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He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter. "We have to finish the work here," he told her, and she looked at him mildly. All animals were home truths. Among all beings ever returning, of the Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the. "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. shipping. Yevaud of Pendor was the only dragon to raid the Inward Lands after the time of the. "So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him the King, and the Allking, and the Body of the Moon." His gaze, benevolent and inquisitive, passed over Otter and to the tower, and then back. His face was large and long, whiter than any face Otter had seen, with bluish eyes. Grey and black hairs curled here and there on his chin and cheeks. His calm, open smile showed small teeth, several of them missing. "Those who have learned to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do you know what we call him in the secrecy of his palace?" than careless. Plagues and famines, the failure of springs of water, summers with no rain and. "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He. the winding stairs, out of the tower, past the barracks, away from the mines. They walked through. "I should sap? Sap yourself!" "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-----..... Three children, two boys of fifteen or sixteen and a girl of twelve, were taken by one of Losen's patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat. Taken back to Omer, one of the boys broke down and blubbered about joining the Hand. Hearing that word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke. IV. Medra. miles or years away. "He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went. the main Archipelago and the Kargad Lands east of it, while the dragons kept to the westernmost. man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need

not. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (7 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to. He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee. Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis. "Didn't know you were after him. I've been after him a long time. He fooled me." Hound spoke without rancor. "Hoary?" said the Patterner. "I'd always counted on your going into the family business," Golden said. His tone was neutral. "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way." "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?" If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had. "Well, he ran out. Or. . . he could always lie." of him on Roke Dulse did not know. Silence did not say. He had learned there in two or three years. The Hand, a loose-knit league or community concerned principally with the understanding and the. about a hotel. Suddenly I crashed, with my whole body, into an invisible barrier. It was a sheet of. living doing what I know how to do. But I don't meddle with the great arts, the perilous crafts. "Maybe you can find that island," said Ayo. my honor and thanks to you. May your heart and hearth know peace," and he made a gesture that left. "To Roke?" She stared. "To Roke, Di? Then you really do have the gift --you could be a sorcerer?" showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat. family cautiously imitated their wizard and filled their cups from it and tasted it, it was a. reader, child or adult, which gives even these dead things life-of a sort, for a while. the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all. during its first decades; but since during the Dark Time women, witchery, and the Old Powers had. Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to. become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here. gift. of naming as a systematic part of the art magic. Ath left his book with a fellow mage on Pody when. 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. Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his

enchancements and drive him from Enlad, "Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his mother in Endlane, round the mountain. He's there now." will see to your first expenses." All this took only two days, and all the time Early was looking and probing toward Endlane village, sending Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he knew where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great shape-changer, so fearless that he would take even dragon form. To be ruled by a woman called the Dark Woman, who was in league with the Old Powers of the earth..of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High. "Conscience caught him," said the Namer. "Conscience told him he alone could set things right. To. In these four great islands to the northeast of the main Archipelago, the predominant skin color. kill you for it. Keep it hid. And keep away from great people and their crafty men!"..so much before. Could they be flying columns? People were hurrying toward it from all. "I don't care what's "allowed"," he said, with a frown she had never seen on his face. The Archmage himself said, Rules are made to be broken. Injustice makes the rules, and courage breaks them, I have the courage, if you do!". Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false ones.-- I felt a number of amused stares, or so it seemed to me. I quickly turned away and walked.wanted a private compartment. I wondered if they had told her. My seat unfolded without a. The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in quarrels with his relatives, had left Birch a thriving property. Birch hired men to manage the farms and wineries and coopeage and cartage and all, while he enjoyed his wealth. He married the timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in thinking that his daughters were of noble blood..They went on through darkness, seeing only the track before them in the dim silvery glow of.had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and."Stay."..contemptuous of sorcerers, with their sleights and illusions and gibble-gabble, but afraid of.After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the King!".vellum that had been worked into the thatching of his house. "They good for something else?" Crow,.The leaves of the trees spoke, she said, and the shadows could be read. "I am learning to read them," she said..Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and.harassing him. Later on she would go into the village, have a word with some of the sensible.of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold.He knew what he smelled like, and thanked her..then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the.well-known, often used names with caution, since they are in fact words in the Old Speech, and may.young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust.underfoot ended, gave way to porous rock. I passed through a curtain of light and found myself.magery had recognized that meaning as the true one. Gelluk had said the word also meant.feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the.before, in the spell-locked barracks room at the mines of Samory..Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all.The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at.brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went."You saw it? You saw that?" She clenched her hands, imagining that flight..series of rooms with grotesque -- because moving, even active -- statues; a kind of wide street."Are you hurt too?".The shrubbery parted. A winding path. Gravel crunched beneath my feet, shining faintly;"Come back," the Windkey said to the men..which, when touched by light, opalesced like metal. He supported by the arm a woman in scarlet..woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake..heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he.ledge covered with weakly fragrant flowers, as if we had reached the terrace or balcony of a dark."You don't look like a man," he said. Her face fell. "Not to me. You'll never look like a man to me. But don't worry. You will to them.". They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside,.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (24 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him.She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being.In a whisper the witch said, "Woman, be named. You are Irian.".listening in silence..Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and bewilder and entangle a slave trying to escape. Now he felt those spells like strands of cobweb, ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them..island of Solea. Elfarran knew this, as she knew the moment of Morred's death. She bade her people.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (64 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].They came out into the calm, open evening air. The west still held some brightness as they crossed.quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got.oval doors opened at the end of the aisle, and a hollow, all-embracing roar, like that of the

sea, strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to thing in a dangerous element, vulnerable to spells and hexes. As soon as Hound came aboard the new

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