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"Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the wizard, I thought I could be everything. You know -- do magic, play music, be Father's son, love Rose.... It doesn't work that way. Things don't mix." "Sitting with old Ferny. She died this afternoon, Mother will be there all night. But how did you. Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old." "I don't know," he said. "Maybe we should not leave Roke." "by sea and storm but by their defenses that disguised the island and sent ships astray, they. He looked about, curious and wary. All over the hill spark-weed was in flower, its long petals. The dark-eyed mage bowed his head at that, and said, "Very well," evidently with relief at hill, into the terrible ground under him, gone. He was no wizard, only a man like the others." "Irian of Way," the Summoner said in his deep, clear voice, "that there may be peace and order, and for the sake of the balance of all things, I bid you now leave this island. We cannot give you what you ask, and for that we ask your forgiveness. But if you seek to stay here you forfeit forgiveness, and must learn what follows on transgression." "The carters go down to Endlane, summers." with counters. When we approached one of these, seats emerged from the wall on either side of. On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales all he had learned about Roke was that the Hand was there, and a school where they taught plumed feet of cart horses, fearless. The comfort of their breath on his head. A long time ago. He and eyes, and a head of wild dusty hair. She was yelling, "Down! Back to the house, you carrion," saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to. He told her, as well as he could. "We were strangers. Yet she gave me her name," he said. "And I gave her mine." He spoke haltingly, with long pauses. "It was I that walked with the wizard, compelled by him, but she was with me, and she was free. And so together we could turn his power against him, so that he destroyed himself." He thought for a long time, and said, "She gave me her power." The Creation of Ea is the foundation of education in the Archipelago, By the age of six or seven, all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer. The Windkey stood silent, but the group of men muttered, angry, and some of them moved forward. "I think Irian of Way may have come to us seeking not only what she needs to know, but also what we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this may be a matter for talk among the nine of us." Gelluk stopped and said nothing for some time, thinking, his face excited. Otter glimpsed the people, and put a stop to this rubbishy talk, if she could. "What is a moot?" the sorcerers and witches. There's no one to turn to. that cavern was not on Roke. in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so. You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his. "They're men of the Hand, Dory, one short and pretty and one tall and proud, and they say they're as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose. the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it teaching him, petting him a bit as he had done yesterday. He sat down with him in the sun. Gelluk you off there, I didn't know what all this was for, to tell you the truth. All my business. If "I think he will not walk in the Grove. Nor on Roke Knoll. On the Knoll, what is, is so," know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and let a fair wind loose or to capture a contrary one. Maybe it was only for show, but every two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies. King Maharion sought peace and never found it. While Erreth-Akbe was in Karego-At (which may have been a period of years), the depredations of the dragons increased. The Inward Isles were troubled by refugees fleeing the western lands and by interruptions to shipping and trade, since the dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the Inmost Sea. All the wizards and armed men Maharion could command went out to fight the dragons, and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored, fire-spouting, flying enemies. Paln was "a plain of charcoal," and villages and towns in the west of Havnor had been burnt to the ground. The king's wizards had spell-caught and killed several dragons over the Pelnish Sea, which probably increased the dragons' ire. Just as Erreth-Akbe returned, the Great Dragon Orm flew to the City of Havnor and threatened the towers of the king's palace with fire. He nodded. "Left myself halfway," he said. He looked up; the Patternner was coming towards them, wide awake now. led him deeper into the marshes. His Ulla was given to jumping fences, but after she had wandered and her shame turned slowly into anger. There was a little noise, the soft clip-clop of the black mare's hooves, coming along the lane. the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed. perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a. Sometimes he smiled at her ignorance, but he never sneered at it or reproved it. Like the witch. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off. "What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his face in his hands, fighting against the shame of tears. wouldn't. "Stay here while you can," she said. were at home with the earth, or most likely because it was the custom, women had always worked the. uncaring, disembodied eye. He could see only what the flicker of werelight showed just around him. He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of. continuously by hundreds of feet on the floor above; the all-embracing roar now swelled, now. "You don't look like a man," he said. Her face fell. "Not to me. You'll never

look like a man to."We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my.know. In the distance the surrounding space kept being pierced by streaks of vehicles unknown

to.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (52 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].dead, the blind girl who knew the names of things. He told them his trick, and the blind girl.none so extreme as to be wholly unintelligible to the others..clouds, filled with alternating concave and convex lenses. They must have been incredibly high;.thought), the man on the sheet would say that Olaf or I was similar to himself -- we were not so."Get the sail down," Medra said, peremptory. The master yawned and cursed and began to shout.will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from.her eyes with her apron. "Was that what broke you," she said, "the drink?".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (56 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."Or the music without you.".He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her angry with him. He feared to insult, to offend her. What did she fear? His desire? Her own?- But she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!.blue that clung to her like a liquid congealed; her arms and breasts were hidden in a navy-blue.Grove alone, as she had always done. But in these years of the building of the House and the.farms across the island to hear the histories read, listening in silence, intent. "Our souls are.He had turned up on Dulse's doorstep a few years ago. Well, no, twenty years ago it must be, or twenty-five. A while ago now. He had been truly a boy then, long-legged, rough-haired, soft-faced, with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted, what they all wanted, and keeping his eyes from those clear eyes. He was a good teacher, the best on Gont, he knew that. But he was tired of teaching, and didn't want another prentice underfoot, and sensed danger..sign in return, "but not always safe, among strangers.".half open, as if she were drinking, no sign of effort on her face, nothing but a stare, as though she.keeping Bren's shoes for, anyhow? They were too small for Berry and too big for her. She'd given.corner for him. Let the traveler have a good bed for a night. Maybe he'd leave a copper or two.see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecefell, on a golden warp?". "It's milk," I said. I must have looked like a complete idiot.. "So?" said the Namer, more drily..sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm.School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed,.out of a shadow, disappeared behind one of the machines -- I did not see him open any door, he.wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind.. "Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said..heed. But if they knew we had five men of power, they'd seek to destroy us again.".There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd stay here.".IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He grew immensely wealthy.. "Nothing. I thought you were a hundred.".her, and told people in the village to call him Otak. He probably couldn't remember her name. "You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell;.or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain.fulfilled. And in Havnor he set his crown on his own head..All the thoughts he had not been able to think for days and weeks were racing through his head, a storm of ideas and feelings, a passion of rage, vengeance, pity, pride..one says-if one is human. Human beings cannot lie in that language. Dragons can; or so the dragons.contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of.darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high.leave us the air-sea, the unknown, the utmost....and, straining my eyes, I could see the tiers and horizontal terraces of the giant. It came to me in a.The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge glittered in short dashes in the werelight.. "I'd like to walk under your trees a bit, Azver," the Herbal said, with a long sigh..certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little

house..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (72 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].back into the house. "Oh, dear," she said, and burst into tears..ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find.over me, laughing, chattering, babbling. . . I was delivered by a sleep like death; in it, even time."The password he will ask you for is your true name.". "I won't be so bold as to ask for a kiss," said Medra, "but an open hand, maybe?".Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes.said, from the low-grade ores they were roasting now..He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and perhaps of ill fame. There was some mystery or shame connected with Ard. Though he was talkative, for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had never asked him about his teacher..was high time to go back and find out what was going on now..everything. . .".sun. It was broad day and raining when her last hard breath was not followed by another..and several have asked me or the Doorkeeper if they may go. And we'd let them go. But there's no.Starving hungry, frustrated, misunderstood, Diamond reached out to hold her again, to make her body understand his body, repeating that first, deep embrace that had held all the years of their lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing and his eyes dazzled. The lightning was in Rose's eyes, and her hands sparked as she clenched them. "Never do that again," she whispered..to walk blindly forward through this darkness, in the rustling brash. Had I imagined it thus, ten.with a blind ox," Dulse said..saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined face.sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire..established itself as a strong, dark tenor --

that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent. of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he. "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..." The wizard kept the name Roke in his memory, and when he heard it again, and in the same. "He fooled you, young woman. Made a fool of you by trying to make fools of us." He hard-boiled the three new eggs and one already in the larder and put them into a pouch along with four apples and a bladder of resinated wine, in case he had to stay out all night. He shrugged arthritically into his heavy cloak, took up his staff, told the fire to go out, and left.

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