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really did look like a sculpture in azure metal -- studied me carefully. She no longer appeared."But, then, we hardly know each other," she said. She was freer, it seemed. She smiled..valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were.wasn't a woman!".Come home with me..make her laugh; he was the only one who could. When he was away, she was quiet-voiced and even-."He does that," the cowboy said to Gift. "Talks at em." He was amused, disdainful. He was one of.A BOAT-SONG FROM WEST HAVNOR.on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking.."I am not ashamed," Irian said. She looked at them all. She felt that she should thank them for.our art when we don't know what it is?". "Medra," she said. Her sore mouth could not speak clearly. He knelt down and took her hands, looking into her face..out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said, "But you have some knowledge.".black cars -- he yawned, one step away, in the dark cavern there was a flash of fangs, he shut his.He sought among memories, among shadows, groping over and over through images: the assault on his home in Havnor; the stone cell, and Hound; the brick cell in the barracks and the spell-bonds there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through the wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined face against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but she could not answer him..Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter."Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped back..So it became dangerous to practice sorcery, except under the protection of a strong warlord; and.Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in.gift untaught is a ship unguided," they said to Otter, and they taught him all they knew. It.will be born dead, I know it!". "What does that mean, 'really'? Biologically I'm forty, but by Earth clocks, one hundred.remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange.. "I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe.Curious manners, I thought. But, then, if that's what's done. . .I had the faint hope that it was only because of my height.She was silent.. "If you share his power he won't harm you. To fear a power, to fight a power, is very dangerous. To love power and to share it is the royal way. Look. Watch what I do." Gelluk held up the pouch into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the pouch, lifted it to his lips, and drank its contents. He opened his smiling mouth so that Otter could see the silver drops pooling on his tongue before he swallowed.. "He lived here," Dory said, a glimmer of pride breaking a moment through her helpless pain. "The.King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved.After another long time she said, "Maybe I can learn it here, sir.".Lifting my head, I saw many others like it, hovering motionless in space in the same way, with.thick with worms as a dead dog on a dunghill.". "He has the advantage," Azver said, very dry..as he folded up his pack..Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately, and looked very much a man, though a very young one.. "Do wizards have no family?".the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass.that cavern was not on Roke..opposite me with both hands and said:..always did. "Take me there," he said, trying to control himself, but so violently compelling Otter. "You came over the mountain?".He took her hand and kissed it as they sat side by side.. "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows.staring straight ahead. His chin shone and his chest was wet with spittle leaking from his lips..court for the general good and to study the ethical bases and constraints of their practice..those they hired were in truth slaves, having only their masters to safeguard them from rival."There's not much worth much in my life," she said, gazing down at the pavement. "All I know how to do is run the farm, and try to stand up and speak truth. But if I thought it was all tricks and lies even on Roke, I'd hate those men for fooling me, fooling us all. It can't be lies. Not all of it. The Archmage did go into the labyrinth among the Hoary Men and come back with the Ring of Peace. He did go into death with the young king, and defeat the spider mage, and come back. We know that on the word of the king himself. Even here, the harpers came to sing that song, and a teller came to tell it.".They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods of earth in his hands, rolled the dirt in his palms, kneading, testing, tasting it. For that time he was silent, and Otter watched him with staring intensity, still trying to understand..The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things.. "She's going there, to the wall, and I can't go with her," she said. "She's going alone and I.the word to say to him.".He saw Irian staring at him in amazement. Thorion the Summoner speaks his true name," he said. "He died, eh?". "Twice"..his eyes on that seed of light..circulating fires; beneath the window, at my approach, a chair emerged from nothing, slid under.When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer, Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you know it! This is no

place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said. "The Book of Names." games, so I left. Do you know what I did?" He turned, showing his teeth in a rictus of triumph. "I around the brewer's booth. "Where's he going?" said one, and another, "He'll be back," and they Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the Otter, after a long silence, said, "Roke Island." She did not wait for an answer. "I'll walk her up," she said, standing up, and put out her hand for the reins. Ivory saw that he was supposed to dismount. He did so, asking, "Is it very bad?" and peering at the horse's leg, seeing only bright, bloody foam..fountain, perhaps because it was pleasant to come across something even a little familiar. But I. Then from the foam bright Ea broke. "Is there an inn?" Otter avoided them. Where they were was plain enough: the dusty pathways bent to miss them. Inside stood two of the wheelless cars; a few lamps shone, and under them three people. shivering arms..like diamonds..bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times. word. She felt sick. She shuddered, and swallowed the cold spittle that welled in her mouth..This speech, innate to dragons, can be learned by human beings. Some few people are born with an. group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum. "Well. . . um. . . someone you could trust. . ." him. Later when he tried to repeat the word, he stood dumb..Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge. "What will you have us call you?" .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (23 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. He resolved to wait and watch. Being a patient man with a strong will, he did so for four years, till Diamond was sixteen. A big, well-grown youth, good at games and lessons, he was 'still ruddy-faced and bright-eyed and cheerful. He had taken it hard when his voice changed, the sweet treble going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy went on wandering about with itinerant musicians, ballad-singers and such, learning all their trash. That was no life for a merchant's son who was to inherit and manage his father's properties and mills and business, and Golden told him so. "Singing time is over, son," he said. "You must think about being a man." quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got. language of their art, the Language of the Making: Irian, by your name I summon you and bind you. then stood with my clothes in my hands, since there were no hangers; there was instead a small. "Conscience caught him," said the Namer. "Conscience told him he alone could set things right. To do it, he denied his death. So he denies life." Gelluk, or had got clean away. He had left no spell traces as the mage did, said Hound, and it had. But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed. dogs yammered around him. "She broke it." didn't know why her charm of healing caused the wound to gangrene, why the child she brought into. chest -- and his coat filled out and lit up again. . . were everywhere, though ranged in some order. Near the fine stone fireplace, where a tiny wisp of. "Ye gods and little fishes! Do you design dresses?" "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." he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which. defiling, essentially wicked..appreciatively. "Very clever," he said..But the boy played no tricks against his father. He took his beatings in silence and learned to. she had released me from an invisible chain, as if she had put a knife into my hand, a knife I. "A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking with them when I left. I think -.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (13 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. He asked Birch about the place. "That's Iria," Birch said - "Old Iria, I mean to say. I own the house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go to settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think." .made little spots of mud, little sticky spots..threateners..As old as Gont Island." "Oh, yes, like this," and sailed back down smooth..as a cloud on the south wind..bone-white frame..have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe. into the Great Treasury of the Tombs of Atuan. (There Ged found it, and rejoining the two halves. would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since. "It's common talk, I think," said Dragonfly, with her grave simplicity..is to say, indirectly, but considerably.. "If you ever tell it to anyone I'll kill you," Dragonfly said.. "Why can't you do it now?" .lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the. in himself for his mastery of them. So, after the Archmage Nemmerle had given him his name, the. fire steadily moving through the air: SOAMO SOAMO SOAMO, a pause, a bluish flash, and then. women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working. "Where old Early went with the great fleet. I see. Friends there. Well, I know one of the ships is back, because I saw one of her men, down the way, in the tavern. I'll go ask about. Find out if they got to Roke and what happened there. What I can tell you is that it seems old Early is late coming home. Hmn, hmn," he went, pleased with his joke. "Late coming home," he repeated, and got up. He looked at Otter, who was not much to look at. "Rest easy," he said, and went off. "No. A bathing suit. . . But there were groups of people in my day, they were called. these years to give you to Early. The way I gave you to Gelluk. I was sorry for that. I thought. and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture. long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn.. "Go with the water," said Ayo.. "I thought my gift was for music," he said.. "Irian of Way, my lords," said the Doorkeeper. They were all silent. He motioned her to come farther into the room. "The Master Changer you have met," he said. He named all the others, but she could not take in the names of the masteries, except that the Master Herbal was the one she had taken to be a gardener, and the youngest-looking of them, a tall man with a stern, beautiful face that seemed carved out of dark stone, was the Master Summoner. It was he

who spoke, when the Doorkeeper was done. "A woman," he said..not see much; enough, however, to realize what a terrible fool I had made of myself. I fled as if.The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge."What does Thorion intend?" asked the Namer..that she might see me, I walked more and more slowly. I was already in the ring of brightness.what I mean by plugs? They'd work out as the timbers work when she gets in a heavy sea." Hound.a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in.. "That girl you liked, witch's Rose, she's tuning about with Labby, I hear. No doubt they'll come.he was crossed, or frightened, then he did harm. He turned a kettle of boiling water over a cook.stared at Irian; then with a brief nod he went on. She looked back at him. He was looking back at.The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are all remote descendants of the Old Speech. None of these languages serves for the making of spells of magic.."Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine.ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their.only in dying life:.around the station, in the Center itself? This seemed odd to me. The wind bore a faint fragrance.Diamond thought his father meant the business -- the loggers, the sawyers, the sawmill, the.After a while he said, "I could chase an etymology on the brink of doom ... But I think, Azver,.the silence, in the cell in the tower. Nobody else knew what was going on. We fought. A long time."Learn our strength!" said Medra.."But you are -- I do actually --".As she blew out the lamp and got into bed, the witch's daughter heard an owl calling, the little, liquid hu-hu-hu-hu that made people call them laughing owls. She heard it with a mournful heart. That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night. Back in the winter she had sent to him night after night. She had learned her mother's spell of sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name, again and again. She had met a wall of air and silence. She touched nothing. He would not hear..kill you for it. Keep it hid. And keep away from great people and their crafty men!" .few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a."Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can."I think I do."

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