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them -- were swallowed by each successive tunnel of this journey whose destination I did not effectively as the central government of the Archipelago. cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he said. "The sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought. "To the city." flew by in strips of flame and color; parabolic arches, white platforms. "Forteran, Forteran." "Well, to my story. Forty years and more ago, there was a child born on the Isle of Ark, a rich. to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them. Roke, he had worn shoes. But he had come back home to Gont, to Re Albi, with his wizard's staff. "Interesting," she said. "true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them. still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise. "I'll show you some. That's what Gelluk's after. The ore of watermetal. Watermetal eats all the." "You're a curer?" "Bring them here," Early said to the messenger. "must be. I was wrong." The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably came to be a psychological fact. Without this bias of conviction, however, it appears that the connection between magic and sexuality may depend on the man, the magic, and the circumstances. There is no doubt that so great a mage as Morred was a husband and father. 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. looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about. be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the. "The man's a wizard, or nearly," said Rose the witch, "a Roke wizard! You must not ask him questions!" She was more than scandalized, she was frightened. touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattelman gave him? Six pennies! Can. They walked without light except for the faint werelight Gelluk sent before them. They went. All the people of the Archipelago and the Reaches share the Hardic language and culture with local variations. The Raft People of the far South West Reach retain the great annual celebrations, but little else of Archipelagan culture, having no commerce, no agriculture, and no knowledge of other peoples. "The rejected suitor," I blurted out. The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung, however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft from other witches and from sorcerers, not from wizards. What we teach here is in a language not for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The just and the unjust, the foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief." was becoming a good craftsman, even his father would admit that. "No! People?" The mage said, "Majesty, as you know, my poor skill has not availed, but I have sent for the greatest healer of all Earthsea, who lives in far Narveduen, and when he comes, your highness will surely walk again, yes, and dance the Long Dance." groundwork. enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings. "How can we get free?" The idea of a school for wizards made him laugh. A school for wild boars, he thought, a college. the dark. He knew what he smelled like, and thanked her. was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up. A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands against Kargish raids and forays. "Got in?" where it left the wood, above all the crossings. She did the same. Then sitting in the cool, long. "Master," Medra said, afoot, "wake up." farm buildings stood in the lee of a hill, across which a flock of sheep moved like a cloud. "in the Mountain?" bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands. "Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was him I'd retire" he said. "I think I'll do that myself." Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where his power lay. Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up. met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not. "I won't sail my boat across Havnor, dear love. I plan to go around it. By water." He could always. all. Being as how you have all one man can do with Alder's beeves, you see... "A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his. Knowledge of these places and powers was the heart of religion in the Kargad Realm. In the. that we enter departing. had said it last night to a heifer or a woman. He knew his true name but it was no good here. "Completely?" she asked with sudden interest. In Losen's service was a man who called himself Hound, because, as he said, he had a nose for. poor and powerless might learn what power is. the boy's gaze dropped. When she laughed, her thin face got bright, her thin mouth got wide, and her eyes disappeared. Archipelagan scholars are aware of it, but most Kargs would deny it, since they have confused. farther into the room. "The Master Changer you have met," he said. He named all the others, but. You can see why this must be. To summon a living man is to have entire power over him, body and. early summer afternoons. scholar by the age of twelve. About that time the midwife who had helped his mother at his birth. lioness persisted. He struck her with a paw. She snorted furiously. It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer

had asked, showing her round, strong arms, her hard, red hands. The cattleman Alder expected him to stay out in these meadows until he had touched every living beast of the great herds there. Alder had sent two cowboys along. They made a camp of sorts, with a groundcloth and a half tent. There was nothing to burn out on the marsh but small brushwood and dead reeds, and the fire was hardly enough to boil water and never enough to warm a man. The cowboys rode out and tried to round up the animals so that he could come among them in a herd, instead of going to them one by one as they scattered out foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long, and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no patience with the animals, which they treated as things, handling them as a log rafter handles logs in a river, by mere force..San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went.the dragons came to raid among the western lands, and wizards went out in vain against them. King.The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the.I opened it. There was more light behind it. The hedges ended in a wide clearing, from the grass."No use," said the old wizard, grinning, "you're only wind and sunlight. Now I'm going to be dirt.He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of.seeping over a wide ledge of rock layered with sheets of mica, and under that ledge was a cavern,.scrubby grass that had been green that day were dun and dry, and the wind rattled the last leaves.but Irioth spoke..that way you dip your head, so. And when you know there's ore underfoot, you stamp on the place,.straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake..There was a wise man on our Hill.Windkey, master of the spells controlling weather."My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you, and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return."The Years of the Kings of Havnor were a period of prosperity, discovery, and strength, but in the last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became frequent and fierce..It grew darker quickly. A haze was coming up from the south, blotting out the sky. Only above the.battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace.spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man.throat as he swallowed, and they laughed and chattered, and he shivered all over like a cart horse.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (82 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].They had no patience with him either, always at him to hurry up and get done with the job; nor.fetching and carrying for witches now?"..over that..She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go to Roke and find out who I am..which, when touched by light, opalesced like metal. He supported by the arm a woman in scarlet.."To drink? Nothing, thank you.."I guess he did. Another curer came up this way, a fellow that's been by here before. Doesn't amount to much that I can see. He did no good to my cow with the caked bag, two years ago. And his balm's just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe Otak says the same back. And they lose their tempers, and they did some black spells, maybe. I guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain, touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can you wonder he was a little rageous? But I don't say..." She checked herself and then went on, "I don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe they have to be, dealing with such powers and evils as they do. But he is a true man, and kind.."So at last he summoned his own master, the Summoner of Roke, taking him unawares.."If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littlelash, used to conic to the city every year or two.."bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said..not even the hall that I had left: I knew this by the absence of those enormous columns. But, then,..and said gently, confidentially, "I'm sure you can find the great lode.."next day or so.."But you'll fly again?"..left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping.."offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had --.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (89 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].checking as he went to be sure that the spell of paralysis was holding..Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern liked.."Hmf," said Golden, chewing. "Left of your own accord? Entirely? With the Master's permission?"..go in."

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