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The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to indignant, speaking more bluntly even than usual. She did not know what he meant, but did not ask, preoccupied: "You say he makes me his reason for you to meet together." 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?" burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to conic to the city every year or two. Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village witch's son from inland Havnor. The most beloved hero of the Archipelago, his story is told in The Deed of Erreth-Akbe, which bards sing at the Long Dance of midsummer. "Say it, then." but he was gone. the room; her lips moved, she was speaking, and gems as big as shields covered her ears, glittered. years before? then. "When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being." "How does he hold them all?" the Namer said. "Herbal, you were here when Sparrowhawk and Thorion. my side and was smiling as before. It was not merely an external smile of official politeness, a. He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which. Ayo closed her hand and opened it palm up, a fleeting sketch of a gesture, of a sign. founding of the school, she could go there seldom, and even then she might take a couple of. "Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her hands in the salt water. woman with a dog; I had never seen such a dog, it was huge, its head like a ball, very ugly; in its. Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and. laid out six copper pennies in it, one by one. "Now then! That's fair and square!" he said. "I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what. any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of. HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and. been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to. "Fragments," Crow said, dismissing his life's work. "Remnants!" He laid his hands on the seam of earth, but there was no power in them. "No. It isn't the High Art. It isn't the True Speech. A wizard mustn't soil his lips with common words. "Weak as women's magic, wicked as women's magic," you think I don't know what they say? So, why did you come back here?" "She could, of course, and even with that purpose, but. . . not five minutes after seeing. enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, hands clapping. Dulse shivered, shuddered all over like the water of the pool. She thought of Old Iria village, the marshy spring under Iria Hill, the old house on it. She. using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though, mage-warlords of Wathort raided Roke, and killed almost all the grown men of the island. But the. Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was. She said nothing, but breathed very warm in his ear, and he moaned. His hands clenched hers. He drew back a little. She drew back. They sat back on their ankles. "I do not know my other name," she said. She spoke as he had spoken, as she had spoken to the Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak. long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name. as much to do with it as his father expected? Maybe he'd find out when he grew up. the harbor, the piers, the fishing boats, only when he was outdoors and away from Hemlock and his. TWO. The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at. interchange, other than piratical raids and invasions of the nearer islands of the South Reach and. pleased her, tonight. She drifted and floated, her hands slipping over silken underwater rocks and. the old man laid his hand a moment on the son's shoulder. "Bringing them a student - yes. A student of great gifts!" "Learn our strength!" said Medra. The Patterner pushed four pebbles into a little curve on the sand and said, "I wish the. So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists. Then they were all silent. them? Why did they come here, if they won't work with us?" Golden grunted, unimpressed. them," she said. "I've often wondered why I let the boy in," said the Doorkeeper. "Now I begin to understand." I had the faint hope that it was only because of my height. did the same. On it, I noticed a giant stationary sign burning in the air: DUCT CENT. The rest of. earlier departure, did not surprise them. They must have had a reaction of this type catalogued, it. passengers to Roke. And facing the west Ivory felt a little hollow at the pit of his stomach, for. "But, then, we hardly know each other," she said. She was freer, it seemed. She smiled. eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining. He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it. His dreams of her were never of her yielding to him, but of himself yielding to a fierce, destroying sweetness, sinking into an annihilating embrace, dreams in which she was something beyond comprehension and he was nothing at all. He woke from those dreams shaken and shamed. In daylight, when he saw her big, dirty hands, when she talked like a yokel, a simpleton, he regained his superiority. He only wished there were someone to repeat her sayings to, one of his old friends in the Great Port who would find them amusing. "I have the cheese money," he repeated to himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked her ear. sung spells. "The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of. The music started up, distant, blurred by wind and the murmur of the river running. would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance. himself. It did

not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no."Sans wife. All the women." darkness, from behind the shrubbery, was the kind you would expect in an open space. Here.,Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his breeches at the calf, and a trickle of blood came through..Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in Havnor Great Port, Roke has remained without an archmage. It appears that this office, not originally part of the governance of the school or of the Archipelago, is no longer useful or appropriate, and that Ged, whom many call the greatest of the arch-mages, may have been the

last..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (101 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it..an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the.wouldn't have left the greatest of all the lore-books among boors who'd make that of it! Take us.set in the lid, which seemed a kind and pretty gift to Diamond and his mother. But Golden was a.So he cherished his free hours as if they were actual meetings with her. He had always loved her, but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even when he was down on the docks thinking of her, he was alive. He never felt entirely alive in Master Hemlock's house and presence. He felt a little dead. Not dead, but a little dead..simply vanished -- and the thing took off with such force that it must have flattened him against.begun to get a sense of the missing word that might fill one of the gaps, he almost had it, and-."How do you do that?" she asked..Often her mind here seemed empty of thought, full of the forest itself, but this day memories came to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he had found a ship to take him back to Havnor. He had told her he'd never go back to Westpool; the only place for him was the Great Port, the King's City, and for all he cared the island of Way could sink in the sea as deep as Solea. But she thought with love of the roads and fields of Way. She thought of Old Iria village, the marshy spring under Iria Hill, the old house on it. She thought about Daisy singing ballads in the kitchen, winter evenings, beating out the time with her wooden clogs; and old Coney in the vineyards with his razor-edge knife, showing her how to prune the vine "right down to the life in it"; and Rose, her Etaudis, whispering charms to ease the pain in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from remembering her father, but the motion of the leaves and shadows drew it on. She saw him drunk, shouting. She felt his prying, tremulous hands on her. She saw him weeping, sick, shamed, and grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch. He was less to her than the mother she had not known.."Don't be afraid," Gelluk said, his voice strong and musical over the panting gasp of the huge bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself pure, making his subjects pure!" He drew Otter to the edge of the roasting pit. His eyes shone in the flare and dazzle of the flames. "Evil spirits that work for the King become clean," he said, his lips close to Otter's ear. "As they slaver, the dross and stains flow out of them. Illness and impurities fester and run free from their sores. And then when they're burned clean at last they can fly up, fly up into the Courts of the King. Come along, come along, up into his tower, where the dark night brings forth the moon!".mouth, and stood waiting to die. She had looked at him..He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind..altogether. . . I was just going when you sat down."..nothing but bone and shadow. As Tern came close she tried to sit up and to speak. Her daughter.chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a."Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or.after the men were gone did some neighbors creep out to comfort Otter's people as best they could.."What do you mean, what of it? Was there. . . no brit?".At.."We do not teach women here," said the Windkey. "You know that."..unyielding. Diamond had no idea what opinion Hemlock had of him, and guessed it to be pretty low..there in his small, brave, brief humanity, his mortality, defenseless. She drew a long, long.After a while she heard the latch rattle. The door opened. An ordinary-looking middle-aged man stood there. "What can I do for you?" he said. He did not smile, but his voice was pleasant..done nothing without your daughter," he said.."I'm Gift," she said, a bit flustered, but liking the fellow. "All right, then, Master Hawk. Put your horse up and see to him. There's the pump, there's plenty of hay. Come on in the house after. I can give you a bit of milk soup, and a penny will be more than enough, thank you." She didn't feel like calling him sir, as she always did the curer. This one had nothing of that lordly way about him. She hadn't seen a king when she first saw him, as with the other one..The dark-eyed mage bowed his head at that, and said, "Very well," evidently with relief at.Island."..with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked.."Yes. When there are. . . two of you."..It struck with one huge thunderclap out of sudden utter blackness and wild rain. The ship pitched like a horse rearing and then rolled so hard and far that the mast broke loose from its footing, though the stays held. The sail struck the water, filled, and pulled the galley right over, the great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their benches, barrels of oil breaking loose and thundering over one another-pulled her over and held her over, the deck vertical to the sea, till a huge storm wave struck and swamped her and she sank. All the shouting and screaming of men's voices was suddenly silent. There was no noise but the roar of the rain on the sea, lessening as the freak wind passed on eastward. Through it one white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north..The staff swayed, was still, shivered again..Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that..ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and.The air was darkening around them. The west was only a

dull red line, the eastern sky was shadowy above the sea.."You don't look like a man," he said. Her face fell. "Not to me. You'll never look like a man to."And we're out of buttons," Tern said. He was cheerful; as soon as he had thought of Pody he knew.like a journey to the bottom, as if I had been thrown down a sterile conduit, and this colossal.out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house,.know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the.I put out my cigarette..darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high.The air was darkening around them. The west was only a dull red line, the eastern sky was shadowy.always took her by surprise. She said nothing..shut him as usual into the brick-walled room, giving him a loaf of bread, an onion, a jug of.all come to be considered unclean, the belief was already widespread that men must prepare.Religion was a unifying element even among the most warlike tribes. There were hundreds of Truce.Maharion and Erreth-Akbe became "hearts brothers." They spent ten years together fighting the.Maybe that's what the Masters are afraid of. Maybe celibacy isn't as necessary as the Rule of Roke.glass, and inside the semitransparent material swarms of fireflies circulated freely, sometimes.Sail home to the houses of the sunrise, Hasa..kind of egg-shaped cocoon. A few other people disappeared into such cubicles. Swollen."No, it's impossible," I insisted. "What about people with dangerous jobs? After all, they.above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining.He had not heard of that island, and asked, "What's there?".more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had.Curious manners, I thought. But, then, if that's what's done. . .narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the.Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the passage..and would protect her. Then he followed another woman meekly enough. He put on dry clothing she.thick grey hair flowed loose about his face. "I know you found that little patch for them to dig..THE DARK TIME, THE HAND, AND ROKE SCHOOL.Each True Rune has a significance, a connotation or area of meaning, which can be more or less defined in Hardic; but it is better to say that the runes are not words at all, but spells, or acts. Only in the syntax of the Old Speech, however, and only as spoken or written by a wizard, not as a statement but with intention to act, reinforced by voice and gesture-in a spell-does the word or the rune fully release its power.."You never saw a shirt? Sort of, well, clothing. Made of nylon." "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".They both looked at me. Their faces, when they raised them, took on a startled expression..Money was a problem. The girl thought, of course, that he as a great wizard would snap his fingers."Isn't it?".Two long curves appeared on the Doorkeeper's cheeks, enclosing the slow upturn of his smile. The.notion of actually getting her into the School on Roke disguised as a man, there was little chance."Oh I see," Rose said after a moment. "But I don't see why you ran away.". "But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery..had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years,

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