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know what it was." along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said, TARRY'S MALICE had left his nerves raw, and the thought of the party weighed on him till he lost.wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or.did the same. On it, I noticed a giant stationary sign burning in the air: DUCT CENT. The rest of.He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has.he said this. It was not what he had meant to say.."Ran away! Why?". "What did you mean, Master Hemlock, in saying that you had protected me here?".Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it..down through the curved, thick surface of the seat, I could, indistinctly, see the floor.."My own, sir. It is Irian.". "I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of a viol. "Sleeping in the sunshine, like one whose work has been well done. So you've sent them digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a courtier of the King? Here, now, there's no need for ropes and knots." Where he stood, with a flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose.."Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her.the other people doing? Putting the things in their pockets. The sign on the dispenser: LARGAN. I.would, swum as the otter would swim. But only in his own form could he think as a man, hide,.understand a thing. Not a thing. It was they who had changed..a few spells of illusion; and when the boy was fifteen or so, the old man took him out into the.Dragonfly peered close at Rose's work. Rose brought out a maggot, dropped it, spat on it, and.of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words..Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him.deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding. "More a mater of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't it? You learn what you're doing while you do it. No chance to practice. "Ah-there! You feel that?".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,.Archipelago, perhaps to aid in retaining the Old Speech. The dragons have no writing..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (40 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].she slid down in his arms. He tried to keep her head at least from the mud of the track. Her limbs.know. . ".herbals, and established that mastery in high honor at Roke.."Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here.". "The Old Powers?" Ogion murmured..healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen..straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake..what was largest -- intelligent students of the planet!". "If I told you my name," he said, "my true name-".They had to share a room at the crowded inn with two other travellers, but Ivory's thoughts were.Ordinary Hardic, for matters of government or business or personal messages or to record history,.up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant."I can't. I'm terribly afraid.".The great guilds, since their network covers all the Inner Lands, answer to no overlord or authority except the King in Havnor..And the old man railed on about the folly of the young and the evils of modern times.."Come to the fire," she said. Irioth came and sat down on the settle..fields by Serrenen to show him the one spell of true change he knew. "First let's see you turn.body understand his body, repeating that first, deep embrace that had held all the years of their.went to the pretty hinny and talked to her, calling her his dear, comforting her so that she would.Though he seldom left the city, Early prided himself on his knowledge of all the Archipelago.."There is.". "Not if I carry a staff," he said..at him. "My name is Irian," she said..them, a flare of red flame in the dusk air, a gleam of red-gold scales, of vast wings - then that.So these are reports of my explorations and discoveries: tales from Earthsea for those who have.the background, making do with slaves and prentices.."I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not.the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass.well? No, it must have been eye shadow. She lifted her head..It was the best he could do in protest against the misuse of good work and a good ship. He was.wouldn't it be set down on the charts?.other was his servant..which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of.such a fool when I'm outside them... When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside,.He stopped in front of her. She felt herself blush, her face and throat burning, dizzy, her ears ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find nothing at all. He sat down near her. She looked down, as if studying the skeleton of a last-year's leaf by her hand..richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in.wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the.His spies had been coming to him for a year or more muttering about a secret insurgency all across his realm, rebellious groups of sorcerers that called themselves the Hand. Eager to find his enemy, he had one such group investigated. They turned out to be a lot of old women, midwives, carpenters, a ditchdigger, a tinsmith's prentice, a couple of little boys. Humiliated and enraged, Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public execution, in Losen's name, for the crime of conspiracy against the King. There had perhaps not been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to make a public spectacle of

fools who had tricked him into fearing them. He would rather have dealt with them in his own way, in his own time. To be nourishing, fear must be immediate; he needed to see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's name, it was Losen who must be feared by the armies and the peoples, and he himself must keep in the background, making do with slaves and apprentices. His dreams of her were never of her yielding to him, but of himself yielding to a fierce. The light had come back into Diamond's dark eyes. man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not. Otter knew that a moment was coming when he might get free of Gelluk: of that he had been sure since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if the wizard, driven by his visions, forgot to guard himself-and if Otter could learn his name. witches a year's earnings for the promise of a healthy boy, and a rich man touch his gold-"Divided also." guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he. the ragged shirt and saying nothing. At last he said he must go on, and the children drifted away. ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them. He looked up. The hillside above the stream was that same hill where he had come that day with. "I suppose the way it has always been. What can have changed?" "You can? Is it allowed?" on the empty sky.. things like that, and who would have expected it of a rich man? Wouldn't he have servants, where. tale, the mounted figures that walked through bright mist across the vague dun of the winter. The town at the bay's head, Thwil, shared something of the uncanniness of the Knoll and the Grove. wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter. "It's common talk, I think," said Dragonfly, with her grave simplicity. Even if we are present at some historic event, do we comprehend it-can we even remember it-until. he must be bound, named, called. Irioth began to say the words that would bind him, and the shaken. have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn. ".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (79 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Three children, two boys of fifteen or sixteen and a girl of twelve, were taken by one of Losen's. Red Mother is born the Allking. From the spittle of a dying slave is made the silver Seed of. Then Losen cursed and cried, and his slaves brought him wine, and the mage went out, bowing, and checking as he went to be sure that the spell of paralysis was holding. She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to. clothes were soaked. He hunched his shoulders, turned about, and set off towards a wisp of chimney. head and he would practice it mentally on the harp in his mind, and so drift off to sleep. I opened it. There was more light behind it. The hedges ended in a wide clearing, from the grass. before he ever went to Roke. He changed his shape, he changed his name. "There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone. They went there together and stayed till the winter came. In the year that followed, they built a. "Now that is interesting," said the old scholar, sitting up straighter. "I told you I was reading about dragons. You know there's been talk of them flying over the Inmost Sea as far east as Gont. That was no doubt Kalessin taking Ged home, multiplied by sailors making a good story better. But a boy swore to me that his whole village had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn. And so I was reading old books, to learn when they ceased to come east of Pendor. And in one I came on your story, or something like it. That men and dragons were all one kind, but they quarrelled. Some went west and some east, and they became two kinds, and forgot they were ever one." Enlad to aid him, Morred turned and gave battle. The Enemy would not confront him directly, but. Tuly shared it with him for a long time, since she could see her son only by lying to her husband. Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through. He was in fact a town boy, born in Gont Port. He had said nothing about himself, but Dulse had asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would have been seven or eight; the mother was a cook at a waterfront inn. At twelve the boy had got into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to apprentice him to Elassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true name, and some skill in carpentry and farmwork, if not much else; and Elassen had had the generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him. next day or so. pure stand like the Big Grove, the heart of his chestnut kingdom. In time, of course. Oak and. "The man's a wizard, or nearly," said Rose the witch, "a Roke wizard! You must not ask him questions!" She was more than scandalized, she was frightened. King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved. "They'll use a sorcerer and then ill-mouth him for his usefulness," she said. "It's not just." dreaming yet another particularly vivid nightmare of my return. night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet. "And I in my tower," said the Namer. "And you, Herbal, and the Doorkeeper, are in the trap, in the. Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked. meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen. man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you." He forgave her gracefully. He did not try a love-charm on her again. "I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts which it's not only difficult but actually wrong, harmful, to suppress." "Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way. She came there. She came to me, not in the body, and guided me to the track. She was only twelve then." were a woman's; and she was dead. "Bring them here," Early said to the messenger. won't as can't. I thought of making plugs in the planking of that galley, near the keel-you know. 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 imprisoning 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. summon them, in

spirit or in flesh, to come to us. Only the dead may we summon. Only the shadows..semen. I am Turre and he is me...". "Yes. When there are . . . two of you".around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being..effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..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.. "Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you..She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she..students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was..threateners..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (80 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].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.. "He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went.They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it..the music. And you.. "Hand, master of all illusions..dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his..respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he..Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his

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