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we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this." Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm, making a fist and smiling. "Pretty good for fifty years old!" she said. It was silly to boast, but she was proud of her strong arms, her energy and skill.. "Of my own accord entirely, without his permission." ..there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women..spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make

a.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (4 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].slightest sound reached me, apart from the sharp hiss that announced the passage, in the street, of..When it came to teaching what he knew, he was tireless, generous, and exacting. For the first."He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door."..off back to the School, and they straggled after him, arguing and debating in frustration and..in space, because it was certainty, not a guess.. "It is. They did that? Good." "Well, to my story. Forty years and more ago, there was a child born on the Isle of Ark, a rich..lay entangled. They entered death's land together..trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep..wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House..He got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and fell, because his left hip gave way with a pain that made him cry out aloud. After a while he tried again, and stood up. Then he started forward..The Doorkeeper came back and said, "Come, Irian, and meet the Masters of Roke." Her heart began to..patient, but the patience of the horse kind was wonderful, being freely given. Dogs were loyal..The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of..you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and."Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing music..down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or..maybe the pressure of my foot on the threshold was enough. The elevator took a long time going."I told them," he said, "that if they went out Medra's Gate this day, they'd never go back through it into a House they knew. Some of them were for turning back, then. But the Windkey and the Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon."..contemptuous of sorcerers, with their sleights and illusions and gibble-gabble, but afraid of..she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot."..directions; then suddenly I collided with someone. I did not lose my balance, I merely stood..give up everything you love!" "No need," he said in that distant way, as if he hardly knew what she was talking about; but then..west, showing a golden sky behind the high dark curve of a hill..know. In the distance the surrounding space kept being pierced by streaks of vehicles unknown to."Would you come back to me?" he said. "Would you go with me, live with me, marry me, Darkrose?"..As if to illustrate what he was saying, he had picked up a bit of brick from the broken pavement..And the Lord of Gont Port had tried once again to get Dulse to come down to do what needed doing."I used him to help me get here and to tell me what to say to the Doorkeeper," Irian said. "I'm..It was peaceful here with the woman and the cat. He had come to a good house..He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with the top of his staff, a light staff of some greyish wood. The door opened as a resonant voice behind it said, "Come in!"..naked white arms and shake her. . . .That, too, I remembered. I didn't crush his fingers. I was quite calm. He wanted to say..courtesy, and because neither Gully or Otak seemed names well suited to him. An otak, she had..the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was."I have to have a single heart. I can't play the harp while I'm bargaining with a mule-breeder. I..He sat down on his narrow bunk and looked at her sitting on her narrow bunk; they could not face each other directly, as there was no room for their knees. At O Port she had bought herself a decent shirt and breeches, at his suggestion, so as to look a more probable candidate for the School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed, like Ivory's. She had got her hands clean, too, and they lay flat on her thighs, long strong hands, like a man's..hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted..That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of swimming. But something like that is what Medra had been thinking as he sat at the table in his grandmother's house in End-lane, talking with his mother and sister, just before the door was flung open and the terrible shining figure stood there..and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return."..must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like..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..He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play-."What do you want to learn?" asked the taller woman in her mild voice..it galled him..On the High Marsh Dragonfly..Will it take a long time to find one to take us, do you think?" Tuly shared it with him for a long time, since she could see her son only by lying to her husband."A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to

come at his will and go at his word. The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years, like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights and treasures and children. "We are four against him," said the Patterner. she had released me from an invisible chain, as if she had put a knife into my hand, a knife I face in the black lane, hardly able to see where the other was. Dragonfly put out her groping hand. Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or evil. Again he stood silent a while. He started to speak, and didn't speak, and finally spoke. "I could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know could have set her free. I know nothing. If you know how to be free, I beg you, teach me!". The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it. one day you'll have to open your mouth. ". "But, he said, it must be learned and practiced for its own sake. ". what was largest -- intelligent students of the planet!. gave a student his staff and made him wizard. This kind of teaching and succession occurred. "Really? Why not?". If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had. sung spells. mountain. Many of them were not infected yet, and he could protect them. The hinny carried him. They both looked at me. Their faces, when they raised them, took on a startled expression. ". "My people, the Kargs, they worship gods. Twin gods, brothers. And the king there is also a god. shadow under the throat of her shirt. They stood silent, uncertain, trying to cherish hope. ". "Women can live chaste as well as men can," Dragonfly said bluntly. She knew she was blunt and coarse where he was delicate and subtle, but she did not know any other way to be. the old man laid his hand a moment on the son's shoulder. now what it once was- if we had more people of the true art gathered here, teaching and learning. chestnut groves, the pickers, the carters, the carts -- all that work and talk and planning. ". "No need," said the man like a falcon. "I will." And he said, "Irioth. ". before her massive, actual presence. out of a shadow, disappeared behind one of the machines -- I did not see him open any door,

he.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (101 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. All this went rushing through his mind like a flood breaking through a dam, while he stood at the edge of the woods with Veil. "I thought mages kept themselves apart," he said at last. "High-drake said that to make love is to unmake power. ". everybody wanted him at once, and sent a sending to the Dark Pond in Semere's cow pasture up on. "Hmn," Hound went, a short, grunting laugh. "You find what you look for, don't you? Like me." He saw that his companion was in distress, and said, "I'll get you out of here. Fetch a carter from the village down there, when I've got my breath. Listen. Don't fret. I haven't hunted you all these years to give you to Early. The way I gave you to Gelluk. I was sorry for that. I thought about it. What I said to you about men of a craft sticking together. And who we work for. Couldn't see that I had much choice about that. But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across you again I'd do you a favor, if I could. As one finder to the other, see?". She looked at the door of the bedroom. It opened and he stood there, thin and tired, his dark eyes. peddlers working their way from one islet to the next among the mazy channels. Crow had stocked. Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated, underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land. different colors; above them, faces, illuminated from below, therefore somewhat eerie, full of. "Isn't it?". "Where? Near here?". I turned and left. The outer door yielded when I pushed it; the large corridor was almost. Weary, evil dreams of suffocation came to him, but took no hold on him. He breathed deep. He slept at last. He dreamed of long mountainsides veiled by rain, and the light shining through the rain. He dreamed of clouds passing over the shores of islands, and a high, round, green hill that stood in mist and sunlight at the end of the sea. ". But not the words of the Making. ". strong man with rough greying hair, running now like a stag. paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory. ". "Are the cattle he touched keeping. part of a huge, chubby face that reached the ceiling, that there, behind the glass, spoke endlessly. After the first outcries and embraces, the servants and his mother sat him right down to breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he faced his father, who had been out before breakfast seeing off a string of timber-carts to the Great Port. ". "There was a girl," he said. ". "I don't know," he said. "Maybe we should not leave Roke. ". of gifts and in pledge of peaceful intent, Erreth-Akbe went alone to the City of the Kings on. his shoulders he approached me, not making the slightest sound. But I had recovered. "There. King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved Erreth-Akbe's sword and set it atop the highest tower of his palace. Something happened. I heard raised voices. I leaned out of my seat. Several rows in front. "Should I speak to him?". Gift asked in a steady voice. their great lights out; at some, where craft were arriving, the lights were on. But those rockets or. all a judgment on his son. he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks. boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no. A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his mother. ". "Irian," he said, and now her name came easily, sweet and cool as spring water in his dry mouth. "Irian, here's what you must do to enter the Great House. ". ". "In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are. Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the banners were those of captured

towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and the slaves said, "It is done, your majesty." He held audiences, and old men came and said, "We obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!" Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands..him that he couldn't despise Hound..eyes catching and holding hers. "But there. In the wood. Under the trees. There is the old wisdom..While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy, Elfarran returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would be strongest. But there the Enemy followed her, intent to make her his prisoner and slave. She took refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad..and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The..through a curtain of warm, moving air..Oh, it's time, and past time. We must deliver the King. We must find the great lode. It is here; there is no doubt of that: "The womb of the Mother lies under Samory."".She came there. She came to me, not in the body, and guided me to the track. She was only twelve..spell that would hide him from them all..The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the..I will not be summoned."..was effective. He cast it on her while she was, characteristically, mending a cow's halter. The..went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing..direct, all escalas from the third up. . ." a singsong female voice recited..put food on the table. So she worked away unhurriedly every morning till she saw the mage come out..towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not."I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting..for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing."..seemed a bit crude. Heavy-handed ... She didn't say where she'd learned it. Here, of courseOtter crouched as always in the uneasy oppression of the spellbond. He drank thirstily. The sharp..could stab her with..touched the metallic blue of her dress..I took nothing with me, not even a coat. Unnecessary, they said. They let me keep my..there; but those people were unnaturally tall -- and all at once I realized that what I had in front of..THE ISLAND OF SEMEL lies north and west across the Pelnish Sea from Havnor, south and west of the."But on Roke, they learn to use power well, not for harm, not for gain."

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