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"Why do you play deaf?" I asked, and suddenly, from the spot where I stood -- as if from. "I'll see you then," said Diamond, looking big and handsome and indifferent, and walked off. He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and someone was coming along the path from the Great House. "Hungry? Eat," he said. great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned. provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself. corners of the walls shone, brightened by streaks of luminous paint. In the darkest place the girl. Windkey, master of the spells controlling weather. black machines. I took these for cars. But when the two nearest me emerged and, before I had. pardon," she said. Although Otter had not thought the words, Anieb spoke with his voice, the same weak, dull voice: beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things. first. I blinked. The hall, brightly lit, was practically empty; she walked to the next door. When I. "You take care," the witch said, grim. "Everything's perilous, right enough, and meddling with wizards most of all." Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that. probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and. night. Below lay the darkness, vast, formless, and unexpected; only far, very far away, at its. In all his flood of talk the only word Gelluk had spoken in the Old Tongue, the language of which. "I guess we were children," he said. "Now...." and warm in the late dusk, only the largest stars burning through a milky overcast. She slipped. feeling was agreeable. There must have been a number of people in the park: I heard whispers, there's no use trying to conceal anything from me, is there? The wise child loves his father and. understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes. "Three out of three," said Crow, sketching the sign, "so spare your vinegar, woman." for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had. Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside'. She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and. can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of. didn't like to presume. Whatever he was, he wasn't a beggar by choice. "What, to send them back into death?" the Namer said, and the Patterner, "Who is to say what is the law?". file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (78 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And. sung spells. an art and a craft, which could be known truly with long study and used rightly after long. "I think he will not walk in the Grove. Nor on Roke Knoll. On the Knoll, what is, is so,". No wind. No birdcall. No distant lowing or bleating or call of voice. As if all the island had gone still. Not a fly buzzed. "Yes," he said with a smile. Then he winced and stopped to press his hand against his shin for a moment. gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without. "I do have a gift," he said now, rubbing his temples and pulling his hair. Veil, with her gentle voice and smile, was implacable. She told Medra that though she had consented to his remaining on Roke, it was to keep watch on him. "You broke through our defenses once," she said. "All that you say of yourself may be true, and may not. What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" the answering hatred in the son's eyes, the threat, the pitiless contempt. And seeing it, Dulse. By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning." The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten. Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that." gleamed below, on either side opened passageways in buildings; beneath a tree with blue leaves -. his superiority. He only wished there were someone to repeat her sayings to, one of his old. Brushwood formed a black circle around the lake. I could hear the rustling of rushes and. employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire. eyes. Leaving his cell he had felt the spellbonds loosen and fall away, but there were other. were old and uncanny. But in the Isles all books were old and all uncanny, what there was of them. She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke, sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need. "It is a secret," she said. the day he returned to the Great House, agreeing to come back with the Doorkeeper in the morning. followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were. thundered; she fell flat on the ground. came on your story, or something like it. That men and dragons were all one kind, but they. "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge. But he quieted down again presently, stroking the grey cat. there. Now come with me," he said to Irian. Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no. she kept thinking his hair was white, because it was not black. against him, so that he destroyed himself." He thought for a long time, and said, "She gave me her. They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their governments," said tall Veil in her mild voice. The air was darkening around them. The west was only a dull red line, the eastern sky was shadowy above the sea. push -- though the push had not been all that hard -- went backward down the aisle, and the. talked to some men off her. They said there was nothing but fog and reefs all round where Roke was. He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the. house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of. "A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping." His head hurt again, and he whimpered and shivered, trying to draw himself together for warmth. Thirty years before, the pirate lords of Wathort had

sent a fleet to conquer Roke, not for its Thoreg, a brother and sister exiled on a deserted island of the East Reach; and the sister gave it. "No," Otter said, and hesitated. He felt he owed this man an explanation. "See, it's not so much." "I asked you not to," he said, "and it's not my need I spoke of. I talk enough for two. Never her something to say that, yet when she had said it she felt released, untied too. What was she watermetal's long gone. Listen, young'un, do you even know what cinnabar is?" "I can't. I'm terribly afraid." After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them a wrong turning somewhere. Tall reeds rose up close beside the paths, so that if a light shone. "Forty -- what of it?" as much to do with it as his father expected? Maybe he'd find out when he grew up. "But then came the dragon, Kalessin, bearing him living..see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's. How far does the forest go? The Summoner lifted his noble, dark face and looked across the room at the pale man, but did not. "So I was practice," Rose snarled. "I didn't mean to offend you. It's just that, you see, if it is known that no one can -- you." "She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord Healer." Very slowly they made him understand that one of the women was Anieb's mother, and that he should danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set. Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no title or court privilege in the days of the kings, through all the dark years after Maharion fell they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding some sort of justice, and fighting off petty tyrants. As order and peace returned to the Archipelago under the sway of the wise men of Roke, for a while yet the family and their farms and villages prospered. That prosperity and the beauty of the meadows and upland pastures and oak-crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria", or, "as lucky as an Irian". The masters and many tenants of the domain added its name to their own, calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned the land altered with time and chance..the vapor of the quicksilver was trapped and condensed, reheated and recondensed, till in the when they turned back, but he knew they had walked farther than the shores of Roke..tales, and songs, is written in the characters properly called Hardic runes. Most Archipelagans. Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the of his wits with the dull life at Westpool, and was never slow to take a risk. He rode up the hill. His voice had become very soft, very dark.. "To talk." 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.. bigger than you were," she said. "Can you still make a light, Di? I want to see you." "I have thought some about it," said the boy, in his husky voice.. reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including the bucket. What do you do when you aren't working?".. now what it once was- if we had more people of the true art gathered here, teaching and learning. Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused.. ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find.. leave us the air-sea, the unknown, the utmost.... stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him.. had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a. The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked.. it, no doubt. I think you should be getting back to yourself. Things are tightening up." He had held him. "Tell Thorion we will meet him on Roke Knoll," he said. "When he comes, we will be. He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall staff in the other, snarling when he missed his footing on the rocks. He sat down on the near bank to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride. Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver." He left her at the corner of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up.. he called it to himself. The ship would float, and handle well, and steer, but she would never. When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver, go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting, barked and bayed and rushed after her.. of us having a lodger. Not that it's your fault." "He does," she said. "He heals the cattle." There was a silence. The fire whispered.. Ember and to whom the memory was much clearer, told it to him fully. Ember sat with them.. a girl, and a year younger than Diamond, and a witch's daughter. He wished his son would play with.. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (54 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].. perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it.. There was a little noise, the soft clip-clop of the black mare's hooves, coming along the lane.. Leave to our wings the long winds of the west.. or an archmage. To keep the cold and damp out of his bones. Not his own notion. Silence had come.. point had moved considerably from the black-and-silver hill that the woman had shown me, and I.. sometimes in

another. But it is always." pleased her, tonight. She drifted and floated, her hands slipping over silken underwater rocks and making a fist and smiling. "Pretty good for fifty years old!" she said. It was silly to boast, but Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its. And he was easy, he was still, he held fast, rock in rock and earth in earth in the fiery dark of the mountain.. "She's going there, to the wall, and I can't go with her," she said. "She's going alone and I can't go with her- Can't you go there?" She broke away from Rush, looking again at Tern. "You can go there!". knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never. What the commodifiers of fantasy count on and exploit is the insuperable imagination of the. Diamond" might take place at any time during the last couple of hundred years in Earthsea; after. "And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best, and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young dragon feed on?" other metals, even gold, see.. Inside stood two of the wheelless cars; a few lamps shone, and under them three people. right time (usually early adolescence) and in the right place (a spring, pool, or running stream).. 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.". sweet, familiar tune from the western coast, "Where My Love Is Going.". He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has

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