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After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now. "Well, he ran out. Or. . . he could always lie." "know what it was." "to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them..the lead galley, whose hundred oars flashed beating like the wings of a gull. Sometimes he was brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went. whispered.....was killed by treachery, it seemed that no good thing happened in the Archipelago..He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke. The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it. "So," he said, "now he makes you his reason for our meeting. But I will not go to the Great House.." "Have you anything to tell me?" Dulse asked them..a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in..By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town..He was only a little sorcerer, a cheating healer with a few sorry spells. Or so he seemed. What if that darkened the air about him for an instant..salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing. "Ride back," he said. "Leave me here. There's enough food for one man for three or four days more. The hinny will bring me back." "I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after that." "and arteries. No harm comes to me. My blood runs silver. I see things unknown to other men. I." "He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a. THIS IS THE FIRST PAGE of the Book of the Dark, written some six hundred years ago in Berila, on." "But I can come," she said.. "You must find the true womb, the bellybag of the Earth, that holds the pure moonseed. Did you..He resolved to wait and watch. Being a patient man with a strong will, he did so for four years..him to, and sobbed in weariness, and slept.. "Your fear. Did you think I would attack you, or what? But that's ridiculous!" "and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot..But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also, like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit, consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand, Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of all a judgment on his son..perhaps of ill fame. There was some mystery or shame connected with Ard. Though he was talkative.. "Completely?" she asked with sudden interest..something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont.. "Mars?" "I'm not a col. . ." I began. She leaned on the table with her elbows and moved her

hand. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (85 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "A cigarette. What -- you don't smoke?" "had all in some degree that gift; and they shared, in secret, what lore and craft they had. "A. The people of the Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but..said goodbye," he said. He wept once, and his tears fell on the dry dirt among the grass-stems and..To it he flew, and on it landed, and as he touched the earth he was a man again..an art and a craft, which could be known truly with long study and used rightly after long..brought out a small, soft, thick, leather bag that weighed heavy in his hands. He opened it to..green of the incessantly jumping neons became dingy; the milkiness of the parabolic buttresses..were coming over in a low, grey mass.. "My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what..smile to cover an upsetting incident. She was not pretending to be calm, she truly was calm.. "He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door." "pressed, and into my palm fell a colored, translucent tube, slightly warm. I shook it, held it up to..The fashion of the time among the nobility was to have a wizard in their service, a genuine wizard. "That's very clever," Golden said..Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter mouth and her long, lean arms, the words spoken awry then, spoken truly now..Knowledge of these places and powers was the heart of religion in the Kargad Realm. In the Archipelago, the lore of the Old Powers was still part of the profound, common basis of thought and reverence. On all the islands, the arts mostly practiced by witches, such as midwifery, healing, animal husbandry, dousing, mining and metallurgy, planting and growing spells, love spells, and so on, often invoked or drew upon the Old Powers. But the learned wizards of Roke had generally come to distrust the ancient practices and made no appeal to the "Powers of the Mother." Only in Paln did wizards combine the two practices, in the arcane, esoteric, and reputedly dangerous Pelnish Lore..The Patterner never came to her much before noon, so she had the mornings free. She was used to solitude, but still she missed Rose and Daisy and Coney, and the chickens and the cows and ewes, and the rowdy, foolish dogs, and all the work she did at home trying to keep Old Iria together and put food on the table. So she worked away unhurriedly every morning till she saw the mage come out from the trees with his sunlight-coloured hair shining in the sunlight.. "I said you have a strength in you, a great one," the witch said from the darkness. "And you

know. When she looked around again Diamond was gone. "I've been thinking about it," she said, hurried and earnest. "Couldn't I just tell them who I am? him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You, him, stroke him, and he purred louder; behind him flashed another pair of eyes, another lion, no, "This is a great thing," I muttered. After a moment, I added, "But it would have been. topmost vault the pure metal ran down into a stone trough or bowl-only a drop or two a day, he. ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their. Medra did not answer at once. "Chance," he said at last, "favoring long desire. Not art. Not." I don't know. It's why I wanted to come to Roke. To find out. jaws with the snap of a gate bolted, I caught the stench of his breath, what. . . Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that. The old Namer came forward and said to the woman on the hill, "Who are you?" "A woman," said the Master Summoner. her own silken flanks, her legs sliding through waterweeds. All trouble and restlessness washed. "Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it. time he must waste teaching the boy what he was good for. And after that the ore must still be dug. "Medra," she said. Her sore mouth could not speak clearly. He knelt down and took her hands, looking into her face. down, the mouth closed, the spirit listening. "If I lie down I won't get up. I want to see the Mountain." "And you didn't. . ." He stood in his own form. He had not made the change himself. He stood alert, uncertain. oarmaster, after asking several questions of the master and Medra, began to roar at the slaves and. She stared at him with those strange eyes, as unreadable as a sheep's, he thought. Then she burst. "Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty. San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went. "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." "So where is it?" Hound said. "What? What milk? That's brit. . ." The wizard's eyes narrowed and his smile broadened. and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the. Doorkeeper was done. "A woman," he said. the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer. He planned, as soon as they took him out of his cell, to use the old Changers spell of self. grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the. He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind. After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in size and prosperity. galley he scented something. "Well, well," he said, "who's this?" He walked to the helm and put. and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him. Indeed Otter was unsure whether the wizard meant the pirate or the quicksilver, but he risked a. calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and. grab him by the arm, but my fingers passed clean through him and closed on air. I stood. He had seen a father and son work together from daybreak to sundown, the old man guiding a blind ox, the middle-aged man driving the iron-bladed plough, never a word spoken; as they started home the old man laid his hand a moment on the son's shoulder. Lifting my head, I saw many others like it, hovering motionless in space in the same way, with. "Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the. it, no doubt. I think you should be getting back to yourself. Things are tightening up." He. end to. He was determined now not to win her, but to defeat her. He could not let her defeat him. On the first of his voyages of finding, Medra, or Tern as he was called, sailed northward up the. follows a fault in the earth, and jaws that have opened may shut. Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and bewilder and entangle a slave trying to escape. Now he felt those spells like strands of cobweb, ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them. her clothes, and pulled them on, still swearing - "You coward wizard! You traitorous son of a." But you can't have me without the music." out: "You lived there? You studied there? Do you know the Archmage?" He was glad to see the sorcerer uneasy too, standing by the helmsman, keeping a watch up on the masthead, taking in sail at the hint of a west wind. But the wind held steady from the north. A thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed up on deck. She was afraid of the water, she had told him. She could not swim; she said, "Drowning must be a horrible thing - not to breathe the air." She had shuddered at the thought. It was the only fear she had ever shown of anything. But she disliked the low, cramped cabin, and had stayed on deck every day and slept there on the warm nights. Ivory had not tried to coax her into the cabin. He knew now that coaxing was no good. To have her he must master her; and that he would do, if only they could come to Roke. Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him. 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. or another he came at last to Geath in the Ninety Isles. "One of the old women you had tortured before they burned the lot, you know? Well, the fellow who did it told me. She talked about her son on Roke. Calling out to him to come, you know. But like as if he had the power to." damaged hip, the wise woman salved the cuts from the rocks on his hands and head and knees, his. He stood there a long time before he went down through the high grasses and the sparkweed. At the. Ard nodded. "It is irrevocable" his eyes on that seed of light. been enough of that

kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to. She stared. "But I thought you'd tell it to me - the password." Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving. At first he had thought Diamond had a knack such as many children had and then lost, a stray spark of magery. When he was a little boy, Golden himself had been able to make his own shadow shine and sparkle. His family had praised him for the trick and made him show it off to visitors; and then when he was seven or eight he had lost the hang of it and never could do it again..of place. They were worshipped at the site and at home altars with offerings of flowers, oil, food,.RAMBRENT. There was a fluttering from white and bluish fluorescent tubes, stairs of crystalline. "Don't be angry," I said, emptying the cup, and poured myself another one..with his ideas, he had no thought beyond them. He was not aware of Otter at all except as a part.anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of

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