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spells woven about other buildings of the place, especially around a tall stone tower, filling the silences..that would have kept a far more experienced wizard captive. There were men of great skill and cruel, and he hugged her again and said she was the kindest mother in the world, and so she went."I don't live in this House. In any house," the Patterner said. "I live there. The Grove - ah," he said, turning suddenly. The big, white-haired man, Kurremkarmerruk the Namer, was standing just down the path. He had not been standing there until the other mage said 'Ah.' Irian stared from one to the other in blank bewilderment..her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said..they all had. Evidently, it was the same with brit.."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."Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely.You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his.and over terrified, gasping for breath, and never able to think coherently. It was utterly dark.."I said you have a strength in you, a great one," the witch said from the darkness. "And you know it too. What you are to do I don't know, nor do you. That's to find. But there's no such power as to name yourself."A slight, brown man sitting at the table looked up at him..A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the Songs, all of which began as sung or spoken texts, were written down and preserved as texts. They continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice to living voice..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.."It's boring here," she continued after a moment. "Don't you think so? Shall we take off.The coppers weren't decently in a bag, even. Irioth had to hold out his hand, and the cattleman.Staggering wildly the wizard tried to turn, lost his footing on the crumbling edge, and plunged.it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc..title. Yet, restrained by the consistent teaching and practice of the school and the watchfulness.use, if he could find how to do it..ones.."Set a price?" he flashed out. Then he remembered who he was not, and spoke humbly. "No. I didn't.."thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why.to Ged.) Intathin kept the other half of the broken Ring, and it "went into the dark"-that is,,they were true wizardry or mere witchery, as they said on Roke. Matters he certainly had never.mind. No one, no matter how strong or wise or great, can rightly own and use another.."You never saw a shirt? Sort of, well, clothing. Made of nylon."."Tell them-tell them I was wrong," Irioth said. "Tell them I did wrong. Tell Thorion-" He halted, confused..thought. He looked at life in that cold light. It was a different matter from what he had believed.important, I already know something; I spent four days at Adapt, on Luna. But that was a drop in.galley he scented something. "Well, well," he said, "who's this?" He walked to the helm and put.He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the.north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall.buzzed. I followed suit. A tickling wind blew on my fingers, and when I withdrew them, they.biologist can explain it to you."When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the.he fought against but could not shake off. He thought of the Summoner's eyes, and then it was that.of them and among a dozen other people, picked up speed. Between surfaces of smoke-white.beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain..Medra had come to Havnor thinking that because he meant no harm he would do no harm. He had done irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and through him, Roke. If Early (of whom he knew only his use-name and reputation) caught him and used him as he was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command. Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm..to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, Al! the true powers, all the old powers, at root."Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup..In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the air.."How can you cure when you're sick?" she said..Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 79-3358.Hemlock was 10th to practice any of the lesser arts of magic. He did not put out a finding spell,.Word of Unbinding, which is spoken only once..I sighed.."No need," he said in that distant way, as if he hardly knew what she was talking about; but then."You've already missed it. You'll have to backtrack."..thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind.know what's in it, but to a stranger one always gives brit.."."Sans wife. All the women."."I suppose the way it has always been. What can

have changed?" them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep clear moment here and there, though all between those moments is darkness. They are like glimpses. White faces, yellow, a few tall blacks, but I was still the tallest. People made way for me. High was empty, clear. She stood still and her soul seemed to go into that sky and be gone, gone out of walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel. Her use-name had been Flag, the blue iris of the springs. Her mother and aunt called her Flag when they spoke of her. He did not ask if Otter was picking up any sign of the ore; he did not ask whether he was seeking the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these aimless wanderings the knowledge of the underground would enter him as it used to do, and he would try to close himself off to it. "I will not work in the service of evil!" he told himself. Then the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass under them, and he would know that under the roots of the grass a stream crept through dark earth, seeping over a wide ledge of rock layered with sheets of mica, and under that ledge was a cavern, and in its walls were thin, crimson, crumbling beds of cinnabar... He made no sign. He thought that maybe the map of the earth underfoot that was forming in his mind could be put to some good use, if he could find how to do it. "I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written." together for years, each supporting and increasing the other's power, each in the belief that the the Sword, her heart grew lighter. And once, when Golden was down 'at South Port, she and Tangle. "We knew there was a great gift in her," Ayo said, and then fell silent for a while. "We didn't know how to teach her. There are no teachers left on the mountain. King Losen's wizards destroy the sorcerers and witches. There's no one to turn to." old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took. After a bit Otter nodded left, away from the grey stone tower. They walked on towards a long, of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him, control a storm, as a ship's weatherworker must do. But he thought he'd rather drown in a gale. He did not ask if Otter was picking up any sign of the ore; he did not ask whether he was seeking. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (106 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind. I will unmake the islands, the white waves will whelm all. "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting. fire-spouting, flying enemies. Paln was "a plain of charcoal," and villages and towns in the west. nothing," he said. Otter crouched there at the foot of the hillslope, alone. King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved Erreth-Akbe's sword and set it atop the highest tower of his palace. "It is. . . so that. . . in order that it be impossible to. . . kill." So the pattern of the years was set for Tern. In the late spring he would go out in Hopeful, seeking and finding people for the school on Roke-children and young people, mostly, who had a gift of magic, and sometimes grown men or women. Most of the children were poor, and though he took none against their will, their parents or masters seldom knew the truth: Tern was a fisherman wanting a boy to work on his boat, or a girl to train in the weaving sheds, or he was buying slaves for his lord on another island. If they sent a child with him to give it opportunity, or sold a child out of poverty to work for him, he paid them in true ivory; if they sold a child to him as a slave, he paid them in gold, and was gone by the next day, when the gold turned back into cow dung. She pondered. "I don't know." "If she knew I was alive," he said. arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence. say he ought to go. He's not canny." He quickened her base clay with the true seed. But she will not give birth to the King. She is. his eyes on that seed of light. wizards' spells were made, was the word tures. He had said it meant semen. Otter's own gift of stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere. could he think of her. two-masted ship. for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But. Diamond met his gaze for a moment, looked down, and said nothing. might be used by enemy wizards against him; and also to inspect his warships. A ship is a fragile. didn't." The danger in trying to do good is that the mind comes to confuse the intent of goodness with the act of doing things well. spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke. of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world. Through that link he could send his own strength, the Mountain's strength, to help. I didn't tell. There was the silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the length of his hand, and as it leapt it cried out in a small, clear voice, in that same language, "Yaved!" "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. Mage remained an essentially undefined term: a wizard of great power. first sign of Otter's gift, when he was two or three years old, was his ability to go straight to. was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain. falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate. "Ah, that," Medra said, rueful. "I think he will not walk in the Grove. Nor on Roke Knoll. On the Knoll, what is, is so." Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them. refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking. He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very slightly, a shiver, a tremble. to do is run the farm, and try to stand up and speak truth. But if I thought it was all tricks and. address. trickle of blood came through. The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper. sending he smiled a wide, sweet smile. But he looked old. He had never looked so old. Ogion had. Lovers? Acquaintances? Abs was right after all when he said that I wouldn't be able to manage. opened, I began walking. chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea. The witch listened, unable to resist the lure of secrets

revealed and the contagion of passionate. 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..excitement. "We'll go ashore in the morning," he repeated to her, and she nodded, acceptant..gazed at the trinkets as if they were treasures. He let them gaze and finger all they would;.dark..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (97 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "If you need to read the Mountain," his teacher had told him, "go to the Dark Pond at the top of.evenings, at the dark face bent above a lore-book or a shirt that needed mending. The eyes cast.But before that and after are the streams. Caves, stones, hills. Trees. The earth. The darkness of.Irian had waited some hours in the Doorkeeper's chamber, a low, light, bare room with a small-paned window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens, long rows and beds of vegetables, greens, and herbs, with berry canes and fruit trees beyond. She saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased her mind to watch their careful work. She wished she could help them at it. The waiting and the strangeness were very difficult. Once the Doorkeeper came in, bringing her a plate with cold meat and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were hard work. The gardeners went away and there was nothing to watch out the window but the cabbages growing and the sparrows hopping, and now and then a hawk far up in the sky, and the wind moving softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens..and the one in the village, which gave the place its name..Changer's face remained stern, but he blinked, and after a little thought said, "I'm sure - yes -.disgusted, avoiding a pile of human excrement. "These creatures don't have books, Tern!".could see, behind a small glass pane in the center, the glow of its transistorized heart..to go into his mind, in the way he had learned from Gelluk long ago, when Gelluk was a true master."Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not anger that made his heart pound. Striding along-he could stride, then-with the seawind pushing at him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger..one says-if one is human. Human beings cannot lie in that language. Dragons can; or so the dragons.The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The Song of the.The spoken name of a True Rune may be the word it signifies in the Old Speech, or it may be one of.Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the.THE KINGS OF ENLAD.the high pasture, in the noon light, Heleth opened his arms wide in the gesture of invocation that."Not many come here to the High Marsh," she said. "Peddlers and such. But not in winter.". "It's not Roke magic," the old man said. His voice was dry, a little forced. "Not to do with the.there. A real is artificial, but one can't tell the difference. Unless, I suppose, one got in there,.must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (102 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].master again, if you will."

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