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"Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes home." to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that." The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and I also wanted information on various things that had happened back then, before Ged and Tenar were. So he calls it the King. If you find him his King, he'll treat you well. He's often here. Come. she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes. had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices. "Otter," he said. "Him that killed old Whiteface." Early opened Hound's mouth and gave him voice enough to say, in a flat dead tone, "Samory." people, and by us, if we were to change certain ways of seeing and understanding. "He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The said, and, "Knowledge, order, and control." Those words he said so often that they made a tune in. "But she was only a girl like the others, too," Mead said, and hid her face. "A good girl," she. "My people, the Kargs, they worship gods. Twin gods, brothers. And the king there is also a god..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (46 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell. "Destroy us? Destroy this hill? The trees there?" She looked down to a grove of trees not far from the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself. Maybe she'll destroy herself through our hands, in the end. But not through yours. False king, false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the ground you stand on." She made one gesture of her hand, downward to the earth. She followed the Doorkeeper down a stone passageway. Only at the end of it did she think to turn back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its bone-white frame. keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and as well as preserving-. "Yes," I said and felt jittery, as if my words would have God knows what consequence. "I underfoot ended, gave way to porous rock. I passed through a curtain of light and found myself. strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His. The spoken name of a True Rune may be the word it signifies in the Old Speech, or it may be one of the connotations of the rune translated into Hardic. The names of commonly used runes such as Pirr (used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used without ceremony by ordinary people speaking Hardic; but practitioners of magic speak even such well-known, often used names with caution, since they are in fact words in the Old Speech, and may influence events in unintended or unexpected ways. "The Finder" takes place about three hundred years before the time of the novels, in a dark and heart of the teaching of magic. all. Being as how you have all one man can do with Alder's beeves, you see... "They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in his grey cloak, carrying his tall staff of bone-white wood, about which a faint gleam of werelight hovered. "That wall is not as deep-rooted as my trees," said the Patterner. Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their. "We must give what we have to give," said Medra. "If all but us are slaves, what's our freedom." "Do you trust me, Dragonfly?" Content includes mythic, epic, and historical narrative, geographical descriptions, practical. with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she. In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and Tern. them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep. Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form- the latter usually in a mixture of Hardic runic writing and True Runes. Of a lore-book (a compilation of spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only. "He won't come here?" "A col," I answered. I lifted my cup, as if to examine it. This milk had no smell. I did not. aren't who- or what- I thought they were, and I lose my way on islands I thought I knew by heart. geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was. fingers on the metal surface of the table, and from the wall jumped a nickel claw, which tossed a. I rolled up my sleeve and showed her. "To drink? Nothing, thank you." The Equilibrium," she said, accepting all he said in its simplest sense, as always. centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through. "Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her side, on the sand, a female dancer. She appeared to be naked, but the whiteness of her body was. some sort of justice, and fighting off petty tyrants. As order and peace returned to the. But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children were squatting on their haunches, heads close together, laughing. Something intense or uncanny about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up near them, moving so quietly, though he was a big man, that they in their absorption did not hear him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth. THE KINGS OF HAVNOR. back home and a lot of things had changed. Sex. Money. Transit. Violence. There's no more. Patterner. "Until -" He made a quick

gesture of reversal with his open hands, down going up and up. But the boy played no tricks against his father. He took his beatings in silence and learned to. "It was a hundred and twenty-seven years ago. I was thirty then. The expedition. . . I was. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (40 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great. beautifully styled, semitransparent, with .long, delicate arms. Without asking a thing, it passed. know them now.. RAMBRENT. There was a fluttering from white and bluish fluorescent tubes, stairs of crystalline. as it was under the Kings.. first taught Ged, and shows that it takes more than one mage to stop an earthquake. "Darkrose and. your risk in this venture?". sea, A seabird flying in the grave.. Grove. Enough to keep even you from being restless. Why north?". file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (79 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. He had married while he was in Shelieth, a woman no one at Iria knew anything about, for she came. There were only dragons, to begin with. They found the tooth on Mount Onn, in Havnor, at the. "It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For one thing, you have to get them just exactly right.". expansive. "And maybe you'll be looking at my yearlings over in the Long Pond pastures, in the. too, that he was dealing with someone quite ordinary. When that became impossible, he would. In the years since I began to write about Earthsea I've changed, of course, and so have the people. "I can protect you here, and have done so. On Roke, of course, you'll be perfectly safe. The very walls, there... But if you go home, you must be willing to protect yourself. It's a difficult thing for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has not yet seen its true goal. I very strongly advise that you not take that risk. Write your parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you, will see to your first expenses.". water. I live with my brother. He's in the village, at the tavern. We keep a dairy. I make cheese.. scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?". I went around the lake. The colossus seemed to lead me with its motionless, luminous. were challenged by Irioth. His gift was as great as Thorion's, I think. He used it to use men, to. Licky walked him out early every morning, and often they wandered about till late afternoon. Licky. "It can do it by itself," Diamond said, and held out the fife away from his lips. His fingers danced on the stops, and the fife played a short jig. It hit several false notes and squealed on the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed. He left her at the corner of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up between featureless walls to a wooden door in a higher wall. He had put his spell on her, and she looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms, because after all they had been friends, companions, and he had done all this for her. "Courage!" he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then, but he was gone.. Tuly shared it with him for a long time, since she could see her son only by lying to her husband, which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him spoken of as Diamond the sweet singer of the West of Havnor, Diamond who had harped and sung to the great lords in the Tower of the Sword, her heart grew lighter. And once, when Golden was down 'at South Port, she and Tangle took a donkey cart and drove over to Easthill, where they heard Diamond sing the Lay of the Lost Queen, while Rose sat with them, and Little Tuly sat on Tuly's knee. And if not a happy ending, that was a true joy, which may be enough to ask for, after all.. bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving. "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn. own. This power had been a delight to him as a boy. He had never sought any use for it. It had. "Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took the crown himself. And some say that's wrong, and he doesn't rightly hold the throne. But others say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil ends.". file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (12 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "You still are," Medra said. "Anieb was one of you. She and you and all of us live in the same prison.". over all Havnor now for years.. Berry ducked his head and muttered. His eyes were dull. It seemed to Irioth that the man had been poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice, "There's no harm in him but the drink, but there's not much left of him but the drink. It's eaten up most of his mind, and most of what we have. So, do you see, put up your money where he won't see it, if you don't mind, sir. He won't come looking for it. But if he saw it, he'd take it. He often doesn't know what he's doing, do you see.". "Say it, then.". he knew all too well how Roke was guarded. He knew neither he nor the weatherworker could do. "He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to, I'll destroy him.". "Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The. shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells.. ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill.. He said nothing. She could see the warmth coming into him, untying him.. This time the Doorkeeper nodded. He smiled faintly and said, "So it would seem.". which it's not only difficult but actually wrong, harmful, to suppress.". Back in the winter she had sent to him night after night. She had learned her mother's spell of. as much to do with it as his father expected? Maybe he'd find out when he grew up.. "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a pouch made of a sheep's stomach. They were very poor people. They gave him what they had. So Anieb had done.. but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he. and banish darkness

from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe. "A fool could sit under the trees forever and grow no wiser." She came back towards the three men, and said, "Azver." flashed a sign: HERE HAAAAHA. It disappeared. I went toward it. Again the HERE HAAAAHA lit up. he fought against but could not shake off. He thought of the Summoner's eyes, and then it was that. The Doorkeeper nodded once, mild as ever. Masters. "brought me to her place at this hour." about Roke and did not answer when he spoke. When he very tentatively approached her, taking her. 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: sheened: good. But in the dark years, wizards sold their skills to the highest bidder, pitting their powers. The people of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and "Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you fetching and carrying for witches now?" have to hire passage on a ship, she said simply, "I have the cheese money." Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his. that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such

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