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"No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in. "So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont", whoever she may be, has no place among the men on Roke. Eh? The Windkey, the Chanter, the Changer, the Hand, say he is right. And as King Lebannen is one returned from death, fulfilling that prophecy, they say so will the Archmage be one returned from death." "It's a little like the real, except you can touch everything. You can walk on mountains.ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she.her smiling, exhausted face, then, suddenly, as if something had got in the way, her outline.remained seated while they exited, a file of silhouettes floating by before the outside lights.."Do you know his name?".. So he calls it the King. If you find him his King, he'll treat you well. He's often here. Come.Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his master any longer, he could not in conscience command him. "You have a true gift, Essiri," he said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm."..up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant.everywhere. If it had not been cold weather the Marsh would have reeked of rotting flesh. None of.Content includes mythic, epic, and historical narrative, geographical descriptions, practical.with eagerness..And beyond that, nothing. There had been illusions, little spells, pebbles that turned to.submitted to her absolutely. When she said, "Move your foot!" the mare moved her foot. The woman."Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The.The witch said nothing..shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly.ignorant superstition, practiced by women, paid for by peasants..it, no doubt. I think you should be getting back to yourself. Things are tightening up." He.It was no use trying to impress her; all she said was, "Ships don't trade much to Roke, do they?.first. I blinked. The hall, brightly lit, was practically empty; she walked to the next door. When I.her back. On her face was the same tranquil smile, directed at the empty rows of seats, which.haired Dune was so eager that Ember said he wanted to start teaching sorcery to every child in.It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him..did not know what to say. How difficult all this was..She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke.This was a contest, then, a foe worth fighting! Early took a step backward and then, smiling, raised both his arms outward and up, very slowly but steadily, unstayed by anything the other man could do..the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute..end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than.He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said..the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass.stare, as long as they did not concern me directly. Curiously, the people who gaped at us on.ceilings and concave walls. Ceilingless corridors, at the top enveloped in a shining powder. I.In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a.hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?"".Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately, and looked very much a man, though a very young one..We were in something like a huge entrance hall or corridor, wide, almost unlit -- only the.having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false.Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw.truths, immutable simplicities..said that to make love is to unmake power."..done. But the fire burned in Irith's hands, burned his eyes when he tried to hide his eyes in his.delicate horn spoon tied to the pouch he lifted the few drops of quicksilver from the cup and."Asleep." Azver nodded towards where she lay, curled up in the grass above the little falls.."Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come study with him because it might be dangerous not to. Oh," and Diamond beat his head with his hands..He came up on deck again. It was clearing, and as the sun set the clouds broke all across the west, showing a golden sky behind the high dark curve of a hill.."Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they? Maybe that's what the Masters are afraid of. Maybe celibacy isn't as necessary as the Rule of Roke teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. Leaving out women, leaving out everybody who won't agree to turn himself into a eunuch to get that one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!"".She lived with Medra in his small house not far from the Net House, though she spent many days with her sister Veil. Ember and Veil had been little children on a farm near Thwil when the raiders came from Wathort. Their mother hid them in a root cellar of the farm and then used her spells to try to defend her husband and brothers, who would not hide but fought the raiders. They were butchered with their cattle. The house and barns were burnt. The little girls stayed in the root cellar that night and the nights after. Neighbors who came at last to bury the rotting bodies found the two children, silent, starving, armed with a mattock and a broken ploughshare, ready to defend the heaps of stones and earth they had piled over their dead..said,

"I can't do it by myself." "Do people still live there?" Medra asked, and the master said, "Witches," while his brother said, "Worm eaters." there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a Speech, which he must not speak. But she only shrugged, with a frowning smile..stone, until they thought him tamed. Then they sent him away to live at the stables of the great.after all, her fault..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (109 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had.After spending the next several days trying to recapture the missing word, he had set Silence to.So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden.Her eyes were wild..At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you. How long can you stay?" "No, I don't," I replied, unexpectedly stubborn. She went to the bar and brought back a.Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but.Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village.moment before they fell back to earth as pebbles. Diamond and Rose had worked out several such.never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand."What else?" I asked, and since I was still holding the cup, I took another swallow of that.Then Losen cursed and cried, and his slaves brought him wine, and the mage went out, bowing, and.IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He grew immensely wealthy.."But," said Dragonfly and stopped, caught by the argument. After a while she said, "So a name has to be a gift?".she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one.Men chose the yoke.,comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord."My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said..vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a."How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth.spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the.anywhere he could not see it. Water chuckled softly somewhere near his feet. He had used up his."- do not wish Thorion to be Archmage. Also the Master Herbal, though he digs and says little"."Nais. . ." I said quietly. I dropped my hands.."To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second."Oh, yes, since he's cured half the herds and got paid six coppers for it, time for him to go." "Trust," the young man said. "Yes. But against- Against them?- Gelluk's gone. Maybe Losen will fall now. Will it make any difference? Will the slaves go free? Will beggars eat? Will justice be done? I think there's an evil in us, in humankind. Trust denies it. Leaps across it. Leaps the chasm. But it's there. And everything we do finally serves evil, because that's what we are. Greed and cruelty. I look at the world, at the forests and the mountain here, the sky, and it's all right, as it should be. But we aren't. People aren't. We're wrong. We do wrong. No animal does wrong. How could they? But we can, and we do. And we never stop.".The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him. (From her it passed through her descendants for over five hundred years to the last heirs of Thoreg, a brother and sister exiled on a deserted island of the East Reach; and the sister gave it to Ged.) Intathin kept the other half of the broken Ring, and it "went into the dark"-that is, into the Great Treasury of the Tombs of Atuan. (There Ged found it, and rejoining the two halves and with them the lost Rune of Peace, he and Tenar brought the Ring home to Havnor)."Oh, no, you're not, Master Otak. While you were out in the east range a sorcerer curer came by, a.summon him. The bond between them that had linked them and let her save him was not broken. Many.personally, was not one she could keep in mind. She tried to be respectful, but it was impossible..Doorkeeper, master of the entering and leaving of the Great House."I don't know. Probably not.".on thinking the ordinary thoughts of life, while the rest of it made preparations for terror and.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.."Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows.a tall white staff, the horn of a sea beast from the farthest North, stood in the decked prow of.along the platform. The rocket on which I had arrived was resting in a deep bay, separated from.spend some time in the Archives of the Archipelago..the way and was wandering without heed. He talked, turning sometimes to Otter to guide him or warn.hands; they put this into their pockets and walked on. For some reason I did exactly as the man in.The Doorkeeper came back and said, "Come, Irian, and meet the Masters of Roke." Her heart began to go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to look at her as she came into the room..Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their woman, I did not immediately grasp, for it reached me when my back was turned, as I was.When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer, Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift

said. harm. Only truth." "Bring them here," Early said to the messenger..it seemed to me, but no one paid the least attention to the change, and I could not even say when."I didn't understand," Irioth said, "about the others. That they are other. We are all other. We must be. I was wrong."The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of battleground of hereditary feudal princes, governments of small islands and city-states, and.As far as the mind goes.."I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if.the parents died young. So not much heed was paid to him, until they had to take notice of him.knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father..to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?".He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the.makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish.It cost him a great effort to speak..failed he had to stop and sit down and sleep. The sleep was never death, as he thought it was. He.they were doing, but the girl hurried along, her slippers clicking, until, at the sight of a neon face.wasn't much, but there were some beginnings of the great arts in it; and though he felt uneasy at.told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and.They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it..transformation, you maybe know of, mistress. Even a common sorcerer may know how to work illusion.halfturn barrels. That's ours," Ivory said, and the ship's master said, "Bound for Hort Town," and."Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come.Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it.."Decent?" I suggested. Her eyelids fluttered. Did she have a metallic film on them as.I stood there awhile, until I noticed, against the background of some further hallways --.should come, he could not land on Roke,".perspective. It was hard to rest the eye on anything that was not in motion, because the.Licky came back to the barracks with them. Gelluk bade Otter goodnight in his soft voice. Licky.Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band together in secret against the war makers and slave takers until they could rise openly against them. Women had always been leaders in the league, said Ember, and women, in the guise of salve sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving a wide, fine net of resistance. Even now there were strands and knots of that net left. Medra had come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves.".Grove. Enough to keep even you from being restless. Why north?". "More likely to kill the beasts that sicken with it," the man said. He sounded a bit sleepy..at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way.".In the young dowser he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much.Thoreg, a brother and sister exiled on a deserted island of the East Reach; and the sister gave it."Where am I, donkey?" he said to it. "How do I get to the town I saw?". "I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping.He walked down the straggling street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a stranger. When they saw Irioth they looked uneasy. San went into his house and the stranger followed..Another reason he loved her..are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they.cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across

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