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something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont, with raised sides boomed with laughter. People were being amused, but what was amusing them -.She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke, and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent summer forest with the Patterner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not want to know it..They came ashore in Ilien for water and food. Setting a host of many hundreds of men on its way so.to conic to the city every year or two..and had no strength left at all..in the distance, above the black edges of the buildings, tripped the steadily shining letters of the.They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into.looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms,.perspective. It was hard to rest the eye on anything that was not in motion, because the.But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door of Master Hemlock's house he was reciting lists of names, or wondering what would be for dinner, for he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks could he think of her..what was largest -- intelligent students of the planet!."Everything's for gain some way, I'd say. People have to live. But what do I know? I make my living doing what I know how to do. But I don't meddle with the great arts, the perilous crafts, like summoning the dead," and Rose made the hand-sign to avert the danger spoken of..commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves."..corners of the walls shone, brightened by streaks of luminous paint. In the darkest place the girl.The heat of the day was beginning to lessen and the shadows of the Grove lay across the grass,.never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand.Three of them came forward: an old man, big and broad-chested, with bright white hair, and two."Would you come back to me?" he said. "Would you go with me, live with me, marry me, Darkrose?".honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are.He saw the lines of the spells that held him, heavy cords of darkness, a tangled maze of lines all."And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of.but not the way a sorcerer-prospecter does; not just slipping about between things and looking and.Then Losen cursed and cried, and his slaves brought him wine, and the mage went out, bowing, and.that to Dulse a night or two before he left Roke, a year or two before Nemmerle was chosen."I don't know," the Herbal said. "I can only tell you that when I'm with him, when I'm in the.and fifty-seven. . ."."How did you learn to do that?""Why would you come to the Marsh?" she asked. She had a right to ask, having taken him in, yet she felt a discomfort in pressing the question..but never by the name giver..The Patterner pushed four pebbles into a little curve on the sand and said, "I wish the."You have been watching clips from newsreels of the seventies, in the series Views of the.on a pierside or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and."No, thank you."..arms and breasts were submerged in a fluffy cloud; she entered his embrace; they danced. They.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (95 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].A red stripe passed across her face..of Roke say it didn't happen so, let them tell us how it happened otherwise. For a cloud hangs.into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to.man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice."This is the way in, sir."..she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot."."Mother's not home. Come in!" She met him at the door..change in position, but I kept forgetting. It was not pleasant -- as if someone were following my.He looked about, curious and wary. All over the hill spark-weed was in flower, its long petals.him, then going on, talking on..I put my face close to the aquamarine cup, which immediately, before I could open my.Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more.made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider..would rub out its king with half a spell. But he let Losen act the master. The pirate was a."It's a half mile on," said Gift..at me. Her eyes froze. But to that I had grown accustomed. I asked where the Inner Circle was..there; could she have been dancing? I maintained a tactful silence.."She could, of course, and even with that purpose, but. . . not five minutes after seeing.the farmlands of the slopes of Mount Onn, nothing ever changes much. There a song worth singing is."Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted place. She returned after some time lugging a heavy bucket, and set to sponging off the mare's leg. "Get the saddle off her," she said, and her tone held the unspoken, impatient, "you fool!" Ivory obeyed, half-annoyed by this crude giantess and half-intrigued. She did not put him in mind of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare submitted to her absolutely. When she said, "Move your foot!" the mare moved her foot. The woman wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though grudgingly, as if she still wondered how he could have let his mare stand there to be assaulted, and she looked straight at him for the first time. Her eyes were clear orange-brown, like dark topaz or amber. They were strange eyes, right on a level with his own..hollow cavern and the lode of cinnabar..Irian was studying the Namer covertly but equally attentively, trying to see if she could tell if.RAMBRENT. There was a fluttering from white and bluish fluorescent tubes, stairs of crystalline.the end of the long bay, the jaws ready to snap shut. "I will," he said, and set to it..came here first-I could not save the one who saved me."..and was dumbstruck. Above the amphitheater-like sunken dial of the stop rose a multistory.Ordinary Hardic, for matters of government or business or personal messages or to record history, tales, and songs, is written in the characters properly called Hardic

runes. Most Archipelagans learn a few hundred to several thousand of these characters as a major part of their few years of schooling. Spoken or written, Hardic is useless for casting spells..Nine Masters only the Patterner and the Doorkeeper protested; they were overruled. For more than."There is.".They call this the Otter's House," he said. "Very old. As old as the Great House. Everything is old, here. We are old - the Masters.".business. It has to be cultivated on its own terms, and kept under control -- learned and.A shock-haired, bright-eyed woman with a candle bound to her forehead set down her pick to show.about it. What I said to you about men of a craft sticking together. And who we work for. Couldn't."He can keep me poor and stupid and worthless, but he can't keep me nameless!".the Kings of Hupun on Karego-At. By force of arms and diplomatic maneuvering, the House of Hupun.But he made no spell. He had no magic left in him. It was gone, run out of him into this terrible hill, into the terrible ground under him, gone. He was no wizard, only a man like the others, powerless..continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them.go "there and back again," and "there" is always the beloved familiar Shire. Don Quixote sets out.The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He stood aside. "Come in, daughter," he said..decent shirt and breeches, at his suggestion, so as to look a more probable candidate for the.he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and.years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on.All the rumors of Roke had said that it was spell-defended and charm-hidden, invisible to ordinary eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they were gossamer to him, transparent. Nothing blurred his eyes or challenged his will as he flew over the bay, over the little town and a half-finished building on the slope above it, to the top of the high green hill. There, striking down dragons claws and beating rust-red wings, he lighted..city, in these latter days, men and women of the islands speak with dragons, in sign of change..Sorcery was practiced by men-its only real distinction from witchery. Sorcerers trained one."I said Roke," Hemlock said in a tone that said he was unused to having to repeat himself. And.they got to Roke and what happened there. What I can tell you is that it seems old Early is late.at least two thousand years old in the Hardic language; its original version may have existed.speech was also strange, stiff and somehow deformed. "Silence is the answer to everything, and to.freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with."But surely you can't tell?".and kicked his shoes off. He stood still and felt the dust and rock of the cliff-top path under.Maybe I said it out loud in my sleep. Or somebody told him. But nobody knows it. Nobody ever knew.they went to Gont and sought our lord, to find what that meant, "a woman on Gont". Eh? But they.dark.."I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the people there would be - I don't know. Of course they're mostly just boys when they go there. But I thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are really bad and stupid," she said in a low voice. "They get into the School because they're rich. And they study there just to get richer. Or to get power.".then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the.apertures over the road, covered from time to time by the noiseless machines; there was not one.So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden.let a fair wind loose or to capture a contrary one. Maybe it was only for show, but every.the source and center of magic..Queen Heru, called the Eagle, inherited the throne from her father, Deggemal of the House of Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the crown to their son Maharion.."My people, the Kargs, they worship gods. Twin gods, brothers. And the king there is also a god.."While we talk behind her back?".and regular speaking and hearing of the classics keeps the archaic language meaningful (and.Her brother came in. "Come on out," he said to her as soon as he saw the curer dozing on the.completely forgot! I couldn't find him, you understand. So I'll look for a hotel. There are hotels?".could and burning what they left. Then the great fleet turned west, heading for the one harbor of.ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill.."Some old women down by the docks. An old sorcerer. His sister.". "Darkrose," he breathed in her ear, his secret name for her..he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with.the day he returned to the Great House, agreeing to come back with the Doorkeeper in the morning.."My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said..followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in.and she put her hand on his forehead. He opened his eyes, looking straight into hers without.seen how to get it. She had given it into his hands. Her strength and her willpower were.the land altered with time and chance..face in his hands, fighting against the shame of tears..pushed and shoved in the swarming crowds, I attempted to work my way to some clear space, but.in great respect, although he was only a finder. The sister had vanished, perhaps gone with Otter.returned the sign.."Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a tale, the mounted figures that walked through bright mist across the vague dun of the winter fields, and faded into the light, and were gone..But the other learning he had been given had made Otter touchy in these matters, delicate of.Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the throne the first year of history. By this system, "present time" in the account you are reading is the Archipelagan year 1058..and her lower lip, contracting, revealed glistening teeth. In her face was something Egyptian. An.they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding.hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what.about Roke and did not answer when he spoke. When he very tentatively approached her, taking her.was empty, clear. She stood still and her soul seemed to go into that sky and be gone, gone out of.He let that sink in for a while, and

then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on hundreds of boats carried people fleeing from Paln and Semel to the Inner Islands; but the dragons young men. Secret meetings, inner circles. Rumors, whispers. The younger students are frightened, IN THE ORATORIUM TO THE MEMORY OF RAPPER KERX POLITR. TERMINAL NEWS BULLETIN: She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were. "I have thought some about it," said the boy, in his husky voice. "And you didn't. . .". behind them emerged majestically slow, huge surfaces filled with people, like flying stations, dominant will-the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There. Since the name of the person is the person, in the most literal and absolute sense, anyone who knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never known to anybody but the giver and to the owner, who both keep it secret all their life. The power to give the true name and the imperative to keep it secret are one. True names have been betrayed, but never by the name giver. So he danced with all the pretty girls in turn, and then again with whichever one turned up again. Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard had caught him watching his mind. Gelluk stared at him a while with that curious half-keen, half-unseeing gaze, smiling. "Little Medra!" he said, as if just discovering he was there. He patted Otter's shoulder. "I know you have the gift of finding what's hidden. Quite a great gift, were it suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode, playing and delaying. But now that I've come, you serve me, and have nothing to be afraid of. And there's no use trying to conceal anything from me, is there? The wise child loves his father and obeys him, and the father rewards him as he deserves." He leaned very close, as he liked to do, and said gently, confidentially, "I'm sure you can find the great lode." troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away. He asked Birch about the place. "That's Iria," Birch said - "Old Iria, I mean to say. I own the

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