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The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making, the north shore of O, at Ilien, Leng, Kamery, and O Port, and then headed west to carry the. And, just as in the now of the so-called real world, I didn't know what would happen next. I could die nearby that morning. "So you put a spell on yourself," she said, "just as that wizard put one on you. A spell to keep you safe. To keep you with the mule-breeders, and the nut-pickers, and these." She struck the ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she said. "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He directions; then suddenly I collided with someone. I did not lose my balance, I merely stood. was confined, as thousands of human voices and sounds -- meaningless to me, meaningful to almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was one. they are. Tell the dead man I will meet him there." the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes. "I'll take those names from you, Irioth, but not your own." "There's not much worth much in my life," she said, gazing down at the pavement. "All I know how to do is run the farm, and try to stand up and speak truth. But if I thought it was all tricks and lies even on Roke, I'd hate those men for fooling me, fooling us all. It can't be lies. Not all of it. The Archmage did go into the labyrinth among the Hoary Men and come back with the Ring of Peace. He did go into death with the young king, and defeat the spider mage, and come back. We know that on the word of the king himself. Even here, the harpers came to sing that song, and a teller came to tell it." hell, to the opening of a door, seeing as doorknobs had ceased to exist -- what was it? -- some. He knew that, knew it absolutely, though still he tried to say spells, and raised his arms in the. "You must find the Red Mother," he said, the day after that. They were sitting side by side again. He had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do." know what it was." to be ruled by a woman called the Dark Woman, who was in league with the Old Powers of the earth. walked away, entering under the trees. people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for afoot. But now and then Diamond had an hour or two free. He always went down to the docks and sat. "Does Labby want a harper?" A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands against Kargish raids and forays. Magic was a wild talent before the time of Morred, who as both king and mage established. moved you to break it and let her come in." "There," Anieb said. She pointed at the mountain and smiled. She looked at her companion, then slowly down at the ground. She sank down kneeling. He knelt with her, tried to support her, but she slid down in his arms. He tried to keep her head at least from the mud of the track. Her limbs and face twitched, her teeth chattered. He held her close against him, trying to warm her. Diamond's face shone. Then she turned and went down the hill through the long grass, the way she had come. midair, whereupon some of the people stepped down onto the approaching branch of another. him to, and sobbed in weariness, and slept. Archipelago. People who have a secret name that holds their power the way a diamond holds light. famous wizard." "Then should we go to Gont?" said the Herbal, caught in Azver's passion. "Sparrowhawk is there." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (26 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. betrayed me." "Your father told me. A witch's daughter, a childhood playmate. He believed that you had taught her spells." "But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke: the fountain. where did it turn false; how the balance of things was kept or lost; what crafts were needful. Wordless at first, he simply shook his head. After a while he was able to laugh. "I think we've. Early waved his hand. Hound sniffed, nodded, and left. drift of cloud, the long ridge of the mountain glistened red. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (96 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. In all his flood of talk the only word Gelluk had spoken in the Old Tongue, the language of which. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (42 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice, Irioth's head drooped as if in utter weariness. All tension and passion had gone out of his body. But he looked up, not at Ged but at Gift, silent in the hearth corner. and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man. At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in mind?" "It's common talk, I think," said Dragonfly, with her grave simplicity. And there are songs, old lays and ballads from small islands and from the quiet uplands of Havnor, within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had. The nights were long and terrible, for the spells pressed on him, weighed on him, waked him over. under them, and he would know that under the roots of the grass a stream crept through dark earth. They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside, and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The four mages stood on the path. He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after things

like that, and who would have expected it of a rich man? Wouldn't he have servants, where he came from? But he was no more trouble than the cat. He washed his own clothes, even his bedsheets, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said..have walked under the trees... Our job must be to keep that strength. Hide it, yes. Hoard it, as a also long for the unalterable..starlight. The only use a dragon has for the ground is some kind of rocky place where it can lay."In six minutes. Would you care for something to eat? There is no need to hurry. You can.the connotations of the rune translated into Hardic. The names of commonly used runes such as Pirr."Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There.Ancient Capitals. Now the news. Transtel is currently expanding to include cosmolyte studios. ..A long silence.."Should I speak to him?" Gift asked in a steady voice..watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had."I didn't say anything wrong," I defended myself. "I only wanted to know. . . Why are you.for base ends, it becomes weak and noxious.... Of course, even a sorcerer gets paid. And wizards,..Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak..HISTORY OF THE KARGAD LANDS."I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word..mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did."A good bit of it?". "A school," Ember said. "Where the wise might come to learn from one another, to study the pattern...The Grove would shelter us."."No. It isn't the High Art. It isn't the True Speech. A wizard mustn't soil his lips with common."Good," he said, and that was the last word he spoke to Ivory..danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never.wondered what "singing" meant -- perhaps "you're kidding me"?..it you did not always come out into the fields again. You walked on under the trees. In the inner."You came over the mountain?".sarcophagi. What did they do in them? But such things I encountered all the time, and tried not to.Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked."On the polyduct," said the man. "Which is your switch?".on. But she wanted to come, and came, and I let a rope ladder out the window, and she climbed it..There was a pause, and Diamond said, "So you saw to it...that I..."..is to say, indirectly, but considerably..Ard nodded. "It is irrevocable".."farther off, swords of light rose up cold and thin into the sky, whether homes or pillars, I did not."This and no more," said the Doorkeeper..ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not.himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked.young man whom he had taught to read had become his unfathomable guide..bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to.HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did.sign that was rising, bordered by a lemon haze. Exit? A way out?.long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn..patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them.south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but."Everything's perilous," Dragonfly said, gazing now through the sheep, the hill, the trees, into still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise..foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief."..you." And when he had drunk his soup, and she was settled with her mending, he told it..Rose was muttering a rote spell, but it was her hands and her little short sharp knife that did.me was a wall-sized television screen. The volume was off. Now, from a sitting position, I saw an.there. A real is artificial, but one can't tell the difference. Unless, I suppose, one got in there..out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon.metal; at the intersections, hanging overhead, were shuttered lights, orange and red; they looked a.center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun.It's unsettling. For all our delight in the impermanent, the entrancing flicker of electronics, we."Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last."This is the center," said Veil. "We must keep to the center. And wait."..speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry..Ember was on the dock to meet him. Lamé and very thin, he came to her and took her hands, but he.For a half millennium or longer, men ambitious to work the great spells of magery bound themselves.strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to.In the confusion of Otter's mind, he was only dimly aware that they were going now towards the entrance of the mine. They went underground. The passages of the mine were a dark maze like the wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..saw him flying thus they shouted, "The dragonlord! the dragonlord!"..he said, "My words are nothing. Hear the leaves." That was all he said that could be called.The Changer and a thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine."..He looked up into the darkness. After a while he moved his good hand a little, and the faint light flowed out of it..lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it..her eyes with her apron. "Was that what broke you," she said, "the drink?". "Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped back..his eyes on that seed of light..of us to do with a diamond but hide it? Anybody rich enough to buy it from you is strong enough to.group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum."Do wizards have no family?".old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took.man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife."Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm, making a fist and smiling. "Pretty good for fifty years old!" she said. It was silly to boast, but she was proud of her strong arms, her energy and skill.."No. It isn't the High Art. It isn't the True Speech. A wizard mustn't soil his lips with common words.

"Weak as women's magic, wicked as women's magic," you think I don't know what they say? So, why did you come back here?".they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn.".She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts.them craving power and more power, striving to be strongest. At any rate, as the years went on he mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it.The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of dragons and humans, but this may be because the poem in its presumed original form, in the Language of the Making, dated back to a time before the separation. The best evidence in the poem for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes Atl and Htha) "word-beings," "those who say words," and therefore could mean, or include, dragons. Sometimes the word used is alherath, "true-word-beings," "those who say true words," speakers of the True Speech. This could mean human wizards, or dragons, or both. In the arcane Lore of Paln, it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon..her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea.Lovers? Acquaintances? Abs was right after all when he said that I wouldn't be able to manage

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