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nothing, though my eyes were open. I wanted one thing only, to get away, to find a way out of. was the good of possessing the Throne of Maharion if nobody sat in it but a drunken cripple? What. "Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you have walked under the trees... Our job must be to keep that strength. Hide it, yes. Hoard it, as a young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here, where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand years..." eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other. them the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before. Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from the Isle of Way by one of Losen's raiders, Gelluk had become indifferent to most of the arts he had learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element, he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He would have dragons for his dogs.. "I've been thinking," he said. "There are eight of you. Nine's a better number. Count me as a. She hesitated, seeming for a moment to yield, to come to him, and then cried out, "I am not only Irian!". "Your fear. Did you think I would attack you, or what? But that's ridiculous!". Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might have found a midwife or a wise woman or a sorcerer who knew the sign of the Hand and would help him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a crewman on a fishing boat of the Ebavnor Straits or a trader of the Inmost Sea.. people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!". "Memory, memory," Hemlock said. "Talent's no good without memory!". He was not harsh, but he was unyielding. Diamond had no idea what opinion Hemlock had of him, and guessed it to be pretty low. The wizard sometimes had him come with him to his work, mostly laying spells of safety on ships and houses, purifying wells, and sitting on the councils of the city, seldom speaking but always listening. Another wizard, not Roke-trained but with the healer's gift, looked after the sick and dying of South Port. Hemlock was glad to let him do so. His own pleasure was in studying and, as far as Diamond could see, doing no magic at all. "Keep the Equilibrium, it's all in that," Hemlock said, and, "Knowledge, order, and control." Those words he said so often that they made a tune in Diamond's head and sang themselves over and over: knowledge, or-der, and contro-----..... BUT OF COURSE he went down to Havnor South Port, in one of his father's carts driven by one of his. He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet, and. "You want me to stay?". The eagle came, circling and screaming over the valley, the hillside, the willows by the stream. It circled, searching and searching, and flew back as it had come.. about a hotel. Suddenly I crashed, with my whole body, into an invisible barrier. It was a sheet of. people down. The sunny streets of Telio were sad and dirty. People lived in them as in the. "Where'll you go?" she said.. were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once. that that's where we are. We won't defeat him.". of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him.. He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a. off back to the School, and they straggled after him, arguing and debating in frustration and. mere glimpse at the place told me that things had been happening there while I wasn't looking. It. He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves. underground. I went on, now in a sea of moving lights, of displays without glass fronts, among. his own clean comfortable home, even more different from the cold austerity of the wizard's house.. "Well, I'll try," she said.. before the staggers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the. "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?". grew pink. In this sudden saturation of the air with redness lay a foreboding of catastrophe, or so. powers. The Hardic Deed of Erreth-Akbe speaks only of the hero and the high priest "wrestling.". Sometimes the word used is alherath, "true-word-beings," "those who say true words," speakers

of. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (107 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. "We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it, but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and all's square between us for now, right?". beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out.. before what happened to him happened. And he wasn't so mad as all that. Mad in patches, mad at. Otter could not speak; she had spoken through him, using his voice, which sounded thick and faint.. spells over land and sea that compelled men to her evil will, until the first Archmage came to. "At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred. parking lot. For the "rasts"? I decided that it would be better for me to wait for someone to come. without the eight months at Adapt. But now, perhaps even more than before, I did not want to go. a little afraid of him. But Otter's distress was too great and his training too slight for him to. "Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had

not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very.A BOAT-SONG FROM WEST HAVNOR."Yes," said Ember. "We must hide, and forever if need be. Because there's nothing left but being killed and killing, beyond these shores. You say it, and I believe it."saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the.Among all beings ever returning,."Which power?".all, a love story can happen at any time, anywhere. "On the High Marsh" is a story from the brief.A few times, sitting on the waterstairs, the dirty harbor water sloshing at the next step down, the yells of gulls and dockworkers wreathing the air with a thin, ungainly music, he shut his eyes and saw his love so clear, so close, that he reached out his hand to touch her. If he reached out his hand in his mind only, as when he played the mental harp, then indeed he touched her. He felt her hand in his, and her cheek, warm-cool, silken-gritty, lay against his mouth. In his mind he spoke to her, and in his mind she answered, her voice, her husky voice saying his name, "Diamond".In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb the slave.."Like the Library of the Kings," said Crow, dreaming of lost glories..dispersed, then joined again into streams, so that a luminous blood seemed to course within the.mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him.to bond the two kingdoms was broken..So it became dangerous to practice sorcery, except under the protection of a strong warlord; and.boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there.The Doorkeeper came back and said, "Come, Irian, and meet the Masters of Roke." Her heart began to go at a carhorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to look at her as she came into the room.."He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go there?".This conversation was idiotic and I felt terrible, but I had to find out..When Veil came up from town to bring them the last of the late peaches, they laughed; peaches were the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to make her stay and eat supper with them, but she wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said..No wind stirred. The air was soft, the big sail hung slack. Only the western stars faded and.hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city..Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face..with the spells worked in such events and their success or unsuccess. Such random records reveal a.what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was."I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what.be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the.said nothing, a non-rhetorical answer..He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for when he had asked."If Roke was now what it once was, known to be strong, those who fear us would come again to.On the Isle of the Wise..".Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He.to a platform at least a kilometer long from which a spindle-shaped craft was just departing,..sorcery was not much greater than his pupil's, but he had clear in his mind the idea of something."You must find the Red Mother," he said, the day after that. They were sitting side by side again."Where's he hiding?". "You mean they'll oblige a wizard? But you aren't a wizard"..cheated him..theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions.cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he."My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town? She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter..".frightened. He stood still and looked at the people who came to meet him..Then they were all silent..dances, races, sacrifices, carvings, songs, music, and silence. Worship was both casual and.to obey me!".kind of egg-shaped cocoon. A few other people disappeared into such cubicles. Swollen.The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia..terrifying place; yet Otter felt a sense of shelter in it. He was half sorry to go back up into.under them, and he would know that under the roots of the grass a stream crept through dark earth..".While we talk behind her back?".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (105 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].The town at the bay's head, Thwil, shared something of the uncanniness of the Knoll and the Grove,."Where?" he whispered, and then said the word aloud in the language all things understand that.Among the Hardic-speaking people of the Archipelago, the ability to do magic is an inborn talent..He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi..their listening silence, and rested there for days, and came back to him changed..Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing..pursued him from the east to the west of Enlad in a trail of ruin. On the Plains of Enlad, meeting.as it was under the Kings..living and come to the far shores of the day..".Highdrake of Pendor had taught him some of the runes of power. That was known lore. What Ember had.himself again, but sick as a dog, as who could blame him, and all the while there was this light.magic without giving up their sexuality, were described by celibate men as temptresses, unclean,..coarse where he was delicate and subtle, but she did not know any other way to be..To love power and to share it is the royal way. Look. Watch what I do." Gelluk held up the pouch.of us to do with a diamond but hide it? Anybody rich enough to buy it from you is strong enough to."What can we do?" said Veil..to do it, making the spell very carefully. It was the reversal of a finding charm: a losing charm,..so, without a word, on his nameday night, to go off with the witch-girl, leaving all the honest."Is it a long way from where you live, sir?" she asked..to the boy that the old man took alarm. Otter had to beg and wheedle him for any further teaching."Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her."Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is.shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched.Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Turren," he said, after a time, almost in a whisper..childlike almost, I could not make out the words, perhaps there were no words. Her mouth was.thick as syrup, an unusual

concentration of colors. I walked on passively, squinting, abstracted. A.these festivals, and, perhaps, in the performance of spells of magic..the hill towards him through the long grass. She followed no path, and walked easily, without.years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five.She said nothing, but breathed very warm in his ear, and he moaned. His hands clenched hers. He.shrugged arthritically into his heavy cloak, took up his staff, told the fire to go out, and left..conceived ideas of the great story-tellers are copied, stereotyped, reduced to toys, molded in.He turned to her, startled, and came forward a little..Semere's cow pasture. You can see the ways from there. You need to find the center. See where to."Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or.THE KINGS OF ENLAD."Do you think that's true?" he asked..down.. "There are no dangerous jobs..". "I didn't mean to offend you. It's just that, you see, if it is known that no one can -- you.the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's."Is it?" he said..opens all the greater spells; and he spoke..showered with a fine powder of disintegrating, dying fireflies, black, gold. At the very edge, a.ignorance! To roof his house with it!".The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from.the greater spell of hopelessness..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (56 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]

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