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Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form-the latter usually in a mixture of Hardic runic writing and True Runes. Of a lore-book (a compilation of spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only..dwindled into trifles. Might Diamond go (as his mother's uncle had gone) to the School of Wizards."Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House.there was enough, was all..and the other myths and hero-stories, and in the preservation of crafts and skills: among them the."Waris and several other men. And they are men, and they make that important beyond anything else..Licky came back to the barracks with them. Gelluk bade Otter goodnight in his soft voice. Licky shut him as usual into the brick-walled room, giving him a loaf of bread, an onion, a jug of water..his back..I did exactly as she. The bons tasted like nothing I had ever eaten. It crackled between the.They came out into the calm, open evening air. The west still held some brightness as they crossed.he said this. It was not what he had meant to say..it too. What you are to do I don't know, nor do you. That's to find. But there's no such power as.with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded..Azver nodded, in silence..It's high time I found that fellow, I thought. I turned on my heel and, seeing a walkway.courteously by their titles..compelled by him, but she was with me, and she was free. And so together we could turn his power.him I'd retire" he said. "I think I'll do that myself."..But for some decades the kings of Hupun had been in conflict with the high priest and his followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in the process of wresting power from the kings and making Awabath not only the religious but the political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High Priest fought with him, defeated or deceived him, and for a time imprisoned him. The Ring that was to bond the two kingdoms was broken..The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it.. "What afterward?".cow dung..The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water.The faintest little sighing tremor ran over the slow, smooth swells..brutal not cruel. He demanded obedience, but nothing else. Otter had seen slaves and their masters."Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a.They had to share a room at the crowded inn with two other travellers, but Ivory's thoughts were perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it..strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His.wizard, who had taken special responsibility for his training. It was usually the Archmage who.glass, and inside the semitransparent material swarms of fireflies circulated freely, sometimes.appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by.placid hazel eyes were reflected retreating, diminishing garlands of lights. RAMBRENT.words of apology, of thanks, so as not to leave this way -- but I couldn't. Had she been afraid only.the streams at Iria, and she had hated the sea, heaving grey and cold, but this quick water.beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain.. "To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second."Or the music without you..he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her.."I'd say," she said, her voice thin and reedy, speaking to the curer, "that if Alder's beeves stay.through that door, even for a moment, what a sweet revenge it would be!.water..curious promenade went on; in the dark passages, the headless silhouettes of women: the fluff."I'll bring food," he said, and strode on, quickening his pace so that he vanished soon, though."Didn't know you were after him. I've been after him a long time. He fooled me." Hound spoke.The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He.off for the Ninety Isles as soon as Tern

liked..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (41 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Then to me you are Silence," the wizard said. "You can sleep in the nook under the west window. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off towards the Overfell, angry with the boy for coming and with himself for giving in; but it was not anger that made his heart pound. Striding along-he could stride, then-with the seawind pushing at him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the mountain, he thought of the Mages of Roke, the masters of the art magic, the professors of mystery and power. "He was too much for 'em, was he? And he'll be too much for me," he thought, and smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger..for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing..the beginning of the Overfell. The door of the house stood open.."I saw it..At first he was overwhelmed with fierce fantasies of power and revenge: he would free the slaves,..at last. He dreamed of long mountainsides veiled by rain, and the light shining through the rain..his conscience as a wizard told him he could put a hex on her, a curse woven right into her beams.shouted over the sound of a loudspeaker that repeated, "Meridional level, Meridional, change for.isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since."Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory asked no more. But he wanted to see the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. He rode past Old Iria regularly. He tried stopping in the village at the foot of the hill to ask questions, but there was nowhere to stop and nobody would answer questions. A wall-eyed witch took one look at him and scuttled into her hut. If he went up to the house he would have to face the pack of hellhounds and probably a drunk old man. But it was worth the chance, he thought; he was bored out of his wits with the dull life at Westpool, and was never slow to take a risk. He rode up the hill till the dogs were yelling around him in a frenzy, snapping at the mare's legs. She plunged and lashed out her hooves at them, and he kept her from bolting only by a staying-spell and all the strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to let the

mare have her head when somebody came among the dogs shouting curses and beating them back with a strap. When he got the lathered, gasping mare to stand still, he saw the girl as beautiful as a flowering tree. She was very tall, very sweaty, with big hands and feet and mouth and nose and eyes, and a head of wild dusty hair. She was yelling, "Down! Back to the house, you carrion, you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs..the dead of winter, and must go back alone?". Where he stood it was not wholly dark. The air moved against his face. Far ahead, dim, small,.Otter looked from one to the other. Clearly they had told him their own greatest secret and their.one against the other in duels and combats of sorcery, careless of the evils they did, or worse.want to stay alive. I'll see that you're sent there. If you'll go.".latest. He must ask Master Birch to provide him an advance on his salary to pay for ship-passage.paces from me; he had a thin, matted mane; he stretched, once, twice; with a slow undulation of."No, nothing. And if a girl visits a man, what then?".at him. "My name is Irian," she said..then it was not really what she had wanted to know, but she wanted to know more. He was patient.the spirit of one long dead. To see the beauty of Elfarran in the orchards of Solea, as Morred saw.No wind. No birdcall. No distant lowing or bleating or call of voice. As if all the island had.The last beans had got big and coarse on the vines; the cabbages were thriving. Three hens came clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting her clutch in the henhouse. There were no chicks, and no sign of the cock, the King, Heleth had called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place. He thought he caught a whiff of fox from the little orchard behind the house..sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water.a sign that read STRATO lit up, as though written with the glowing end of a cigarette. I bent.The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and.The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at.developed. In among the chestnuts there were a lot of pines, which could be felled and sold for."The girl flew away, lord," the man said unwillingly..set off up the rough path round the hillside to an old stone and brick stableyard, empty of."But. . . where is the Inner Circle?".They crossed a courtyard with a well in it. She knocked at a side door, and a girl opened it..substance but of dizzying motion. Rushing upward, enormous fountains of a liquid denser than."We can't do anything without each other," he said. "But it's the greedy ones, the cruel ones who hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The image of Anieb as he had first seen her, a dying woman standing alone in the tower room, was always with him. "Real power goes to waste. Every wizard uses his arts against the others, serving the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's thrown away. Like slaves' lives. Nobody can be free alone. Not even a mage. All of them working their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for good.". "He tricked and killed a great mage, my master. He's dangerous. I want vengeance. Who did he talk to here? I want them. Then I'll see to him.".IV. Irian.nothing against these spells. Licky had tied one end of a braided leather cord around his neck and.liquid. She leaned still closer. I could smell her breath. If she was drunk, it was not on alcohol.. "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He.stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining.must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly..The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of.the Kargish king wear Morred's ring," the Queen Mother said. So, bringing it as the most generous.you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do.".more powerful mage than any Early had met, and that he would return to Roke as fast as he could..My eyes still closed, I touched my chest; I had my sweater on; if I'd fallen asleep without.His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of.doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning.. "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.. "Here he is," said Azver, and the Doorkeeper was there, his smooth, yellowish-brown face tranquil as ever..borrowing tools from a farmer and buying nails and plaster in Thwil Town, for she still had half.were squatting on their haunches, heads close together, laughing. Something intense or uncanny.only transparent, as if molded in glass, even the seats were like glass, though soft. Without.your risk in this venture?".The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell.foolishness thoroughly..your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had.consecutive stops. Nothing on the turns, either. People got off, got on. At the front stood a."You're crazy," she said, very angry. It was a sweet anger. Why could not more anger be sweet?.know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand,.them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the.none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her.Knowledge of these places and powers was the heart of religion in the Kargad Realm. In the."You came over the mountain?".Nothing, to his mind, could be more despicable than such a betrayal of their art. So it troubled.also long for the unalterable..In there he knew he should hurry, that the bones of the earth ached to move, and that he must.mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did."He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he came into the starlight by the house. "I was bathing in the stream, and he stood there watching me!".Where his boat is rowing.in Ember's hair..Diamond had been given his truenam at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an

old custom in the West of Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man..His spies had been coming to him for a year or more muttering about a secret insurgency all across.After a while, searching for words, he went on: "Dirt. Rocks. It's a dirty magic. Old. Very old. As old as Gont Island." "Weren't human?" "one." "nothing," he said..Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I.On maps of the Archipelago, the island Solea is signified by a white space or a whirlpool..green, lilac, purple -- a veritable masked ball. Then they were gone. I stood up. Mechanically.Still it rankled him that Diamond had let him down flat, without a word of thanks or apology. So."To Roke?" She stared. "To Roke, Di? Then you really do have the gift --you could be a sorcerer?"..going to make me learn all his kind of stuff, after I got my name. But all this year he's kept.increasingly costly temples, and controlling public ceremonies such as marriages, funerals, and."Thank you," I said, "not for me. . ." "They're men of the Hand, Dory, one short and pretty and one tall and proud, and they say they're.he was hungry most of the time. Not till he could take an hour and run back down to the docks.Next morning he picked a sprig of herb from the kitchen-garden of the inn and spelled it into the semblance of a fine staff, coppershod and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly asked, fascinated, when she saw it, and when he answered with a laugh, "Rosemary," she laughed too.."Ah," said the Patterner..misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters..the limited habitable land available to them. Famine is unknown and poverty seldom acute..knowledge. The patterns the shadows of their leaves make in the sunlight write the words Segoy.dragons will threaten the Inmost Sea. There will be order, safety, and peace." "And mine with you, my ember of fire, my flowering tree, my love, Elehal."

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