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"Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's leg. "Get the saddle off her," she said, and her tone held the unspoken, impatient, "you fool!" Ivory obeyed, half-annoyed by this crude giantess and half-intrigued. She did not put him in mind of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare submitted to her absolutely. When she said, "Move your foot!" the mare moved her foot. The woman wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though grudgingly, as if she still wondered how he could have let his mare stand there to be assaulted, and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own..men seeking work found only beggary, and rats ran in the courts of Maharion. They did an honest.Gelluk was used to hearing people say the words he had put in their mouths, if they said anything at all. These were words he wanted but had not expected to hear. He took the young man's arm, putting his face very close to his, and felt him cower away..would have dragons for his dogs..King needed some diversions..variations. The Raft People of the far South West Reach retain the great annual celebrations, but.young men. Secret meetings, inner circles. Rumors, whispers. The younger students are frightened..Finder, master of the spells of finding, binding, and returning.959 Eighth Avenue.she kept thinking his hair was white, because it was not black..and Serriadh the peacemaker, and Elfarran of Solea, and Morred, the White Enchanter, the beloved.So said Ember, his fierce, black-browed teacher..out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon."You can't walk all night." "Play the flute," Diamond said promptly, and took out of his pocket the little fife his mother had given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a sweet, familiar tune from the western coast, "Where My Love Is Going." "What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his face in his hands, fighting against the shame of tears..They turned back, uncertain. The low sun was still bright on the fields and the roofs of the Great.wrong. How could they? But we can, and we do. And we never stop."file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (49 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].feel like calling him sir, as she always did the curer. This one had nothing of that lordly way.The witch listened, unable to resist the lure of secrets revealed and the contagion of passionate desire..Diamond nodded. He said, "Thank you." Presently he stood up..the Patterner..Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was."Master," Medra said, afoot, "wake up." "How goes it, col?"..supposed to wait until you got tired of playing wizard. Well, I got tired of waiting." Her voice."I'm called Gift," she said. "My brother's Berry."..semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly."Where will you go?" he said..Maybe that's what the Masters are afraid of. Maybe celibacy isn't as necessary as the Rule of Roke.the other people doing? Putting the things in their pockets. The sign on the dispenser: LARGAN. I.As the dim light that came into the room from chinks in the mortar of the bricked-up window died away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake, and grew more awake. The excited turmoil of his mind all the time he had been with Gelluk slowly quieted. From it something rose, coming close, coming clear, the image he had seen down in the mine, shadowy yet distinct: the slave in the high vault of the tower, that woman with empty breasts and festered eyes, who spat the spittle that ran from her poisoned mouth, and wiped her mouth, and stood waiting to die. She had looked at him..She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers."Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of." "Who are we," said the Doorkeeper, "that we refuse her without knowing what she is?"..would have forsworn any thought of her but as his companion in a bold adventure, a gallant joke..grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the.met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not.The true name of a person is a word in the True Speech. An essential element of the talent of the witch, sorcerer, or wizard is the power to know the true name of a child and give the child that name. The knowledge can be evoked and the gift received only under certain conditions, at the right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream)..Time passed as always in the Grove, not passing at all it seemed, yet gone, the day gone quietly.were dozens of ships like ours. The moving platform made a turn, accelerated, continued to."Diamond." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and.Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years, like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights and treasures and children..everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it." "Is it Waris?".Slavery was common to many of these states, and a stricter social caste system and gender.Ivory nodded gravely. "But the Archmage lost all his power in the land of death. Maybe all magery.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (70 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and."If I do, it will be thanks to you," she said. In that moment he loved her for her true heart, and would have forsworn any thought of her but as his companion in a bold

adventure, a gallant joke.. "And the wizard in South Port didn't teach you how to make it work?". apparently on contact with air. She sat down and, touching the glass with her lips, casually asked: "The solution lies in secrecy," said Medra. "But so does the problem." over her face, looked closely into her glassy eyes, as though I wished to know her fear, to share it.. Who opened it to rich or poor, oldest and greatest ones, a mystery..). the west of the world here for one of your dad's parties." the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these. He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has.. show Otter the little pool of dusty brilliance lying in it. When he closed the bag the metal moved.. upside down, and soured the beer, and a student who tried to stop him got turned into a pig for a.. off with a juggler, I heard?". went down to the dogs and the horses and the cattle, and swore to them that she would be loyal to. Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it, on the edge of twilight, a low wall of stones. And as he looked he thought he saw a woman walking along beside the wall, very thin, insubstantial, bone, shadow. But she was not the dying woman in the bed. She was Anieb.. He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with.. No wind stirred. The air was soft, the big sail hung slack. Only the western stars faded and vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you say?" he asked, reluctant.. He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the dead. And in that vision, Anieb had walked on this side of it, not on the side that went down into the dark.. So the practice of their lore and the teaching of it had become perilous. Those who undertook it.. balloon! I stood over him, astounded, unable even to mutter an apology. He picked himself up, damaged hip, the wise woman salved the cuts from the rocks on his hands and head and knees, his. "I don't know. Perhaps," she answered. She drew a deep breath. "You know, now, why I.. Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside". She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and.. He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs.. far and wide.. tightening as he moved. He could stand, but could not take a step towards the door. He could not.. They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but.. spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the.. then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She.. naked white arms and shake her. . . . 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.. stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere.. chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must.. Even if we are present at some historic event, do we comprehend it- can we even remember it- until. "You have a gift for the business," Crow said. "You know where to look. Went straight to that bestiary in the barn loft.. But there's nothing much to look for here. Nothing of importance. Ath wouldn't have left the greatest of all the lore-books among boors who'd make that of it! Take us to Pody if you like. And then back to Orrimy. I've had about enough." her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking.. indignant before, about my bringing home strangers?". out to be a thief. I mean, there ought to be a little trust." a glimmering track behind it a moment in the air above the hearth stone. "Now I'm off to the cow.. Money was a problem. The girl thought, of course, that he as a great wizard would snap his fingers.. She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were.. The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and then at her again.. The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at.. But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power, though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of the Archipelago.. "That?" I pointed at the glass wall.. The door closed. It was silent except for the whisper of the fire.. softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep.. his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady. "I can find it," said Otter.. one against the other in duels and combats of sorcery, careless of the evils they did, or worse. "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town? She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter." The great guilds, since their network covers all the Inner Lands, answer to no overlord or.. knew it." "But I know I have - I have something to do, to be. That's why I wanted to come here. To find out.. "Now the King is in my body, the noble guest of my house. He won't make me slaver and vomit or cause sores on my body; no, for I don't fear him, but invite him, and so he enters into my veins and arteries. No harm comes to me. My blood runs silver. I see things unknown to other men. I share the secrets of the King. And when he leaves me, he hides in the place of ordure, in foulness itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not know another such. And more than that, more than that, the King enters into my seed. He is my semen. I am Turren and he is me..." "Thorion says Lebannen is not truly king, since no Archmage crowned him," made himself comfortable in his coil of cable and watched the stars. Looking west, he saw the four.. have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe. "The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch.. out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house, came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him.. laughed and

chattered.. "Said he thought he'd better keep the doors," said the Herbal. He closed is many-pocketed pouch.think; he could not remember. "Stay with me," he said, and did not know who he spoke to. He was.Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know..finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave.."Mages can do more than that," the girl said..thoughtful. "Powers you have, yes, all kinds of little traits and tricks. A clever lad. But not.a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt.life. "You're tough," he said. "Here, wake up. Come on. Otter, wake up."..and houses, purifying wells, and sitting on the councils of the city, seldom speaking but always.Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the passage..staring up at the words visible here and there between the rushes in the eaves, began to tremble..slightly, a shiver, a tremble..How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud,..sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of.he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a

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