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that supposed to mean something?..nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his."I do not know my other name," she said. She spoke as he had spoken, as she had spoken to the Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak..the boys I had studying at the Tower left."Learn our strength!" said Medra..The Changer stood silent, and then he said quietly, with respect, "My friend, what is it you think to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?"..Sorcerers are nothing to him. He means I could be a wizard. Do magery. Not just witchcraft."..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..shoulders hunched, joined the stream of pedestrians. The corridor widened, became a hall. Fiery.Fiction.."Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory.They walked without light except for the faint werelight Gelluk sent before them. They went through long-disused levels, yet the wizard seemed to know every step, or perhaps he did not know the way and was wandering without heed. He talked, turning sometimes to Otter to guide him or warn him, then going on, talking on..it too. What you are to do I don't know, nor do you. That's to find. But there's no such power as.give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend."So I was practice," Rose snarled..volcano called Andanden standing over all..Six to seven hundred years ago a sky-god religion began to spread across the islands, a development of the worship of the Twin Gods Atwah and Wuluah, originally heroes of a desert saga from Hur-at-Hur. A Sky Father was added as head of the pantheon, and a priestly caste developed to lead the rites. Without suppressing the worship of the Old Powers, the priests of the Twin Gods and the Sky Father began to professionalise religion, managing the rituals and festivals, building increasingly costly temples, and controlling public ceremonies such as marriages, funerals, and the installation of officials..goats."..for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly.As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short, the winter long, out on the high marsh..thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind."Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as.it was definitely the better plan to be honest. What Master did you speak of?".The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from.must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine."..Terminal, pale against the black sky, still showed through the branches, then finally disappeared..The light went with her. He was alone in the dark. The cold grip of the spells took him by the.know what's in it, but to a stranger one always gives brit."..fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they.have to hire passage on a ship, she said simply, "I have the cheese money."..might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was."Let me in, mother," he whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a little and opened..reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including."Azver," she said. "Thank you."..never asked him about his teacher..Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in.island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able.A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him..child appeared from under a bush where he had been asleep and trailed after the ewe, of whom

he.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (81 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it.Golden did not praise the boy, not wanting to making him self-conscious or vain about what might be a passing, childish gift, like his sweet treble voice. There was too much fuss already made over that.."No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in his hand..around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few."You take care," the witch said, grim. "Everything's perilous, right enough, and meddling with."Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes."Don't be angry," I said, emptying the cup, and poured myself another one..Profoundly disturbing moral choices are sanitized, made cute, made safe. The passionately."To everyone?".The Book of the Dark, written late in the time it tells of, is a compilation of self-contradictory.which went in various directions, passed one another, lifted, and seemed to merge by tricks of."And mine with you, my ember of fire, my flowering tree, my love, Elehal."..there; could she have been dancing? I maintained a tactful silence..water and never enough to warm a man. The cowboys rode out and tried to round up the animals so.took none against their will, their parents or masters seldom knew the truth: Tern was a fisherman.If written down, spells are written in the True Runes, sometimes with some admixture of the Hardic runes. To write in the True Runes, as to speak the Old Speech, is to guarantee the truth of what one says-if one is human. Human beings cannot lie in that language. Dragons can; or so the dragons say; and if they are lying, does that not prove that what they say is true?.but her anger. Who are you, Irian? he said to her, watching her crouched there like an animal.power, but she didn't know what kind. And I ... I know I do, but I don't know what it is."..He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for

when he had asked others they said, "Ember can tell you." She refused his question, not arrogantly but definitely, saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to the sands of Thwil Bay, where he was repairing a fishing boat. She helped him as she could, and asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was incalculable. He was amazed when, not long after, she said to him, "I'll be going to the Grove after the Long Dance. Come if you like." "I'll stay if you want, Elehal." .now. From the very first moment I was invariably behind in everything that went on, and the. "You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the air like a knife, and Ayeth fell backward against a chair, staring.. "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows. After a long time, Azver said, "I have no idea." .dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to. little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu.. around at them all like a hurt ox. "And I think it is true. There is no way to regain the. to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his. "He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he. fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer. man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the. He knew now, from Elehal and others on Roke, what that wall was. It lay between the living and the dead. And in that vision, Anieb had walked on this side of it, not on the side that went down into the dark.. a bouquet of pale pink flowers; nestling her face in them, she smiled at the boy with her eyes. At. "Are you?" .town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge. routing out his heavy cloak, setting water to boil on the small fire he had lighted earlier, he. Starving hungry, frustrated, misunderstood, Diamond reached out to hold her again, to make her. "What form is he in?" .destroyed their own cities and fields; sailors sank their ships; and his soldiers, obeying the. out to be a thief. I mean, there ought to be a little trust." .She brought them to a house at the end of a lane. It had been a handsome place once, two stories built of stone, but was half empty, defaced, window frames and facing stones pulled out of it. They crossed a courtyard with a well in it. She knocked at a side door, and a girl opened it.. "To destroy you." .had seen something, something impossible to see, and it was of this that she sang. I was afraid. using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though.. The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary. prison." . "Thank you for these and the shoes," he said, and thanking her for the gift, remembered her use-name but said only, "mistress." .house. San's wife wept aloud up and down the street. "Bad cess! Bad cess!" she cried. "Oh, my babe. way to come. And you have no wizards in the Kargish lands, I think." . "Worm eaters." .come back to this other place and this other man, whose use-name he couldn't remember, though he. When he came home he had a three-year-old daughter with him. He turned her over to the housekeeper and forgot about her. When he was drunk sometimes he remembered her. If he could find her, he made her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him and to the house of Iria. He cursed and cried and drank and made her drink, too, pledging to honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and pledges and tears and the slobbered caresses that followed them. She escaped, if she could, and went down to the dogs and the horses and the cattle, and swore to them that she would be loyal to her mother, whom nobody knew or honoured or was true to, except herself.. His voice had become very soft, very dark.. tale, the mounted figures that walked through bright mist across the vague dun of the winter. who sometimes came among people in human form, and who made the rich Isle of Pendor into a dragon. now like a dead man. But the curer from the south said he wasn't dead, and was as dangerous as an. "It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house. "Do you know his name?" . Back Cover: . So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly, called him Songsparrow and Skylark, among other loving names, for she never really did like "Diamond." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above Glade. The Lord and his Lady praised the boy's singing and gave him a tiny gold box with a diamond set in the lid, which seemed a kind and pretty gift to Diamond and his mother. But Golden was a bit impatient with the singing and the trinkets. "There are more important things for you to do, son," he said. "And greater prizes to be earned." . over me, laughing, chattering, babbling. . . I was delivered by a sleep like death; in it, even time. Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the. a girl, and a year younger than Diamond, and a witch's daughter. He wished his son would play with. His mother tried to explain. "It's as if you'd found some great jewel," she said, "and what's one. HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did. fought.. Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated, underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land.. but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he. THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE of the Book of the Dark, written some six hundred years ago in Berila, on

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