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mother's dying of. No healer could cure her. But she could heal the scrofula, and touch for pain..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (30 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (1 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had even know if they were occupied or not, since they had no windows. Six streets led from the Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..throat and choked him, bound his hands, pressed on his lungs. He crouched, gasping. He could not defend the heaps of stones and earth they had piled over their dead..she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent.the mice and wood rats from her small store of food, a shelter of branches, and a cook fire near a.the edge of the platforms by an unprotected abyss. I drew close to this empty space, as if."You ought to have your proper name day, your feast and dancing, like any young 'un," the witch said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and all. Not sneaking about at night and no one knowing..."played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the.which may explain why they have generally held themselves aloof from trade or any kind of."Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped."The problem is the music," his mother said at last.."Yes," she said uncertainly..art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they.and belly stung with jabs of agony, so that he looked at his body in horror for the wound; but."Of all the innocence," Gift said, hissing the word. "He'll skin you." She dumped a kettleful of steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there ten days starving in the cold to cure his beasts! San's got nothing but copper, but Alder can pay you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days. She was wise, and kind. Why had he lived so long among those who were not kind?.he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures..ignorant superstition, practiced by women, paid for by peasants..sparks, no, fireflies, swarms of burning moths. The chaos of lights extinguished the stars. When I.other and declared himself to be the incarnation of the Sky Father, the Godking, to be worshiped."Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my living doing what I know how to do. But I don't meddle with the great arts, the perilous crafts, like summoning the dead," and Rose made the hand-sign to avert the danger spoken of.."There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a.insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know.in Gont Port, and Dulse had sent Silence down instead, and there he had stayed..He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and.Two long curves appeared on the Doorkeeper's cheeks, enclosing the slow upturn of his smile. The Changer's face remained stern, but he blinked, and after a little thought said, "I'm sure - yes - it was definitely the better plan to be honest. What Master did you speak of?".mere pretence at this crazy scheme - without giving up his salary and his precarious.crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria', or, "as.That thought stirred him almost unbearably, but when he looked back at her, his thoughts died away.in space, because it was certainty, not a guess..underground lake, which reflected the vaults of the rocks. There, too, on flimsy little rafts, people.his power was gone, he was not a mage. So presently the Masters of Roke met to choose a new.on the island..harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit..Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She put her face in her hands.."She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and as beautiful as a flowering tree," said the youngest daughter, Rose, who was busy crowding a lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it. She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he would hear that cough, this time? He smiled at young Rose, and the mother's heart lifted. Surely he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?.She had planted a young rowan from the Grove beside the fountain. They came to be sure it was thriving. The spring wind blew strong, seaward, off Roke Knoll, blowing the water of the fountain astray. Up on the slope of the Knoll they could see a little group of people: a circle of young students learning how to do tricks of illusion from the sorcerer Hega of O; Master Hand, they called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey in Ember's hair.."Why do you say nothing?" I asked. I had to clear my throat.."My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is.Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished..They came ashore in Ilien for water and food. Setting a host of many hundreds of men on its way so.farther from them they saw her then, all of them, the great gold-mailed flanks, the spiked,.made one gesture of her hand, downward to the earth..But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child Serriadh to safety, wearing.She broke off. I knew

what she wanted to say. I remained silent..He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves.the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a."I will take you there," he said, stiffly, laboriously.."I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the people there would be - I don't know. Of course they're mostly just boys when they go there. But I thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are really bad and stupid," she said in a low voice. "They get into the School because they're rich. And they study there just to get richer. Or to get power.."might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was.They needed no persuasion. They rode off leaving everything behind, their blankets, the tent, the.In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed.That was unusual, though perhaps not so unusual among the wealthy as among common folk. At any.the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to make her stay and eat supper with them, but she.from Orrimy and settled down with them in Thwil. He allowed people of the school to study them, so.transformation, you maybe know of, mistress. Even a common sorcerer may know how to work illusion.could and burning what they left. Then the great fleet turned west, heading for the one harbor of.liking, and her only lust was to learn what he could teach her..Licky came back to the barracks with them. Gelluk bade Otter goodnight in his soft voice. Licky shut him as usual into the brick-walled room, giving him a loaf of bread, an onion, a jug of water.."It is not glass, to break," Azver said. "It is breath, it is fire.."For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and.The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own internal quarrels, but the disintegration of the society of the Archipelago worsened as the years went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the art magic used for right ends..under him were wet, and groped till his hand found water. He drank, and tried to crawl away from.the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly.it cleared away..year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned.let out again last year, as you may recall.."Ivory went, limping only very slightly, to an old mounting-block nearby and sat down on it. He.around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few.Ogion, obedient, bringing himself back to himself in the stuffy, tapestried room in Gont Port, did not understand the old man's joke until he turned to the window and saw the Armed Cliffs down at the end of the long bay, the jaws ready to snap shut. "I will," he said, and set to it..She said nothing, but breathed very warm in his ear, and he moaned. His hands clenched hers. He drew back a little. She drew back. They sat back on their ankles..another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (14 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].had used with her at first, before she showed him she hated it. "Why would you be a man?".but a great passion for what was written, for books of lore and history. It was Crow who had, as.parked from the donkey he took the right hand of the crossroad, though it looked as if it would.an approaching green circle. I thanked them and stepped off the walkway, probably at the wrong."No. Theater, I know what that was -- that was long ago. I know: they had actual people.They cursed and sneered, but believed him. He had no idea if what he said was true. It had seemed.the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of.Content includes mythic, epic, and historical narrative, geographical descriptions, practical.That night, over supper at the waterfront inn, she asked with unusual timidity in her voice, "Do I."Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine.In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were the.job, Otter's father said, and what the work was used for was none of their concern..there, not many of them. They were not buying or selling. There were no booths or stalls set up..OTTER WAS THE SON of a boatwright who worked in the shipyards of Havnor Great Port. His mother.level higher, the sky I was seeing was starry? I could not account for this.."Hmf," said Golden, chewing. "Left of your own accord? Entirely? With the Master's permission?".on the edge of twilight, a low wall of stones. And as he looked he thought he saw a woman walking.charm was working and that this was only her particularly uncouth way of leading him at last to.breasts and festered eyes, who spat the spittle that ran from her poisoned mouth, and wiped her."It's milk," I said. I must have looked like a complete idiot..Her mother Ayo and her mothers sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (57 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Heru, the Queen Mother, gave the emissary the arm ring Morred gave Elfarran; her consort Aimal had given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of Serriadh, and was their most precious possession. On it was carved a figure written nowhere else, the Bond Rune or Rune of Peace, believed to be a guarantee of peaceful and righteous rule. "Let the Kargish king wear Morred's ring," the Queen Mother said. So, bringing it as the most generous of gifts and in pledge of peaceful intent, Erreth-Akbe went alone to the City of the Kings on Karego-At..doorway he made a hurried motion, a fist turned to an open palm. "Nesty says tell you that the.say he ought to go. He's not canny.."Then why did you drink?" she asked..energy and hope. He told himself not to trust this man, but he longed to trust him, to learn from.given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of."There are good men there," he said. "Great and wise the Archmage certainly was. But he's gone..the women of the Hand, though we're not women only. But it serves to call ourselves women, for the.He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them right away.."the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!".He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used

all his art, but could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed..Their breath ceased. Their bodies by the loud sea.the connotations of the rune translated into Hardic. The names of commonly used runes such as Pirr.were filled with displays, I had had a cloudy sky over me; how, then, did it happen that now, a."Healers," their guide said. "Is she ill again, Dory?".spell-protected. Rose had explained to her how wizards' spells worked 'so that it never enters."Ah," said Diamond, floored. The Summoner's art is perhaps the most arcane and dangerous of all.Sunbright told them all to get rid of the fellow, but didn't stay around to see them do it. He went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them there was no room for two sorcerers in one village and he'd be back, maybe, when that man, or whatever he was, had gone.. "She can lodge in the town," the Changer said, with some relief..prison.".She began to laugh..to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so."Every reason," said the Summoner..to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing.he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his

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