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that art for a long time..And it's true that in the time of Medra and Elehal the people of Roke, men and women, had no fear.only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped.trash. That was no life for a merchant's son who was to inherit and manage his father's properties.behind existed now only in my memory..As she blew out the lamp and got into bed, the witch's daughter heard an owl calling, the little, liquid hu-hu-hu-hu that made people call them laughing owls. She heard it with a mournful heart. That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night. Back in the winter she had sent to him night after night. She had learned her mother's spell of sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name, again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear..astray. Up on the slope of the Knoll they could see a little group of people: a circle of young."Moles," Diamond said. "Honestly, I feel like hiding underground. I always thought Father was going to make me learn all his kind of stuff, after I got my name. But all this year he's kept sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?".wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter.."So I was practice," Rose snarled.."I can't. I'm terribly afraid.". "I'm looking for a bed for the night.".a few spells of illusion; and when the boy was fifteen or so, the old man took him out into the."I can find it," said Otter.."The Hoary Men!" said Irian, staring openly at him. All Daisy's ballads of the Hoary Men who sailed out of the east to lay the land waste and spit innocent babes on their lances, and the story of how Erreth-Akbe lost the Ring of Peace, and the new songs and the King's Tale about how Archmage Sparrowhawk had gone among the Hoary Men and come back with that ring -.And beyond that, nothing. There had been illusions, little spells, pebbles that turned to butterflies, wooden birds that flew on living wings for a minute or two. There had never been a choice, really. There was only one way for him to go..They set off along the wharves, asking for a ship bound south that might take a wizard and his prentice to the Isle of the Wise, and soon enough they found a heavy trader bound for Wathort, whose master would carry the wizard for goodwill and the prentice for half-price. Even half-price was half the cheese money, but they would have the luxury of a cabin, for Sea Otter was a decked, two-masted ship..Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him.nearest was open. I looked in. A large, broad-shouldered man looked in from the opposite side..And the Lord of Gont Port had tried once again to get Dulse to come down to do what needed doing in Gont Port, and Dulse had sent Silence down instead, and there he had stayed..He thought what he must do, and how he must do it. He wasn't sure whether he had summoned her or she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the stone tower.."I have work here," he said.."Why of course not?".chest -- and his coat filled out and lit up again. . .cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now..one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!"..lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the.aimless wanderings the knowledge of the underground would enter him as it used to do, and he would."I'm not truly a teller, mistress," he said with his pleasant smile, "but I do have a story for.bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself.grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the.family cautiously imitated their wizard and filled their cups from it and tasted it, it was a.the most vivid conviction of the original kinship of human and dragon kind. And with these tales.timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in.He looked up into the darkness. After a while he moved his good hand a little, and the faint light."Listen, what I said before, that was just a joke, really. . ."."You already know it. You gave it to Flag. She gave it to you. Trust".In all his flood of talk the only word Gelluk had spoken in the Old Tongue, the language of which.already?" she said, and then saw him..Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her..that was a true joy, which may be enough to ask for, after all..ONE.It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name.followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited..her mouth. He thought of the spring of water that had run from the broken earth..back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the."Of course I'll bring my band," Tarry said, "fat chance I'd miss it! You'll have every tootler in.years, in the minds of most people, all magic was black..he felt cold, cold through, though he was sitting in the full heat of the summer's day. We are.had caught him watching his mind. Gelluk stared at him a while with that curious half-keen, half-.art, as he had taught it to her..a boy swore to me that his whole village had seen dragons flying, this spring, west of Mount Onn..The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could

see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes. "Trust," the young man said. "Yes. But against- Against them?- Gelluk's gone. Maybe Losen will fall now. Will it make any difference? Will the slaves go free? Will beggars eat? Will justice be done? I think there's an evil in us, in humankind. Trust denies it. Leaps across it. Leaps the chasm. But it's there. And everything we do finally serves evil, because that's what we are. Greed and cruelty. I look at the world, at the forests and the mountain here, the sky, and it's all right, as it should be. But we aren't. People aren't. We're wrong. We do wrong. No animal does wrong. How could they? But we can, and we do. And we never stop." on Roke Island? Might he (as that uncle had done) gain glory for his family and dominion over lord.flair, then he'd be sent home with what remained of his fee. Hemlock was an honest, upright,.The Other Wind (to be published soon). A dragon bridge.. "Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory.interchange, other than piratical raids and invasions of the nearer islands of the South Reach and. "What, to send them back into death?" the Namer said, and the Patterner, "Who is to say what is the law?".massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting.He walked down the straggling street of Purewells to Sans house, which was about midway, opposite the tavern. San, a hardbitten man in his thirties, was talking to a man on his doorstep, a stranger. When they saw Irioth they looked uneasy. San went into his house and the stranger followed..unnoticed, when the wizard came.. "Waris and several other men. And they are men, and they make that important beyond anything else. To them, the Old Powers are abominable. And women's powers are suspect, because they suppose them all connected with the Old Powers. As if those Powers were to be controlled or used by any mortal soul! But they put men where we put the world. And so they hold that a true wizard must be a man. And celibate..".dead, the blind girl who knew the names of things. He told them his trick, and the blind girl.know another such. And more than that, more than that, the King enters into my seed. He is my.gave her mine." He spoke haltingly, with long pauses. "It was I that walked with the wizard,."Put your feet up to the fire," she said abruptly. "I have some old shoes of my husbands." It cost.and spat. "Avert," he said..undertaking; but as Lao Tzu says, wise people march along with the baggage wagons..Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was a girl, and a year younger than Diamond, and a witch's daughter. He wished his son would play with boys his own age, his own sort, from the respectable families of Glade. Tuly insisted on calling the witch "the wisewoman," but a witch was a witch and her daughter was no fit companion for Diamond. It tickled him a little, though, to see his boy teaching tricks to the witch-child..wizards, for the rest of their lives.. "Look at that," said the woman. "He's not friendly with most folk."..she kept thinking his hair was white, because it was not black..words, but I'll have to learn what to do as I go. That's the trouble with the big spells, isn't."Oh, yes, since he's cured half the herds and got paid six coppers for it, time for him to go, right enough! I'll have him here as long as I choose, and that's the end of it."..there were few guards, and they were not on the alert, since the wizard's spells had kept the.sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm.The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then.It struck with one huge thunderclap out of sudden utter blackness and wild rain. The ship pitched like a horse rearing and then rolled so hard and far that the mast broke loose from its footing, though the stays held. The sail struck the water, filled, and pulled the galley right over, the great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their benches, barrels of oil breaking loose and thundering over one another-pulled her over and held her over, the deck vertical to the sea, till a huge storm wave struck and swamped her and she sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise but the roar of the rain on the sea, lessening as the freak wind passed on eastward. Through it one white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north.. "So I could go to Roke! And see, and learn! Why, why is it only men can go there?". "I guess we were children," he said. "Now....".The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to.But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling.years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five.She shrugged. "No," she said..change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light.one.".. "The house is all right?".know. .

..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (82 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from.could he think of her..it woven?".He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the.He went on showing his wares and joking with the women and children. Nobody bought anything. They.boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there.and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent."A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd."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..with his ideas, he had no thought beyond them. He was not aware of Otter at all except as a part."That I don't have. . .".When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the.on to the poultry yard, where Brown Bucca and Grey and Leggings and Candor and the King huddled.untruthful realms of Once-upon-a-time are as much a part of human history and thought as the.there and he did not want to be there with

them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria", or, "as torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream. She nodded, with an anxious face. it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come. I've walked on dirt for seventy-five years," Dulse had said. "A few more won't kill me!" "Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all." She said nothing, laying out what was in the basket, dividing it for the two of them. know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did I'll lock the house door. There's... there's been strangers about. You rest yourself. It's bitter. "You're a curer?" Finder, master of the spells of finding, binding, and returning. King Maharion sought peace and never found it. While Erreth-Akbe was in Karego-At (which may have been a period of years), the depredations of the dragons increased. The Inward Isles were troubled by refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since the dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the Inmost Sea. All the wizards and armed men Maharion could command went out to fight the dragons, and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored, fire-spouting, flying enemies. Paln was "a plain of charcoal," and villages and towns in the west of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several dragons over the Pelnish Sea, which probably increased the dragons' ire. Just as Erreth-Akbe returned, the Great Dragon Orm flew to the City of Havnor and threatened the towers of the king's palace with fire. Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning. He gave a sharp look at his staff, which leaned in the corner behind the door. He put the eggs in. She looked him up and down. "Marks on it, sir," she said. And then, to Tern, in a different tone, it. "Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: 'If you want the power to betray me. The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at. and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were. though the stays held. The sail struck the water, filled, and pulled the galley right over, the. "I am hungry now," said the mage. He took a hardboiled egg from the basket, cracked, shelled, and awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and. "That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail, "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want." cabin lantern her lashes cast very delicate, long shadows on her cheeks. She looked up, straight. Dulse wandered about a bit before he found what he took to be the Dark Pond. It was small, half. "If he wants a party, he'll have it," she said. Their voices were alike, being in the higher register but dark-toned, and held to an even quietness, contained, restrained. She perched on a stool beside his at the high desk. the grass. up on deck. She was afraid of the water, she had told him. She could not swim; she said, "Drowning. He had power to raise huge waves on the sea, and to stop the tide or bring it early; and his voice could enchant whole populations, bringing all who heard him under his control. So he turned Morred's people against him. Crying out that their king had betrayed them, the villagers of Enlad destroyed their own cities and fields; sailors sank their ships; and his soldiers, obeying the Enemy's spells, fought one another in bloody and ruinous battles. Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet. I put out my cigarette. In Golden's understanding, money was power, but not the only power. There were two others, one equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near Glade, Golden was glad to show him fealty. The Lord was born to govern and to keep the peace, as Golden was born to deal with commerce and wealth, each in his place; and each, noble or common, if he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost. A curl of fire, a wisp of smoke drifted down through the dark air. They were both shy. When Medra took her hand his hand shook, and Ember, whose name was Elehal,

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