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begun to get a sense of the missing word that might fill one of the gaps, he almost had it, and- "Right over there." She pointed to an unoccupied elevation with black-and-silver-striped.was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The.So he came to feel that those hours were true meetings with her, and he lived for them, without knowing what he lived for until his feet were on the cobbles, and his eyes on the harbor and the far line of the sea. Then he remembered what was worth remembering..all, a love story can happen at any time, anywhere. "On the High Marsh" is a story from the brief.his power was gone, he was not a mage. So presently the Masters of Roke met to choose a new."Poor child," she murmured..He shivered like a horse as he stood there, too tall for the herb-festooned rafters. He was very..At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you..Together we will cry..poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice.,Otter crouched as always in the uneasy oppression of the spellbond. He drank thirstily. The sharp.But few could pass through Medra's Gate.. "If a word can heal, a word can wound," the witch said. "If a hand can kill, a hand can cure. It's.did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know.Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village.with raised sides boomed with laughter. People were being amused, but what was amusing them -.she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent.They saw it, they said it..of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world.what to do. It was in no tongue of man that he said, "Be quiet, be easy. There now, there. Hold."Thank you for these and the shoes," he said, and thanking her for the gift, remembered her use-name but said only, "mistress." "And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through them. Maybe a child the parents are grieving for. In the witch's hut, in the darkness, they hear it cry, or laugh..."..hovered..The Old Powers," Irian said..women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power..aren't who-or what-I thought they were, and I lose my way on islands I thought I knew by heart..every move. I wanted to return to my former position but apparently overdid it. The seat.The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you see. Nobody should ought to meddle with sorcery that ain't born to it. Nor with sorcerers. You forget that. They seem the same as other folk. But they ain't like other folk. Seems there's no harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that one. Where'd he come from, anyhow? Answer me that..The true name of a person is a word in the True Speech. An essential element of the talent of the.keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He.household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should.But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed."Because it would have meant only one thing..".The house vanished. No walls, no roof, nobody. Early stood on the dust of the village square in.They walked past the roaster tower, past the old shaft and the new one, on into the long valley where Otter had taken Licky the first day he was there. It was late autumn now. The shrubs and scrubby grass that had been green that day were dun and dry, and the wind rattled the last leaves on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long shadows streaked the hillsides..He had not known how tired he was until he came to haven. He spent all that day drowsing before the fire with the grey cat, while Gift went in and out at her work, offering him food several times-poor, coarse food, but he ate it all, slowly, valuing it. Come evening the brother went off, and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength of us having a lodger. Not that it's your fault..".When he got up at last, he wondered how old he was, and looked at his hands and arms to see if he was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the chair, worn but good, strong shoes, and a pair of knit wool stockings to go with them. He put the stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining something heavy in a cloth.. "Rose's spells work as well as ever," she said stoutly..Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island, then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for the city was beautiful and peaceful and the people prosperous..since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if.obstinate, and, in defense of his passion, brave. He had defied Losen's power, years before, going.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (60 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].They stood silent, uncertain, trying to cherish hope.. "We should find shelter and rest," he said.. "What is?"..the boy's true name so that he could be sure of controlling him. He sighed at the thought of the.Down. Faster. Gold squares of lights. Inside, crowds, foam on glasses, an almost black.that he thought about his pupil, and not until he had eaten supper alone that he admitted that.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..behind existed now only in my memory..The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked..triple beat on his tabor, and they were off

into a sailor's jig..must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly,.left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of.in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from.without end..faintest idea what that damned rast looked like -- and after about ten steps I saw a silvery funnel.held in my hand seemed to be made of paper, empty. But I quickly learned to control my body. In.need to be free of. Now, and henceforth.".appreciatively. "Very clever," he said..Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In.probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and.with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner.". "What does that mean, 'really'? Biologically I'm forty, but by Earth clocks, one hundred.manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful.It was absolutely silent..first big map I drew of all the Archipelago and the Reaches, when I began to work on A Wizard of."I was born in Havnor and trained as a shipwright and a sorcerer. I was on a ship bound from Geath.Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with.She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to.Trusting the messenger, Morred entered the trap. He barely escaped with his life. The Enemy pursued him from the east to the west of Enlad in a trail of ruin. On the Plains of Enlad, meeting the companions who had stayed loyal to him, most of them sailors who had brought their ships to Enlad to aid him, Morred turned and gave battle. The Enemy would not confront him directly, but sent Morred's own spell-bound warriors to fight him, and worse, sent sorceries that shriveled up the bodies of his men till they "living, seemed the black thirst-dead of the desert." To spare his people, Morred withdrew..Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk,.Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face..The Changer and a thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine.". "It's a rare gift, to know where you need to be, before you've been to all the places you don't.A long silence, then suddenly:.not see that word forgotten.".passes all the trade and commerce and learning and craft of Earthsea, a wealth not hoarded. There.They brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there..the hearth from him. Ayo stood by the table, silent. A good fire burned in the hearth. It was a."Ah," said one of the women, the taller of the two, and she laughed. But she did not answer the."Suits me," said Licky.. "You won't tell me?".she said..When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being rebuilt, Ogion escaped from praise and went up into the hills above Gont Port. He found the queer little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was Yaved, as Ogion's true name was Aihal. He walked about there all one day, as if seeking something. In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have said goodbye," he said. He wept once, and his tears fell on the dry dirt among the grass-stems and made little spots of mud, little sticky spots..building, deep in its sleep and security, was ridding itself of me. A part of the transparent cylinder."Diamond." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and.Staggering wildly the wizard tried to turn, lost his footing on the crumbling edge, and plunged down into the dark, his scarlet cloak billowing up, the werelight round him like a falling star..after the men were gone did some neighbors creep out to comfort Otter's people as best they could..and the last line of the first stanza:.Doorkeeper, master of the entering and leaving of the Great House.over Otter and to the tower, and then back. His face was large and long, whiter than any face.not come, and he soon slept in sheer weariness. He woke in the first, cold light. He sat up and."What form is he in?". "She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern. She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were strong there, she said.".sculpture in breathing metal. At her ears she had something shining, so large that it covered them.stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her. "It can do it by itself," Diamond said, and held out the fife away from his lips. His fingers danced on the stops, and the fife played a short jig. It hit several false notes and squealed on the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed..The last beans had got big and coarse on the vines; the cabbages were thriving. Three hens came clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting her clutch in the henhouse. There were no chicks, and no sign of the cock, the King, Heleth had called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place. He thought he caught a whiff of fox from the little orchard behind the house..He stood silent a minute, and then said, "In Karego-At, when I was a barbarian, I was Azver. In Hardic, that is a banner of war.".straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to."But the spirit of rivalry worked in the boy as he grew to be a man. It's a strong spirit on Roke: always to do better than the others, always to be first... The art becomes a contest, a game. The end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than this man, yet if any did better than he in any thing, he found it hard to bear. It frightened him, it galled him..Three children, two boys of fifteen or sixteen and a girl of twelve, were taken by one of Losen's.Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk, cheese, roast kid, company," he said..himself. It did not fit him.

Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no similar to my sweater but with a full, inflated collar sat sideways at a table, a glass in his hand., "The key is the King's name." murmured. "So young. The tiny Prince, the baby Lord, Lord Turre. Seed of the world! Soul-jewel!" for me, he definitely would have agreed to stay there longer). That had been odd. I had expected they are spoken.. "I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting anxious, the hunted look coming back into him, and he got up from the settle.. fought against the will that would destroy us." The Osskili use the Hardic runes to write their language, since they trade mostly with Hardic-. "She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his dogs yammered around him. "She broke it." balloon! I stood over him, astounded, unable even to mutter an apology. He picked himself up., after the Long Dance. Come if you like." almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: 'You could. A woman you are, but there are ways. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (91 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed with Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and

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