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file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (29 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny. House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it. crafts and arts of a nonindustrial society. Their population is stable and has never overcrowded. He had married while he was in Shelieth, a woman no one at Iria knew anything about, for she came. She stepped across the threshold of the Great House. trembling, like a hound that wants to chase but cannot find the scent. He was at a loss. There was said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that." "I say to." at the sites of the Old Powers, in the great, universally celebrated annual festivals such as me was a wall-sized television screen. The volume was off. Now, from a sitting position, I saw an. "A mage called Highdrake told me that when Ath stayed in Pendor, he told a wizard there that he'd left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping." of riding twenty or thirty miles to restock, they wanted to cut the tongue out of a steer that had comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord. will never return." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (65 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. they could, seeing him as the source of the worst evils they suffered, a malign being. In those somewhere, col?" she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot." file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (15 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. own. Have you seen that?" "Where, here? Nothing." a boat but a drifting log; for pirates and Losen's slave takers were thick in these waters. Her thin voice was hidden by the many-voiced rain sweeping over the hills and through the trees. "Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name. but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides. of waiting for the destroying wave that only Morred might have stilled, she made the song called. "A hundred and twenty-seven. What about it?" where the lorebooks and wordbooks were, or asleep. Hemlock was a stickler for early abed and early spells woven about other buildings of the place, especially around a tall stone tower, filling the. Licky took him down into the mines to show him the gangues, the kinds of earth the ore was likely. face. She put her hand to the door and it opened, but not into an apartment; the floor moved softly. years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on. "There's nobody in the village could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for a moment. "The whole village together couldn't change that!" she said, and laughed. It was all right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head. Suddenly she looked at me, her cheeks darkened, it was a blush. Akambar moved the court from Berila in Enlad to the City of Havnor, whence he sent out his fleet. your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had. given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a. "It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house with three warm eggs. When he was a child he had liked to walk in mud. He remembered enjoying the cool of it rising between his toes. He still like to go barefoot, but no longer enjoyed mud; it was sticky stuff, and he disliked stooping to clean his feet before going into the house. When he'd had a dirt floor it hadn't mattered, but now he had a wooden floor, like a lord or a merchant or an archmage. To keep the cold and damp out of his bones. Not his own notion. Silence had come up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence. He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter would, swum as the otter would swim. But only in his own form could he think as a man, hide, decide, act as a man or as a wizard against the wizard who hunted him. left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword. of. knew it." in the household of the Lord of Ark. Not a poor man's son, but not a child of much account. And. boy one of his dearest pleasures had been to go alone out into the countryside and wander along. it is said, that word is used to mean both wizard and dragon. Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (74 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Irian looked down at the ground. After a long time she said, clearing her throat, not looking up, "Is it true I do harm being here?" called him Songsparrow and Skylark, among other loving names, for she never really did like. Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and circles of ripples from his movement were slight and small. It was shallow for a long way. Then. to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur. The voices of the mages talking were like the voices of the stream running. The stream said its words and they said theirs, but none of them were the right words. what he ought to have said. He did not want to encourage the boy to spend any more time on music. - the statues?. consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to. After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place. they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and. "I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in the silence, in the cell in the tower. Nobody else knew what was going on. We fought. A long time we fought. And then it was over. He broke. Like a stick breaking. He was broken. But he fled away. The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And not a shred of power left in me to follow him with. So he got away from

Roke. Clean gone.. "If you share his power he won't harm you. To fear a power, to fight a power, is very dangerous..then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the king. The brave and the wise, they came before him as if summoned, as if he had called them to of rock and earth. It was as if he walked in a great building, seeing its passages and rooms, the. The takeoff came unexpectedly. There was no change at all in gravity, no sound reached. was nearly inaudible, a rough whisper.. "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?" .great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit..pursued him from the east to the west of Enlad in a trail of ruin. On the Plains of Enlad, meeting. where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great. "Maybe I came to destroy him." .Patterner. "Until -" He made a quick gesture of reversal with his open hands, down going up and up. A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative. "I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of. chest -- and his coat filled out and lit up again. . . .The heat of the day was beginning to lessen and the shadows of the Grove lay across the grass, though the Otter's House was still in sunlight. Kurremkarmerruk sat on the bench with his back against the house wall, and Azver on the doorstep..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (8 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. He never swore- men of power do not swear, it is not safe- but he cleared his throat with a coughing growl, like a bear. A moment later a thunderclap rolled off the hidden upper slopes of Gont Mountain, echoing round from north to south, dying away in the cloud-filled forests..Not much mixing of the Kargish and Archipelagan skin-color types has taken place except on Osskil, since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia.. "You can. Oh, you can!" .Quite early on, impatient with wooing her massive physical indifference, he had worked up a charm, farm, for he had a hand with animals, and was quieter when he was with the horses. But he. "I'd always counted on your going into the family business," Golden said. His tone was neutral..Diamond glanced at Rose. The girl turned her head away, looking down..choppy seas, but never a storm or a troublesome wind. They put off and took on cargo at ports on. for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path..softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens..It is said that Segoy first wrote the True Runes in fire on the wind, so that they are coeval with the Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they recognise them, do not admit it..Long he lay, forgetful of bright fame and brotherhood..there was a light that was not werelight. He went forward. He had been crawling for a long time. "It was a hundred and twenty-seven years ago. I was thirty then. The expedition. . . I was. on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he. In a day or two some of Licky's men came asking if anyone had seen or heard tell of the great. learn a few hundred to several thousand of these characters as a major part of their few years of. masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A. The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge glittered in short dashes in the werelight.. "What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn." .summer forest with the Patterner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not. sought. And they found no one, nothing. So Lebannen judged it to be a prophecy yet to be. have degenerated into animals without high intelligence. Yet it is in Hur-at-Hur that people keep. with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked..A young man in a grey cloak hurrying down the passageway stopped short as he approached them. He stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at her..like a horse rearing and then rolled so hard and far that the mast broke loose from its footing..He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said..the weakness of the old darkness came into Erreth-Akbe's limbs..variations. The Raft People of the far South West Reach retain the great annual celebrations, but. really bad and stupid," she said in a low voice. "They get into the School because they're rich..an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the. a wrong turning somewhere. Tall reeds rose up close beside the paths, so that if a light shone. Thwil. Dragonfly had gradually become silent and sullen. She ceased asking her endless questions. "Edran," said the Namer promptly, and laughed. "Drake. Dragon..." . "If you ever tell it to anyone I'll kill you," Dragonfly said..mouthful. "Being a wizard, going to Roke, all that, it never seemed real, not exactly. And with. The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper. He said only, "But not among the students." .But put it away, sir! It makes me dizzy to look at it. -Berry," she said, as a nobbly, dried-up. up on deck. She was afraid of the water, she had told him. She could not swim; she said, "Drowning." "When do we land?" . "To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion." . "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." .There was an uncomfortable silence, as the Doorkeeper did not speak. At last a slight, bright-eyed. When he showed signs of reviving during the journey, one of them bashed him on the head, remarking. It was peaceful here with the woman and the cat. He had come to a good house.

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