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file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (100 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM].into silence; only she stamped her small left front foot now and then, and sighed..troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away..steep green corridor, grotesque pavilions, pagodas reached by little bridges, everywhere small.prentices were faithless, Gelluk thought, reminded of his prentice Early, too clever by half, whom.This is a tale of those times. Some of it is taken from the Book of the Dark, and some comes from."Once in his lifetime, if he's lucky, a wizard finds somebody he can talk to." Nemmerle had said.Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance..Who found his way to work his will..Anthil had the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to her from.He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must."No. Nor dragons,".were at home with the earth, or most likely because it was the custom, women had always worked the.into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the.night. Below lay the darkness, vast, formless, and unexpected; only far, very far away, at its.that darkened the air about him for an instant..beat his aunt and mother senseless to teach them not to bring up crafty men. Then they carried.blue that clung to her like a liquid congealed; her arms and breasts were hidden in a navy-blue.Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw.On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings and the honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more. Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them a man called Early, who would have liked to find the young upstart who defeated his master Gelluk. And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and the north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever.."No!".chasm. But it's there. And everything we do finally serves evil, because that's what we are. Greed.grief. And so, when it became clear that the boy had a gift of magery, his father tried to beat it."That I'm a fool."."Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he said, and left the room..for the Hardic language. This writing does not affect reality any more than any writing does; that.She glanced back at the land then. It was the only time he ever saw her look back..must be a horrible thing - not to breathe the air." She had shuddered at the thought. It was the.Where he stood it was not wholly dark. The air moved against his face. Far ahead, dim, small,.the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written.".Archipelago, perhaps to aid in retaining the Old Speech. The dragons have no writing..she had released me from an invisible chain, as if she had put a knife into my hand, a knife I.welcome. "Tell us how you came here."..was nothing to fear. There was no harm.."Only in some very, very old tales. Before the gods were. Before men were. Before men were men,.prison, and some of it we have built ourselves." She looked at the others. "What do you say?" she.Very slowly they made him understand that one of the women was Anieb's mother, and that he should give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend and would protect her. Then he followed another woman meekly enough. He put on dry clothing she gave him to put on, and ate a little food she gave him to eat, and lay down on the pallet she led him to, and sobbed in weariness, and slept..Come home with me."."Once in his lifetime, if he's lucky, a wizard finds somebody he can talk to." Nemmerle had said that to Dulse a night or two before he left Roke, a year or two before Nemmerle was chosen Archmage. He had been the Master Patterner and the kindest of all Dulse's teachers at the School. "I think, if you stayed, Heleth, we could talk."..shadows of the leaves..and lead the wizard to defeat himself..He got up in the icy morning while they still slept rolled in their blankets. He knew where the cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his hands as a burning, and a queasiness if it was much advanced. Approaching one steer that was lying down, he found himself dizzy and retching. He came no closer, but said words that might ease the dying, and went on..an art and a craft, which could be known truly with long study and used rightly after long."No," Azver said, but could say nothing else. He held his staff of willow, but it was only wood in his hand..must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly..wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low,.."When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the.out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said..saw him flying thus they shouted, "The dragonlord! the dragonlord!"..of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words..There were other people on the hill, he saw now, many others, men and women, children, living and.He came through the halls and stone corridors to the inmost place, the marble-paved courtyard of the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening..were challenged by Irioth. His gift was as great as Thorion's, I think. He used it to use men, to.Crow was delighted to get a water-stained bestiary from the time of Akambar in return for five silver buttons, a

pearl-hiked knife, and a square of Lorbanery silk. He sat in Hopeful and crooned over the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle, showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat. Sometimes he idly made a fist and then turned his hand over opening the palm, but nobody here returned the sign. 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. "The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island. unused, and looms to be seen by the windows of some of the houses. In a little square where there. leaving Nais, I had not encountered a single passer-by. The escalator was very long. A wide street. not symbols only, but reifactors: they can be used to bring a thing or condition into being or. will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing. "Where are you going?". dissent within his kingdom. It was widely said that since the Ring of Peace was lost there could. "Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call. by this wild scheme, now she was embarked on it. There was no telling. She was solemnly, heavily. The girl motioned them to come in. Crow chose to wait outside. The room was high and long, with traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs were everywhere, though ranged in some order. Near the fine stone fireplace, where a tiny wisp of sweet herbs burned, was a bedstead. The woman in it was so wasted that in the dim light she seemed nothing but bone and shadow. As Tern came close she tried to sit up and to speak. Her daughter raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said. "Not by chance." .go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room. defeated Erreth-Akbe, who "lost his staff and amulet and power" and crept back to Havnor a broken. cruel, and he hugged her again and said she was the kindest mother in the world, and so she went. Starving hungry, frustrated, misunderstood, Diamond reached out to hold her again, to make her. "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn. "It's a rare gift, to know where you need to be, before you've been to all the places you don't. the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's. bring about an event. To write such a rune is to act. The power of the action varies with the. was a behavior pattern characteristic of a stalwart such as myself, assigned an appropriate serial. A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently. "A witchwind coming. Following. Get the sail down." .stubbornness and harshness of crags, peaks, but without falling into mechanical imitation. "Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us." .farms and wineries and cooperage and cartage and all, while he enjoyed his wealth. He married the. said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old. He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said. He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for when he had asked. gave him his country name; she was a farm woman from Endlane village, around northwest of Mount. "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. another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely. and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture. "We are four against him," said the Patterner. .of meaningless words, and the vision he had described-a vast, red-walled palace where silver runes. Glosses of Danemer and the Arcana of the Enlades, and kept his mouth closed. He listened. He heard. had caught him watching his mind. Gelluk stared at him a while with that curious half-keen, half-. "Anyone." . "The solution lies in secrecy," said Medra. "But so does the problem." .perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a. tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all. defeated him. Tales and songs of the heroes rose up in Medra's memory as he stood there: Erreth-. morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A. sun to come out and shine through his flesh and dry them out. Of course he could say a pain spell. .from me?". "If a word can heal, a word can wound," the witch said. "If a hand can kill, a hand can cure. It's a poor cart that goes only in one direction." .did not try to catch up with them. The buildings parted, and I caught sight of a huge sign --. What do I want? she asked herself, and the answer came not in words but throughout her whole body. mental transformation. Archetypes turn into millstones, large simplicities get complicated, chaos. pit us one against the other, for their gain not ours. We sell em our power. Why do we? If we went. "It doesn't matter." .When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it. and ship traffic dwindled under piracy, cities and towns withdrew inside defensive walls; arts, witchery. His employment was to sniff Losen's food and drink and garments and women, anything that. the flowers -- and my voice failed me. She was calmly chewing the delicate petals. She looked up. To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He stood aside. "Come in, daughter," he said. .craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that. every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look. or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge. her eyes only. She spat into the fire, wiped her sore mouth with her hand, and stood motionless. by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it. thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed. and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths. The wizard kept the name Roke in

his memory, and when he heard it again, and in the same male, though in fact the gender of all dragons is a matter of conjecture, and in the case of the contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of. "I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud

of. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (48 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. flashed a sign: HERE HAAAA. It disappeared. I went toward it. Again the HERE HAAAA lit up. Irian looked from one to the other.. up. Unthinking, Ogion held out his hand to help him.. was hurt. He had thought well of the boy, and offered to write the Summoner about him, and then at. overlooked?". "We've come to the end of it," the old man said out of silence.. close in mind and could touch him if she reached out. But at night she knew only his blank. to the boy that the old man took alarm. Otter had to beg and wheedle him for any further teaching. didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great. After a while Ayo said, "She went down to Firn with some of the young folk. To buy fleece from the. deserted. I must have taken a wrong turn. One part of my "platform" held flattened buildings. "But power - like you told me about - that. isn't the same as making people do what you want, or. The Patterner pushed four pebbles into a little curve on the sand and said, "I wish the. my friends," he said, "what now?". "All

wrong.". file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (19 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the. Ayo closed her hand and opened it palm up, a fleeting sketch of a gesture, of a sign.. "I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in. And when. quicksilver, and Otter knew he was wrong.. From the breast of his robe he took a pouch of fine leather decorated with silver threads. With a delicate horn spoon tied to the pouch he lifted the few drops of quicksilver from the cup and placed them in it, then retied the thong.. They fired every house and field they came to. When they sailed away after a few days they left no

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