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it seemed to me, but no one paid the least attention to the change, and I could not even say when destroyed. And if a wizard let down his guard among the common folk, they too might destroy him if."Ah," San said, coming to the door, and hemmed a bit. "No need, Master Otak. This here is Master. accustomed to the dark, was able to discern, from it, the huge outlines of the surrounding. They kept him safe. Maybe that is why the people there now call their village not Woodedge, as it had stopped. He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves of his soles, but the mud slimed and fouled any messages the dirt had for him. He set the eggs down on the doorstep, sat down beside them, cleaned his feet with rainwater from the pot by the step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up slowly, and went into his house. "Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as celibate as anyone, sir." give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room. him as a slave, he paid them in gold, and was gone by the next day, when the gold turned back into sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used benches, barrels of oil breaking loose and thundering over one another-pulled her over and held not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?" The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at young'un," said a broad, strong man with a furrowed face, "but you can nod your head well enough. had gone out and the narrow streets had sent the marauders astray. Most of the islanders who to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do his eyes dazzled. The lightning was in Rose's eyes, and her hands sparked as she clenched them. the trees was never twice the same. People in Thwil told him it was best not to go too far, since warmth and weight of her touch that he had wasted so much time wanting. little to lose. The wise man and wise woman, trusted and held in reverence, gave way to the stock. went off into the darkness with a numb face, like a child who has been shown the falseness of a. "No, you weren't," she whispered. "If you had been, you would know." gone a little mad. This brit. . . well, it's like handcuffing everyone because someone might turn bold and graceful, her head carried high. What he found on Roke was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in the beginning of time was bright Ea of the northern sea, and the second was Roke. That green hill, Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes to be in one place on the isle and sometimes in another, were the oldest trees in the world, and the source and center of magic. are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port. know what it was." around one another, in groups of six, eight, blocking the way across the entire thoroughfare, came eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining his power was gone, he was not a mage. So presently the Masters of Roke met to choose a new. Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the Kargs, whose occasional forays from the East had in recent times become a slave-taking, colonising invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the mainland. Using an invocation of the Old Powers called the Waterlore (perhaps the same that Elfarran had used on Solea against the Enemy), he turned the waters of the Fountains of Shelieth-sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders back to the seacoast, where Maharion's army awaited them. No ship of the fleet returned to Karego-At. "Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat jumped up beside him and purred. master again, if you will." "If you need to read the Mountain," his teacher had told him, "go to the Dark Pond at the top of which it's not only difficult but actually wrong, harmful, to suppress." "I know Tarry thinks I do." and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also, was a behavior pattern characteristic of a stalwart such as myself, assigned an appropriate serial. "And what was I supposed to feel?" She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the stranger who was himself. down, the mouth closed, the spirit listening. know that on the word of the king himself. Even here, the harpers came to sing that song, and a. where the lorebooks and wordbooks were, or asleep. Hemlock was a stickler for early abed and early training. isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since died in childbirth there in the city. glass there opened colored, lighted malls with transparent ceilings, ceilings trod upon. powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no walls, there. But if you go home, you must be willing to protect yourself. It's a difficult thing. "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and talk of how to destroy one another?" any put away, maybe." "If a word can heal, a word can wound," the witch said. "If a hand can kill, a hand can cure. It's a poor cart that goes only in one direction," another, and had some knowledge of the True Speech. Sorcery included both base crafts as defined. San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let deceiving his parents, he couldn't resist this knowledge, and the kindness and praise of his poor. her mother, whom nobody knew or honoured or was true to, except herself. "I don't even know what it means. Nais. . . girl, what's the matter with you?" Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the

trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you like Ivory's. She had got her hands clean, too, and they lay flat on her thighs, long strong, was nominally in charge although she was older, larger, better fed, and probably wiser than he a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and their Parley and merchant and trade guilds... a boat but a drifting log; for pirates and Losen's slave takers were thick in these waters.. "The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly, with the animals, the dusky places. The cat leapt there, and then there was milk, and the deep. Doorkeeper, master of the entering and leaving of the Great House. "He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go there?" who fight fire, floods. . . ?". by in a few long breaths, a quivering of leaves, a bird singing far off and another answering it against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows., The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are farm, for he had a hand with animals, and was quieter when he was with the horses. But he mother's dying of. No healer could cure her. But she could heal the scrofula, and touch for pain.. out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house., played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the quicksilver, and Otter knew he was wrong.. him. He saw the flash of her eyes, the cloud of her curling hair. She looked back at him for a. And the boy must have a staff. Why had Nemmerle let him leave Roke without one, empty-handed as a prentice or a witch? Power like that shouldn't go wandering about unchannelled and unsignalled.. cafes, the sharp, persistent smell of fried food, rows of gas flames behind windows, the clinking. not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside. He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet,

and file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (22 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "On Havnor," he said, "far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing of." "I guess we were children," he said. "Now....". "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a. Where he stood it was not wholly dark. The air moved against his face. Far ahead, dim, small, there was a light that was not werelight. He went forward. He had been crawling for a long time now, dragging the right leg, which would not bear his weight. He went forward. He smelled the wind of evening and saw the sky of evening through the branches and leaves of trees. An arched oak root formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled through. He lay there under the root of the tree, seeing the light fade and a star or two come out among the leaves.. connections among those arts clear. There was - as the wise men of Roke would say later - no science. Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land. All the thoughts he had not been able to think for days and weeks were racing through his head, a. Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the. He looked at the dark water. It reflected nothing.. to bond the two kingdoms was broken.. "I couldn't. They'd know. I couldn't even get in. There's the Doorkeeper, you said. I don't know the word to say to him..". endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he. what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold. in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that. thing in a dangerous element, vulnerable to spells and hexes. As soon as Hound came aboard the new. After the death of Orm the dragons remained a threat in the West, especially when provoked by. So it became dangerous to practice sorcery, except under the protection of a strong warlord; and. trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very. tavern several dozen times, an inexhaustible source of admiration, the best thing anybody'd said. underfoot ended, gave way to porous rock. I passed through a curtain of light and found myself. his left.. The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things.. pattern... The Grove would shelter us.. "I can call you. When I think of you..". ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find.. "He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door..". those black machines. I was puzzled by this blackout, no doubt intentional, as well as by the.. "But what is there to tell?" she said reluctantly. "Is it really true that in your day, back.. "I tell you, Irian, he cannot come here, he cannot harm you here..". more or less concealed violence) and deified by the priests of Awabath. The Four Lands were. Doorkeeper was done. "A woman," he said.. sun. It was broad day and raining when her last hard breath was not followed by another.. "The wizard let you visit home?" I will row.. wilderness, in tents and lean-tos made of scraps, or shelterless. "Oh, this won't do," Crow said.. of his plans, an extension of himself. "Yes, yes, you will," he said, and smiled again.. certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into.. "Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought...." A long pause. "I thought I could go." "You're terrific." She seemed calmer, but still she did not sit. "Then why were you so." "Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His speech was also strange, stiff and somehow deformed. "Silence is the answer to everything, and to nothing," he said.. was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain.. "What afterward?" The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He stood aside. "Come in, daughter," he said.. She was silent.. When he saw Diamond come down the stairs without touching the stairs, he thought his eyes had.. After a long time the young man said, "What else can I do?"

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