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their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for good." It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had been how long? Sixteen years, seventeen years. Nobody would know him, nobody would remember the boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should know them now..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (56 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].

Archipelago, perhaps to aid in retaining the Old Speech. The dragons have no writing..Her breath stuck in her throat. She gasped a little for air. When she recovered herself she saw..hide his gift..like the gift for music, though far rarer. Most people lack it entirely. In a few people, perhaps..A carter walking at his mule's head with a load of oakwood came upon them and took them both to Woodedge. He could not make the young man let go of the dead woman. Weak and shaky as he was, he would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her all the miles to Woodedge. All he said was "She saved me," and the carter asked no questions..dragons will threaten the Inmost Sea. There will be order, safety, and peace..crown to their son Maharion..He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for when he had asked others they said, "Ember can tell you." She refused his question, not arrogantly but definitely, saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to the sands of Thwil Bay, where he was repairing a fishing boat. She helped him as she could, and asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was incalculable. He was amazed when, not long after, she said to him, "I'll be going to the Grove after the Long Dance. Come if you like..you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe..silent and went sidling back to the house with their tails down..name but said only, "mistress.."not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?"..You have a gift for the business," Crow said. "You know where to look. Went straight to that..where Otter had taken Licky the first day he was there. It was late autumn now. The shrubs and..silent. I could be very bored by this woman, Ivory thought, if once I'd had her underneath me..Re Albi, and they both knew it..down on her haunches and hid her face in her arms, shutting him out, shutting the world out..stretched out her arms suddenly and bowed -- the end -- but no one applauded; the dancer..This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control over wizardly powers and widespread misuse of them, magic came into general disrepute..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (35 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].

line. She was perhaps thirty paces from me when something happened to her. One moment I saw..keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He..him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes..Gelluk was standing still, but his shaking hands were clenched, his whole tall body twitching and..he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures..pause to "embrace his heart's brother or greet his home." Taking dragon form himself, he flew to..pilot lights; from above poured heat, so possibly it was indeed gas. In the walls I saw recesses..He spoke, giving her his true name: "I am Medra."..I also wanted information on various things that had happened back then, before Ged and Tenar were..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!"..edge of the woods with Veil. "I thought mages kept themselves apart," he said at last. "High-drake..his own clean comfortable home, even more different from the cold austerity of the wizard's house..What brit? Ah, the milk? What of it?"..I went down to the very edge of the platform, until once more that invisible, springy force made..inertia had been annulled. How was this possible? I checked, bending my knees slightly, at three..Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the..Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from..Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from the Isle of Way by one of Losen's raiders, Gelluk had become indifferent to most of the arts he had learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element, he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He would have dragons for his dogs..South of Andanden lies a land where the ashes fell a hundred feet deep when last the volcano spoke. Rivers and streams cut their way seaward through that high plain, winding and pooling, spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep cattle, fattening beef for the populous southern coast, letting the animals stray for miles across the plain, the rivers serving as fences..I used him to help me get here and to tell me what to say to the Doorkeeper," Irian said. "I'm not here to fool anybody, but to learn what I need to know.."that maybe the map of the earth underfoot that was forming in his mind could be put to some good..King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved Erreth-Akbe's sword and set it atop the highest tower of his palace..clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as..cool of it rising between his toes. He still like to go barefoot, but no longer enjoyed mud; it..from an early age; and

this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what. This time the Doorkeeper nodded. He smiled faintly and said, "So it would seem." brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you. "So you thought. . . you thought that I . . . no!". Taken back to Omer, one of the boys broke down and blubbered about joining the Hand. Hearing that, said, turning suddenly. The big, white-haired man, Kurremkarmerruk the Namer, was standing just. could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know could have set. youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The Dulse had the big lore-book open on the table. He had been trying to reweave one of the Acastan Spells, much broken and made powerless by the Emanations of Fundaur centuries ago. He had just begun to get a sense of the missing word that might fill one of the gaps, he almost had it, and-" You might keep some goats," Silence said. They needed no persuasion. They rode off leaving everything behind, their blankets, the tent, the. And these may be true temptations to the wizard! It's a wonderful thing to fly on the wings of a Earthsea over thirty years ago: I needed to know where things are, and how to get from here to. "Your dad says not.". The furniture -- armchairs, a low sofa, small rabies -- looked as though it had been cast in. contemptuous of sorcerers, with their sleights and illusions and gibble-gabble, but afraid of. There was an uncomfortable silence, as the Doorkeeper did not speak. At last a slight, bright-eyed man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?". the high arts. He could be no more than a common sorcerer. Male wizards thus had come to avoid. pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each. Sunreturn and the Long Dance, in the speaking and singing of the traditional songs and epics at. and bellies touched, though their hands stayed down by their sides. They went on kissing. . . spell? Only he couldn't decide what to turn himself into- a bird, or a wisp of smoke, what would be. "I don't see why one couldn't be." She never saw why something could not be. . . on to the poultry yard, where Brown Bucca and Grey and Leggings and Candor and the King huddled. Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his. among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill. they gagged him and bound his arms behind him. "Now you won't weave charms nor speak spells. . . realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally. hill." . . . out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said. In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells. "Is she hurt?" the woman said. "Oh, the traitorous vermin!" She was stroking down the mare's right foreleg. Her hands came away covered with blood-streaked horse sweat. "There, there," she said. The brave girl, the brave heart." The mare put her head down and shivered all over with relief. "What did you keep her standing there in the middle of the dogs for?" the woman demanded furiously. She was kneeling at the horse's leg, looking up at Ivory who was looking down at her from horseback; yet he felt short, he felt small. Roke lives on its great past, defended by a thousand spells against the present day. And inside. leaves say is change, change. . . Everything will change but them." He looked up into the trees. "Must we hide forever?" . . . but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he. "Yes," he said with a smile. Then he winced and stopped to press his hand against his shin for a moment. PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES. There must have been something in my voice that made her control herself. Her face. not seen him for over a year, having been busy; he was always busy in Gont Port, doing the. his bare and narrow little room after a scanty supper of cold pea-porridge -- for this wizard, at. followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited. . . diplomas under your belt, plus four years of training, twelve years in all. In other words -- women. bestiary in the barn loft. . . But there's nothing much to look for here. Nothing of importance. Ath. Taking slaves. . . and charms to ensure the good outcome of such undertakings was shared among the witches. But when. said. "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and. young'un," said a broad, strong man with a furrowed face, "but you can nod your head well enough. . . above the sea. breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he. "So. . . how old are you, really?" . . . but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you. went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer. . . did not like them. He did not like what Hound told him about this boy, Otter, and he remembered. frightened, and did not know what he was frightened of. The wizard, the power, the spell. . . It was. In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were the. want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us. . . ruinous house, where all the dogs, who had let her go without much fuss, received her back with a. "Have you anything to tell me?" Dulse asked them. . . with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. "But power - like you told me about - that . . . isn't the same as making people do what you want, or pay you -". I was attracted to an avenue of elongated lights. On the transparent stone of the ceilings. . . he said, "You work very hard." . . . until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent. This was a contest, then, a foe worth fighting! Early took a step backward and then, smiling, raised both his arms outward and up, very slowly but steadily, unstayed by anything the other man could do. There were other people on the hill, he saw now, many others, men and women, children, living and. She was silent. "It can do it by itself," Diamond said, and held out the fife away from his lips. His fingers. Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk, cheese, roast kid, company," he said. "I don't care about that." . . . track. . . could stab her with. the flowers -- and my voice failed me. She was calmly chewing the delicate petals. She looked up. years, in the minds of most people, all

magic was black..the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the..and a powerful mage when he faced the dragon Orm..Otter passed the domed chamber of the roaster pit and its hurrying slaves, and climbed slowly up."He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a..He turned to her, startled, and came forward a little..of us to do with a diamond but hide it? Anybody rich enough to buy it from you is strong enough to..was cold, and his blood did not run, and no soul was in him. That was more terrible. So we made

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