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words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words..The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge,.959 Eighth Avenue.did not like them. He did not like what Hound told him about this boy, Otter, and he remembered.distrust him. What did it matter if he was mad? He was gentle, and might have been wise once,.and would protect her. Then he followed another woman meekly enough. He put on dry clothing she."Never fear," Diamond said, turned on his heel, and strode out. A string of dried sage caught on."Yes. Of course.".She looked him up and down. "Marks on it, sir," she said. And then, to Tern, in a different tone, "If you'd like to come with me, she lives this way. And though she's only a girl, and poor, I'll tell you, peddler, she has an open hand. Though perhaps not all of us do.".Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a broken staff..wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the.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..After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place,.eyes? Surprise? Admiration? Fear?.and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while.Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come.semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly.The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of.Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went, the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing..your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had.occasionally the blur of a face shone, once I even brushed by someone. The crowns of the trees.now, dragging the right leg, which would not bear his weight. He went forward. He smelled the wind."I dislike goat cheese," Dulse said..nearest was open. I looked in. A large, broad-shouldered man looked in from the opposite side..mines of Earthsea. These miners were free women, not slaves like the workers in the roaster tower..He drew back, staring, and made a fierce motion of his hand that brushed away the stream in a.The boy shook his head at each question. He shut his eyes; his mouth was already shut. He stood there, intensely gathered, suffering: drew breath: looked straight into the wizard's eyes..people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for."To the city.".offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had --.say he ought to go. He's not canny.". "Tell them-tell them I was wrong," Irioth said. "Tell them I did wrong. Tell Thorion-" He halted,.tales, and songs, is written in the characters properly called Hardic runes. Most Archipelagans.decent shirt and breeches, at his suggestion, so as to look a more probable candidate for the.generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him.. "My Lord Patterner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding.wizards most of all.".Gift hurried to the village. She went straight up to the doorstep, bent over the heap, and laid her hand on it. Everybody gasped and muttered, "Avert! Avert!" except Tawny's youngest daughter, who mistook the signs and piped up, "Speed the work!".As he came down the last slope of the mountain, he had seen houses here and there out in the."Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to.Just as before, Crow was sitting on the coping, bored and restless..but he was gone..understand a thing. Not a thing. It was they who had changed..Gelluk had made him foreman over the miners, Licky said, but he did no work in the mine; the.Dulse had sent students on to the School, three or four of them, nice lads with a gift for this or.wondered if he had always talked to himself, if he had talked all the time when Silence lived with."I may be able to help the beasts.".breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this.So the pattern of the years was set for Tern. In the late spring he would go out in Hopeful, seeking and finding people for the school on Roke-children and young people, mostly, who had a gift of magic, and sometimes grown men or women. Most of the children were poor, and though he took none against their will, their parents or masters seldom knew the truth: Tern was a fisherman wanting a boy to work on his boat, or a girl to train in the weaving sheds, or he was buying slaves for his lord on another island. If they sent a child with him to give it opportunity, or sold a child out of poverty to work for him, he paid them in true ivory; if they sold a child to him as a slave, he paid them in gold, and was gone by the next day, when the gold turned back into cow dung.- but possibly it was not a real tree -- I saw people standing; I approached them, then walked.would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her.pressed, and into my palm fell a colored, translucent tube, slightly warm. I shook it, held it up to.Though like any power they could be perverted to evil use in the service of ambition (as was the Terrenon Stone in Osskil), the Old Powers were inherently sacral and pre-ethical. During and after the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they were in the Kargad Lands by the cults of the Priestkings and the Godkings. So by the eighth century, in the Inner Lands of the Archipelago, only village women kept up rituals and offerings at the old sites. They were despised or abused for doing so. Wizards kept clear of such places. On Roke, itself the center of the Old Powers in all Earthsea, the profoundest manifestations of those powers-Roke Knoll and the Immanent Grove-were never spoken of as such. Only the Patterners, who lived all

their lives in the Grove, served to link human arts and acts to the older sacredness of the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them..green hills. In a fold of land southward a grove of tall trees drew his gaze and held it. He.storm of praise ran through him..awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and,your risk in this venture?".She tried to smile.."You said I had it," the girl said into the reeking gloom of the one-roomed hut..what I mean by plugs? They'd work out as the timbers work when she gets in a heavy sea." Hound.lay entangled. They entered death's land together.."What will you do?" she asked quietly..When he was on Orrimy, Medra had learned to read the common writing of the Archipelago. Later, Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had learned alone in the Immanent Grove was not known to any but those with whom she shared her knowledge. She lived all summer under the eaves of the Grove, having no more than a box to keep the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a stream that came out of the woods to join the little river running down to the bay, Medra camped nearby. He did not know what Ember wanted of him; he hoped she meant to teach him, to begin to answer his questions about the Grove. But she said nothing, and he was shy and cautious, fearing to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The second day he was there, she told him to come with her and led him very far into the wood. They walked for hours in silence. In the summer midday the woods were silent. No bird sang. The leaves did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know when they turned back, but he knew they had walked farther than the shores of Roke..with a blind ox," Dulse said..made little spots of mud, little sticky spots..There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the galley, which was rowed by forty slaves..Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust me now?"..corner for him. Let the traveler have a good bed for a night. Maybe he'd leave a copper or two.wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said..stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere.control. I sat, finally. The pink letters of STRATO flickered and flowed into others: TERMINAL. No.doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky.own. This power had been a delight to him as a boy. He had never sought any use for it. It had.In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a.that such a thing was possible. She fell silent, and still I heard her voice; suddenly light footsteps.and to talk with him. He was, as far as Otter could see, well-meaning and honest. "If you won't.developed. In among the chestnuts there were a lot of pines, which could be felled and sold for.the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the."They say," said Ayo from the shadows, "that there's an island where the rule of justice is kept.He left her at the corner of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up."Why did you break your Rule for me? Was it fair to me, who can never be what you are?". "Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves.you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If I had thought, upon entering, that the wall opposite the door was of glass, and that through.The witch said nothing..make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?".wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies

there".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (36 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM],the ragged shirt and saying nothing. At last he said he must go on, and the children drifted away.also long for the unalterable.."What will you do, Master Tern?" asked the Summoner, a grey-haired mage from Ilien..He said nothing. In fact he was at a loss. If he had known it would be this easy, he could have.more impressions. Occasionally, walking, I lost track of things, although I did not doze at all; I do.Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But.ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent..He was gone several days. When he returned, riding in a horse-drawn cart, he had such a look about.insistence and spoke freely at last..their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills..looked back at him with a grin.."A NAMEDAY PARTY," said Golden. "Time for a bit of play, a bit of music and dancing, boy. Nineteen.red ridge of the mountain in the dawn..With him were a violist, a tabor-player, and Rose, who played fife. Their first tune was a stampy,.fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here.".I will unmake the islands, the white waves will whelm all.."I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing.".woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake..She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late.in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that.shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said.."She gave me freedom," he said. "And I still feel that all I do is done through her and for her. No, not for her. We can do nothing for the dead. But for...". "Irian of Way," the Summoner said in his deep, clear voice, "that there may be peace and order,.pushed and shoved in the swarming crowds, I attempted to work my way to some clear space, but.whatever he was, had gone..hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy.But he made no spell. He had no magic left in him. It was gone, run out of him into this terrible hill, into the

terrible ground under him, gone. He was no wizard, only a man like the others, powerless.

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