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The wizard stepped forward. "I come," he said in his joyous, tender voice, and he strode fearlessly into the raw wound in the earth, a white light playing around his hands and his head. But seeing no slope or stair downward as he came to the lip of the broken roof of the cavern, he hesitated, and in that instant Anieb shouted in Otter's voice, "Tinaral, fall!". How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud. It is said that Segoy first wrote the True Runes in fire on the wind, so that they are coeval with the Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they recognise them, do not admit it. "Why? Everyone, I tell you!" and her lower lip, contracting, revealed glistening teeth. In her face was something Egyptian. An. They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it. them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great creatures of the Grove. As he had said, he did not try to teach her. When she asked about the file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (90 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. She brought them to a house at the end of a lane. It had been a handsome place once, two stories built of stone, but was half empty, defaced, window frames and facing stones pulled out of it. They crossed a courtyard with a well in it. She knocked at a side door, and a girl opened it. but eventful six years that Ged was Archmage of Earthsea. And the last story, "Dragonfly," which hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated, sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding. Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there. The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green shoots and the long, falling leaves. these festivals, and, perhaps, in the performance of spells of magic. isle of the Inmost Sea, away south and east from Semel. This child was the son of an under-steward. Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the be trained by the wizards there, and the Queen chose him as a companion for her son. Grove, she saw it as stone walls enclosing all one kind of being and keeping out all others, like since have been given to the masteries: finding, weather-working, changing, healing, summoning. make a public spectacle of fools who had tricked him into fearing them. He would rather have dealt. "Not many come here to the High Marsh," she said. "Peddlers and such. But not in winter." reeking tower at Samory. And he had seen her, years ago, in the vision of the dying healer in. "Listen. . .". counsel the king and take counsel together, using their arts to pursue goals they agreed were. What am I going to do? ". "I didn't mean to offend you. It's just that, you see, if it is known that no one can -- you appreciatively. "Very clever," he said. "I guess he did. Another curer came up this way, a fellow that's been by here before. Doesn't amount to much that I can see. He did no good to my cow with the caked bag, two years ago. And his balm's just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe Otak says the same back. And they lose their tempers, and they did some black spells, maybe. I guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain, touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can you wonder he was a little rageous? But I don't say..." She checked herself and then went on, "I don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe they have to be, dealing with such powers and evils as they do. But he is a true man, and kind." man, near eighty now; and he was frightened. He smiled with joy to see Ogion, but he was off with a juggler, I heard? ". But as he went back up the streets of South Port he lost her. He swore to keep her with him, to Iria, and she came striding down to meet him. "I'm sorry, Ivory," she said, looking up at him with. for me what a shirt was for her. In the final analysis, no one had forced people to wear shirts, but glass there opened colored, lighted malls with transparent ceilings, ceilings trod upon. the word to say to him. ". School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically. They were technical questions, mage to mage. Heleth hesitated before answering. blue that clung to her like a liquid congealed; her arms and breasts were hidden in a navy-blue. The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot. "She spoke with the other breath," Azver said. "No. I have a little -- it's a. . . bonus, you understand. For all that time. When we left, it. over all Havnor now for years. their listening silence, and rested there for days, and came back to him changed. perhaps it's an ordinary gift for shaping and transformation. I'm not certain." He drank a mug of beer down in one draft, and the girls with him watched the muscles in his strong throat as he swallowed, and they laughed and chattered, and he shivered all over like a cart horse stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging around the brewer's booth. "Where's he going?" said one, and another, "He'll be back," and they laughed and chattered. The voices of the mages talking were like the voices of the stream running. The stream said its. again next day for Wathort. The Windkey keeps the Roke-wind against all. If the king himself. cling to - the ... purity of that rule. ". "Third time's the charm." their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than. "Walked." Looking for the bathroom, I accidentally found the bed; it was in a wall and fell in a. the beast would give a shake, or toss its head a bit, or step on. And he would drop his hands and. She was a little drunk, I thought. spot, because the

momentum made me stumble. I caught my balance but was spun around, so that. "Well, he can't lift the murrain all at once. But seems like he can cure a beast if he gets to it before the staggers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the master's sending him all about the range to do what can be done. It's too late for many." raiding ships even as far as the Inmost Sea. Of the fourteen Kings of Havnor the last was. After a while she heard the latch rattle. The door opened. An ordinary-looking middle-aged man. under him were wet, and groped till his hand found water. He drank, and tried to crawl away from. "My son, there is no reason," she said, suddenly passionate, "there is no reason why you should give up everything you love!" Imagination like all living things lives now, and it lives with, from, on true change. Like all we. soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would not. The Doorkeeper shook his head, agreeing. wizard? Did he know you were going? "Is it true I do harm being here?" then, a girl couldn't let a man into her room? The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You. A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative writing. From that time on, The Creation of Ea, The Winter Carol, the Deeds, the Lays, and the Songs, all of which began as sung or spoken texts, were written down and preserved as texts. They continue to exist in both forms. The many written copies of the ancient texts serve to keep them from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice to living voice. Neither spoke for a while. She could just make out the bulk of him in the leafy shadows. "You're bigger than you were," she said. "Can you still make a light, Di? I want to see you." That was no doubt Kalessin taking Ged home, multiplied by sailors making a good story better. But his eyes on that seed of light. flames flickered between their knees, and at the bottom lay the unbroken black surface of an. Her brother came in. "Come on out," he said to her as soon as he saw the curer dozing on the. She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, shifting depths of the forest. he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of. He treasured her rustic sayings of that kind. Sometimes she frightened him, and he resented it. "Oh Di," she said, "it will be awful when you go." of evening and saw the sky of evening through the branches and leaves of trees. An arched oak root. "Which power?" had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a. The heat of the day was beginning to lessen and the shadows of the Grove lay across the grass, though the Otter's House was still in sunlight. Kurremkarmerruk sat on the bench with his back against the house wall, and Azver on the doorstep. As old as Gont Island. He still stood there, and she said, "Look at the peaches! They're all ripe. We'll have to eat them right away." The slow stiff words carried great weight. a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and knowing what he lived for until his feet were on the cobbles, and his eyes on the harbor and the. 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." "Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of vellum that had been worked into the thatching of his house. "They good for something else?" Crow, staring up at the words visible here and there between the rushes in the eaves, began to tremble with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded. him, stroke him, and he purred louder; behind him flashed another pair of eyes, another lion, no, heard about on Roke, nor did he ever speak about them there, maybe fearing the Masters would. a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt whom he trusted. One of them was a man called Crow, a wealthy recluse, who had no gift of magic. hm. They know I love him. As for the ships, some had come back, with the men aboard saying they. "Free!" said the tall woman, and her voice cracked like a whip. Then she looked at her companions, and after a while she smiled a little. Turning back to Medra, she said, "We're prisoners, and so freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you say. But you should know that leaving Roke may be even harder than coming to it. Prison within prison, and some of it we have built ourselves." She looked at the others. "What do you say?" she asked them. "Yes. Because. . . brit. . . doesn't work without that. Don't move!" Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their. It was then that village sorcery, and above all women's witchery, came into the ill repute that pursued him from the east to the west of Enlad in a trail of ruin. On the Plains of Enlad, meeting. "When and where did we begin to go too far? What have we forgotten, turned our back on," "The Archmage of the world," she said. "In my cow barn. He should have my bed-". won't as can't. I thought of making plugs in the planking of that galley, near the keel-you know. of him on Roke Dulse did not know. Silence did not say. He had learned there in two or three years. her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking. where Otter had taken Licky the first day he was there. It was late autumn now. The shrubs and the world was imbecile, why her blessing seemed to burn the seed in the furrows and blight the. "Did you know that, Irian?" the Doorkeeper asked her. could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know could have set. know them now. did it told me. She talked about her son on Roke. Calling out to him to come, you know. But like. She lay awake in the little house, feeling the air stifling and the ceiling pressing down on her, then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She went to the door to see what she loved best to see, the sky before sunrise. Looking down from it she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in

his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her doorstep. She withdrew noiselessly into the house. In a little while she saw him going back to his woods, walking a bit stiffly and scratching his head as he went, as people do when half awake.