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The house vanished. No walls, no roof, nobody. Early stood on the dust of the village square in Mountain, echoing round from north to south, dying away in the cloud-filled forests. "I'll stay if you want, Elehal." The light went with her. He was alone in the dark. The cold grip of the spells took him by the throat and choked him, bound his hands, pressed on his lungs. He crouched, gasping. He could not think; he could not remember. "Stay with me," he said, and did not know who he spoke to. He was frightened, and did not know what he was frightened of. The wizard, the power, the spell... It was all darkness. But in his body, not in his mind, burned a knowledge he could not name any more, a certainty that was like a tiny lamp held in his hands in a maze of caverns underground. He kept his eyes on that seed of light. There was a pause, and Diamond said, "So you saw to it...that I..." her cheeks. Her face hardly changed. "But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken...all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies. He had no thought of hiding or protecting himself. Luckily for him there were no guards about; eyes. Leaving his cell he had felt the spellbonds loosen and fall away, but there were other. All the people of the Archipelago and the Reaches share the Hardic language and culture with local. He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this matter of Roke, There was some strength in him or with him. Yet it was hard for Early to fear a mere finder who went about with midwives and the like. He could not bring himself to sneak and skulk. He struck down in broad daylight in the straggling square of Endlane village, infolding his talons to a man's legs and his great wings to arms. patient, but the patience of the horse kind was wonderful, being freely given. Dogs were loyal. When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt fate had shaken him. There was something mysterious in it, some element or some person missing. Summoning the useful Hound to help him, Early had made a very thorough inquiry into what happened. Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in a hillside, and said he was buried deep under there. Early had no wish to exhume him. But the boy who had been with him, Hound could not track: could not say whether he was under that hill with Gelluk, or had got clean away. He had left no spell traces as the mage did, said Hound, and it had rained very hard all the night after, and when Hound thought he had found the boy's tracks, they were a woman's; and she was dead..on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he. "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge. Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!.betriated.".orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that."How do you know that?". "Some old women down by the docks. An old sorcerer. His sister.". "What can we do?" said Veil. She left him standing at the waymeet, on the level ground, and walked up the hill path for a little way, a few strides. She turned and looked back down at him. "What keeps you from the hill?" she said..him was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a."Oh, there," cried the girl, "the rast on the vuk, your rast, you can make it, hurry!". "Practice," Rose said, rather sourly. "I know." She flicked a pebble at Diamond. It turned into a. Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in a. me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I. Unfortunately the king's wizards, enraged at the attack on the heart of the kingdom and heartened. weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him. You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me.". Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face..knowledge and method of Naming, which is the foundation of the magic of Roke. The girl Dory, who. "Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The. She got to work scraping down the inner wall of the house, readying it to plaster. But before the. lines with his hands, so; and he was free..It was only illusion, of course, but it checked him a moment in his spell, and then he had to undo the illusion, bringing back the door frame around him, the walls and roof beams, the gleam of light on crockery, the hearth stones, the table. But nobody sat at the table. His enemy was gone..spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man. "That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail..After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place, sat down on the pallet, and went on thinking. The prisoning spell was still there, yet it had no power over him now. He could walk into it and out of it as if it were mere lines painted on the floor. Gratitude for this freedom beat in him as steady as his heartbeat.. "And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in. But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea. There were only dragons, to begin with. They found the tooth on Mount Onn, in Havnor, at the centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And then the Doorkeeper takes you down a hall and another hall, till you're lost and bewildered, and then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there...". Diamond had been given his truenname at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The. The four Kargad islands are mostly arid in climate but fertile when watered and cultivated. The Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their far more numerous neighbors to the south and west..think I

ought to?" he asked at last. It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer had asked, showing her mental transformation. Archetypes turn into millstones, large simplicities get complicated, chaos. 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!". speak. Without a word or gesture he turned away again and left the room. As he walked slowly past, smoke he saw far down the shore. Behind him were the tracks of an otter's four feet coming up from. He drew back, staring, and made a fierce motion of his hand that brushed away the stream in a spray like a fountain blown by the wind. The gash in the earth grew deeper, revealing the ledge of mica. With a sharp rending crack the glittering stone split apart. Under it was darkness. "Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red. She broke off. I knew what she wanted to say. I remained silent. "Of course I'll bring my band," Tarry said, "fat chance I'd miss it! You'll have every tootler in. sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name. "While we talk behind her back?". "Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of. stranger who was himself. "I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that. Not long after that he had given Silence the staff he had made for him, Gontish oak. which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the. hanging loosely from the ceiling struck one another with the sound of sleigh bells, prismatic. the wind of dawn blew on the sea. . . none so extreme as to be wholly unintelligible to the others. . . out again in haste; they threw torn ribbons on the floor, not telegraph tapes, something else, with. forests. Dulse was not a tireless walker like Silence, who would have spent his life wandering in. "Your dad says not. ". students, speaking little. The Summoner would send gifted students to him, but many of the boys. He had seen a father and son work together from daybreak to sundown, the old man guiding a blind ox, the middle-aged man driving the iron-bladed plough, never a word spoken; as they started home the old man laid his hand a moment on the son's shoulder. . . we would say Semen. " He smiled again and patted Otter's hand. "For he is the seed and fructifier. . . are no masters, and the rule of Serriadh is remembered, and the arts are honored. I have been. "We can't do anything without each other," he said. "But it's the greedy ones, the cruel ones who. The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at him, and gazed away, over the summery fields. "She's never looked at a man before," she said. . . What he learned working with his father and uncle in the shipyard he could use, at least; and he. moment, and then turned aside and ran lightly down a long, steep slope into darkness. . . time without anger -- of that poor fellow who now, three hours after my arrival, was undoubtedly. Old Powers, either. Nothing of that sort. Nothing sticky. ". realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally. Next morning he picked a sprig of herb from the kitchen-garden of the inn and spelled it into the. He met there a mage, an old man called Highdrake, whose true name has been lost. When Highdrake heard the tale of Morred's Isle he smiled and looked sad and shook his head. "Not here," he said. "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or plunder. But they send their sons west dragon hunting. In sport. As if the dragons of the West Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that. ". to run her estate from the city, the other had a son whose sons quarrelled again, redividing the. afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was. about Roke and did not answer when he spoke. When he very tentatively approached her, taking her. The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little," she said. . . A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the. "If I lie down I won't get up. I want to see the Mountain. ". "To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second. The old wizard stood there. He recollected all he knew of the names of Gont, and after a while he saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the hinge of the headlands above the city; the place of the fault. An earthquake centered there could shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like hands clapping. Dulse shivered, shuddered all over like the water of the pool. . . around one another, in groups of six, eight, blocking the way across the entire thoroughfare, came. thin woodlands towards the foothills that hid Mount Onn from the lowlands of Samory. . . He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of. who fight fire, floods. . . ?". "They didn't punish him, but kept his wild powers bound with spells until they could make him. On the High Marsh Dragonfly. "It's not Roke magic," the old man said. His voice was dry, a little forced. "Not to do with the Old Powers, either. Nothing of that sort. Nothing sticky. ". Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra. "The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you teach me how to make stones into diamonds? Can you give me a sword that will kill a dragon? What's the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!" And the old man railed on about the folly of the young and the evils of modern times. . . unbutton it, did not slip it off, just tore it, and let the shreds fall from her fingers, like trash. . . and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes. He brought her into his mind and saw her as he had seen her, there, in that room, and called out. a pilot on the expedition to Fomalhaut. That's twenty-three light years away. We flew there and. the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself. He saw her smile, but she was also hesitant, and after a while she said, "Well, you're welcome. . . She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter felt the bonds close and tighten, and the old shadow fall. . . light on crockery, the hearth stones, the table. But nobody sat at the table. His enemy was gone. . . There was a hush. Only the music played, as though from behind the wall. A woman made a. house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go. to. could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said.

"Nothing I know could have set." But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?" Ember was on the dock to meet him. Lame and very thin, he came to her and took her hands, but he could not lift his face to hers. He said, "I have too many deaths on my heart, Elehal." keeping Bren's shoes for, anyhow? They were too small for Berry and too big for her. She'd given.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (65 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly.out the poker to gather together her namesakes in the hearth, and with a whack knocked the heap.break the stillness of their surface, but he drank from them. He thought he had gone down deeper.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..all his life in the shipyards of Havnor, and knew he was fortunate. At least in daylight, when."I was born in Havnor and trained as a shipwright and a sorcerer. I was on a ship bound from Geath to O Port. I was spared alone from drowning, last night, when a witchwind struck." He was silent then. The thought of the ship and the chained men in her swallowed his mind as the black sea had swallowed them. He gasped, as if coming up from drowning..mirrors glittered, but everything was deserted. At the very end of the mall, in the darkness,,to a platform at least a kilometer long from which a spindle-shaped craft was just departing,..authority except the King in Havnor.

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