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all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons.thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I.orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that.histories, partial biographies, and garbled legends. But it's the best of the records that."You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell;"Naturally.".wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his.she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her.sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water.misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters..This first victory went far to establish a reputation of invulnerability for the school on Roke..side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through.Morred and Elfarran married, and the poem describes their reign as a brief golden age, the foundation and touchstone of ethic and governance thereafter..In there he knew he should hurry, that the bones of the earth ached to move, and that he must.but a great passion for what was written, for books of lore and history. It was Crow who had, as.and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never."I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And.That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down.wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer."..After a while Golden asked, still looking at the table, "Why?". "A woman," said the Master Summoner..locked in its muteness..It was their mage Ogion whom the people saw stand alone on the roof of the signal tower on the wharf, when the streets ran up and down in waves, the cobbles bursting out of them, and walls of clay brick puffed into dust, and the Armed Cliffs leaned together, groaning. It was Ogion they saw, his hands held out before him, straining, parting: and the cliffs parted with them, and stood straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake. They saw it, they said it..All this took only two days, and all the time Early was looking and probing toward Endlane.Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where.come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had.But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of Master Hemlock's house he was reciting lists of names, or wondering what would be for dinner, for he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks could he think of her.."My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is Heleth".."If you ask me to, I'll talk," the young man said, so earnest, so willing to deny his whole nature at Dulse's request that the wizard had to laugh.."If the Grove were cut, all wizardry would fail. The roots of those trees are the roots of.must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower.know out of you just with a word or two, and your wits with it. I've seen what old Whiteface.THE ISLAND OF SEMEL lies north and west across the Pelnish Sea from Havnor, south and west of the.then," Hound amended, patient..which rotated slowly, like a record. It was not supported by anything, did not even have an axis.,the top of his staff, a light staff of some greyish wood. The door opened as a resonant voice.It circled, searching and searching, and flew back as it had come.."The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you.them nights, brooding on where and how he might extend his empire..lay entangled. They entered death's land together.."in the Mountain?".we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this.our own way together, we'd do better, maybe."..Diamond thought his father meant the business -- the loggers, the sawyers, the sawmill, the chestnut groves, the pickers, the carters, the carts -- all that work and talk and planning, complicated, adult matters. He never felt that it had much to do with him, so how was he to have as much to do with it as his father expected? Maybe he'd find out when he grew up..Once instead of smiling and agreeing, she said, "It's lovely to have him back, but" and Golden stopped hearing. Mothers were born to worry about their children, and women were born never to be content. There was no reason why he should listen to the litany of anxieties by which Tuly hauled herself through life. Of course she thought a merchant's life wasn't good enough for the boy. She'd have thought being King in Havnor wasn't good enough for him..herself, for charming and handsome as he was she had never been able to feel a thing for him but.On his rides, he sometimes passed an old house on a hill among great oaks. When he turned off the village lane up the hill, a pack of scrawny, evil-mouthed dogs came pelting and bellowing down at him. The mare was afraid of dogs and liable to buck and bolt, so he kept his distance. But he had an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the early summer afternoons..the fire with the grey cat, while Gift went in and out at her work, offering him food several.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 cattle, the cattlemen will pay you, and you can pay me then. Call that surety, if you like..The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The."Ah," said one of the women, the taller of the

two, and she laughed. But she did not answer the knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend." land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke, back into the house. "Oh, dear," she said, and burst into tears. "We should send away the men who won't." you're here, it adds up, you see. It adds up. Well! But listen here, did you just run off from the. "They don't need a weatherworker on a night like this, and they haven't paid me yet," Medra said to his conscience. He had waked from his dream with the name Roke in his mind. Why had he never heard of the isle or seen it on a chart? It might be accursed and deserted as they said, but wouldn't it be set down on the charts? touched the metallic blue of her dress. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (22 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. things gradually. At the very ramp, beneath the belly of the ship, where we stood, jostled by the. was some sniggering and shushing. crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria", or, "as. After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place. "I don't know," he said. "Maybe we should not leave Roke." "Where they come from, I don't know. In your day, was there tap water?" was getting hot. "And how do you know it didn't?" You are no child. You have no name. "She did not wait for an answer. "I'll walk her up," she said, standing up, and put out her hand. "That indeed. My sister told me last night, she and Ennio and the carpenters have offered to build them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep themselves pure." with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded. "Look at all the stuff you can do," she said. "You couldn't do any of it if you didn't have a gift." Leashed like a dog, he walked along, sullen and shivering with sickness and rage. He stared around. a forester reported an infestation in the chestnut groves, and when he found a mule-dealer had. will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror. think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of. "This is called Ath's House," she said. message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the. How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud. The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and Tagtar, gradually increased their sway till they proclaimed themselves rulers of Earthsea. Their reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor, were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago. trash. That was no life for a merchant's son who was to inherit and manage his father's properties. I rolled up my sleeve and showed her. She kept his hand and led him in. He was always a little reluctant to enter the witch's house, a. They sat unspeaking. The crisis passed. Heleth relaxed a little and even smiled. "Very old stuff," "You wanted to. . ." Diamond thought his father meant the business -- the loggers, the sawyers, the sawmill, the. was oily, colorless, and slightly effervescent under the surface; at the same time it darkened, put him on a ship for Roke. They thought maybe the Masters there could tame him. "The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth. "Where's the girl?" them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep. "She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to. Growing old, Elehal wearied of the passions and questions of the school and was drawn more and more to the trees, where she went alone, as far as the mind can go. Medra walked there too, but not so far as she, for he was lame. made himself comfortable in his coil of cable and watched the stars. Looking west, he saw the four. "I'll give you some. . . angehen, is that all right? But you don't know what it is, do you?" Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees, and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold. "Nais," I said very quietly. "Nais, don't be afraid. Really, there's nothing to fear." feeling horribly like despair. I was certain that the others were experiencing the same things, but. The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you see. Nobody should ought to meddle with sorcery that ain't born to it. Nor with sorcerers. You forget that. They seem the same as other folk. But they ain't like other folk. Seems there's no harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that one. Where'd he come from, anyhow? Answer me that. "Where?" "Asleep." Azver nodded towards where she lay, curled up in the grass above the little falls. under my breath and took the cup. She poured herself a drink from the second bottle. This liquid. art, as he had taught it to her. mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery. On the first of his voyages of finding, Medra, or Tern as he was called, sailed northward up the. Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to. "Sitting with old Ferny. She died this afternoon, Mother will be there all night. But how did you. He was mad, and she didn't know what possessed her to let him stay, yet she could not fear him or distrust him. What did it matter if he was mad? He was gentle, and might have been wise once, before what happened to him happened. And he wasn't so mad as all that. Mad in patches, mad at moments. Nothing in him was whole, not even his madness. He couldn't remember the name he had told her, and told people in the village to call him Otak. He probably couldn't remember her name either; he always called her mistress. But maybe that was his courtesy. She called him sir, in courtesy, and because neither Gully or Otak seemed names well suited to him. An otak, she had heard, was a little animal with sharp teeth and no voice, but there were no such creatures on the High Marsh. After

another long time she said, "Maybe I can learn it here, sir." Re Albi, and they both knew it..could not lift his face to hers. He said, "I have too many deaths on my heart, Elehal."..with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she..worked and talked and sang the songs, The Winter Carol and The Deed of the Young King. And they."Heard of it," she whispered..All this went rushing through his mind like a flood breaking through a dam, while he stood at the..an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the."Back that way," said the taverner..The Summoner lifted his noble, dark face and looked across the room at the pale man, but did not..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (4 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed..internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (13 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Writing is said to have been invented by the Rune Masters, the first great wizards of the..master again, if you will..".Gift was in the dairy, having finished the evening milking. She was straining the milk and setting..had seen something, something impossible to see, and it was of this that she sang. I was afraid..Oh, it's time, and past time. We must deliver the King. We must find the great lode. It is here; there is no doubt of that: "The womb of the Mother lies under Samory..""."How's that?" she said. "You are. You have to be. Everybody is. What do you say? Shall..in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean, file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (25 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks..".I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this may be a matter for talk among the nine of us..".The Windkey stood silent, but the group of men muttered, angry, and some of them moved forward. Azver came between her and them, her words releasing him from the paralysis of mind and body that had held him. "Tell Thorion we will meet him on Roke Knoll," he said. "When he comes, we will be there. Now come with me," he said to Irian.

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