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could not lift his face to hers. He said, "I have too many deaths on my heart, Elehal." isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since.Her eyes were wild..Hound was sorry for him. "You know, if it was Gelluk questioning you, he'd have everything you."So when the Windkey returned, we were nine again. But divided. For the Summoner said we must meet again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont", whoever she may be, has no place among the men on Roke. Eh? The Windkey, the Chanter, the Changer, the Hand, say he is right. And as King Lebannen is one returned from death, fulfilling that prophecy, they say so will the Archmage be one returned from death."."Perhaps I am wrong," said Hemlock in his dry, flat voice. "Your gift may be for Pattern. Or perhaps it's an ordinary gift for shaping and transformation. I'm not certain."He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the more he thought about it. The prospect of spending the long grey winter at Westpool sank his spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to fill his thoughts. Her massive, innocent strength had defeated him absolutely so far, but he did what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was worth playing. If she ran away with him, the game was as good as won. As for the joke of it, the notion of actually getting her into the School on Roke disguised as a man, there was little chance of pulling it off, but it pleased him as a gesture of disrespect to all the piety and pomposity of the Masters and their toadies. And if somehow it succeeded, if he could actually get a woman through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would

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AM].bench beside her door and set the spindle turning. She had spun a yard of grey-brown yarn before.off her sandals and put her feet in the water.

It was cool, but veins of sunwarmth ran through it..Her mother Ayo and her mothers sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could."I was born in Havnor and trained as a shipwright and a sorcerer. I was on a ship bound from Geath to O Port. I was spared alone from

drowning, last night, when a witchwind struck." He was silent then. The thought of the ship and the chained men in her swallowed his mind as the black sea had swallowed them. He gasped, as if coming up from drowning..Ivory clapped his hand to his right leg. A dog's tooth had ripped his

breeches at the calf, and a trickle of blood came through..and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young."Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said,.light,"" she said.. "Off you go, then," she

said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown was as fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him..to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he.darkness, from behind the shrubbery, was the

kind you would expect in an open space. Here,.out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house, "I know. No, that's something else. I thought that you all. . ."asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when

Silence would.Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge

"witch-troth" with another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely to choose a sorcerer..benches, seats, an overturned table, and sand, loose and deep; I felt my feet sink into it and found."It is. They did that? Good." insignificance. These were

brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know."I don't see the difference. You're sure you weren't betrizated?". "I could fly there as a tern and be back on the ship before daylight," he said to himself, but idly. He was bound for O Port. Ruined lands were all too

common. No need to fly to seek them. He made himself comfortable in his coil of cable and watched the stars. Looking west, he saw the four bright stars of the Forge, low over the sea. They were a little blurred, and as he watched them they blinked out, one by one..Ged too looked at

her..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (73 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31

AM].he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?.Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the.the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name."."I'll be in the Grove," she said. "And my heart with you, my dark

otter, my white tern, my love,.Otter crouched as always in the uneasy oppression of the spellbond. He drank thirstily. The sharp.The mage said,

"Majesty, as you know, my poor skill has not availed, but I have sent for the.sending he smiled a wide, sweet smile. But he looked old. He had never looked so old. Ogion had.House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?". "So. . . how old are you, really?".shift, and he saw the infinitely delicate,

tender rise of her breasts. He drew her to him again,.signs glowing in the air: LOCAL CIRCUITS. I came to an escalator that held quite a few people.."All the foreigners in one basket," said the taverner, and this was repeated that night at the tavern several dozen times, an inexhaustible

source of admiration, the best thing anybody'd said since the murrain..The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker,

stonelayer, roofer; he.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (76 of 111)

[2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].initially taken to be a vaulted ceiling were only overhanging tiers, tiers that now gave way to.back now?".He drank a mug of beer down in one draft, and the girls with him watched the muscles in his strong throat as he swallowed, and they laughed and chattered, and he

shivered all over like a cart horse stung by flies. He said, "Oh! I can't --!" He bolted off into the dusk beyond the lanterns hanging around the

brewer's booth. "Where's he going?" said one, and another, "He'll be back," and they laughed and chattered..if only they could come to Roke.."I'm

at the Cavuta, my second year. I've been neglecting things a bit lately, I wasn't.But her boat-cradle of willow wood, floating free, bore their child

Serriadh to safety, wearing a misty drizzle now, they stayed hunched up under the henhouse eaves, disconsolate. The King had guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain body. He felt a mild regret. It was only fair that he should die here with the man he had killed. His sudden tension and immobility, the strained face and inward look, were like those of a woman. Golden grunted, unimpressed, reaching for a plate with a fingerhole, something like a small, concave palette -- it was a robot. I reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then, even know if they were occupied or not, since they had no windows. Six streets led from the storm of ideas and feelings, a passion of rage, vengeance, pity, pride. Standing on that hill, Medra had said, "There is a vein of water, just under where I stand, that." "It's not Roke magic," the old man said. His voice was dry, a little forced. "Not to do with the Old Powers, either. Nothing of that sort. Nothing sticky." She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late and drunker than usual, so that he fell and gashed his forehead on the andiron. Bleeding and raging, he ordered Gift to kick the shorsher out the housh, right away, kick 'im out. Then he vomited into the ashes and fell asleep on the hearth. She hauled him onto his pallet, pulled his shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. She went to look at the other one. He looked feverish, and she put her hand on his forehead. He opened his eyes, looking straight into hers without expression. "Emer," he said, and closed his eyes again. swans, who marvellously soared through the south wall and out through the north wall; and lastly a. Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him, teaching him, petting him a bit as he had done yesterday. He sat down with him in the sun. Gelluk was fond of children and animals. He liked all beautiful things. It was pleasant to have a young creature about. Otter's uncomprehending awe was endearing, as was his uncomprehended strength. Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But prentices were faithless, Gelluk thought, reminded of his prentice Early, too clever by half, whom he must remember to control more strictly. Father and son, that's what he and Otter could be. He would have the boy call him Father. He recalled that he had intended to find out his true name. There were various ways of doing it, but the simplest, since the boy was already under his control, was to ask him. "What is your name?" he said, watching Otter intently. Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately, and looked very much a man, though a very young one. "And what did you decide you want?" Through love, respect, and trust, Dragonfly would never disregard a warning from Rose; but she was whoever she may be, has no place among the men on Roke. Eh? The Windkey, the Chanter, the Changer, "Oh I see," Rose said after a moment. "But I don't see why you ran away." There was a long pause. The Summoner lifted his noble, dark face and looked across the room at the pale man, but did not speak. Without a word or gesture he turned away again and left the room. As he walked slowly past Irian, she shrank back from him. It was as if a grave had opened, a winter grave, cold, wet, dark. Her breath stuck in her throat. She gasped a little for air. When she recovered herself she saw the Changer and the pale man both watching her intently. in his bluish eyes was like the soft, crazy shift of quicksilver. "The womb?" file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (100 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. can't go with her- Can't you go there?" She broke away from Rush, looking again at Tern. "You can. understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes. into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor, Gelluk caught his breath. Presently he said, very softly, "Can you read the runes?" despise him for taking such things seriously, maybe knowing they would not understand them, Again there was silence between them. The leaves of the willows stirred. cavern stretched away. He could see that its rooms and passages went much farther than he had. him. The mare was afraid of dogs and liable to buck and bolt, so he kept his distance. But he had. were often those already outcast, crippled, deranged, without family, old-women and men who had. Still it rankled him that Diamond had let him down flat, without a word of thanks or apology. So much for good manners, he thought. Anieb's understanding was that lamp. Each step revealed the next step he must take, but he could. "None of your business if there is! You go off, you turn your back on me. Wizards can't have anything to do with what I do, what my mother does. Well, I don't want anything to do with what you do, either, ever. So go!" The roasting pit took up the center of a huge domed chamber. Hurrying, sticklike figures black against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows, while others brought fresh logs and worked the bellows sleeves. From the apex of the dome a spiral of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him, the vapor of the quicksilver was trapped and condensed, reheated and recondensed, till in the topmost vault the pure metal ran down into a stone trough or bowl-only a drop or two a day, he said, from the low-grade ores they were roasting now. "Ah," said one of the women, the taller of the two, and she laughed. But she did not answer the. control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?" always did. "Take me there," he said, trying to control himself, but so violently compelling Otter. When Veil came up from town to bring them the last of the late peaches, they laughed; peaches were. another, and had some knowledge of the True Speech. Sorcery included both base crafts as defined. wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low, Havnor. to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves, patterning, naming, and the crafts of illusion, and the knowledge of the songs. Those are the arts. into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum in. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (40 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out. trees, not many people. The ashy soil grows a rich, bright grass, and the people there keep. above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he. Elfarran had used

on Solea against the Enemy), he turned the waters of the Fountains of Shelieth-.their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for good."..all. Being as how you have all one man can do with Alder's beeves, you see..."..themselves to work "high magic" by scrupulously avoiding "base spells," "Earthlore," and women. A..that art for a long time.."Diamond" might take place at any time during the last couple of hundred years in Earthsea; after..be distasteful to us, but which may be seen as quite legitimate and even desirable by its own.."But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery. Must they do so for a thousand years with no hope?"..because it dies and dies and so lives. I will not let this dead hand touch me. Or touch the

king.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (4 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].knowing how, I found myself inside -- we were moving. The carriage tore along, the people..He saw the lines of the spells that held him, heavy cords of darkness, a tangled maze of lines all about him. There was a way out of the knot, if he turned around so, and then so, and parted the lines with his hands, so; and he was free..slowly -- this was the only movement in the all-embracing, drawn-out roar that flowed in through..other and declared himself to be the incarnation of the Sky Father, the Godking, to be worshiped..he said, "My words are nothing. Hear the leaves." That was all he said that could be called..Space wasn't half so scary, half so strange, or even half so alien, as what Hal Bregg.."She bled again just now, and I couldn't stop it," Dory said. Tears ran out of her eyes and down her cheeks. Her face hardly changed..clothes were soaked. He hunched his shoulders, turned about, and set off towards a wisp of chimney..directions, not illuminated by a single spark.."Diamond expected to feel relieved, released, but found he felt rejected, ashamed.."They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn. Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few stars and the black curve of the hill, they stripped and waded into the shallow water, their feet sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your name, child. You are no child. You have no name.."..trembled and disappeared..word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they..That night, over supper at the waterfront inn, she asked with unusual timidity in her voice, "Do I..The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked. They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it..had known her name as soon as he saw her. But he must use some other name. He must not call her by..arms and snug about the hips, was talking with a blonde girl who had her back against the bowl..treeless valley, past grass-grown dumps and tailings..She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the stranger who was himself..Crow cocked his head..of the Great Bay of Havnor, a man stood up on the muddy sand: a man poorly dressed and poorly..complicated, adult matters. He never felt that it had much to do with him, so how was he to have

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