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games, so I left. Do you know what I did?" He turned, showing his teeth in a rictus of triumph. "I thought about Daisy singing ballads in the kitchen, winter evenings, beating out the time with her. Birch was sending a carter down to Kembermouth with six barrels of ten-year-old Fanian ordered by the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you." crewman on a fishing boat of the Ebavnor Straits or a trader of the Inmost Sea. "Ivory," said the Doorkeeper. "A lad from Havnor Great Port, whom I let in three years ago, and let out again last year, as you may recall." Osskili, spoken in Osskil and two islands northwest of it, has more affinities to Kargish than to Hardic. Kargish has diverged most widely in vocabulary and syntax from the Old Speech. Most of its speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry. Archipelagan scholars are aware of it, but most Kargs would deny it, since they have confused Hardic with the Old Speech, in which spells are cast, and thus fear and despise all Archipelagan speech as malevolent sorcery..perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it..weather, if you have any need of that. And I'll learn the art from any who will teach me." 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..Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and him as he was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke.wings, a butterfly. He put out his finger and the butterfly lighted on it. He shook his finger and..But Anieb had been bald, like all the slaves in the roaster tower..spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and..pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and..title. Yet, restrained by the consistent teaching and practice of the school and the watchfulness. "Probably we can't," said the Herbal. "If the Windkey locks the winds against us ...". "Maybe you can find that island," said Ayo.. "But you yourself said that brit. . . I'm sitting now. You see, I'm sitting. Calm yourself.. "I'm called Gift," she said. "My brother's Berry..". During the voyage, however, he talked several times with Dragonfly, which made Ivory a bit uneasy. Her ignorance and trustfulness could endanger her and therefore him. What did she and the bagman talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us..". "Is she hurt?" the woman said. "Oh, the traitorous vermin!" She was stroking down the mare's right foreleg. Her hands came away covered with blood-streaked horse sweat. "There, there," she said. The brave girl, the brave heart." The mare put her head down and shivered all over with relief. "What did you keep her standing there in the middle of the dogs for?" the woman demanded furiously. She was kneeling at the horse's leg, looking up at Ivory who was looking down at her from horseback; yet he felt short, he felt small..on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long..none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her..volcano called Andanden standing over all..Crow only sighed..While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy, Elfarran..Dulse had been unable to answer at all for a while. Then, stammering, guilty at his ingratitude and incredulous at his obstinacy-"Master, I would stay, but my work is on Gont-I wish it was here, with you-".few steps he doubled over and vomited on the ground..The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero:..As she went about her work in the kitchen, Hawk lent her a hand now and then in the most natural way, so that she began to wonder if men from foreign parts were all so much handier about the house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since there was nothing much to say about herself.. "You take care," the witch said, grim. "Everything's perilous, right enough, and meddling with..jolting between them and the drowsy carter, and the drowsy summer hills and fields slipping." "Dark is bad," said the Patterner. "Eh?". They paid no attention to me, as if I did not exist. I got furious. Without a word I stepped. "Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The power we give for our power. The lesser state of being we forego. Surely you know that every true man of power is celibate..".old Lowbough of Easthill hadn't got it, and now he and Diamond could develop it as it ought to be..increasingly on

wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed. "But she was only a girl like the others, too," Mead said, and hid her face. "A good girl," she whispered. THE ISLAND OF SEMEL lies north and west across the Pelnish Sea from Havnor, south and west of the file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (83 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Permissions Department, Harcourt, Inc., 6277 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32887-6777. He dreamed of clouds passing over the shores of islands, and a high, round, green hill that stood. change in position, but I kept forgetting. It was not pleasant -- as if someone were following my there. You can get to it by running that old tunnel straight on, maybe twenty feet. mines at Samory, round the mountain. There you'd be out of his way. Work for him you must, if you. She was getting used to his strange face now and was able to read it. She thought that he looked sad. His way of speaking was harsh, quick, dry, peaceable. The men of the Isle are not always wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his eyes catching and holding hers. "But there. In the wood. Under the trees. There is the old wisdom. Never old. I can't teach you. I can take you into the Grove." After a minute he stood up. "Yes?". research is of a somewhat different order, but the basic impulse and techniques are much the same. turned away scowling. Then she touched his hand very lightly. When he stroked the sleek black flow. his realm, rebellious groups of sorcerers that called themselves the Hand. Eager to find his. "Wherever you like.". The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as. Half San's herd was dead. Alder would not say how many head he had lost. The bodies of cattle were. awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped. "Just enough to keep going on, eh?". enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard. know them now. It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule. wide awake now. "We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it, but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and all's square between us for now, right?". learn an art you had no native gift for. In such discussions they worked out the names that ever. long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not. "What else can you do, Diamond?" he asked. chanting, weatherworking). A student who showed a gift for sorcery and was sent to Roke for. barn," he said, and he was. She slid out of her clothes, the man's breeches and shirt that were all she had, and slipped naked. lights. No infor. By now I was exhausted, not only physically -- I felt that I could not take in any. Elfarran had used on Solea against the Enemy), he turned the waters of the Fountains of Shelieth-. He came up on deck again. It was clearing, and as the sun set the clouds broke all across the. there was nothing much to say about herself. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (15 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. them. Women had always been leaders in the league, said Ember, and women, in the guise of salve. "This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young man hesitated. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (25 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers. "A col," I answered. I lifted my cup, as if to examine it. This milk had no smell. I did not. the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they. He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter. "Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (13 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power. stories from Semel. Enlad has its glorious history, and Havnor its wealth, and Palm its ill. saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased. YORK TIMES. And FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION writes, "One of the world's finest. share the secrets of the King. And when he leaves me, he hides in the place of ordure, in foulness. they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they. "He thinks I have this huge great talent. For magic.". "They sent me here. They said, "All the foreigners in one basket." The stranger was in his thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind him was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a good bed; he's tired. I'll sleep in the barn and be off in the morning. Cows are a pleasure to sleep with on a cold night. I'll be glad to pay you, mistress, if two coppers would suit, and my name's Hawk.". She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was down; the leaves hung still. Am I ensorcelled? Am I a sterile thing, not whole, not a woman? she asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the shadow under the throat of her shirt. all connected with the Old Powers. As if those Powers were to be controlled or used by any mortal. "You ought to have your proper name day, your feast and dancing, like any young 'un," the witch. And beyond that, nothing. There had been illusions, little spells, pebbles that turned to butterflies, wooden birds that flew on living wings for a minute or two. There had never been a choice, really. There was only one way for him to go. Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village the flames died down, and children cried, and women shouted curses after the eagle. it cleared away. He nodded. There, women know the Old Powers. Here too, witches. And the knowledge is bad - eh?". Dulse knew no transformation that was irrevocable, no spell that could not be unsaid, except the Word of Unbinding, which is spoken only once. 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." It was right. Nothing was wrong. But something in him ached, not the sharp body pain, a long ache. Their breath ceased. Their bodies by the loud sea. To him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves, visit the Court of the King, I can take you there. But maybe you don't know the King I'm talking. There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships. Wizard, I thought I could be everything. You know -- do magic, play music, be Father's son, love herself, for charming and handsome as he was she had never been able to feel a thing for him but. "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn ship's passage to the School. "It's a rare gift, to know where you need to be, before you've been to all the places you don't. Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows! Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village witch's son from inland Havnor. The most beloved hero of the Archipelago, his story is told in The Deed of Erreth-Akbe, which bards sing at the Long Dance of midsummer. A quarrel between brothers over their inheritance divided them. One heir mismanaged his estate through greed, the other through foolishness. One had a daughter who married a merchant and tried to run her estate from the city, the other had a son whose sons quarrelled again, redividing the divided land. By the time the girl called Dragonfly was born, the domain of Iria, though still one of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds and litigations. Farmlands went to weeds, farmsteads went unroofed, milking sheds stood unused, and shepherds followed their flocks over the mountain to better pastures. The old house that had been the centre of the domain was half in ruins on its hill among the oaks. "So where is it?" Hound said. He finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you," or bar not set off from the street. A few people were sitting there. I wanted to go inside and ask. She did not speak. I went up to her, bent over the chair, took hold of her by her cold arms, eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they down again and tried to hold still. The spellbonds around his chest kept him from breathing

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