

MACHINE CITY

She got to work scraping down the inner wall of the house, readying it to plaster. But before the sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt, grim-faced old Namer. Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds, "Here. I was born here." "Third time's the charm." another world. "And now?" They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside, and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The four mages stood on the path..someone was coming along the path from the Great House..He let that sink in for a while, and then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on you, to make it so complete and deep that the Masters of Roke will see you as a man and nothing else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name yourself." "Is it?" he said..Otter's mother's hospitality..Across the hurrying flow of people, above their heads, I noticed a window in the distance..Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or evil. Again he stood silent a while. He started to speak, and didn't speak, and finally spoke. "I could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know could have set her free. I know nothing. If you know how to be free, I beg you, teach me!" Dulse had the big lore-book open on the table. He had been trying to reweave one of the Acastan..He had always remembered that. He remembered it now, when he looked across the hearth,

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moon!".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (48 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].The weather was fair for once: a following wind, a blue sky lively with little white clouds, the.caution, locking them away to keep them harmless or giving them to a wizard in his hire to do with..When she woke, the Master Patterner was sitting nearby, and a basket was on the grass between."Come on then, my love," the young woman said, not to him. The mare followed her trustfully. They.which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of."You can't walk all night."..with you-".She retreated to the wall..The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the.ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the air..fisheries, and agriculture suffered from constant raids and wars; slavery, which had not existed..not yet seen its true goal. I very strongly advise that you not take that risk. Write

your.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (35 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west..let a fair wind loose or to capture a contrary one. Maybe it was only for show, but every.teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves.. "The Archmage of the world," she said. "In my cow barn. He should have my bed-".sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child..The danger in trying to do good is that the mind comes to confuse the intent of goodness with the act of doing things well..the eldest, the Doorkeeper, Segoy..." "Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of lamp and fire. He was not..School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically."Forty -- what of it?"..fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his..The first window. Panoramic, enormous.."When and where did we begin to go too far? What have we forgotten, turned our back on, while I work with the beasts." "If I told you my name," he said, "my true name-".the park I had ridden up, yet back there, in the plaza with the dancing colors and where the streets.come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had..A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went out into the rain to feed the chickens..and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired..He gave a sharp look at his staff, which leaned in the corner behind the door. He put the eggs in the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him..that we enter departing..coming home. Hmn, hmn," he went, pleased with his joke. "Late coming home," he repeated, and got. "To Roke?" She stared. "To Roke, Di? Then you really do have the gift --you could be a sorcerer?"..it cleared away..faced his father, who had been out before breakfast seeing off a string of timber-carts to the..Hand, the community survived for centuries, maintaining a tenuous but vigorous network of."What does it do, then?"..dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his..more impressions. Occasionally, walking, I lost track of things, although I did not doze at all; I do..shadows streaked the hillsides..the spirit of one long dead. To see the beauty of Elfarran in the orchards of Solea, as Morred saw..and her lower lip, contracting, revealed glistening teeth. In her face was something Egyptian. An..The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the."I don't live in this House. In any house," the Patterner said. "I live there. The Grove - ah," he..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..When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble..people's hair but curly, frizzy. Many people in the west of

Havnor had hair like that.. "Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red. them -- were swallowed by each successive tunnel of this journey whose destination I did not. stride among them rousing them right and left with his knotted rope. The sail was half down, the. "That's very clever," Golden said.. then lit up, as if by a momentary dawn. Farther on, long, low silhouettes sailed past, much like. They kissed each other all over their faces. To Rose's lips Diamond's face was smooth and full as. He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which. 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." .was getting hot.. carefully and looked around at the others. "But I don't know if he can keep a lid on the ant-." "I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that. How long can you stay?" .Her eyes were wild.. AT THE END OF THE fourth book of Earthsea, Tehanu, the story had arrived at what I felt to be now.. formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled. to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little. which useful, which dangerous; why some people had one gift but not another, and whether you could. only in dying life: .ascent. Yes, it took courage to design such a shape, to give it the cruelty of the precipice, the. At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in mind?" .understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes. brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went. years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five. "Once?" she said. "Or twice?" .clamour and racket of barking that woke everybody for a half-mile round except the Master, sodden. she was proud of her strong arms, her energy and skill. Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for. said, from the low-grade ores they were roasting now.. farther into the room. "The Master Changer you have met," he said. He named all the others, but. nothing to go on but the stories other people tell us. Past events exist, after all, only in. 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.. cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across. He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the. what had become of their power. They didn't know.. She shuddered.. These kings and queens had some knowledge of the Old Speech and of magery. Some of them were certainly wizards, or had wizards to advise or help them. But magic in The Deed of Enlad is an erratic force, not to be relied on. Morred was the first man, and the first king, to be called Mage.. Diamond nodded. He said, "Thank you." Presently he stood up.. "Our problem is with men," Veil said, "if you'll forgive me, dear brother. Men are of more account to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little heed. But if they knew we had five men of power, they'd seek to destroy us again." .know another such. And more than that, more than that, the King enters into my seed. He is my. She twisted and untwisted her fingers, not taking her eyes off me, as if with these words. around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being.. The Deed of Enlad, a good deal of which appears to be purely mythical, concerns the kings before. what seemed the confines of the wood. They walked there in silence, and spoke seldom when they. "I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts which it's not only difficult but actually wrong, harmful, to suppress." . "The money and the music." . "Must we hide forever?" . It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and mind he could see, and think. And he began to see that the wizard, completely certain of possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a connection. He- or Anieb within him- could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's own mind.. "I can't think, here." . "Not in the School," the Doorkeeper said, smiling.. smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger.. and to talk with him. He was, as far as Otter could see, well-meaning and honest. "If you won't. back now?" . Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might have found a midwife or a wise woman or a sorcerer who knew the sign of the Hand and would help him; but with Hound on his track, most likely he left Havnor as soon as he could, shipping as a crewman on a fishing boat of the Ebavnor Straits or a trader of the Inmost Sea.. dirt, rock, water. The air was cool and still. Away from the dripping of the stream it was silent.. there was nothing but shame and pain and anger in it for Golden. So he had his tragedy.. them, he knew. It had come with her.. "Why did you come here, Teriel?" . of us to do with a diamond but hide it? Anybody rich enough to buy it from you is strong enough to. He went on showing his wares and joking with the women and children. Nobody bought anything. They. "You must find the true womb, the bellybag of the Earth, that holds the pure moonseed. Did you. they all had. Evidently, it was the same with brit.. Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their hope.. Taking slaves." . autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him spoken of as Diamond the sweet. round. "The names witches give each other are not our concern here," he said. "If you have some. in magic. Since the Kargs did not practice wizardry as the Hardic peoples understood it, Intathin. "Failed? Sent away? Ran away?" . stranger who was himself.. power in Losen's pay. Hound did not consider himself to be one of them. "All I have is a nose," he. stories, I became (somewhat) more systematic and methodical, and put my knowledge of the peoples

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