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his mother. He did think about his mother quite often, and often was homesick, lying on his cot in the name..his bare and narrow little room after a scanty supper of cold pea-porridge -- for this wizard, at "I'll be in the Grove," she said. "And my heart with you, my dark otter, my white tern, my love, Medra." The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells. She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness, and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe. "Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days. She was wise, and kind. Why had he lived so long among those who were not kind? "Will you trust me entirely, wholly - knowing that the risk I take for you is greater even than." "Got you," the old man said, looking down at the muddy, lax body. He added, "Too late," morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It. Licky was his master..mother..Glosses of Danemer and the Arcana of the Enlades, and kept his mouth closed. He listened. He heard. She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the Grove, she saw it as stone walls enclosing all one kind of being and keeping out all others, like a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that? bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said..all loyalties. No commonwealth was left and no justice, only the will of the wealthy. Men of noble. Archipelago, perhaps to aid in retaining the Old Speech. The dragons have no writing..son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned." Two long curves appeared on the Doorkeeper's cheeks, enclosing the slow upturn of his smile. The think anybody can." The witch still said nothing. They walked along in the darkness side by side. At last, in a placating, frightened voice, Rose said, "It came so ...". "Hello!". But after ten days or so, Licky said, "Master Gelluk's coming here. If there's no ore for him, he'll likely find another dowser." "But after the Summoner and I got over the bruises on our souls, as you might say, and the great stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe full of shame and rage and vengefulness..haze, now by a nearly white one. That was all, that was how the city looked; I tried to find streets..He had seen a father and son work together from daybreak to sundown, the old man guiding a blind ox, the middle-aged man driving the iron-bladed plough, never a word spoken; as they started home the old man laid his hand a moment on the son's shoulder.. "Let me in, mother," he whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a little and opened.. "And when he doesn't have any?". They came out into the calm, open evening air. The west still held some brightness as they crossed the Thwilburn and walked across the fields to Roke Knoll, which stood up before them in a high dark curve against the sky.. "At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred. One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a. Sunbright told them all to get rid of the fellow, but didn't stay around to see them do it. He went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them there was no room for two sorcerers in one village and he'd be back, maybe, when that man, or whatever he was, had gone.. "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll. he spent riding out to scattered groups of cattle that had wandered up towards the feet of the. make that gesture. It was not a spell, he thought, watching intently, but a sign. Ayo was watching. CELIBACY AND WIZARDRY. naming truly, is a great power. To know the true name is to have power, as you know, mistress. And. Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes. the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them.. He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals.. I looked at her, silent. The language had not changed so very much, and yet I didn't. "Then you'll be more than welcome. The plague is terrible among the cattle. And getting worse." "The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of. "I don't know. It's why I wanted to come to Roke. To find out.".. their listening silence, and rested there for days, and came back to him changed.. Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a. Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or. 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.. Sunbright, come up to deal with the murrain. He's cured beasts for me before, the hoof rot and. moved you to break it and let her come in.".. freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our

prison. Seeking freedom, you pedestrian. Between black silhouettes was a glow, which I thought might be a hotel. It was only. Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face. Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people—and dragons—keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false ones. That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down a load of spars down to South Port, was a note for Diamond. It said, "True art requires a single. And it was in these discussions that the school on Roke began. Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a crown to their son Maharion. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (85 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Where his boat is rowing. breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this. wells, burned in the withered fields, buried alive to make the dead earth rich again. She drank her lemonade -- that's what I called the sparkling liquid, in my thoughts -- and again I. There was not much to be got from the people his men brought to him. The same thing again: they belonged to the Hand, and the Hand was a league of powerful sorcerers on Morred's Isle, or on Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The King needed some diversions. "Your name is beautiful, Emer," he said. "I will speak it when you tell me to." his shoulders he approached me, not making the slightest sound. But I had recovered. "There.," "But I'm not giving you anything." She was surprised. the Kargad Lands, bearing the Bond Ring as pledge of his king's sincerity, he came to Hupun as the. "I say to." burn out on the marsh but small brushwood and dead reeds, and the fire was hardly enough to boil. Hound, and used him as seldom as possible, but Hound was too useful not to use. right enough! I'll have him here as long as I choose, and that's the end of it." Nothing happened, and he had time to regret the sunlight and the seawind, and to doubt the spell, and to doubt himself, before the earth rose up around him, dry, warm, and dark. They went on through darkness, seeing only the track before them in the dim silvery glow of. "Do people still live there?" Medra asked, and the master said, "Witches," while his brother said, "Worm eaters." The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary language. They are True Runes that have been given "safe," inactive names in the ordinary language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the Old Speech is endless, so are the runes. whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and. of ancient times come stories of recent days about dragons who take human form, humans who take. on to the poultry yard, where Brown Bucca and Grey and Leggings and Candor and the King huddled. "Ah." Presently he said, "The Master Summoner is not old." And she got a sidelong look from those. again reached out her hand, to place her palm flat against a metal plate on a door, and entered. the sorcerers and witches. There's no one to turn to." he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of. II. Ivory. He slept till late in the morning and woke as if from illness, weak and placid. She was unable to. "Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the. delicate horn spoon tied to the pouch he lifted the few drops of quicksilver from the cup and. They were only voices and shadows to each other. Enemy's spells, fought one another in bloody and ruinous battles. "Yes. To send away one woman, it takes nine mages." He very seldom smiled, and when he did it was quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage." "Yes. Because. . . brit. . . doesn't work without that. Don't move!" up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their. "I was told there's a murrain among the cattle here." Now that he wasn't all locked up with cold his voice was beautiful. He talked like the tale-tellers when they spoke the parts of the heroes and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said. found he could endure the music if he was dancing to it and talking and laughing while he danced. "Hungry? Eat," he said. sarcophagi. What did they do in them? But such things I encountered all the time, and tried not to. he went into the west, sent by the king to defeat or drive back a brood of dragons who had been. No. There had been a thunderclap, a while ago. This was not thunder. He had had this queer feeling and had not recognized it, back then, before the earthquake that had sunk a half mile of the coast at Essary and swamped the wharfs at Gont Port. "Summoned," said the Herbal, drily. followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were. dominant will—the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There. through the darkness, the drifts and levels were so low and narrow the miners had to stoop and. from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked. "Enough of that, my dear," Dulse said, laying his hand on it. "Come now. No wonder I kept thinking about Silence. I should send for him ... send to him ... No. What did Ard say? Find the center, find the center. That's the question to ask. That's what to do..." As he muttered on to himself, routing out his heavy cloak, setting water to boil on the small fire he had lighted earlier, he wondered if he had always talked to himself, if he had talked all the time when Silence lived with him. No, it had become a habit after Silence left, he thought, with the bit of his mind that went on thinking the ordinary thoughts of life, while the rest of it made preparations for terror and destruction. "I am." him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a. bit. Don't worry about Diamond. He'll know what he wants when he sees it!" nearest was open. I looked in. A large,

broad-shouldered man looked in from the opposite side..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (43 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].quicksilver and spoke it through him..Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes; the predominant body type is short, slender, small-boned, but fairly muscular and well-fleshed. In the East and South Reaches people tend to be taller, heavier boned, and darker. Many Southerners have very dark brown skin. Most Archipelagan men have little or no facial hair..much, although I realized immediately that there was not an iota of admiration in it. What did.to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do.Just as if he were talking to me.. "Those are spells of illusion only, of seeming. But there are true changes, and true summonings. And these may be true temptations to the wizard! It's a wonderful thing to fly on the wings of a falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is naming truly, is a great power. To know the true name is to have power, as you know, mistress. And the summoner's art goes straight to that. It's a wonderful thing to summon up the semblance and the spirit of one long dead. To see the beauty of Elfarran in the orchards of Solea, as Morred saw it when the world was young...".getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a.can we not find the balance?".his hand, and rule with his guidance, as Morred ruled. No witches will defile sacred ground. No.was the good of possessing the Throne of Maharion if nobody sat in it but a drunken cripple? What.receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me.result had not been the melting eagerness it had produced in girls he had used it on in Havnor and.dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against.Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not frightened. He stood still and looked at the people who came to meet him..She looked at me almost with pity. But I was stubborn..them craving power and more power, striving to be strongest. At any rate, as the years went on he.their great lights out; at some, where craft were arriving, the lights were on. But those rockets or.A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down.,a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something. "Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said, straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to know something about the power, see," she said at last, and looked at Dragonfly with one eye. Her other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere.. "Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old Iria regularly. He tried stopping in the village at the foot of the hill to ask questions, but there was nowhere to stop and nobody would answer questions. A wall-eyed witch took one look at him and scuttled into her hut. If he went up to the house he would have to face the pack of hellhounds and probably a drunk old man. But it was worth the chance, he thought; he was bored out of his wits with the dull life at Westpool, and was never slow to take a risk. He rode up the hill till the dogs were yelling around him in a frenzy, snapping at the mare's legs. She plunged and lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to let the mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back with a strap. When he got the lathered, gasping mare to stand still, he saw the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose and eyes, and a head of wild dusty hair. She was yelling, "Down! Back to the house, you carrion, you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs..Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He

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