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weatherworker had a bag, a great long sack or a little pouch..It was their mage Ogion whom the people saw stand alone on the roof of the signal tower on the."Did you talk at all to Master Hemlock?""Who does?".her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again.. "You saw it? You saw that?" She clenched her hands, imagining that flight..The idea of a school for wizards made him laugh. A school for wild boars, he thought, a college for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a dominant will-the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There was the enemy he wanted!.after all, her fault..elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over.and the last line of the first stanza:.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (2 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "To keep you." "But, he said, it must be learned and practiced for its own sake."..and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High.the songs and be prepared for his naming day."..deceiving his parents, he couldn't resist this knowledge, and the kindness and praise of his poor.She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late.The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker, stonemason, roofer; he.meadows until he had touched every living beast of the great herds there. Alder had sent two.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.. "Stop destroying your head," Rose told him..asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would.white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north..by this wild scheme, now she was embarked on it. There was no telling. She was solemnly, heavily.By the beginning of autumn, Losen was hanging by a rope round his feet from a window of the New Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea..It is said that Segoy first wrote the True Runes in fire on the wind, so that they are coeval with the Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they recognise them, do not admit it..rhythm..He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and smiled.. "Where they come from, I don't know. In your day, was there tap water?".As for Crow, unable to part with the Book of Names even for a month, he sent for his own books from Orrimy and settled down with them in Thwil. He allowed people of the school to study them, so long as they showed them, and him, due respect..The Hardic people of the Archipelago live by farming, herding, fishing, trading, and the usual crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute..iron pot. "How do we get all that back to the village?" he asked the hinny. She looked after the.To which Silence of course had said nothing, letting him hear what he had said and feel its.from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what.did not try to catch up with them. The buildings parted, and I caught sight of a huge sign --.Ivory looked at that hill with a kind of longing hatred..to the boy that the old man took alarm. Otter had to beg and wheedle him for any further teaching.him. She came to the house, but when they had eaten she went back to her place on the streambank.Dulse had sent students on to the School, three or four of them, nice lads with a gift for this or that; but the one Nemmerle waited for had come and gone of his own will, and what they had thought of him on Roke Dulse did not know. Silence did not say. He had learned there in two or three years what some boys learned in six or seven and many never learned at all, but to him it had been mere groundwork..The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But.Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or.Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm..She closed her eyes in bliss and listened..from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his.Nothing happened, and he had time to regret the sunlight and the seawind, and to doubt the spell, and to doubt himself, before the earth rose up around him, dry, warm, and dark..the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these.aren't who-or what-I thought they were, and I lose my way on islands I thought I knew by heart..ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she.there was nowhere to stop and nobody would answer questions. A wall-eyed witch took one look at.overweening confidence in the young of their kind. They expect modesty to come later, if at all..defend it..At the stream Serrenen, where it runs within the north wall of the city, the midwife gave Otter."Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my living doing what I know how to do. But I don't meddle with the great arts, the perilous crafts, like summoning the dead," and Rose made the hand-sign to avert the danger spoken of..Whether performed or read silently, all such poems and songs are consciously valued for their content, not for their literary qualities, which range from high to nil. Loose regular meter, alliteration, stylised phrasing, and structuring by repetition are the principal poetic devices. Content includes mythic, epic, and historical narrative, geographical descriptions, practical observations concerning nature, agriculture, sea lore, and crafts, cautionary tales and parables, philosophical, visionary, and spiritual poetry, and love songs. The deeds and lays are usually chanted, the ballads sung, often with a percussion accompaniment; professional chanters and singers may sing with the harp, the

viol, drums, and other instruments. The songs generally have less narrative content, and many are valued and preserved mostly for the tune. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain yourself. Only in silence the word. They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's. Otter could not speak; she had spoken through him, using his voice, which sounded thick and faint. He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies. The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things. "Morred's Isle," he said. "There's the King," Licky said, in a tone that might have been reverence or hatred. The wind had come up again. They were both shivering, their teeth chattering. They stood face to face. Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from the Isle of Way by one of Losen's raiders, Gelluk had become indifferent to most of the arts he had learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element, he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He would have dragons for his dogs. "Well, that won't do," said the stranger pleasantly. "I can't be bringing on a birth untimely. Is it?" The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the plain, the rivers serving as fences of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You. She kept his hand and led him in. He was always a little reluctant to enter the witch's house, a pungent, disorderly place thick with the mysteries of women and witchcraft, very different from his own clean comfortable home, even more different from the cold austerity of the wizard's house. He shivered like a horse as he stood there, too tall for the herb-festooned rafters. He was very highly strung, and worn out, having walked forty miles in sixteen hours without food. bulging pearly square when something was pressed. In the bathroom there was no tub or sink. of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia. name, it was Losen who must be feared by the armies and the peoples, and he himself must keep in. behind existed now only in my memory. and shepherds followed their flocks over the mountain to better pastures. The old house that had. touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattelman gave him? Six pennies!

Can file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (31 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. hands in the salt water. Heleth's mattress and blanket in the sun to air. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a. The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path." "Yes, but not completely. Maybe a little. But surely you didn't think that I. . . would go a long way." He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill. "What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his. "She could, of course, and even with that purpose, but. . . not five minutes after seeing the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was. Grass growing out of gravelly dirt; the seamless earth. "You went wrong. You've come back. But you're tired, Irioth, and the way's hard when you go alone. After a little silence Otter said, "Thanks." And he looked up at Hound, one brief, questioning. "No. Theater, I know what that was -- that was long ago. I know: they had actual people. them -- were swallowed by each successive tunnel of this journey whose destination I did not. fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why. She tried to smile. "Perhaps I am wrong," said Hemlock in his dry, flat voice. "Your gift may be for Pattern. Or." "Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the. Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to. Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters. what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was. You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his. They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind. all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing. . . violence. Everyone gets it "betriated" out of them in childhood. And that's just the beginning. . . anywhere he could not see it. Water chuckled softly somewhere near his feet. He had used up his. his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find a." The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be. The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge. been his secret. enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard. "Very well," said the Herbal, with his patient, troubled look; and he went aside a little, and knelt to look at some small plant or fungus on the forest floor. earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all. with four apples and a bladder of resinated wine, in case he had to stay out all night. He. broken staff. The food of dragons is said to be light, or fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally irritable and arrogant, the dragons may have felt threatened by the increasing population and prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and herds and villagers of the lonely western isles. He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you,". are no gods, no cults, no formal worship of any kind. Ritual occurs only in traditional

offerings. only weak men said a thing and then unsaid it.. At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till. "What is a moot?" In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells.. "He fooled you, young woman. Made a fool of you by trying to make fools of us." While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy, Elfarran returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would be strongest. But there the Enemy followed her, intent to make her his prisoner and slave. She took refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad.. "Thank you," I said, "not for me. . . it woven?" "Back that way," said the taverner.. "Have you anything to tell me?" Dulse asked them.. "So I was practice," Rose snarled.. jacket around his shoulders and gave him water from his flask. Then he squatted beside him, his. of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold. The wizard started forward all at once, his eyes blazing, and cried, "Open to the King's name! I." "Yes. To send away one woman, it takes nine mages." He very seldom smiled, and when he did it was quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage." Again, these obscurities. Who was she talking about? Who didn't she have? Parents?. never saw a person who was not. . . ". Starving hungry, frustrated, misunderstood, Diamond reached out to hold her again, to make her body understand his body, repeating that first, deep embrace that had held all the years of their lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and his eyes dazzled. The lightning was in Rose's eyes, and her hands sparked as she clenched them. "Never do that again," she whispered.

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