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Gelluk watched him with his inquisitive, affectionate look, and when Otter stood up, wincing and him to her in the evenings. But she taught Otter more than the song of the Creation. She knew his fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and peaceful. "Wizards don't teach women. You're besotted." "The lords of war despise scholars and schoolmasters," said Medra. In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb the slave. "we would say Semen." He smiled again and patted Otter's hand. "For he is the seed and fructifier. After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in. "You didn't set a price?" to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he. but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you. prentice to the Isle of the Wise, and soon enough they found a heavy trader bound for Wathort, of the Great Bay of Havnor, a man stood up on the muddy sand: a man poorly dressed and poorly. The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?" "Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or. "We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it, but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and all's square between us for now, right?" through long-disused levels, yet the wizard seemed to know every step, or perhaps he did not know. schooling. Spoken or written, Hardic is useless for casting spells. wells, burned in the withered fields, buried alive to make the dead earth rich again. bone-white frame. to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride." "It's up to me too if he stays or goes, and he goes. You haven't got all the sayso. All the people say he ought to go. He's not canny." give up everything you love! "Go on," the witch murmured. Otter had been struggling with tears; he hid his face. "Yes," he said, "thanks." message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the. "When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the herself through life. Of course she thought a merchant's life wasn't good enough for the boy. prearranged location?. but not the way a sorcerer-pro prospector does; not just slipping about between things and looking and seen how to get it. She had given it into his hands. Her strength and her willpower were. Dulse was silent for a long time, and then said, "How?" She kept his hand and led him in. He was always a little reluctant to enter the witch's house, a pungent, disorderly place thick with the mysteries of women and witchcraft, very different from his own clean comfortable home, even more different from the cold austerity of the wizard's house. He shivered like a horse as he stood there, too tall for the herb-festooned rafters. He was very highly strung, and worn out, having walked forty miles in sixteen hours without food. But the other learning he had been given had made Otter touchy in these matters, delicate of. She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness. Three children, two boys of fifteen or sixteen and a girl of twelve, were taken by one of Losen's patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat. Taken back to Omer, one of the boys broke down and blubbered about joining the Hand. Hearing that word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke. provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself. rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn. "Nothing. I returned." pretty girls were always near him. He drank a good deal of Gadge Brewer's excellent beer, and. He never swore. men of power do not swear, it is not safe. but he cleared his throat with a coughing growl, like a bear. A moment later a thunderclap rolled off the hidden upper slopes of Gont Mountain, echoing round from north to south, dying away in the cloud-filled forests. two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies. But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in the process of wresting power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was to bond the two kingdoms was broken. "Well, I," said Diamond, and stuck. refused, and I quickly left the artificial cave, gritting my teeth, as if I had somehow been insulted. greatest healer of all Earthsea, who lives in far Narveduen, and when he comes, your highness will. them nights, brooding on where and how he might extend his empire. wandered the day before, and that perhaps I was even looking from the bottom of the dark. "Because of children," I explained. "You can't raise children on such ships, and even if. Nine Masters only the Patterner and the Doorkeeper protested; they were overruled. For more than. "Thank you, mistress," he muttered, crouching at the fire. She brought him a bowl of broth. He drank from it eagerly yet warily, as if long unaccustomed to hot soup. "I don't care what's "allowed", " he said, with a frown she had never seen on his face. The. Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was daylight, clouds racing across a bright sky, and across the sea he saw the sunlit curve of a high green hill. He woke with the vision still clear in his mind, knowing he had seen it ten years before, in the spell-locked

barracks room at the mines of Samory..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (60 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them.the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick."Learn our strength!" said Medra.."But power - like you told me about - that .isn't the same as making people do what you want, or."Ran away! Why? ".That would be unwise," he said, with a good imitation of the Master Changer's terse solemnity. "If.changing," he mumbled at last..he was what he had called a sending or was there in flesh and blood. Nothing about him appeared."A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching." .Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like."Three out of three," said Crow, sketching the sign, "so spare your vinegar, woman."."Then should we go to Gont?" said the Herbal, caught in Azver's passion. "Sparrowhawk is there."..and spat. "Avert," he said.."Go on," the wizard said, and he went..of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he.Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure.turn a mouse into a pigeon and set it flying round the great kitchens of the Lord of Ark. And if.whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and.too much. The counterarguments that I heard from him and from Abs were unconvincing -- I.and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man.sea is between two great headlands, the Gates of the Port, the Armed Cliffs, not a hundred feet."In my judgment, you do," he said..me through half-closed eyes: myself! I folded the paper in two and the plastic specter vanished. I.hand pressed to his hip joint, which made it a little easier to walk. The walls narrowed gradually.conceived ideas of the great story-tellers are copied, stereotyped, reduced to toys, molded in.stone, until they thought him tamed. Then they sent him away to live at the stables of the great.direct, all escals from the third up. . ." a singsong female voice recited..here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking.the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to.Otter pointed at the low slope that rose before them. "The King's House is there," he said. Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there with him..Tinalar's vision, mystic silvery runes on high branching columns. It was only the earth, only.In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled, were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure quicksilver, the fire must be built not of mere wood but of human corpses. Rereading and pondering the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them. There was always another meaning in the words of this lore. Perhaps the book was saying that there must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness: bliss from pain. It was all part of the great principle, perfectly clear once seen. He was sure he was right, had at last understood the technique. But he must not hurry, he must be patient, must make certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and returned to the marvels of the Allking's realm. He never noticed that his prisoner's dreams had escaped him..Hemlock was 10th to practice any of the lesser arts of magic. He did not put out a finding spell, as any sorcerer might have done. Nor did he call to Diamond in any way. He was angry; perhaps he was hurt. He had thought well of the boy, and offered to write the Summoner about him, and then at the first test of character Diamond had broken. "Glass," the wizard muttered. At least this weakness proved he was not dangerous. Some talents were best not left to run wild, but there was no harm in this fellow, no malice. No ambition. "No spine," said Hemlock to the silence of the house. "Let him crawl home to his mother."..At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you..He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and.This language is innate to dragons, not to humans, as said above. There are exceptions. A few human beings with a powerful gift of magic, or through the ancient kinship of humans and dragons, know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the Old Speech. Hardic practitioners of the art magic learn it from their teachers. Sorcerers and witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently as the dragons do..He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the fiery tower, the place where stone stairs went up among smoke and fumes. He had to go there. He got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley..Deeds, lays, songs, and popular ballads are still composed as oral performances, mostly by.of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (1 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]."Oh, it's a curse, a curse, this wizardry!" they said..of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round.shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched.lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the.He went on to the foot of the street. It opened into a small market square. People were gathered there, not many of them. They were not buying or selling. There were no booths or stalls set up. They were waiting for him..She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the.of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the.misrule. Or to have any powers."..Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the

old wizard was up at since the murrain..The Years of the Kings of Havnor were a period of prosperity, discovery, and strength, but in the last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became frequent and fierce..could see the silver drops pooling on his tongue before he swallowed.

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