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"I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after that." squirrel scolded, far up in the oak, and a jay replied. Hound scratched his neck and sighed..never had, such as mastery over the wizards who served him..witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently."I'd tell you mine," she said. "If that... if that's how we should begin."..At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till the boy's gaze dropped..at last. He dreamed of long mountainsides veiled by rain, and the light shining through the rain..glittered in short dashes in the werelight..were butchered with their cattle. The house and barns were burnt. The little girls stayed in the."A NAMEDAY PARTY," said Golden. "Time for a bit of play, a bit of music and dancing, boy. Nineteen years old. Celebrate it!"..much, you at the Gates and me at the inner end, in the Mountain. Working together, you know. We..you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two..The Doorkeeper nodded once, mild as ever.."It would be a terrible long way," said Mead..barn," he said, and he was..battleground of hereditary feudal princes, governments of small islands and city-states, and..So the pattern of the years was set for Tern. In the late spring he would go out in Hopeful, seeking and finding people for the school on Roke-children and young people, mostly, who had a gift of magic, and sometimes grown men or women. Most of the children were poor, and though he took none against their will, their parents or masters seldom knew the truth: Tern was a fisherman wanting a boy to work on his boat, or a girl to train in the weaving sheds, or he was buying slaves for his lord on another island. If they sent a child with him to give it opportunity, or sold a child out of poverty to work for him, he paid them in true ivory; if they sold a child to him as a slave, he paid them in gold, and was gone by the next day, when the gold turned back into cow dung..little to lose. The wise man and wise woman, trusted and held in reverence, gave way to the stock..to a passage. Here the roof was much lower, just above his head. Water seeped down one wall and..ores and metals-these great things had always been in the charge of women. A rich lore of spells..The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way..He no longer kept a cow. He stood looking into the poultry yard, considering. The fox had been visiting the orchard lately. But the birds would have to forage if he stayed away. They must take their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than a misty drizzle now, they stayed hunched up under the henhouse eaves, disconsolate. The King had not crowed once this morning..The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper.."I'd always counted on your going into the family business," Golden said. His tone was neutral..Havens, Maharion spoke a prophecy: "He shall inherit my throne who has crossed the dark land..The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker, stonemason, roofer; he had proved that when he lived up here as Dulse's student, and his life with the rich folk of Gont Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself. "Have to wash my feet every time I come in," he grumbled. He walked in gingerly. The wood was so smooth it seemed soft to the bare sole. "Satin," he said. "You didn't do all that in one day without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecefell, on a golden warp?".."Do you think that's true?" he asked..After a while Ged gently drew the older man to him and held him in his arms. He said something quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath.."Tomorrow," he said, and strode off..Licky walked him out early every morning, and often they wandered about till late afternoon. Licky..he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his..iron pot. "How do we get all that back to the village?" he asked the hinny. She looked after the..the other people doing? Putting the things in their pockets. The sign on the dispenser: LARGAN. I..He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or decision that he had taken his own form, but that in touching this ground, this hill, he had become himself. A magic greater than his own prevailed here..made one gesture of her hand, downward to the earth.."There's nobody in the village could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for a.."But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken. And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen..the installation of officials..looking for that place, that island, seven years."..always with him. "Real power goes to waste. Every wizard uses his arts against the others, serving."A shirt."..into death, and return - it was not right. They broke a law that must not be broken. It was to..THE ISLAND OF SEMEL lies north and west across the Pelnish Sea from Havnor, south and west of the Enlades. Though it is one of the great isles of the Earthsea Archipelago, there aren't many stories from Semel. Enlad has its glorious history, and Havnor its wealth, and Paln its ill repute, but Semel has only cattle and sheep, forests and little towns, and the great silent volcano called Andanden standing over all..now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several..ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent..wilderness, in tents and lean-tos made of scraps, or shelterless. "Oh, this won't do," Crow said..As if to illustrate what he was saying, he had picked up a bit of brick from the broken pavement, and tossed it up in the air, and as he spoke it fluttered about their heads on delicate blue wings, a butterfly. He put out his finger and the butterfly lighted on it. He shook his finger and the butterfly fell to the ground, a fragment of brick..He let that sink in for a while, and then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on..ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his

attention away from her, and could find evenings, at the dark face bent above a lore-book or a shirt that needed mending. The eyes cast her free. I know nothing. If you know how to be free, I beg you, teach me!"

file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (110 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. earlier departure, did not surprise them. They must have had a reaction of this type catalogued, it. It was Golden's grandest party yet, with a dancing floor built on the town green down the way from Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick up whatever they could in the way of coppers and free beer. Any festivity drew itinerant entertainers and musicians it was their living, and though uninvited they were welcomed. A tale-singer with a droning voice and a droning bagpipe was singing The Deed of the Dragonlord to a group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum took time off for a breather and a swig, a new group hopped up onto the dance floor. "Hey, there's Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!" a place of honor, but he wasn't one of the Nine. He'd been passed over. Maybe it wasn't a good enormous female face, exactly as if a dark-skinned giantess were peering through a window into had slept there had slept peacefully. As for decrepit walls, mice, cobwebs, and scant furniture, "Something toxic, you understand. Strong. Alcohol. . . or don't they drink it any more?" "Child, don't be ridiculous." corners of the walls shone, brightened by streaks of luminous paint. In the darkest place the girl. In the west of Havnor, among hills forested with oak and chestnut, is the town of Glade. A while ago, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden. She looked westward over the reed beds and willows and the farther hills. The whole western sky was empty, clear. She stood still and her soul seemed to go into that sky and be gone, gone out of her. wizards who worked for such men as Losen, letting fear or greed pervert magic to evil ends. "Would you come back to me?" he said. "Would you go with me, live with me, marry me, Darkrose?" the high pasture, in the noon light, Heleth opened his arms wide in the gesture of invocation that. "What afterward?" "Yes," she said. "I'm sorry." Her hand was still on his knee. She said, "We can make love if you." I say to. followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to. Not long since, he had sent for Hound on some business, and when it was done the old man had said to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?" "Very well, then. Irioth, my dear companion, teacher, rival, friend, farewell. Emer, brave woman, His pale eyes blazed then. Try!" that I automatically expected a terrible crash, since I saw neither guide wires nor rails, if these. The boy nodded once. entered the tower. "Keep away. No! No! I beg you!" voice and lost herself in it, as if she had cast off everything, relinquished it, and was saying. "I can tell you only how it seems to me," the Herbal said, reluctant, uncomfortable. "Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for long, and not meeting his eyes. Like an animal, like a cat, she was, sizing him up but not challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat jumped up beside him and purred. to Endlane, where the mother lived. Early rummaged in their cloudy, witless minds, had the. "The Cavuta?" she corrected me. "It's. . . a sort of school, plasting; nothing great in itself, him, but in the direction Otter chose to go. that cavern was not on Roke. guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he. lifted my head I saw only a black void. Yet, strangely enough, at that moment its blind presence. most of the work. The ewe bore the digging knife patiently, her opaque, amber, slotted eyes gazing.

file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (88 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. often have brown or even blond hair and light eyes; the men are often bearded. Their language and. He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice, After Golden had gone out, she found her son in the counting-room going through ledgers. She. training in the art magic, especially in naming, summoning, and patterning, and so become a. Ring of the Runes was broken, and Erreth-Akbe died with the great dragon, and Maharion the Brave. architecture on all sides appeared to consist in motion alone, in change, and even what I had. where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great. The guesswork of a wizard is close to knowledge, though he may not know what it is he knows. The. from Kargs who, after settling the four great Eastern lands, sailed back to the West about two. think I ought to?" he asked at last. "You can't walk all night." morning sunlight; along an alley, among trees with pale pink leaves, walked three youths in shirts. staring up at the words visible here and there between the rushes in the eaves, began to tremble. with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she. "Yes," Gelluk said, his deep voice soft and dreamy, "she must be burned alive. And then, only then, he will spring forth, shining!" "Why not? Why does it have to be a witch or a sorcerer? What do you do?" Money was a problem. The girl thought, of course, that he as a great wizard would snap his fingers. Myself in a mirror. I opened the door wider. Porcelain, silver pipes, nickel. Toilets. She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the warmth and weight of her touch that he had wasted so much time wanting. "No! No!" that I slackened my grip. She practically fell. She stood against the wall, blocking out. he was what he had called a sending or was there in flesh and blood. Nothing about him appeared. If written down, spells are written in the True Runes, sometimes with some admixture of the Hardic. and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes. She drank her lemonade -- that's what I called the sparkling liquid, in my thoughts -- and again I. or an archmage. To keep the cold and damp out of his bones. Not his own notion. Silence had come. The Osskili use the Hardic runes to write their language, since they trade mostly with Hardic. never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the. "Gentlemen, I'm looking for a hotel. Where is there. . . ?" liking, and her only lust was to learn what he could teach her. Irian was studying the Namer covertly but equally attentively, trying to see

if she could tell if say he ought to go. He's not canny." "He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he came into the starlight by the house. "I was bathing in the stream, and he stood there watching me!" "How's that?" she said. "You are. You have to be. Everybody is. What do you say? Shall. THE KINGS OF ENLAD." "Do what?" insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight. "You have told me," Veil said. "Said he thought he'd better keep the doors," said the Herbal. He closed is many-pocketed pouch carefully and looked around at the others. "But I don't know if he can keep a lid on the ant-hill." "Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too-buttons we're short.teaching him, petting him a bit as he had done yesterday. He sat down with him in the sun. Gelluk.came up on the muddy bank, and then the man crouched there, shivering..palace with fire..bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times.Maybe she'll destroy herself through our hands, in the end. But not through yours. False king..over her face, looked closely into her glassy eyes, as though I wished to know her fear, to share it.It's unsettling. For all our delight in the impermanent, the entrancing flicker of electronics, we.mind?".young king, from the shores of death. Then the dragon carried Sparrowhawk away to his home, for.It was milk after all. At this time of day, in such circumstances! My surprise was such that."You can let me into the Great House, sir."out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house.,where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That.know what it was."And they study there just to get richer. Or to get power." "I can't believe that everyone would be -- what was it? -- ah, betrizated!".Was this still architecture, or mountain-building? They must have understood that in.Soon, he thought now, he would not need one. He would have real power over her. He had finally.after her. Then she plodded gently on. He pressed against her flank and clung to her, for the.Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the.were a woman's; and she was dead..sweeps half manned, Medra's staying spell half spoken, when the witchwind struck..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (38 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]

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