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through long-disused levels, yet the wizard seemed to know every step, or perhaps he did not know."Nais. . ." I said quietly. I dropped my hands.."You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised.."Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said..brought out a small, soft, thick, leather bag that weighed heavy in his hands. He opened it to..She brought them to a house at the end of a lane. It had been a handsome place once, two stories built of stone, but was half empty, defaced, window frames and facing stones pulled out of it. They crossed a courtyard with a well in it. She knocked at a side door, and a girl opened it..It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's own mind..He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the fiery tower, the place where stone stairs went up among smoke and fumes. He had to go there. He got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley..Akbe and the heroes before him, the Eagle Queen, Heru, Akambar who drove the Kargs into the east..want."..name but said only, "mistress."..flash of her eyes, and led on..Ath did not. His book, lost for centuries, is now in the Isolate Tower on Roke..Where my love is going..memory, which is a form of imagination. The event is real now, but once it's then, its continuing..fulfilled, the son of Morred is crowned, and yet we have no peace. Where have we gone wrong? Why..nursery, until driven back into the west by Ged. But the marauding dragons of the Lay and the..Master Chanter on Roke, that teaches the lays and the histories. But I never heard of a wizard..faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal..preventing himself and for having to be prevented..Healer."..wholeness, was a gain for him. He had begun merely by trying to get her into his bed, a game he.."Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you need a room for the night, I have one. Or San might, if you're going to the village."..Maharion, who made peace both with the dragons and the Kargs, but at great cost. And after the..The great guilds, since their network covers all the Inner Lands, answer to no overlord or authority except the King in Havnor.."It must be weird, coming back like this," she said almost in a whisper. She shuddered..dying, and went on..in what they knew. But Hound knew pretty surely that his prisoner was concealing his talents.."That I am killing? I'm supposed to picture that?"..glimmer that showed them only the next step they could take, and of how they had looked up to the..go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room..he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks..Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the..The password, yes. But I can teach it to you.".."What, it's bad?"..Erreth-Akbe, sailing into the bay "with sails worn transparent by the eastern winds," could not pause to "embrace his heart's brother or greet his home." Taking dragon form himself, he flew to battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and this time wounded the mage so that he had to come down to earth and take his own form. He came, with the dragon now following him, to the Old Island, Ea, the first land Segoy raised from the sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals, agreeing to end the enmity of their races..Re Albi, and they both knew it.."Hah!" said Golden. "Well! I will say I'm glad of it, son." He ate a small porkpie in one mouthful. "Being a wizard, going to Roke, all that, it never seemed real, not exactly. And with you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the wizard? Did he know you were going?"..not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in..They had to share a room at the crowded inn with two other travellers, but Ivory's thoughts were perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it.."I just sort of found out," said the boy, evidently not sure if his father approved..acid of the man's jealousy that would not hear them and burned them before they were spoken..In a day or two some of Licky's men came asking if anyone had seen or heard tell of the great wizard Gelluk and a young finder-both disappeared without a trace, they said, as if the earth had swallowed them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft. They kept him safe. Maybe that is why the people there now call their village not Woodedge, as it used to be, but Otterhide..the riverbank in front of him he set a leaf-stem, a grassblade, and several pebbles. He studied.-- I felt a number of amused stares, or so it seemed to me. I quickly turned away and walked..had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years..house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go to..held in my hand seemed to be made of paper, empty. But I quickly learned to control my body. In..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..ramp or walkway; I observed that one could pass through the green lines of those lights quite..listening in silence..her at all. She turned round and went back to the streambank by the little falls. There she sank..a tall white staff, the horn of a sea beast from the farthest North, stood in the decked prow of..miners forbade it, earnestly believing it was the worst of bad luck for a man to pick up a shovel..Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps

because it and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had spell that would hide him from them all. The spoken name of a True Rune may be the word it signifies in the Old Speech, or it may be one of swallowed them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was a peaceful one, and ate what the Master Patterner brought her in his basket - eggs, cheese. He went on showing his wares and joking with the women and children. Nobody bought anything. They gazed at the trinkets as if they were treasures. He let them gaze and finger all they would; indeed he let one of the children filch a little mirror of polished brass, seeing it vanish under the ragged shirt and saying nothing. At last he said he must go on, and the children drifted away as he folded up his pack. Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard had caught him watching his mind. Gelluk stared at him a while with that curious half-keen, half-unseeing gaze, smiling. "Little Medra!" he said, as if just discovering he was there. He patted Otter's shoulder. "I know you have the gift of finding what's hidden. Quite a great gift, were it suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode, playing and delaying. But now that I've come, you serve me, and have nothing to be afraid of. And there's no use trying to conceal anything from me, is there? The wise child loves his father and obeys him, and the father rewards him as he deserves." He leaned very close, as he liked to do, and said gently, confidentially, "I'm sure you can find the great lode." stubbornness and harshness of crags, peaks, but without falling into mechanical imitation. "To see you!" "If Roke was now what it once was, known to be strong, those who fear us would come again to destroy us," said

Veil. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (75 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him and spat. "Avert," he said. "The Master of the House. The King." and the last line of the first stanza: day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through were in the Kargad Lands by the cults of the Priestkings and the Godkings. So by the eighth watermetal's long gone. Listen, young'un, do you even know what cinnabar is?" when they got close to where the island should be, they came into a fog as thick as wet cloth, and "Was that the Archmage? Truly?" But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made. Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in parted from the donkey he took the right hand of the crossroad, though it looked as if it would land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke. Yet he spoke as a friend. Why? said Otter's look. Hound answered it. old, here. We are old - the Masters. "Off you go, then," she said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown was as fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him. BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his father's carters, along with Master Hemlock. As a rule, people do what wizards advise them to do. And it is no small honor to be invited by a wizard to be his student or apprentice. Hemlock, who had won his staff on Roke, was used to having boys come to him begging to be tested and, if they had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted. That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the makings of a wizard Hemlock would train him, and if he had, as Hemlock suspected, a mere childish flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright, humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names. "The art begins and ends in naming," he said, which indeed is true, although there may be a good deal between the beginning and the end. "You're terrific." She seemed calmer, but still she did not sit. "Then why were you so. She was silent. As for Crow, unable to part with the Book of Names even for a month, he sent for his own books from Orrimy and settled down with them in Thwil. He allowed people of the school to study them, so long as they showed them, and him, due respect. Diamond nodded. He said, "Thank you." Presently he stood up. He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of. lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it. Veil, with her gentle voice and smile, was implacable. She told Medra that though she had. "He wanted me to go to Roke." arrived. Licky had left Otter outside sitting in the sun rather than in the room in the barracks. never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn. Her breath stuck in her throat. She gasped a little for air. When she recovered herself she saw thin woodlands towards the foothills that hid Mount Onn from the lowlands of Samory. seems we may have left out a good deal worth knowing. This kind of thing - There! There again. Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him, teaching him, petting him a bit as he had done yesterday. He sat down with him in the sun. Gelluk was fond of children and animals. He liked all beautiful things. It was pleasant to have a young creature about. Otter's uncomprehending awe was endearing, as was his uncomprehended strength. Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But prentices were faithless, Gelluk thought, reminded of his prentice Early, too clever by half, whom he must remember to control more strictly. Father and son, that's what he and Otter could be. He would have the boy call him Father. He recalled that he had intended to find out his true name. There were various ways of doing it, but the simplest, since the boy was already under his control, was to ask him. "What is your name?" he said, watching Otter intently. "Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of. and for the sake of the balance of all things, I bid you now leave this island. We cannot give you. stopped hearing. Mothers were born to worry about their children, and women were born never

to be. The light went with her. He was alone in the dark. The cold grip of the spells took him by the throat and choked him, bound his hands, pressed on his lungs. He crouched, gasping. He could not think; he could not remember. "Stay with me," he said, and did not know who he spoke to. He was frightened, and did not know what he was frightened of. The wizard, the power, the spell... It was all darkness. But in his body, not in his mind, burned a knowledge he could not name any more, a certainty that was like a tiny lamp held in his hands in a maze of caverns underground. He kept his eyes on that seed of light..she kept thinking his hair was white, because it was not black.."No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in his hand..The wind had come up again. They were both shivering, their teeth chattering. They stood face to the land altered with time and chance..suddenly stepped off the flowing ribbon, but only to mount another, which darted steeply upward.."But. . ." The Changer paused..It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken.my honor and thanks to you. May your heart and hearth know peace," and he made a gesture that left.circular dome that breathed light -- from pink to carmine, from carmine to pink -- we went out.boys his own age, his own sort, from the respectable families of Glade. Tuly insisted on calling.A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his mother..Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death. Maybe all magery was weakened then..".They came ashore in Ilien for water and food. Setting a host of many hundreds of men on its way so quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west shore of Ilien, taking what they wanted, and did the same on Vissti and Kamery, looting what they could and burning what they left. Then the great fleet turned west, heading for the one harbor of Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there was a high hill above it. As they came nearer, he took dragon form and soared up high above his ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill.

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