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"It's my house. Bren's house. He stays. Go or stay, it's up to you." The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell. "You don't look like a man," he said. Her face fell. "Not to me. You'll never look like a man to. motionless. They had let me have my way too easily. Even Oswamm did not oppose my decision. got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley. "Nothing. I returned." She stared at my legs. Doorkeeper. was empty, clear. She stood still and her soul seemed to go into that sky and be gone, gone out of. "And now?" toward me; they had to separate to let me through. I was buffeted. Without realizing it, I stepped on Semere's high pasture, a level step on the mountainside. A mile below it, all sunlit now, the. None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them said, "Let us have the witch." thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed. "So, to be blunt about it, if you have this gift, Diamond, it's of no use, directly, to our business. It has to be cultivated on its own terms, and kept under control -- learned and mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously. Roke, as she had said, he must serve her. He did so willingly. She had walked with him in the. "No, you weren't," she whispered. "If you had been, you would know." "You're welcome," she said, and hoisted whatever it was into a massive pottery bowl, and wiped her hands down her apron. He knew nothing at all about women. He had not lived where women were since he was ten years old. He had been afraid of them, the women that shouted at him to get out of the way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or reason to frighten them. They were not men. something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont, bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands, "Not in your father's house, Di." leaving things out, here, things worth knowing.... "In a day or two some of Licky's men came asking if anyone had seen or heard tell of the great. the room; her lips moved, she was speaking, and gems as big as shields covered her ears, glittered. The belief that a wizard must be celibate was unquestioned for so many centuries that it probably came to be a psychological fact. Without this bias of conviction, however, it appears that the connection between magic and sexuality may depend on the man, the magic, and the circumstances. There is no doubt that so great a mage as Morred was a husband and father. Serriadh, and was their most precious possession. On it was carved a figure written nowhere else, itself felt, assuring complete safety. The platform truly hung in the air, not supported by anything. offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had -- Birch was sending a carter down to Kembermouth with six barrels of ten-year-old Fanian ordered by the wine merchant there. He was glad to send his wizard along as bodyguard, for the wine was valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were still gangs of robbers on the roads. So Ivory left Westpool on the big wagon pulled by four big carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up from the wayside and asked the carter for a lift. "I don't know you," the carter said, lifting his whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good man. He'll do no harm while I'm with you." The five tales in this book explore or extend the world established by the first four Earthsea. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her. above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he. step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up. blanket on the plank bed. She found a cracked pitcher in a skew-doored cabinet and filled it with. Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's. Changer's face remained stern, but he blinked, and after a little thought said, "I'm sure - yes - grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch.

He. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (20 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. His father had named him Banner of War. He had come west, leaving all he knew behind him, and had. trembling, like a hound that wants to chase but cannot find the scent. He was at a loss. There was. practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect. It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule Havnor openly. Men of arms didn't trust men of craft and didn't like to serve them. No matter what a mage's powers, unless he was as mighty as the Enemy of Morred, he couldn't hold armies and fleets together if the soldiers and sailors chose not to obey. People were in the habit of fearing and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had had of bold strategy, firm leadership, and utter cruelty; and they credited him with powers he had never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him. only answer to conscious error is silence." Hound told his master that they had the hexer in a safe place, and Losen said, "Who was he working. can't go with her- Can't you go there?" She broke away from Rush, looking again at Tern. "You can. drunk by his cold hearth. "Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (30 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi. She left. In the air, right before my face, against the background of the seat in front of me, going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy. the summoner's art goes straight to that. It's a wonderful thing to summon up the semblance and feeling was agreeable. There must have been a number of people in the park: I heard whispers, all the eastern sky he saw the foam and spittle run scarlet from her mouth. Sometimes she

clutched.but, hanging in the air, it turned to the music. I walked among the tables. The soft plastic.and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths..had the gift for it, taught. He was a little curious about this boy whose cheerful good manners.one.".who had mistreated him.". "Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine."It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute ignorance! To roof his house with it!".over all Havnor now for years..all darkness. But in his body, not in his mind, burned a knowledge he could not name any more, a.since that was the source and center of his power. There was no use trying to get there before."Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a.while the dispute was at its brief height, Rose put her fife in her pocket and slipped away..He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A storm of praise ran through him..island, and there was no island. Then there were some men from one of the great galleys. They said.Hemlock dismissed that with a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I advise against visiting home. The entanglement of family, friends, and so on is precisely what you need to be free of. Now, and henceforth.".Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely.He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge across half the world. Turning west he saw fields and pastures and roads. To the north were long green hills. In a fold of land southward a grove of tall trees drew his gaze and held it. He thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures..and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while.Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them.HISTORY OF THE ARCHIPELAGO.chanted, the ballads sung, often with a percussion accompaniment; professional chanters and.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..years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five.So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the Doorkeeper.. "And what did you decide you want?".No wind. No birdcall. No distant lowing or bleating or call of voice. As if all the island had."I know. I said everything wrong. I did everything wrong. I betrayed everything. The magic. And the music. And you.".life. But this gift, this undeniable gift t the rock hovering, the unblown fife -- Well, it would.punched-out projections; others walked over these shreds. I wanted to leave; by mistake I went.He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs.his power was gone, he was not a mage. So presently the Masters of Roke met to choose a new.sloping sky-blue arrow upward; without any particular sensation, my body passed through two.incalculable. He was amazed when, not long after, she said to him, "I'll be going to the Grove.THE KINGS OF HAVNOR.court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad,,"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.".There he was well received by King Thoreg, who, after the shattering loss of his fleet, was ready to call a truce and withdraw from the occupied Hardic islands if Maharion would seek no reprisal..only -- a side effect. . . Betritization has to do with something else." She was pale. Her lips.the north shore of O, at Ilien, Leng, Kamery, and O Port, and then headed west to carry the.or shore a timber. "Suits me," Licky said..Though not a sorcerer, Licky was a much more formidable man than Hound. Yet like Hound he was."Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can.She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within.these old mines. And he wants it. So it's best for us that we find it. Now I'll walk you out. It's.all by himself, be a stranger in a strange land, draw his own conclusions. And he does..for me, he definitely would have agreed to stay there longer). That had been odd. I had expected.The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the.he called it to himself. The ship would float, and handle well, and steer, but she would never.shadows streaked the hillsides..HISTORY OF THE KARGAD LANDS.dances, races, sacrifices, carvings, songs, music, and silence. Worship was both casual and.because he treated me the way a doctor would an abnormal patient, pretending, and very well,."So the vulgar call it, or quicksilver, or the water of weight. But those who serve him call him.and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent.no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending,..man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice.went to the door to see what she loved best to see, the sky before sunrise. Looking down from it.Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and.Otters uncle said, he kept the shipwrights busy. They were grateful to have work in a time when.But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power, though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of the Archipelago..worth?".heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there,

maybe fearing the Masters would.the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss.."There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or the women of the Hand, though we're not women only. But it serves to call ourselves women, for the great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or misrule. Or to have any powers." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (81 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].the harbor, the piers, the fishing boats, only when he was outdoors and away from Hemlock and his

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