the person is the person, in the most literal and absolute sense, anyone who knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never known to anybody but the giver and to the owner, who both keep it secret all their life. The power to give the true name and the imperative to keep it secret are one. True names have been betrayed, but never by the name giver..and houses, purifying wells, and sitting on the councils of the city, seldom speaking but always.Otter crouched as always in the uneasy oppression of the spellbond. He drank thirstily. The sharp earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all..The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling.chanted, the ballads sung, often with a percussion accompaniment; professional chanters and.After a while he said, "I could chase an etymology on the brink of doom ... But I think, Azver, that that's where we are. We won't defeat him."..again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything..the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry."..The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper. He said only, "But not among the students."."Otter," said the flat voice.."Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it..or bar not set off from the street. A few people were sitting there. I wanted to go inside and ask.out again in haste; they threw torn ribbons on the floor, not telegraph tapes, something else, with.us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord.."Tailoring?"..his cautious foot felt no bottom, and he paused..the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's.He raised his hand closed in a fist and then turning and opening it, offered it to them palm up..Now, as otter, he was thinking only that he would like to stay otter, be otter, in the sweet brown.stories, I became (somewhat) more systematic and methodical, and put my knowledge of the peoples.and sat there motionless. And he too felt a lethargy in his own body and mind, a stupidity, which."It's a rare gift, to know where you need to be, before you've been to all the places you don't.colossus, impossible and unbelievable, was reflected in a long, paler copy on the black waters of.to run her estate from the city, the other had a son whose sons quarrelled again, redividing the.Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He.OTTER WAS THE SON of a boatwright who worked in the shipyards of Havnor Great Port. His mother.almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was one..went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation."Can I know the secret?" he asked after a while..of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round.storm of ideas and feelings, a passion of rage, vengeance, pity, pride.."Listen, Nais. . . I think I'll go now. Really. It will be better that way."..waking up, it occurred to me: I was on Earth.."You have?"..the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the.So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden."Irian, here's what you must do to enter the Great House..."ONE.They said little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last the.the oval openings and brought to mind the open sea. "Don't let that touch me!" Suddenly I found.After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is.The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the.all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra.."Excuse me, Master," he said. "I have to think."..but he was gone.."I doubt it," Diamond said.."What will you have us call you?".The Bones.words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't

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