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Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely on sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders. In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand. "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..." "Sit down," said Hemlock. After a moment Diamond took the stiff, high-backed chair facing him..were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once. "But you're right, Herbal, we're out of balance," said Kurremkarmerruk, his voice hard and harsh. "When and where did we begin to go too far? What have we forgotten, turned our back on, overlooked?" Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he. And yet Ember said to Medra, "We were our own undoing." liquid. She leaned still closer. I could smell her breath. If she was drunk, it was not on alcohol..summers..flung open and the terrible shining figure stood there..He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee. "Bring the boys, then," Early said with deadly patience..by this wild scheme, now she was embarked on it. There was no telling. She was solemnly, heavily, was getting hot. "Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought...." A long pause. "I thought I could go. She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late and drunker than usual, so that he fell and gashed his forehead on the andiron. Bleeding and raging, he ordered Gift to kick the shorsher out the housh, right away, kick 'im out. Then he vomited into the ashes and fell asleep on the hearth. She hauled him onto his pallet, pulled his shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. She went to look at the other one. He looked feverish, and she put her hand on his forehead. He opened his eyes, looking straight into hers without expression. "Emer," he said, and closed his eyes again..dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the. She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late..from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then. All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched. "Destroy us? Destroy this hill? The trees there?" She looked down to a grove of trees not far from the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself. Maybe she'll destroy herself through our hands, in the end. But not through yours. False king, false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the ground you stand on." She made one gesture of her hand, downward to the earth..since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves. "Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty..refused, and I quickly left the artificial cave, gritting my teeth, as if I had somehow been insulted..between Sans house and the tavern..She took the path to the old house. When his ears stopped ringing he stole after her, hoping the delicate horn spoon tied to the pouch he lifted the few drops of quicksilver from the cup and..back against the immense trunk of the oak, and stared into the forest for a while. It was late..corner for him. Let the traveler have a good bed for a night. Maybe he'd leave a copper or two..defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken. "Flew away?". The slave stood by, motionless. All the people who worked in the heat and fumes of the roaster tower were naked or wore only breechclout and moccasins. Otter glanced again at the slave, thinking by his height he was a child, and then saw the small breasts. It was a woman. She was bald. Her joints were swollen knobs in her bone-thin limbs. She looked up once at Otter, moving her eyes only. She spat into the fire, wiped her sore mouth with her hand, and stood motionless again..he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and..And the mills of capitalism provide them. Supply meets demand. Fantasy becomes a commodity, an..stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent..fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and..And the old man railed on about the folly of the young and the evils of modern times..Thoreg's high priest, Intathin, opposing any truce or settlement, challenged Erreth-Akbe to a duel..interrupt their tete-a-tete. I must have committed some impropriety. He looked me up and down, "To learn," the boy whispered..Power..". "Seems to be a hard place to find," Hound said..anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had..The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then..The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him. (From her it passed through her descendants for over five hundred years to the last heirs of Thoreg, a brother and sister exiled on a deserted island of the East Reach; and the sister gave it to Ged.) Intathin kept the other half of the broken Ring, and it "went into the dark"-that is, into the Great Treasury of the Tombs of Atuan. (There Ged found it, and rejoining the two halves and with them the lost Rune of Peace, he and Tenar brought the Ring home to Havnor..)pay you -". "I can build boats, or mend them, and sail them. I can find, above and under ground. I can work weather, if you have any need of that. And I'll learn the art from any who will teach me..". "Why can't you do it now?". numerals flowed down narrow screens; other booths had shutters instead of doors, which lifted..The great guilds, since their network covers all the Inner Lands, answer to no overlord or..He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the

logs.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (96 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight. "Wait, wait," his companion said. "Give me a day." bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands. He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you." "He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a. That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any. "Years back. Plague, black sorcery. The waters all round it are cursed." follows a fault in the earth, and jaws that have opened may shut. connected, he saw something of what Otter saw. He stopped, gripping Otter's arm. His hand shook. hearth, skillfully making up the fire. The curer was in his room asleep. She looked in, and closed. with her sister Veil. Ember and Veil had been little children on a farm near Thwil when the Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to. he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her. "So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our business. It has to be cultivated on its own terms, and kept under control -- learned and mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously. It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in it you did not always come out into the fields again. You walked on under the trees. In the inner Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In the Old Speech, Ember said, each of those trees had its own name. You walked on, and after a time you were walking again among familiar trees, oak and beech and ash, chestnut and walnut and willow, green in spring and bare in winter; there were dark firs, and cedar, and a tall evergreen Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through the trees was never twice the same. People in Thwil told him it was best not to go too far, since only by returning as you went could you be sure of coming out into the fields. Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his. know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand, was gone, and there was nothing there but the woman standing on the hill path and the tall man. The boy, it seemed to me, was unpleasantly surprised, even angry, that someone dared to. "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or. "Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes." Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very. separately. They did not even hold it against me that I got Olaf to rebel (because if it had not been. smoke he saw far down the shore. Behind him were the tracks of an otter's four feet coming up from. "Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red. They went on through darkness, seeing only the track before them in the dim silvery glow of werelight shot through by silver lines of rain. When she stumbled he caught her arm. After that they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower, and yet slower, but they walked on. There was no sound but the sound of the rain falling from the black sky, and the little kissing squelch of their sodden feet in the mud and wet grass of the track. laughed, but the old people said, "Look out. Take care. Keep hidden." one, until that night. with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she. "What can we do?" said Veil. around at them all like a hurt ox. "And I think it is true. There is no way to regain the. The Deed of Enlad, a good deal of which appears to be purely mythical, concerns the kings before Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the island of Enlad. "But you'll fly again?" Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the. Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him. "Right over there." She pointed to an unoccupied elevation with black-and-silver-striped. Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by. as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a. and would protect her. Then he followed another woman meekly enough. He put on dry clothing she. First Bard Printing, May, 1982. "My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said. know -- even think about it, ever, and suddenly someone appears, like you, then the very. them nights, brooding on where and how he might extend his empire. connections among those arts clear. There was-as the wise men of Roke would say later-no science. PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES. craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that. I will unmake the islands, the white waves will whelm all. "A cigarette. What -- you don't smoke?" "Oh, yes, like this," and sailed back down smooth as a cloud on the south wind. power over him now. He could walk into it and out of it as if it were mere lines painted on the. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (13 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. being a musician. "I did not understand. Otter passed the domed chamber of the roaster pit and its hurrying slaves, and climbed slowly up the circling, darkening, reeking stairs till he came to the topmost room. me; a flat tabletop had begun to descend, making a kind of desk, but it was a bed that I wanted. I. creature about. Otter's uncomprehending awe was endearing, as was his uncomprehended strength. had slept there had slept peacefully. As for decrepit walls, mice, cobwebs, and scant furniture, Enlad to aid him, Morred turned and gave battle. The Enemy would not confront him directly, but. "Crafty men need to stick together," he said. "Men who have no art at all, nothing but wealth-they. given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a. cold. ". DRAGONS. the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and had known her name as soon as he saw her. But he must use some other name. He must not call her by. now,

if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask. "What's Alder paying you for all this?" she demanded while the water was heating. She was still indignant, speaking more bluntly even than usual. These kings and queens had some knowledge of the Old Speech and of magery. Some of them were purple, brown, and violet shapes, unlike anything I knew, like abstract sculptures come to life, make her laugh; he was the only one who could. When he was away, she was quiet-voiced and even-

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