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the ragged shirt and saying nothing. At last he said he must go on, and the children drifted away refused, and I quickly left the artificial cave, gritting my teeth, as if I had somehow been insulted.. Only after the woman sank into sleep did Dory move, going to help Rush, who as a friend and."I am hungry now," said the mage. He took a hardboiled egg from the basket, cracked, shelled, and ate it..his power lay..connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's. She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being. The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of the island, a sea no boat could venture out in.. "I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and if only they could come to Roke. "Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of vellum that had been worked into the thatching of his house. "They good for something else?" Crow, staring up at the words visible here and there between the rushes in the eaves, began to tremble with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded..and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth..claiming lands and cities as his property. The warlords made those they conquered slaves, and for such a trap, I made a clumsy leap and, in midair, felt an invisible flow of force take hold of learn to let go. And Diamond nodded sturdily enough to satisfy his father, though he had a.He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening. The Summoner, who had been standing with his back to them, facing the fireless hearth, turned. "Who says that?" . He forgave her gracefully. He did not try a love-charm on her again..He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs stacked by the roaster tower bringing him a memory of the work yards at home, the fragrance of new wood as the plane ran down the silky oak board. Some noise or movement roused him. He looked up and saw the wizard standing before him, looming above him. Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor."."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." How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud, say he ought to go. He's not canny." left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping." Sunbright told them all to get rid of the fellow, but didn't stay around to see them do it. He.long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn. return, I felt that I no longer desired, was looking for, was in need of a single thing; it was enough."Oh, Darkrose," Diamond said, "I love you.".that such a thing was possible. She fell silent, and still I heard her voice; suddenly light footsteps. Her use-name had been Flag, the blue iris of the springs. Her mother and aunt called her Flag when they spoke of her.. "And I in my tower," said the Namer. "And you, Herbal, and the Doorkeeper, are in the trap, in the. "He doesn't mind," Dragonfly reassured her. "Only he hardly ever really answers." of pulling it off, but it pleased him as a gesture of disrespect to all the piety and pomposity of."Look at all the stuff you can do," she said. "You couldn't do any of it if you didn't have a gift." push -- though the push had not been all that hard -- went backward down the aisle, and the the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman.Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that." .waking up, it occurred to me: I was on Earth. .The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold between the roots of a big old tree, he found himself a place not far away to sit; and as she watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several days. Then one morning, in rebellious mood, he stayed by the stream while Ember walked into the Grove. She did not look back.. In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered..strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to. "My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is. She left. In the air, right before my face, against the background of the seat in front of me,. You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must learn to let go. And Diamond nodded sturdily enough to satisfy his father, though he had a thoughtful look..listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked."Plast. You don't know what that is?" quicksilver and spoke it through him..that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that. 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..wanted a private compartment. I wondered if they had told her. My seat unfolded without a.balm's just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe."Suits me," said Licky..man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you.".That is, human beings chose to have possessions and dragons chose not to. But, as there are. The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the prentice him to Elassen, a respectable sorcerer in Valmouth. There the boy had picked up his true VOICE OF THE DISTINGUISHED GRAVISTICIAN WILL BE BROADCAST AT HOUR TWENTY-SEVEN. There was a little noise, the soft clip-clop of the black mare's hooves, coming along the lane.. "Does Labby want a harper?". "Can you teach her?". None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them said, "Let us have the witch." window looking out on a back-street. No spells - you can't make spells with all their magic going." If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used to conic to the city every year or two." something she'd always known, while the answers to his questions were things she had never. "To see you!". He listened. They walked on at last through a silence enlarged and deepened by that far call..along beside the wall, very thin, insubstantial, bone, shadow. But she was not the dying woman in. "He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to, I'll destroy him.".lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the.Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through. Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form-the latter."Straining," Heleth said, his hand still absently, gently patting the dirt as one might pat a scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?".knelt to look at some small plant or fungus on the forest floor..as much to do with it as his father expected? Maybe he'd find out when he grew up..can't go with her- Can't you go there?" She broke away from Rush, looking again at Tern. "You can."I saw it." and soul: the fire, a greater fire than that, the flight, the flight burning -.what he saw. But he saw it, and went forward, word by word..Then from the foam bright Ea broke..complicated, adult matters. He never felt that it had much to do with him, so how was he to have.cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now..man, near eighty now; and he was frightened. He smiled with joy to see Ogion, but he was. Among the Hardic-speaking people of the Archipelago, the ability to do magic is an inborn talent,. "Give me my name, Rose," the girl said..Her brother came in. "Come on out," he said to her as soon as he saw the curer dozing on the settle. She stepped outside with him.."Yes," he said with a smile. Then he winced and stopped to press his hand against his shin for a moment..she flew up the steps and ran clean through the singer -- then hurried on; the one who was years with no summer, the birth of sickly and monstrous young to sheep and cattle, the birth of. They nodded.. After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in. destroy us," said Veil.. "Get back, you black-hearted bitch!" she velled, "Home, you crawling traitor!" And the dogs fell on the bank. Sheep in the field between them and the Great House blatted softly. The morning sun occasionally the blur of a face shone, once I even brushed by someone. The crowns of the trees. Morred's Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do."."Yes. When there are. . . two of you." no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending, The Patterner came forward and took her hands in his. His hands were warm, and she felt so mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a while, her face turned from him but their hands joined and their bodies pressed close. At last she broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was cold." the shape of a shell, with a ribbed ceiling that glimmered a barely perceptible green; the light was.THE BEGINNINGS.have to give up saying spells? I can bring a fever down now too. Why should you have to stop doing."I asked you not to," he said, "and it's not my need I spoke of. I talk enough for two. Never mind. You'll know what to say when the time comes. That's the art, eh? What to say, and when to say it. And the rest is silence.". "Rose's spells work as well as ever," she said stoutly..water.. They brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was disgusted by him. How could be frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there...after you?".Not much mixing of the Kargish and Archipelagan skin-color types has taken place except on Osskil, since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia. The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken man. But wizards carried no staff in those years, and Erreth-Akbe certainly was an unbroken man and a powerful mage when he faced the dragon Orm.."That indeed. My sister told me last night, she and Ennio and the carpenters have offered to build internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the

years. All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her. Tern.. "Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer. When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the wizards, for the rest of their lives..much, although I realized immediately that there was not an iota of admiration in it. What did.of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving.."And now?". She lay awake in the little house, feeling the air stifling and the ceiling pressing down on her, then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She went to the door to see what she loved best to see, the sky before sunrise. Looking down from it she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her doorstep. She withdrew noiselessly into the house. In a little while she saw him going back to his woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake..."There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone. And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns, ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now. Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage will never return.". She stared. "But I thought you'd tell it to me - the password.".said, and left the room..little and opened..She did not wait for an answer. "I'll walk her up," she said, standing up, and put out her hand for the reins. Ivory saw that he was supposed to dismount. He did so, asking, "Is it very bad?" and peering at the horse's leg, seeing only bright, bloody foam..wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter..geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west. Outside the gleam of werelight it was dark...away -- that mysterious, dangerous, incalculable power against which Golden's wealth and

mastery.file:///Dl/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (57 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].at him, but she did not speak again. She fought her death, fought to breathe, while the red light. The slave, short and thin, hairless, with running sores on his hands and arms, uncapped a stone cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he murmured. "So young. The tiny Prince, the baby Lord, Lord Turres. Seed of the world! Soul-jewel!".without the eight months at Adapt. But now, perhaps even more than before, I did not want to go.in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean,."I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well..name, and some skill in carpentry and farmwork, if not much else; and Elassen had had the

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