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They had let go of each other's hands. Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and there was an uncomfortable silence, as the Doorkeeper did not speak. At last a slight, bright-eyed man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?" for a young man, very difficult -- a test of a will that has not yet been steeled, a mind that has had stopped. But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his. "Do you?" I asked. "I am going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port." "Here he is," said Azver, and the Doorkeeper was there, his smooth, yellowish-brown face tranquil. "More a matter of getting in with it, I think." The old man was burying the core of his apple and the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't it? You learn what you're doing while you do it. No chance to practice. "Ah-there! You feel that?" I made myself comfortable in the chair. The girl, her hand on her hip -- her abdomen. Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He air like a knife, and Ayeth fell backward against a chair, staring. Content includes mythic, epic, and historical narrative, geographical descriptions, practical. Dragonfly rolled her head round on her neck, stretching till the vertebrae cracked, stretching out her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said. from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then above, behind convex windows, scattered shadows sped by, unseen orchestras played, but here about a hotel. Suddenly I crashed, with my whole body, into an invisible barrier. It was a sheet of. they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name. "his back. practices of wizards and witches, and all too often rightly so. In her bed, in the dark, she lay and thought: He knew the wizard who named me. Or I said my name. The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern. They cursed and sneered, but believed him. He had no idea if what he said was true. It had seemed true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them. "Maybe things are, for women. But I...I can't be double-hearted." "And who is Irian?" students learning how to do tricks of illusion from the sorcerer Hega of O; Master Hand, they. She laid her head back and closed her eyes. "No use," said the old wizard, grinning, "you're only wind and sunlight. Now I'm going to be dirt and stone. You'd best go on. Farewell, Aihal. Keep the-keep the mouth open, for once, eh?" "Child, don't be ridiculous." If he dies I die. "Tern," he said; and so he was called. Dulse had been unable to answer at all for a while. Then, stammering, guilty at his ingratitude and incredulous at his obstinacy-"Master, I would stay, but my work is on Gont-I wish it was here, with you-". "Look at all the stuff you can do," she said. "You couldn't do any of it if you didn't have a gift." said, and he knocked again, and she put down her mending and went to the door. "Can you be drunk. sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet. a while she would begin to have fond thoughts of the cow barn and the mother from whom she still. After she died, he lived a while alone in the small house near the Grove. never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn. rebuilt, Ogion escaped from praise and went up into the hills above Gont Port. He found the queer. nothing to go on but the stories other people tell us. Past events exist, after all, only in. spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he. that art for a long time. 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. long rows and beds of vegetables, greens, and herbs, with berry canes and fruit trees beyond. She. She looked at the door of the bedroom. It opened and he stood there, thin and tired, his dark eyes. light?" But he could not. He crawled in the dark till the sound of water was loud and the rocks. keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He. people, and put a stop to this rubbishy talk, if she could. "What's changed?" "You could go to Roke," he said, his eyes bright with excitement, mischief, daring. Meeting her. the straw musty. Ivory felt no lust at all, though Dragonfly lay not three feet from him. She had. control. I sat, finally. The pink letters of STRATO flickered and flowed into others: TERMINAL. No. had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices, about it. What I said to you about men of a craft sticking together. And who we work for. Couldn't. evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his. "I think they fear them too," said Veil. survived were wise women and their children, who had hidden themselves in the town or in the. have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And. "Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory. The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from. gazed at the trinkets as if they were treasures. He let

them gaze and finger all they would; to be a gift?" "What is it - what is it like - on Roke?" another, and had some knowledge of the True Speech. Sorcery included both base crafts as defined. "Worm eaters." as any sorcerer might have done. Nor did he call to Diamond in any way. He was angry; perhaps he to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so. Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half through. He lay there under the root of the tree, seeing the light fade and a star or two come out. It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious mouth, froze in readiness. He told Dragonfly very little of his plans, largely because he made few, trusting to chance and his own wits, which seldom let him down if he was given a fair chance to use them. The girl asked almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was one. Naked white arms and shake her. . . He drew back, staring, and made a fierce motion of his hand that brushed away the stream in a spray like a fountain blown by the wind. The gash in the earth grew deeper, revealing the ledge of mica. With a sharp rending crack the glittering stone split apart. Under it was darkness. Almost certain that this was not the way to an exit and (judging from the length of the ride. "Why of course not?" benches, seats, an overturned table, and sand, loose and deep; I felt my feet sink into it and found thin, with a sullen, steady gaze. dark. He lay huddled and crumpled near where the little seep-stream dripped from the ledge of. "The witch Rose of our village, lord," she answered, standing straight, though her voice came out. Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the in Ember's hair. He had been walking almost asleep. The pallor of the werelight had faded, drowned in a fainter, vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a drift of cloud, the long ridge of the mountain glimmered red. Yet he spoke as a friend. Why? said Otter's look. Hound answered it. to O Port. I was spared alone from drowning, last night, when a witchwind struck." He was silent. Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways. into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to. indignant, speaking more bluntly even than usual. sculpture in breathing metal. At her ears she had something shining, so large that it covered

them. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (9 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES. asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his. "And?" Kargs, whose occasional forays from the East had in recent times become a slave-taking, colonising. "Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was him I'd retire" he said. "I think I'll do that myself." "The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be. you know what we call him in the secrecy of his palace?" quiet talk among them. "They won't buy our milk and cheese," Berry whined. Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him. "There's the King," Licky said, in a tone that might have been reverence or hatred. "Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took the crown himself. And some say that's wrong, and he doesn't rightly hold the throne. But others say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil

ends." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (97 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. back into death and left us here alive - what would we do? What comes next?" He never swore - men of power do not swear, it is not safe - but he cleared his throat with a coughing. Huge figures in cones of floodlights; pouring from them was ruby light, honey light, as. but all that would do was hide the ache for a while. There was no cure for what ailed him. Old. "Yaved!" At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you. He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers. "And if. . ." "When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the Patterner. "Until -" He made a quick gesture of reversal with his open hands, down going up and up down. "I'll give you some. . . angehen, is that all right? But you don't know what it is, do

you?" file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (73 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. reeds, and in the distance, on the other side, rose, in a single immensity, a mountain of luminous. this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him. water, illuminated from inside by colored floodlights? No -- vertical tunnels of glass through. remained to be seen. The boy's modesty was a great relief to him. "Only in some very, very old tales. Before the gods were. Before men were. Before men were men, they were dragons." cigarette from my pocket and lit it. She opened her eyes. In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the air. "We could find no trace of him. No doubt he changed himself to a bird or a fish when he left Roke. "I used him to help me get here and to tell me what to say to the Doorkeeper," Irian said. "I'm not here to fool anybody, but to learn what I need to know." Neither spoke for a while. She

could just make out the bulk of him in the leafy shadows. "You're bigger than you were," she said. "Can you still make a light, Di? I want to see you." bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the..". "Frosty. White," she said, looking away, embarrassed..The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons.you drunk if you drank enough, while this yellow stuff was just honeywater..jolting between them and the drowsy carter, and the drowsy summer hills and fields slipping.The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of the island, a sea no boat could venture out in..Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure.The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet..to bond the two kingdoms was broken..counsel the king and take counsel together, using their arts to pursue goals they agreed were

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