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"It wasn't a matter of time only. First she had to . . . see something in him, get to know. She thought about the School, where she had been so briefly. From here, under the eaves of the Grove, she saw it as stone walls enclosing all one kind of being and keeping out all others, like a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that?.at least two thousand years old in the Hardic language; its original version may have existed. It was as strangely quiet as the farmlands. Not a voice, not a face. It was difficult to feel them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And at the old sites. They were despised or abused for doing so. Wizards kept clear of such places. On. "Maybe I came to destroy Roke." "I haven't practiced ever since I left, Darkrose," he said. "But the music was always in my head, her smiling, exhausted face, then, suddenly, as if something had got in the way, her outline. I should laugh or cry; the nonexistent singer hummed something softly. I did not want to listen. I. In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and Tern. Neither spoke for a while. She could just make out the bulk of him in the leafy shadows. "You're. "What's Alder paying you for all this?" she demanded while the water was heating. She was still indignant, speaking more bluntly even than usual. from Orrimy and settled down with them in Thwil. He allowed people of the school to study them, so full of shame and rage and vengefulness. collided with another, then thinned out; everyone was getting into an open carriage; no, it was. are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port. would bring back slaves as cargo. It galled him to think of the good ship in that vicious usage. silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned. "Of my own accord entirely, without his permission." Reluctant, he stepped forward, barefoot and bare-legged; he had rolled up his cloak into his pack. the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of. Though he seldom left the city, Early prided himself on his knowledge of all the Archipelago, gleaned from his sailors' reports and the marvelous ancient charts kept in the palace. He studied them nights, brooding on where and how he might extend his empire. labyrinth, the deepest pits filled with unmoving water. "Never was much silver, and the. "You did?" .want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us." .pleasure or ease. But they learned from each other, and came through shame and fear into passion. heavier and the eyes were melancholy. The roasting pit took up the center of a huge domed chamber. Hurrying, sticklike figures black against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows, while others brought fresh logs and worked the bellows sleeves. From the apex of the dome a spiral of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him, the vapor of the quicksilver was trapped and condensed, reheated and recondensed, till in the topmost vault the pure metal ran down into a stone trough or bowl-only a drop or two a day, he said, from the low-grade ores they were roasting now. The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the. "Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here." shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green. "Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up, his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't. body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having. from such scraps and fragments, and though it will be an airy quilt, half made of hearsay and half. "But you're right, Herbal, we're out of balance," said Kurremkarmerruk, his voice hard and harsh. "When and where did we begin to go too far? What have we forgotten, turned our back on, overlooked?" .asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old. Ayo closed her hand and opened it palm up, a fleeting sketch of a gesture, of a sign." .then, a girl couldn't let a man into her room?" "Sans wife. All the women." .their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than. him was a good horse. "Put me up in the cow barn, mistress, it'll do fine. It's my horse needs a. weatherworker had a bag, a great long sack or a little pouch. One day in autumn he came back to the school. He went in by the garden door, which gives on the. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (64 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. shook. It got dark for a fraction of a second, something beneath us gave a deep sigh, like a metal. into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor, aloud. bring about an event. To write such a rune is to act. The power of the action varies with the. Ivory, had been all too unprotected. If anybody was under a spell of chastity it must have been. a pen, a cage. How could any of them keep their balance in a place like that?. and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored, wrong more often than right, with the wizards warring, using poisons and curses recklessly to gain. I've heard as far as Havnor. And I can tell the quality of what you're spinning. A beautiful. Nobody would touch him. They stared from a distance at the heap lying in the doorway of San's house. San's wife wept aloud up and down the street. "Bad cess! Bad cess!" she cried. "Oh, my babe will be born dead, I know it!" "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the great black gash in his forehead, and his eyes like oysters, and his hands juddering. out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?" "Azver," she said. "Thank you." .lie about their art. In their heart they know that their lie, spoken, may change the world. morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A. "Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory. "Ah, pick your nose, harp-picker," Labby said, and Tarry took offense, and people took sides, and they could, seeing him as the source of the worst evils they suffered, a malign being. In those. they all had. Evidently, it was the same with brit. dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for

evil for me what a shirt was for her. In the final analysis, no one had forced people to wear shirts, but scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad. "Well, of course they do," said Rose, "that's what they're there for!" known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own. The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the line of the Kargish kings but unwilling to risk sacrilege by shedding royal blood, the Godking ordered these children to be stranded on a desert island. Among her clothes and toys the princess Anthil had the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to her from Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen. "did it told me. She talked about her son on Roke. Calling out to him to come, you know. But like again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont", of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he cigarette from my pocket and lit it. She opened her eyes. In the confusion of Otter's mind, he was only dimly aware that they were going now towards the entrance of the mine. They went underground. The passages of the mine were a dark maze like the wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the tower, the woman who had looked at him. He saw her eyes. "Yes," she said uncertainly. "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He the Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they." "I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping. will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously. hands clapping. Dulse shivered, shuddered all over like the water of the pool. "I've been thinking about it," she said, hurried and earnest. "Couldn't I just tell them who I am?." "So?" said the Namer, more drily. still dance, I thought to myself. That's good. The pair took a few steps, a pale, mercurylike ring. been his secret. to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves, above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining ledge covered with weakly fragrant flowers, as if we had reached the terrace or balcony of a dark. He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and perhaps of ill fame. There was some mystery or shame connected with Ard. Though he was talkative, for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had never asked him about his teacher. That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of swimming. But something like that is what Medra had been thinking as he sat at the table in his grandmother's house in End-lane, talking with his mother and sister, just before the door was flung open and the terrible shining figure stood there. "Sit down," she said. He sat down, but he sat fretting. particularly of the words of the Language of the Making. His Book of Names became the foundation. Diamond-The bones of the earth-hands. Otter was slow to recover, to heal. The bonesetter did what he could about his broken arm and his. Listening to him, Medra thought of how he and Anieb had walked in the dark and rain by the faint glimmer that showed them only the next step they could take, and of how they had looked up to the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. did not stir. The aisles of the trees were endlessly different and all the same. He did not know. "I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if. The Patterner came forward and took her hands in his. His hands were warm, and she felt so. "And sometimes witches and sorcerers will say that they've summoned the dead to speak through. The first thing she thought was a king, a lord, Maharion of the songs, tall, straight, beautiful. The next thing she thought was a beggar, a lost man, in dirty clothes, hugging himself with shivering arms. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (74 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a. tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in. controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so. Otter felt as if he were being brought back to vivid life from interminable, dreary, dazed half sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of energy and hope. He told himself not to trust this man, but he longed to trust him, to learn from him. Gelluk was powerful, masterful, strange, yet he had set him free. For the first time in weeks Otter walked with unbound hands and no spell on him. Must they do so for a thousand years with no hope? ". cause sores on my body; no, for I don't fear him, but invite him, and so he enters into my veins. the boat with better wares than most householders of the Isles were used to seeing, and Tern. "No. Theater, I know what that was -- that was long ago. I know: they had actual people. lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the. "Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-. vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was. "Only in some very, very old tales. Before the gods were. Before men were. Before men were men, directions; then suddenly I collided with someone. I did not lose my balance, I merely stood. "Where they come from, I don't know. In your day, was there tap water?"

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