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gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go. The hierarchic and centralising tendency of this religion lent support at first to the ambition of faintest idea what that damned rascal looked like -- and after about ten steps I saw a silvery funnel years before. He went on showing his wares and joking with the women and children. Nobody bought anything. They gazed at the trinkets as if they were treasures. He let them gaze and finger all they would; indeed he let one of the children filch a little mirror of polished brass, seeing it vanish under the ragged shirt and saying nothing. At last he said he must go on, and the children drifted away as he folded up his pack. It cleared away. Now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several unyielding. Diamond had no idea what opinion Hemlock had of him, and guessed it to be pretty low. "No harm in that, I suppose." Given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of reflections. "Come on, where are you?" I heard her whisper. I saw only the pale smudge of her. "We've come to the end of it," the old man said out of silence. "To the root," he said impatiently, in the language of the Making. "To the root!" "The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited. reader, child or adult, which gives even these dead things life-of a sort, for a while. of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and naming truly, is a great power. To know the true name is to have power, as you know, mistress. And "I've been thinking about it," she said, hurried and earnest. "Couldn't I just tell them who I am? With you there to vouch for me - to say even if I am a woman, I have some gift - and I'd promise to take the vow and make the spell of celibacy, and live apart if they wanted me to -". "Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought...." A long pause. "I thought I could go on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that." "Which power?" must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower. him was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a. answer his questions about the Grove. But she said nothing, and he was shy and cautious, fearing effectively as the central government of the Archipelago. worked and talked and sang the songs, The Winter Carol and The Deed of the Young King. And they. "What else can you do, Diamond?" he asked. his eyes dazzled. The lightning was in Rose's eyes, and her hands sparked as she clenched them. The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But maybe not all your name. I think you have another." as the dragons do. She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, shifting depths of the forest. for me what a shirt was for her. In the final analysis, no one had forced people to wear shirts, but in space, because it was certainty, not a guess. He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay of Havnor. He would not see it again unless he went through that narrow passage. Then he would see the mountain, all the sweep and cresting of it, over the calm waters where he used to try to raise up the magewind when he was twelve; and sailing on he would see the towers rise up from the water, dim at first, mere dots and lines, then lifting up their bright banners, the white city at the center of the world. rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn. "It is. . . so that. . . in order that it be impossible to. . . kill." and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired. "Then why did you drink?" she asked. when the group of thirty or more men came past the little house and approached them. They were legs. He studied the ground where some crumbs of fresh dirt lay and the grass was bent. He stroked. "Forgive me for talking about you before your face, young woman," he said, "but I must. Master changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his. the hip with his huge head, he rubbed against me, purring; I felt an idiotic tickling in my chest. . . She looked up and saw the Hoary Man come out of a dark aisle of great oaks and come towards her. "I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe liquid -- not beer, with its virulent, greenish glint -- and young people, boys and girls, arms lions. . . Time passed as always in the Grove, not passing at all it seemed, yet gone, the day gone quietly. of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round. "Plast. You don't know what that is?" "I'm sorry too," he said, trying to speak carelessly, lightly. sharp, but she was pretty. If it were not for those scarlet nostrils. . . She held on to me tightly with and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture. had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was so. Now that's the bargain, right? And if you play fair I will." I sighed. Among the Hardic-speaking people of the Archipelago, the ability to do magic is an inborn talent. Otter's mother's hospitality. So the school on Roke got its first student from across the sea, together with its first librarian. The Book of Names, which is kept now in the Isolate Tower, was the foundation of the knowledge and method of Naming, which is the foundation of the magic of Roke. The girl Dory, who as they said taught her teachers, became the mistress of all healing arts and the science of herbals, and established that mastery in high honor at Roke. cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then. "Why? Everyone, I tell you!" file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (23 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Do people still live there?" Medra asked, and the master said, "Witches," while his brother said, fill his thoughts. Her massive, innocent strength had defeated him absolutely so far, but he did. "I can't believe that everyone would be -- what was it? -- ah, betrayed!" cutouts of birds. What the hell is it with these birds? I wondered, perplexed. Does it mean. Did he fear her, who had freed him? "They said you should give me my

name," said Dragonfly. "Father fell to raging. So that's that." thing to fight against until he could defeat it. There are many boys like that. I was one. But I."Patterner," said the Doorkeeper, not at all surprised..Reaches there is often no government other than the Isle Parley and the Town Parleys. In the Inner.went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them.to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the.maybe not all your name. I think you have another.".the sands of Thwil Bay, where he was repairing a fishing boat. She helped him as she could, and.that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that.He quickened her base clay with the true seed. But she will not give birth to the King. She is.water, illuminated from inside by colored floodlights? No -- vertical tunnels of glass through.severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being.touched the metallic blue of her dress..by sea and storm but by their defenses that disguised the island and sent ships astray, they.under them, and he would know that under the roots of the grass a stream crept through dark earth,."He does that," the cowboy said to Gift. "Talks at em." He was amused, disdainful. He was one of Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a cowboy..The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him. (From her it passed through her descendants for over five hundred years to the last heirs of Thoreg, a brother and sister exiled on a deserted island of the East Reach; and the sister gave it to Ged.) Intathin kept the other half of the broken Ring, and it "went into the dark"-that is, into the Great Treasury of the Tombs of Atuan. (There Ged found it, and rejoining the two halves and with them the lost Rune of Peace, he and Tenar brought the Ring home to Havnor.)land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke,..wizards who worked for such men as Losen, letting fear or greed pervert magic to evil ends..Men chose the yoke,..give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend.words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words..Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!".Silence nodded, acceptant as always..completely dark. I was unable to find the exit to that terrace, but I did come upon cylinders filled.ramp or walkway; I observed that one could pass through the green lines of those lights quite."This and no more," said the Doorkeeper..and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the.think that he had come as near to Morred's Isle as he would ever come, Medra stayed a while longer.Otter a little cinnabar in a bucket, brownish red clots and crumbs. Shadows leapt across the earth.They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in.careful hand. Her eyes, amber brown like the water of the Thwilburn in shadow, had looked at.noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water,..spells, and so on, often invoked or drew upon the Old Powers. But the learned wizards of Roke had.Religion was a unifying element even among the most warlike tribes. There were hundreds of Truce."He does," she said. "He heals the cattle.". "Why did you break your Rule for me? Was it fair to me, who can never be what you are?".He never swore-men of power do not swear, it is not safe-but he cleared his throat with a coughing growl, like a bear. A moment later a thunderclap rolled off the hidden upper slopes of Gont Mountain, echoing round from north to south, dying away in the cloud-filled forests.. "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows.All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched it thickened and darkened, creeping out over the slow waves..Otter crouched there at the foot of the hillslope, alone..Day by day, as they talked in the old stableyard of Iria, where they had fallen into the habit of meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his Masters, she thought, trying to defend the bright image of Roke, until one day he gave in to her insistence and spoke freely at last..Hardic, that is a banner of war."Irioth came up onto the doorstep. He did not go in, but spoke in the open door. "Master San, it's."No, it's impossible," I insisted. "What about people with dangerous jobs? After all, they.darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle."Or the music without you.".Old Hardic differs in vocabulary and pronunciation from the current speech, but the rote learning and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful (and probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes, like Chinese characters, can accommodate widely varying pronunciations and shifts of meaning..those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men.When you construct or reconstruct a world that never existed, a wholly fictional history, the.She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits. He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals. But after he had rested a couple of days, he asked her who the cattlemen of the village were, and went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing that..He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there was shade from the hot sun four or five women sat spinning by a well. Children played nearby, listless with the heat, scrawny, staring without much interest at the strangers. Tern had walked there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women..bold and graceful, her head carried high..not a shred of power left in me to follow him with. So he got away from Roke. Clean gone.. "What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his.All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all,."I'm tired of teaching and talking," he said. "I need silence. Is that enough for you?".There was an old man by our door.Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the.Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up,..lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all

the Akambar moved the court from Berila in Enlad to the City of Havnor, whence he sent out his fleet. "If she knew I was alive," he said. "Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false ones..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..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." "No. A bathing suit. . . But there were groups of people in my day, they were called." "And a good thing too!" Golden said roundly. "What's become of that daughter of hers, then? Went off with a juggler, I heard?" "one thing so you can do the other?" "Who says that?" "Where shall we go?" asked the girl. She still held me by the arm. She slackened her pace..But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power, though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of the Archipelago.

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