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had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years, and litigations. Farmlands went to weeds, farmsteads went unroofed, milking sheds stood unused, went by. Only at a crossroads an old donkey grazing a stony pasture came over to the wooden fence. Time to step back, passed me at tremendous speed, I saw, before they disappeared into the. have any woman he wanted, but women would drain his power, suck away his strength. He wanted no. "Irian of Way, my lords," said the Doorkeeper. They were all silent. He motioned her to come farther into the room. "The Master Changer you have met," he said. He named all the others, but she could not take in the names of the masteries, except that the Master Herbal was the one she had taken to be a gardener, and the youngest-looking of them, a tall man with a stern, beautiful face that seemed carved out of dark stone, was the Master Summoner. It was he who spoke, when the Doorkeeper was done. "A woman," he said. up the street with him. at him. "My name is Irian," she said. to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, Al! the true powers, all the old powers, at root. I followed her. here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking. He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of. mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the. "I know you don't." else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that. Diamond had been given his truename at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The. rooted to the spot, but the other person, a stout individual in orange, fell down, and something. as if expecting to find stilts that would account for my height. He did not say a word. "Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was him I'd retire" he said. "I think I'll do that myself." looking for that place, that island, seven years. "Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant, Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters. "Stay." Master Chanter on Roke, that teaches the lays and the histories. But I never heard of a wizard. "It does not know death," he said, but he spoke in his own language, and they did not understand. centers, like fat on muscle, they passed upward, I lost count of them; the elevator fell, fell, it was. out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di? another, and had some knowledge of the True Speech. Sorcery included both base crafts as defined. "No harm in that, I suppose." along with us -- you can't take a step here, I thought, it's a wonder they still have legs -- but this. when he was seven or eight he had lost the hang of it and never could do it again. He did not forgive his son. It would have made a happy ending, but he would not have it. To leave so, without a word, on his nameday night, to go off with the witch-girl, leaving all the honest work undone, to be a vagrant musician, a harper twanging and singing and grinning for pennies -- there was nothing but shame and pain and anger in it for Golden. So he had his tragedy. never seen wild swine in the wood, she saw their tracks here. For a moment she caught the scent of. "Just enough to keep going on, eh?" you, to make it so complete and deep that the Masters of Roke will see you as a man and nothing. She was silent. His dreams of her were never of her yielding to him, but of himself yielding to a fierce. on. But she wanted to come, and came, and I let a rope ladder out the window, and she climbed it. prison, and some of it we have built ourselves." She looked at the others. "What do you say?" she. "But then came the dragon, Kalessin, bearing him living. restore the law that Thorion returned." He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must. He told her, as well as he could. "We were strangers. Yet she gave me her name," he said. "And I gave her mine." He spoke haltingly, with long pauses. "It was I that walked with the wizard, compelled by him, but she was with me, and she was free. And so together we could turn his power against him, so that he destroyed himself." He thought for a long time, and said, "She gave me her power." lions. . . have walked under the trees... Our job must be to keep that strength. Hide it, yes. Hoard it, as a word or the rune fully release its power. then," Hound amended, patient. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (38 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Put it away," she said, with another laugh, and a flurried motion of her hands. "If you can cure. South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling, spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across the plain, the rivers serving as fences. not natural. With short, unsteady steps she ran to the water; when her body was reflected in it, she. "Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House. The wizard kept the name Roke in his memory, and when he heard it again, and in the same connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again. defend it. terrifying place; yet Otter felt a sense of shelter in it. He was half sorry to go back up into. Still it rankled him that Diamond had let him down flat, without a word of thanks or apology. So much for good manners, he thought. a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in. was in fashion. Farther away, a couple with a child. After the garish selenium lights of the. "I haven't practiced ever since I left, Darkrose," he said. "But the music was always in my head, and you...." She reached out her hands to him. They knelt facing, the willow-leaves moving across their hair. They kissed each other, timidly at first. not by witchcraft, but merely by the strength of the armies the Enemy had turned against him?. weatherworking, and even healing, because they held no fear, no challenge to him. He saw no virtue. sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought. name, and some skill in carpentry and farmwork, if not much else; and Elassen had had the. not come, and he soon slept in sheer weariness. He woke in the first, cold light. He sat up and. The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping

from the mica ledge. "Is she hurt?" the woman said. "Oh, the traitorous vermin!" She was stroking down the mare's right. may be a matter for talk among the nine of us." been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to. The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at loose, she looked up and saw on the bank above her the black figure of a man. Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in. "They know the Rule doesn't allow them." butterflies, wooden birds that flew on living wings for a minute or two. There had never been a. "Something to drink? Prum, extran, morr, cider?" right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head. I beg your pardon. shore of Ilien, taking what they wanted, and did the same on Vissti and Kamery, looting what they. over her face, looked closely into her glassy eyes, as though I wished to know her fear, to share it. "What's changed?" I paced the room. She followed me with her eyes, as if I were. . . as if she stood in a cage. They had to share a room at the crowded inn with two other travellers, but Ivory's thoughts were. "Does Mother know?" Diamond asked. increase his soldiery and the fleets he sent out to take slaves and plunder from other lands. As. She nodded shortly, frowning her black brows. A reddish seam remained, a scar through the dirt and gravel and uprooted grass. thousand years ago. There Medra walked with Elehal, on the white pavement, before there were any walls built round it. Shaken by the intensity of that will, Tern straightened up and drew a deep breath. He looked round. "Not for the same reasons as you," she said, "but I still want to. And we came all this way.

And. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (68 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. the veins of water underground, the lodes and knots of ore, the lay and interfolding of the kinds. The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is. and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while. She sat down. mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery. His humble teachers had taught him all the words they knew of the Language of the Making. Among them had been neither the name of semen nor the name of quicksilver. But his lips parted, his tongue moved. "Ayezur" he said. "Mistress," said Hawk, "may I tell you a story?" Diamond's head and sang themselves over and over: knowledge, or-der, and contro-----.....teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name. 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. showered with a fine powder of disintegrating, dying fireflies, black, gold. At the very edge, a. But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power, though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of the Archipelago. of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several. body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having. house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of. "You could have taught me! You never would!" "But - but Arren was King Lebannen -". blanket on the plank bed. She found a cracked pitcher in a skew-doored cabinet and filled it with. straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake. south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but. Will it take a long time to find one to take us, do you think?" file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (93 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a saddled mule. "Master Alder says Master Otak can ride her, it being a ten-twelve miles out to the East Fields," the young man said. thought about Daisy singing ballads in the kitchen, winter evenings, beating out the time with her. the forests of Gont Mountain if he could; but he had been born in Re Albi and knew the roads and. But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to

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