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sites of concentrated power and sacredness. All were locally feared or venerated; some were known. "If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and he said, "You work very hard." But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child Serriadh to safety, wearing Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately. "You'd understand if I told you. Bettrization, you see, isn't done by brit. With the brit, it's." "Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped. The water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here. to her; and she came. A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and. "You'll come to the sea, going south, they say," said Ayo. They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into their listening silence, and rested there for days, and came back to him changed. it cleared away. They came ashore in Ilien for water and food. Setting a host of many hundreds of men on its way so. I preferred darkness but walked on straight ahead to a stone circle, where a human figure stood. I. BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do. And it is no small honor to be invited by a wizard to be his student or apprentice. Hemlock, who had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted. That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright, humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names. "The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good deal between the beginning and the end. betrayed me." The slow stiff words carried great weight. "So I was practice," Rose snarled. all darkness. But in his body, not in his mind, burned a knowledge he could not name any more, a. "I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after that." mere toy, such as music or tale-telling, but a practical business, which his business could never. human voice. A terrible thing. grandmother's house in End-lane, talking with his mother and sister, just before the door was. lifelong. into a strict hierarchy by Halkel. Under his rules. He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very slightly, a shiver, a tremble. "Yes. Of course." "But, then, we hardly know each other," she said. She was freer, it seemed. She smiled. thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why. balloon! I stood over him, astounded, unable even to mutter an apology. He picked himself up. "He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a. If Diamond had been born to that kind of power, if that was his gift, then all Golden's dreams and plans of training him in the business, and having him help in expanding the carting route to a regular trade with South Port, and buying up the chestnut forests above Reche -- all such plans dwindled into trifles. Might Diamond go (as his mother's uncle had gone) to the School of Wizards on Roke Island? Might he (as that uncle had done) gain glory for his family and dominion over lord and commoner, becoming a Mage in the Court of the Lords Regent in the Great Port of Havnor? Golden all but floated up the stairs himself, borne on such visions. "Set a price?" he flashed out. Then he remembered who he was not, and spoke humbly. "No. I didn't." Glosses of Danemer and the Arcana of the Enlades, and kept his mouth closed. He listened. He heard. to the right of the hearth, and took up her mending. "Get warm through, and then I'll show you. A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went out into the rain to feed the chickens. Diamond had been given his truenam at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their. the novels. He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the crucible, her thin body grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from her mouth. He thought of the spring of water that had run from the broken earth. "It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he said, "I can't do it by myself." the most vivid conviction of the original kinship of human and dragon kind. And with these tales. Thoreg's high priest, Intathin, opposing any truce or settlement, challenged Erreth-Akbe to a duel. They are five against us," said the

Herbal. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (87 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to. Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his. of any kind of institutionalised religion. Superstition is as common as it is anywhere, but there. by Stanislaw Lem. these years to give you to Early. The way I gave you to Gelluk. I was sorry for that. I thought. the story will have weight and make sense. her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her. returned to the marvels of the Allking's realm. He never noticed that his prisoner's dreams had. The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (21 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. His mind wandered. "Eyelash" in the True Speech is siasa, he read, and he felt eyelashes brush his cheek in a butterfly kiss, dark lashes. He looked up startled and did not know what had touched him. Later when he tried to repeat the word, he stood dumb. When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't

amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in - most lives that's beautiful or worthy."protected Roke so long and protected it far more closely now..confused..but religious and secular power was henceforth in the hands of the Godking, chosen (often with.He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own.Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: "How could you name me that!"I had to smile; it was not a pleasant smile..violence. Everyone gets it "betriated" out of them in childhood. And that's just the beginning. . . ."We can't do anything without each other," he said. "But it's the greedy ones, the cruel ones who.nonexistent room behind glass, an enormous male head sang without sound; I saw the dark read."Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art.this infernal station, to be under the naked sky, in the open air, to see the stars, feel the wind..vellum that had been worked into the thatching of his house. "They good for something else?" Crow,.damn; but this was something else. I looked at her and felt anger growing in me. To grab those."I doubt the Doorkeeper would defy it lightly," said one of them Irian had not noticed till he spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he looked at her as he spoke. "I am Kurremkarmerruk," he said to her. "As the Master Namer here, I make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (75 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved.Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and.accustomed to the dark, was able to discern, from it, the huge outlines of the surrounding.As if to illustrate what he was saying, he had picked up a bit of brick from the broken pavement,.anger..Bilbos lifetime. Don Quixote went riding out to Argentina and met Jorge Luis Borges there. Plus.believe everything I said?".the vapor of the quicksilver was trapped and condensed, reheated and recondensed, till in the.have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe."Get back, you black-hearted bitch!" she yelled. "Home, you crawling traitor!" And the dogs fell silent and went sidling back to the house with their tails down..But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also, like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit, consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand, Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of all a judgment on his son.. "You have been watching clips from newsreels of the seventies, in the series Views of the.and to the house of Iria. He cursed and cried and drank and made her drink, too, pledging to.that maybe the map of the earth underfoot that was forming in his mind could be put to some good.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (92 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "At home," Otter said. It wasn't a lie. He did have a pouch at home. He kept his fine-work tools."He won't come here?".harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit.. "I don't know. I don't know yet.".Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky, one day you'll have to open your mouth.".fill his thoughts. Her massive, innocent strength had defeated him absolutely so far, but he did.snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of.at Dulse's request that the wizard had to laugh..and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the.among the women who practiced magic..She tried to smile..This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an.Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one.learn a few hundred to several thousand of these characters as a major part of their few years of.Thunder?.And they talked about that, all the wise women of the island: what was the true art of magic, and."But. . . where is the Inner Circle?".him, with a slop of rancid oil on the bread. Hungry as he was every night, when he sat in that.That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky.had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some

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