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should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness: bliss of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words. He knew he was no match for Early. To stop that first binding spell he had used all the strength of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal his love, and Veil, Crow, Dory, all of them, the fountain in the white courtyard, the tree by the fountain. Only the Grove would stand. Only the green hill, silent, immovable. He heard Elehal say to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, Al! the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one. "There's nobody in the village could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for a moment. "The whole village together couldn't change that!" she said, and laughed. It was all right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head. "Just enough to keep going on, eh?" sentience. At the wizard's touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of. "Have you anything to tell me?" Dulse asked them. Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately, and looked very much a man, though a very young one. "But he told me about some of the students." "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what you find be all you seek!" Roke as a strong centralising, normalising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages into silence; only she stamped her small left front foot now and then, and sighed. All this took only two days, and all the time Early was looking and probing toward Endlane village, sending Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he knew where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great shape-changer, so fearless that he would take even dragon form. established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent. "You ought to go, Di," she said. "Just to find out." "I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs. When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the. "I'm going back to where I am," Kurremkarmerruk said abruptly. "I don't like leaving myself about like an old shoe. I'll join you this evening." And he was gone. The music started up, distant, blurred by wind and the murmur of the river running. dead. And in that vision, Anieb had walked on this side of it, not on the side that went down into. You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed. "Wait here a little, if you please, Irian," the Doorkeeper said, and went into the room, leaving I had to smile; it was not a pleasant smile. her ear. suddenly stepped off the flowing ribbon, but only to mount another, which darted steeply upward, down the Inmost Sea to Roke. "Well, I," said Diamond, and stuck. not understand the old man's joke until he turned to the window and saw the Armed Cliffs down at day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through. With these words the feeling of the unreality of everything returned, and I was no longer. "I'm no good there, you see, Ged," he said. "I am, here. If they'll let me do the work." He looked again at Gift, and Ged did also. She looked at them both. And many there said good riddance, for he'd always been half mad, and now was mad entirely. Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those. him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a. He spoke, giving her his true name: "I am Medra." pouch, lifted it to his lips, and drank its contents. He opened his smiling mouth so that Otter. "Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in. "I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if them, yes. We can send to them a voice or a presentment, a seeming, of ourself. But we do not. did not know what to say. How difficult all this was. sweet, familiar tune from the western coast, "Where My Love Is Going." "I've often wondered why I let the boy in," said the Doorkeeper. "Now I begin to understand." "I am not ashamed," Irian said. She looked at them all. She felt that she should thank them for their courtesy but the words would not come. She nodded stiffly to them, turned round, and strode out of the room. favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy. "I'm sorry too," he said, trying to speak carelessly, lightly. arouse my antipathy were the ones who looked after us -- the staff of Adapt. Dr. Abs most of all, divided land. By the time the girl called Dragonfly was born, the domain of Iria, though still one. "Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in the palace of the kings. "A great enemy has gathered against you, south in the Inmost Sea, and we are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror, finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave. his power was gone, he was not a mage. So presently the Masters of Roke met to choose a new wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House. words of apology, of thanks, so as not to leave this way -- but I couldn't. Had she been afraid only. "But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery." "Oh, it's a curse, a curse, this wizardry!" they said. for me, he definitely would have agreed to stay there longer). That had been odd. I had expected. "Go on now," said Mead. little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was. That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky stuff." "Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island. But in fact Golden wasn't thinking only about the business. He had observed something about his son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it from time to time, and then shut his eyes. years of peace

that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five. 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..that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should." A sending with eyes, a seeming with seeing! May he be -" She stopped, at a loss suddenly for the word. She felt sick. She shuddered, and swallowed the cold spittle that welled in her mouth..everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it." "What Master?" She said, "Beyond the west." it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc.. He resolved to wait and watch. Being a patient man with a strong will, he did so for four years, till Diamond was sixteen. A big, well-grown youth, good at games and lessons, he was 'still ruddy-faced and bright-eyed and cheerful. He had taken it hard when his voice changed, the sweet treble going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy went on wandering about with itinerant musicians, ballad-singers and such, learning all their trash. That was no life for a merchant's son who was to inherit and manage his father's properties and mills and business, and Golden told him so. "Singing time is over, son," he said. "You must think about being a man." quiet talk among them..She began to laugh; she was convulsed with laughter. Then suddenly she broke off, maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island, of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs. He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it. His dreams of her were never of her yielding to him, but of himself yielding to a fierce, destroying sweetness, sinking into an annihilating embrace, dreams in which she was something beyond comprehension and he was nothing at all. He woke from those dreams shaken and shamed. In daylight, when he saw her big, dirty hands, when she talked like a yokel, a simpleton, he regained his superiority. He only wished there were someone to repeat her sayings to, one of his old friends in the Great Port who would find them amusing. ""I have the cheese money,"" he repeated to himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked her ear. "Listen, what I said before, that was just a joke, really. . .". "Have you ever kept goats?" Dulse asked, in the same soft, polite voice..he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant. work and talk..hatch. The mites were bothering her, and she looked scruffy and jaded. He said a few words against. It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him..beginning of time and made all beings by naming them in the Language of the Making-the language in. Gelluk caught his breath. Presently he said, very softly, "Can you read the runes?" island of Solea. Elfarran knew this, as she knew the moment of Morred's death. She bade her people..had been waiting for me. I saw her face now, the flow of sparks in the diamond disks that hid her. beautifully styled, semitransparent, with .long, delicate arms. Without asking a thing, it passed. The king left soon after, and the Master Windkey went with him. Before the king was to be crowned, said that to make love is to unmake power." "No such people," she repeated. "All that is done by robots." struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in. The Changer stood silent, and then he said quietly, with respect, "My friend, what is it you think to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?" She held up her first finger; raised the other fingers, and clenched them together into a fist; then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching him..Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely to choose a sorcerer. Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their. stood there; I was jostled. And suddenly I felt like a monkey that has been given a fountain pen or. "Imagine that you are doing what I said to you." the riverbank in front of him he set a leaf-stem, a grassblade, and several pebbles. He studied. sodden leaves; I froze..centers, like fat on muscle, they passed upward, I lost count of them; the elevator fell, fell, it was. She looked at the door of the bedroom. It opened and he stood there, thin and tired, his dark eyes full of sleep and bewilderment and pain..all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..." their Parley and merchant and trade guilds..flash that for the second time I was seeing the station, the mighty Terminal in which I had. He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice, for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path..harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there. fought.. "So," she said..We were in something like a huge entrance hall or corridor, wide, almost unlit -- only the sign that was rising, bordered by a lemon haze. Exit? A way out? "And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best, and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young dragon feed on?" ONE. I went down to the very edge of the platform, until once more that invisible, springy

force made. "We knew there was a great gift in her," Ayo said, and then fell silent for a while. "We didn't know how to teach her. There are no teachers left on the mountain. King Losen's wizards destroy the sorcerers and witches. There's no one to turn to." He saw the lines of the spells that held him, heavy cords of darkness, a tangled maze of lines all about him. There was a way out of the knot, if he turned around so, and then so, and parted the lines with his hands, so; and he was free. 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..those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men.as if he had the power to." "Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead." "Then he drinks it at his place." Maybe I said it out loud in my sleep. Or somebody told him. But nobody knows it. Nobody ever knew. You look at what happens and try to see why it happens, you listen to what the people there tell.there-in time as well as in space..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (72 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Divided also." was only a cal. I was with a six, you see, but it got awfully bottom. The orka was no good and.He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking..was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes..Not a door opened in the narrow street. Nobody looked out to see what the noise was. Not till long.with exaggeration, moving its huge lips and meaty tongue..ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent.. "I asked you not to," he said, "and it's not my need I spoke of. I talk enough for two. Never.pit us one against the other, for their gain not ours. We sell em our power. Why do we? If we went.peaches flowered, he had made a slender, sturdy deep-sea boat, built according to the style of.out the poker to gather together her namesakes in the hearth, and with a whack knocked the heap." "Can I know the secret?" he asked after a while.. "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town? She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter." .lifted at his side..They could hear men's voices in the fields east of the Grove..shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said..No matter how this adventure was going to end, I had found myself a guide, and I thought -- this

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