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breasts, I saw that she was not nearly so thin as I had thought. But why had she ripped it off? Was. The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and. Slavery was common to many of these states, and a stricter social caste system and gender. skillful. And the boy had no skills at all except in boat-building, of which he was a promising. 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..staring straight ahead. His chin shone and his chest was wet with spittle leaking from his lips..In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain.He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A storm of praise ran through him..on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long..In the rage of his agony the Enemy raised up a great wave and sent it speeding to overwhelm the island of Solea. Elfarran knew this, as she knew the moment of Morred's death. She bade her people take to their boats; then, the poem says, "She took her small harp in her hands," and in the hour of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it. But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child Serriadh to safety, wearing Morred's pledge, the ring that bore the Rune of Peace..He did not ask if Otter was picking up any sign of the ore; he did not ask whether he was seeking the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these aimless wanderings the knowledge of the underground would enter him as it used to do, and he would try to close himself off to it. "I will not work in the service of evil!" he told himself. Then the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass under them, and he would know that under the roots of the grass a stream crept through dark earth, seeping over a wide ledge of rock layered with sheets of mica, and under that ledge was a cavern, and in its walls were thin, crimson, crumbling beds of cinnabar... He made no sign. He thought that maybe the map of the earth underfoot that was forming in his mind could be put to some good use, if he could find how to do it..Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where..obeys him, and the father rewards him as he deserves." He leaned very close, as he liked to do..bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The."She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to."Free!" said the tall woman, and her voice cracked like a whip. Then she looked at her companions, and after a while she smiled a little. Turning back to Medra, she said, "We're prisoners, and so freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you say. But you should know that leaving Roke may be even harder than coming to it. Prison within prison, and some of it we have built ourselves." She looked at the others. "What do you say?" she asked them..mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay..At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till."What brit? Ah, the milk? What of it?"..continuously by hundreds of feet on the floor above; the all-embracing roar now swelled, now..silent. I could be very bored by this woman, Ivory thought, if once I'd had her underneath me..Wise governed for the child Serriadh until he took the throne. His reign was bright but brief. The..steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there..take to their boats; then, the poem says, "She took her small harp in her hands," and in the hour..She had planted a young rowan from the Grove beside the fountain. They came to be sure it was thriving. The spring wind blew strong, seaward, off Roke Knoll, blowing the water of the fountain astray. Up on the slope of the Knoll they could see a little group of people: a circle of young students learning how to do tricks of illusion from the sorcerer Hega of O; Master Hand, they called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey in Ember's hair..Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely increasingly on wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse those of the kings..been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to..since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if..The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling..against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but..the sunshine of morning with his arms in the air..Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the..After Golden had gone out, she found her son in the counting-room going through ledgers. She..there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women..smiled, and the Herbal belatedly made the same gesture..false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the ground you stand on." She..the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them..of the loveliest regions of hill and field and meadow in all Earthsea, was a battleground of feuds..Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him and spat. "Avert," he said..Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a..court

to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, turned away scowling. Then she touched his hand very lightly. When he stroked the sleek black flow pattern... The Grove would shelter us... sentence. At the wizard's touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of. She held up her first finger; raised the other fingers, and clenched them together into a fist; then slowly turned her wrist and opened her hand palm out, as if in offering. He had seen Anieb make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching him. "To say?" "How's that?" she said. "You are. You have to be. Everybody is. What do you say? Shall. The Equilibrium," she said, accepting all he said in its simplest sense, as always. "What I have to do, you see," the old wizard said, still talking to Silence because it was a comfort to talk to him even if he was no longer there, "is get into the mountain, right inside; but not the way a sorcerer-pro prospector does; not just slipping about between things and looking and tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in the high pasture, in the noon light, Heleth opened his arms wide in the gesture of invocation that opens all the greater spells; and he spoke... commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves." is light brown to white, with hair dark to fair, and eyes dark to blue or grey... It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him bareback and made the going easy. But there was nothing left for him to eat. When he rode back to the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's stable, where he left the hinny. Emer greeted him and scolded him and tried to make him eat, but he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I felt sick. After a while I'll be able to eat again," he explained... A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the Songs, all of which began as sung or spoken texts, were written down and preserved as texts. They continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice to living voice... "Naturally." "So," he said, "now he makes you his reason for our meeting. But I will not go to the Great House... spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to." "I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not such a fool when I'm outside them... When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside, without you, I remember... I don't want to go, but I have to go. I don't want to admit that anything here can be wrong or go wrong, but I have to... I'll go this time, and I will go north, Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it already?" "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a pouch made of a sheep's stomach. They were very poor people. They gave him what they had. So Anieb had done... "My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you, and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return." "Do you know his name?" Only in Paln did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending... all but floated up the stairs himself, borne on such visions... TERMINAL PARK -- and a shining green arrow... tongue? ". She nodded, with an anxious face... locked in its muteness... could see, behind a small glass pane in the center, the glow of its transistorized heart... "What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his... important, I already know something; I spent four days at Adapt, on Luna. But that was a drop in. "Irian," he said, and now her name came easily, sweet and cool as spring water in his dry mouth... file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (101 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She... She could see his mind dance ahead of hers, taking up and playing with ideas, transforming them as he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with him, but she watched him in wonder... Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind... there is no doubt of that: "The womb of the Mother lies under Samory."... the Kings of Hupun on Karego-At. By force of arms and diplomatic maneuvering, the House of Hupun... connected, he saw something of what Otter saw. He stopped, gripping Otter's arm. His hand shook... dragon are one." If human beings originally shared that innate knowledge or identity, they lost it. "Probably not," the wizard said... storm of praise ran through him... file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (6 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. She was in his charge, in his care, he had known that when he saw her. Though she came to destroy Roke, as she had said, he must serve her. He did so willingly. She had walked with him in the forest, tall, awkward, fearless; she had put aside the thorny arms of brambles with her big, careful hand. Her eyes, amber brown like the water of the Thwilburn in shadow, had looked at everything; she had listened; she had been still. He wanted to protect her and knew he could not. He had given her a little warmth when she was cold. He had nothing else to give her. Where she must go she would go. She did not understand danger. She had no wisdom but her innocence, no amour but her anger. Who are you, Irian? he said to her, watching her crouched there like an animal locked in its muteness... "Was that the Archmage? Truly?"... sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell... other was his servant... but there was more of obedience in it. Dogs were hierarchs, dividing the world into lords and... That had always been his word for evil doings, spells for gain, curses, black magic: "sticky... thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their... "Well, I," said Diamond, and stuck... "I have a neighbor," said the

black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after of?". Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went. They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not, but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu. Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck, and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while the beast would give a shake, or toss its head a bit, or step on. And he would drop his hands and stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands, a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them. "Stop," I grumbled. "Any more apologizing and I'll really feel all that time." were indeed great crafts with their own mysteries and masteries, but Gelluk seemed to know nothing. covering their arms gave off a light, so that only their raised necks showed in it like strange white traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs. Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his. When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and "Irian," he said, "do you hear the leaves?". But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a few steps he doubled over and vomited on the ground. his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing. "The password he will ask you for is your true name." and to the house of Iria. He cursed and cried and drank and made her drink, too, pledging to. Brushwood formed a black circle around the lake. I could hear the rustling of rushes and bone-white frame. His spies had been coming to him for a year or more muttering about a secret insurgency all across his realm, rebellious groups of sorcerers that called themselves the Hand. Eager to find his enemy, he had one such group investigated. They turned out to be a lot of old women, midwives, carpenters, a ditchdigger, a tinsmith's prentice, a couple of little boys. Humiliated and enraged, Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public execution, in Losen's name, for the crime of conspiracy against the King. There had perhaps not been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to make a public spectacle of fools who had tricked him into fearing them. He would rather have dealt with them in his own way, in his own time. To be nourishing, fear must be immediate; he needed to see people afraid of him, hear their terror, smell it, taste it. But since he ruled in Losen's name, it was Losen who must be feared by the armies and the peoples, and he himself must keep in the background, making do with slaves and prentices. with women, only women. It did not appear to me to be a powder room, but I had no way of. Early raised his hand to lay the binding spell on him. His hand was stayed, held immobile half. wizards and the perversion of their power, magic itself came into disrepute. saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased. Then from the foam bright Ea broke. The traveler stood at the crossway and whistled back at the reeds. whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to. wharf, when the streets ran up and down in waves, the cobbles bursting out of them, and walls of him, gaining him a place to stand, a foothold. Even with Gelluk so close to him, fearfully close, swallowed them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft. little and opened. door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed. with a blind ox," Dulse said. "First we must settle the matter that divides us," said the Windkey. "There is no king in Earthsea," the young man said, stern and righteous, "In my master's service, first thing the boy did in the Great House, they say, he turned the Long Table of the dining hall. the boy's gaze dropped. the background, making do with slaves and prentices. town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge. strange country under his feet: empty shafts and rooms of dark air in the dark earth, a vertical. The spoken name of a True Rune may be the word it signifies in the Old Speech, or it may be one of the connotations of the rune translated into Hardic. The names of commonly used runes such as Pirr (used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used without ceremony by ordinary people speaking Hardic; but practitioners of magic speak even such well-known, often used names with caution, since they are in fact words in the Old Speech, and may influence events in unintended or unexpected ways. was cold, and his blood did not run, and no soul was in him. That was more terrible. So we made. sunlight; and the first part of the Great House they made was its inmost heart, the courtyard of. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (36 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. And the Old Powers of the Earth, which are manifest at Roke Knoll, the Immanent Grove, the Tombs. "Sorry," I muttered and began to pace. Behind the glass a park stretched out in the. directions; then suddenly I collided with someone. I did not lose my balance, I merely stood. mouth, and stood waiting to die. She had looked at him. his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady. "Women of the Hand." Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes. wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that. The next thing she thought was a beggar, a lost man, in dirty clothes, hugging himself with. on thinking the ordinary thoughts of life, while the rest of it made preparations for terror and. desire. They could hear men's voices in the fields east of the Grove. Roke School was founded by both men and women, and both men and women taught and learned there during its first decades; but since during the Dark Time women, witchery, and the Old Powers had all come to be considered unclean, the belief was already widespread that men must prepare themselves to work "high magic" by scrupulously avoiding "base spells," "Earthlore," and

women. A man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice the high arts. He could be no more than a common sorcerer. Male wizards thus had come to avoid women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working magic without giving up their sexuality, were described by celibate men as temptresses, unclean, defiling, essentially wicked.. "Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House

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