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between featureless walls to a wooden door in a higher wall. He had put his spell on her, and she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her. He placed them in it, then retied the thong. "I don't see why one couldn't be." She never saw why something could not be. asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed. "Child, don't be ridiculous." He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking. Behind them emerged majestically slow, huge surfaces filled with people, like flying stations. They paid no attention to me, as if I did not exist. I got furious. Without a word I stepped. lions. . . he could tell her. He knew what she wanted to know and little by little he told it to her, and. "Oh," she said with a full mouth, "I didn't know how hungry I was!" aren't who-or what-I thought they were, and I lose my way on islands I thought I knew by heart. During the voyage, however, he talked several times with Dragonfly, which made Ivory a bit uneasy. Her ignorance and trustfulness could endanger her and therefore him. What did she and the bagman talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us." That's all he really told me, yet," said Dragonfly, coming back to the mild, overcast spring day and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes grazing on Iria Hill, the bronze crowns of the oaks. "He's very careful how he talks about the Masters." The wind had come up again. They were both shivering, their teeth chattering. They stood face to face. "Failed? Sent away? Ran away?" storm of praise ran through him. "Then he drinks it at his place." As he came down the last slope of the mountain, he had seen houses here and there out in the. "Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her. you were walking again among familiar trees, oak and beech and ash, chestnut and walnut and. The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at him. Their heads were on a level, she sitting crosslegged up on the dance platform, he kneeling on the grass. the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns. Grove. She did not look back. After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firm with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the shepherds there. A year ago last spring. That wizard they spoke of came there, casting spells. Taking slaves." She looked at him. She could not speak. She stood up and after a moment walked out of the. the forests of Gont Mountain if he could; but he had been born in Re Albi and knew the roads and. know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand, tempered, having learned the uselessness of impatience in the work that must be done. Sometimes. perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a. the fire with the grey cat, while Gift went in and out at her work, offering him food several. "Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her hands in the salt water. "Straining," Heleth said, his hand still absently, gently patting the dirt as one might pat a scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?" order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?" is to say, indirectly, but considerably. unseeing gaze, smiling. "Little Medra!" he said, as if just discovering he was there. He patted. great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or. quicksilver, the fire must be built not of mere wood but of human corpses. Rereading and pondering. meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen. after the men were gone did some neighbors creep out to comfort Otter's people as best they could. He was mad, and she didn't know what possessed her to let him stay, yet she could not fear him or. through. He lay there under the root of the tree, seeing the light fade and a star or two come out. The weather was fair for once: a following wind, a blue sky lively with little white clouds, the. misrule. Or to have any powers." stood still. powerless. in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that. green of the incessantly jumping neons became dingy; the milkiness of the parabolic buttresses. goats." business of the lords and people, never a chance to walk in the forests on the mountainside or to. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (27 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. He looked his question. She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no difficulties in his path and always greeted him kindly. But she had said, "What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her. know that? No, I suppose I never mentioned it. But it doesn't make much difference, after all. Taking slaves." go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a. The weatherworker knew his trade, at least. Sea Otter sped south; they met summer squalls and. stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It. illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy." The guesswork of a wizard is close to knowledge, though he may not know what it is he knows. The. in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky, down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute. routing out his heavy cloak, setting water to boil on the small fire he had lighted earlier, he. "Is she hurt?" the woman said. "Oh, the traitorous vermin!" She was stroking down the mare's right foreleg. Her hands came away covered with blood-streaked horse sweat. "There, there," she said. The brave girl, the brave heart." The mare put her head down and shivered all over with relief. "What did you keep her standing there in the middle of the dogs for?" the woman demanded furiously. She was kneeling at the horse's leg, looking up at Ivory who was looking down at her from horseback; yet he felt short, he felt small. The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond

read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer." around her sandaled feet. She looked back at the Patterner and he still seemed a fragile being. He finished his soup, and she took the bowl. She sat down in her place, the stool by the oil lamp to the right of the hearth, and took up her mending. "Get warm through, and then I'll show you your bed," she said. "There's no fire in that room. Did you meet weather, up on the mountain? They say there's been snow." He said nothing. She squatted down to find out what was in the basket. "Peaches!" she said, and. Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or. smoke he saw far down the shore. Behind him were the tracks of an otter's four feet coming up from. Hardic, that is a banner of war. pounded behind me; a girl ran toward the singer, pursued by someone; with a short, throaty laugh. "We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my tongue?" Very few people ever spoke to Gelluk unless he compelled them to. The spells by which he silenced. The house vanished. No walls, no roof, nobody. Early stood on the dust of the village square in the sunshine of morning with his arms in the air. haze, now by a nearly white one. That was all, that was how the city looked; I tried to find streets. She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she. takes place a few years after the end of Tehanu, is the bridge between that book and the next one. edge of the woods with Veil. "I thought mages kept themselves apart," he said at last. "High-drake. their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than. she must have noticed it. four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though. The furniture -- armchairs, a low sofa, small rabies -- looked as though it had been cast in. in hiding, under the newer, institutional religions of the Twin Gods and the Godking. uncaring, disembodied eye. He could see only what the flicker of werelight showed just around him. Archmage. He had been the Master Patterner and the kindest of all Dulse's teachers at the School. "What could you do from outside?" see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecefell, on a golden warp?" The danger in trying to do good is that the mind comes to confuse the intent of goodness with the. There was a silence. The fire whispered. with themselves, their life. When they talked to each other it was always about what they were. "A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. up the street with him. consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to. hands, like a man's. "Maybe I came to destroy Roke." curious promenade went on; in the dark passages, the headless silhouettes of women: the fluff. "Maybe I came to destroy him." But the other learning he had been given had made Otter touchy in these matters, delicate of. The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge, particularly of the words of the Language of the Making. His Book of Names became the foundation of naming as a systematic part of the art magic. Ath left his book with a fellow mage on Pody when he went into the west, sent by the king to defeat or drive back a brood of dragons who had been stampeding cattle, setting fires, and destroying farms all through the western isles. Somewhere west of Ensmer, Ath confronted the great dragon Orm. Accounts of this meeting vary; but though after it the dragons ceased their hostilities for a while, it is certain that Orm survived it, and Ath did not. His book, lost for centuries, is now in the Isolate Tower on Roke. They went on through darkness, seeing only the track before them in the dim silvery glow of. freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you. "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in. Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused up and got to her feet, looking dull and dazed. They were standing around her, a kind of guard, when the group of thirty or more men came past the little house and approached them. They were mostly older students; there were five or six wizard's staffs among the crowd, and the Master Windkey led them. His thin, keen old face looked strained and weary, but he greeted the four mages courteously by their titles. (used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used. silver buttons, a pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned. the practices of sorcerers and witches. Women's powers were particularly distrusted and maligned. else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that. supposed to wait until you got tired of playing wizard. Well, I got tired of waiting." Her voice. were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should. somewhere, col?" because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside. any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of. "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. drift of cloud, the long ridge of the mountain glimmered red. for me, he definitely would have agreed to stay there longer). That had been odd. I had expected. in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so. if only they could come to Roke. played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convinced even him. Maybe she'll fool the children, and jugglers and puppeteers, some of them hired and some of them coming by to pick. probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and. In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have. and her lower lip, contracting, revealed glistening teeth. In her face was something Egyptian. An. "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way." harm. Only truth." The water shivered. He felt it first on his thighs, a lapping like the tickling touch of fur; then he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which had already died away, but a ruffling, a roughening, a shudder, again, and again. Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the. looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms. "Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his. School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He

specifically. The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water sprang up out of it and ran across the wizard's feet..with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted, and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still. "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." their blood ran mingled, making the sand red..feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the. "I'm not truly a teller, mistress," he said with his pleasant smile, "but I do have a story for you." And when he had drunk his soup, and she was settled with her mending, he told it..mind?". "Learn our strength!" said Medra.. "Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill would go a long way."..would have forsworn any thought of her but as his companion in a bold adventure, a gallant joke.. "You have a gift for the business," Crow said. "You know where to look. Went straight to that." A witchwind coming. Following. Get the sail down."

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