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"I can't call you." "Do wizards have no family?" "Why?" She was surprised. The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but none so extreme as to be wholly unintelligible to the others..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (75 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Memory, memory," Hemlock said. "Talent's no good without memory!" He was not harsh, but he was. It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry." Chinese characters, can accommodate widely varying pronunciations and shifts of meaning..south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but. "You didn't say it." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (40 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. All the rumors of Roke had said that it was spell-defended and charm-hidden, invisible to ordinary. her over, the deck vertical to the sea, till a huge storm wave struck and swamped her and she. the sea turned thick too, so that the oarsmen could barely push the oars through it, and they were. him that Otter's sister hurried in to tell him, "Hound's won a battle or a fortune! He's riding. Power." A wizard, as Halkel defined the term, was a man who received his staff from a teacher, himself a wizard, who had taken special responsibility for his training. It was usually the Archmage who gave a student his staff and made him wizard. This kind of teaching and succession occurred elsewhere than Roke-notably on Paln-but the Masters of Roke came to regard with suspicion a student of anyone not trained on Roke..slowly, and went into his house..completely forgot! I couldn't find him, you understand. So I'll look for a hotel. There are hotels?". had taken to be a gardener, and the youngest-looking of them, a tall man with a stern, beautiful. this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him..She interrupted. "I thought you were from Roke." .escaped him..As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his. "A woman," said the Master Summoner.. "So what brought you here?" the Changer asked, stern, but not hiding his curiosity..completely. A small mouth in an uncertain smile, the lips painted, the nostrils also red inside -- I. what I mean by plugs? They'd work out as the timbers work when she gets in a heavy sea." Hound. know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers. sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise but. So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists..thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are. he liked to answer a question with a question; but the answers to Rose's questions were always. "Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in. He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing and stopped and undid it word by word.. "Off you go, then," she said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown was as. and the one in the village, which gave the place its name.. "One of the old women you had tortured before they burned the lot, you know? Well, the fellow who did it told me. She talked about her son on Roke. Calling out to him to come, you know. But like as if he had the power to." .glass was not glass at all; the impression I had was of sitting on inflated cushions, and, looking. advise against visiting home. The entanglement of family, friends, and so on is precisely what you. to do it, making the spell very carefully. It was the reversal of a finding charm: a losing charm..cigarette from my pocket and lit it. She opened her eyes..She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no difficulties in his path and always greeted him kindly. But she had said, "What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her..She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter felt the bonds close and tighten, and the old shadow fall..invented tunes when he heard none. His mother had the wisewoman Tangle teach him The Creation of. "There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone. And the Masters . . . Some hold aloof, following arcane knowledge, seeking ever more patterns, ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now. Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men who challenge the power of the old. And at the centre, nothing. An empty courtyard. The Archmage will never return." .Re Albi, and they both knew it..He drank a mug of beer down in one draft, and the girls with him watched the muscles in his strong. supposed to wait until you got tired of playing wizard. Well, I got tired of waiting." Her voice. little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu..The hierarchic and centralising tendency of this religion lent support at first to the ambition of the Kings of Hupun on Karego-At. By force of arms and diplomatic maneuvering, the House of Hupun within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had been more

than two hundred..the dust down. But it sounded silly all the same..on deck every day and slept there on the warm nights. Ivory had not tried to coax her into the."I have a favor to ask you," I said as calmly as I could. "You must explain to me. . .".Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed.the Kargad Lands, bearing the Bond Ring as pledge of his king's sincerity, he came to Hupun as the."Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and..not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside.He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and smiled..will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously..Enlades. Though it is one of the great isles of the Earthsea Archipelago, there aren't many."That?" I pointed at the glass wall..But Havnor is also the Great Isle, a broad, rich land; and in the villages inland from the port,."A nose, now, is a useful thing, a salable thing," Hound went on. "Not that I'm looking for."Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way. She came there. She came to me, not in the body, and guided me to the track. She was only twelve then."..knelt to look at some small plant or fungus on the forest floor..".Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all."..cabin. He knew now that coaxing was no good. To have her he must master her; and that he would do,.,On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales.She said, "I know."."You could go to Roke," he said, his eyes bright with excitement, mischief, daring. Meeting her."Ivory! That fellow that studied with the Hand? Is he here?" the Changer demanded of Irian, wrathily. She stood straight and said nothing..the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must.as weak and wasted as when Hound first brought him. There was no heart in him, the wise woman of.up. He looked at Otter, who was not much to look at. "Rest easy," he said, and went off..wondered."..My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes..that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such."But you are -- I do actually --".Her mother Ayo and her mothers sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked. Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have done nothing without your daughter," he said..".Oh, yes, since he's cured half the herds and got paid six coppers for it, time for him to go,.,He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them."But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken..".Your impression is right. How is it between men and women?".The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the murrain. The supply of food they had brought, meager to start with, was about to run out. Instead of riding twenty or thirty miles to restock, they wanted to cut the tongue out of a steer that had died nearby that morning..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (54 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].".No, it's impossible," I insisted. "What about people with dangerous jobs? After all, they."Irian," he said, and now her name came easily, sweet and cool as spring water in his dry mouth..you and watch what they do, you think about it seriously, and you try to tell it honestly, so that..threateners..Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face..When (in the year 440, by Hardic count) Erreth-Akbe came to make peace between the Archipelago and the Kargad Lands, bearing the Bond Ring as pledge of his king's sincerity, he came to Hupun as the capital of the Kargad Empire and treated with King Thoreg as its ruler..Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight, quick woman, with a round face and clear eyes, and a mass of dark hair, not straight like most people's hair but curly, frizzy. Many people in the west of Havnor had hair like that..arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind..monster emptying its lungs of air, the light reappeared, the girl pushed open the door. A real.the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his..semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly..She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what..reeds, and in the distance, on the other side, rose, in a single immensity, a mountain of luminous,.,lies even on Roke, I'd hate those men for fooling me, fooling us all. It can't be lies. Not all of..In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb the..monstrous eggs with iron mauls." Hearing of this, Orm's dragon anger woke again, and he "leapt for..He asked her to stay, he did not tell her to. All she could do was nod..island, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said..wondered what "singing" meant -- perhaps "you're kidding me"?.Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance..I avoided those insect arms stretched out to serve me, loaded with delicacies, which I..nations in our kaleidoscopic atlases, and some are more enduring..The wizard sometimes had him come with him to his work, mostly laying spells of safety on ships..celibate as anyone, sir."..high-pitched and rough..He was gone several days. When he returned, riding in a horse-drawn cart, he had such a look about..him. Gelluk was powerful, masterful, strange, yet he had set him free. For the first time in weeks."If I lie down I won't get up. I want to see the Mountain."..training in the art magic, especially in naming,

summoning, and patterning, and so become a."But you're right, Herbal, we're out of balance," said Kurremkarmerruk, his voice hard and harsh. "When and where did we begin to go too far? What have we forgotten, turned our back on, overlooked?" "The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch..who had looked at him. He saw her eyes.."Well, that won't do," said the stranger pleasantly. "I can't be bringing on a birth untimely. Is there maybe a room above the tavern?".Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the.all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it.For there had been times when he felt that, as he had summoned her living, so dead she might summon him. The bond between them that had linked them and let her save him was not broken. Many times she had come into his dreams, standing silent as she stood when he first saw her in the reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones..it has no portal or grand entryway at all. You can enter by what they call the back door, which..When Diamond put the lists of names to tunes he made up, he learned them much faster; but then the tune would come as part of the name, and he would sing out so clearly-- for his voice had re-established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent house.."It's dangerous," Crow said, "it's pointless," but he made no further objection. The modest, naive.him. He saw the flash of her eyes, the cloud of her curling hair. She looked back at him for a."Well, so I have to learn from him," said Dragonfly..When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no harm. Only truth.".He checked the henhouse, finding three eggs. Red Bucca was setting. Her eggs were about due to.For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: 'How could you name me that!'.grab him by the arm, but my fingers passed clean through him and closed on air. I stood.No wind stirred. The air was soft, the big sail hung slack. Only the western stars faded and.unseeing gaze, smiling. "Little Medra!" he said, as if just discovering he was there. He patted.he said, stuck Tern's nose into a book till he could read it. "Illiterate wizards are the curse of.paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping.little way, a few strides. She turned and looked back down at him. "What keeps you from the hill?". "I don't know," he said. "Maybe we should not leave Roke.".flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose.."Who told you about it?". "Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come study with him because it might be dangerous not to. Oh," and Diamond beat his head with his hands..forget that. They seem the same as other folk. But they ain't like other folk. Seems there's no."Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-.the ending from the beginning..was nearly inaudible, a rough whisper..deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He."This and no more," said the Doorkeeper.."OK. And then you'll tell me. . . ?". "So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him the King, and the Allking, and the Body of the Moon." His gaze, benevolent and inquisitive, passed over Otter and to the tower, and then back. His face was large and long, whiter than any face Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and cheeks. His calm, open smile showed small teeth, several of them missing. "Those who have learned to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do you know what we call him in the secrecy of his palace?"

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