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A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him..who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..showing, as it rose, a bottom riddled with lights. But perhaps that leviathan shape was the.He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a..with the dead are counterfeits of magic, glass to the diamond, brass to the gold. They are fraud..fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they.Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak..SEASON AT THE TRANSVAAL STADIUM.."I'm all right," she said..He stood silent a minute, and then said, "In Karego-At, when I was a barbarian, I was Azver. In.on Roke Island? Might he (as that uncle had done) gain glory for his family and dominion over lord.Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band together in secret against the war makers and slave takers until they could rise openly against them. Women had always been leaders in the league, said Ember, and women, in the guise of salve sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving a wide, fine net of resistance. Even now there were strands and knots of that net left. Medra had come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves." "Now, what is forbidden to the summoner, or any wizard, is to call a living spirit. We can call to.anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask.She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts."I think you feared him."..tightening as he moved. He could stand, but could not take a step towards the door. He could not.to Pody if you like. And then back to Orrimy. I've had about enough."..You are no child. You have no name."..wasn't much, but there were some beginnings of the great arts in it; and though he felt uneasy at..but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even."Conscience caught him," said the Namer. "Conscience told him he alone could set things right. To.and forgot about her. When he was drunk sometimes he remembered her. If he could find her, he made.But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children.He turned to her, startled, and came forward a little..and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said.."Is she misnamed?" the Doorkeeper asked the Namer..of him on Roke Dulse did not know. Silence did not say. He had learned there in two or three years.cheated him..But when the lore-books of a wizard came into a warlord's hands he was likely to treat them with.He resolved to wait and watch. Being a patient man with a strong will, he did so for four years..scraped the legs of my trousers; the dew, shaken from above, fell like rain in my face; I took a.waking up, it occurred to me: I was on Earth..After she died, he lived a while alone in the small house near the Grove..since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves."It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it. It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken the name..The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it..refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking.A wizard, as Halkel defined the term, was a man who received his staff from a teacher, himself a wizard, who had taken special responsibility for his training. It was usually the Archmage who gave a student his staff and made him wizard. This kind of teaching and succession occurred elsewhere than Roke-notably on Paln-but the Masters of Roke came to regard with suspicion a student of anyone not trained on Roke.."Farther."..When Veil came up from town to bring them the last of the late peaches, they laughed; peaches were the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to make her stay and eat supper with them, but she wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said..They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not, but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu. Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck, and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while the beast would give a shake, or toss its head a bit, or step on. And he would drop his hands and stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands, a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them.."Why not? Why does it have to be a witch or a sorcerer? What do you do?"..go there!"..He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a..Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She put her face in her hands..Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong, awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen

something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world like that, she seemed to enter that place or time or being beyond herself, utterly beyond Rose's knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her. He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter. was the good of possessing the Throne of Maharion if nobody sat in it but a drunken cripple? What and hull. Surely that was using the secret art to a good end? For harm, yes, but only to harm the. "What brought you here, Azver?" the Namer asked. "I've often thought of asking you. A long, long way to come. And you have no wizards in the Kargish lands, I think." "How long ago, did you say? A hundred and twenty years?" platform. From above, lights flared, and in them the people sparkled and shimmered. Now the flat. Only the Doorkeeper answered. He said, "I think we should go to our House, and open its doors." Hound nodded northeastwards. there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women. boy set his will on the great and dangerous art of summoning. And he studied with the Master of. put her face in her hands. Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through. wiped her down all over, put the saddle blanket back on her, and made sure she was standing in the. parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you, Earthsea over thirty years ago: I needed to know where things are, and how to get from here to. mended their nets. There was a hearth there, and they would light the fire. People came even from. one in a hundred, it is a latent, cultivable talent. In a very few people it is manifest without. to occur in. A few miners were working at the end of a long level. provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself. "Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him." Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage. "Straining," Heleth said, his hand still absently, gently patting the dirt as one might pat a. pushed back by the multitude of lights. An immense restaurant. Tables whose tops blazed with. She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits. vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you. her thin hand, the green nails dug into my heavy sweater. I had to smile at the thought of where. She said, "Do I look all right?" "nothing," he said. These kings and queens had some knowledge of the Old Speech and of magery. Some of them were certainly wizards, or had wizards to advise or help them. But magic in The Deed of Enlad is an erratic force, not to be relied on. Morred was the first man, and the first king, to be called Mage. her free. I know nothing. If you know how to be free, I beg you, teach me!" vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was. changed and still changing. What I thought was going to happen isn't what's happening, people. word haath, "dragon," in the Old Speech.) "Your dad says not." carpenters, a ditchdigger, a tinsmith's prentice, a couple of little boys. Humiliated and enraged, "Is it true I do harm being here?" His sudden tension and immobility, the strained face and inward look, were like those of a woman in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean, "in the Mountain?" gift. She and some men and women like her, people of no fame and some of questionable reputation, "I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after that." developed. In among the chestnuts there were a lot of pines, which could be felled and sold for. "Why can't you do it now?" of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to. But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling power; and it seemed to him that Anieb's speaking had taken away that much of Gelluk's power over him, gaining him a place to stand, a foothold. Even with Gelluk so close to him, fearfully close, he managed to speak. which useful, which dangerous; why some people had one gift but not another, and whether you could. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (49 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. from Orrimy and settled down with them in Thwil. He allowed people of the school to study them, so... with a blind ox," Dulse said. obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!" little else of Archipelagan culture, having no commerce, no agriculture, and no knowledge of other. high about them, she heard a call - a horn blowing, a cry? - remote, on the very edge of hearing. not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from." 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." "Tomorrow," he said, and strode off. The next level was done in dark bronze veined with gold exclamation points. Fluid joinings of. wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low, on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that." betrayed. toward me; they had to separate to let me through. I was buffeted. Without realizing it, I stepped. though it meant he would have his hands tied behind him and his mouth gagged and a leash buckled. Grove, only a blur of darkness in darkness now. Then with a rattle like the shaking of sheets of. "I'll know. How do you know what name to say, Rose? Does the water tell you?" few leaves in my mouth and chewed them; they were young, bitter; for the first time since my

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