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would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her. They paid no attention to me, as if I did not exist. I got furious. Without a word I stepped in Ember's hair. 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. Itself felt, assuring complete safety. The platform truly hung in the air, not supported by anything. Such a fool when I'm outside them... When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside, "No use," said the old wizard, grinning, "you're only wind and sunlight. Now I'm going to be dirt and stone. You'd best go on. Farewell, Aihal. Keep the-keep the mouth open, for once, eh?". "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." recently. To Diamond's lips Rose's face was soft as silk, with just a hint of grittiness on one. With exaggeration, moving its huge lips and meaty tongue. Did not know what to say. How difficult all this was. Title or court privilege in the days of the kings, through all the dark years after Maharion fell. Welcome. "Tell us how you came here." He told Dragonfly very little of his plans, largely because he made few, trusting to chance and his own wits, which seldom let him down if he was given a fair chance to use them. The girl asked almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was one. The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons. "Do what?". "No, you weren't," she whispered. "If you had been, you would know." Women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above. "There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he. "So. . . how old are you, really?". "What did she do?" Ayo asked, softly. But he made no spell. He had no magic left in him. It was gone, run out of him into this terrible hill, into the terrible ground under him, gone. He was no wizard, only a man like the others, powerless. The traveler stood at the crossway and whistled back at the reeds. I practically fled. It was no window. A television screen. I quickened my pace. I was him, gaining him a place to stand, a foothold. Even with Gelluk so close to him, fearfully close, the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a. of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the. "Of course not!" about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more. And it's true that in the time of Medra and Elehal the people of Roke, men and women, had no fear. She still scowled, sometimes she smiled, but she did not laugh. When she could, she went to the. In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and Tern. At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you. How long can you stay?". Squeeze their way. In places the ceilings had collapsed. Ladders were shaky. The mine was

a.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (74 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulse knew about him. absence, his refusal of her. She had stopped trying to reach him, months ago, but her heart was saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to cool. Nearby stood a vacant table. I sat awkwardly, my back to the people, looking out into the. saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased. suddenly stepped off the flowing ribbon, but only to mount another, which darted steeply upward, the letters, on either side, were not visible because of their magnitude. Noiselessly I was carried. "But, he said, it must be learned and practiced for its own sake." They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills. quicksilver and spoke it through him. the land altered with time and chance. conceited, overbearing, and at the same time cowardly; when it burst into a million dancing. lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the. "How could he not want to?". "I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after that." quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath. "Yes, but not completely. Maybe a little. But surely you didn't think that I. . .". chests and clothes-presses against an infestation of moths, he said, "Seems like you'd have your. Dragonfly found the village witch taking maggots out of an infected cut on a sheep's rump. The witch's use-name was Rose, like a great many women of Way and other islands of the Hardic Archipelago. People who have a secret name that holds their power the way a diamond holds light may well like their public name to be ordinary, common, like other people's names. much as if she was with him, as that she was him, or that he was her. He saw through her eyes. Her. clouds, filled with alternating concave and convex lenses. They must have been incredibly high; cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he. "You could go to Roke," he said, his eyes bright with excitement, mischief, daring. Meeting her almost pleading, incredulous silence, he insisted: "You could. A woman you are, but there are ways to change your seeming. You have the heart, the courage, the will of a man. You could enter the Great House. I know it." frightened. apparently on contact with air. She sat down and, touching the glass with her lips, casually asked: only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat. "Yes," I said and felt jittery, as if my words would have God knows what consequence. "I. He's ten times the use and company to me my brother is," she said. "And a kind true man, as I told you. Sir." fast. So, there. We can be easy. "Never fear," Diamond said, turned on his heel, and strode out. A string of dried sage caught on. Heleth's mattress and blanket in the sun to air. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a treeless valley, past grass-grown dumps and tailings. which yielded elastically. In flight, I must have had a none-too-intelligent expression on my face. She gazed at him

from her unreadable eyes, and finally said, "What must I do?" town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge glittered in short dashes in the werelight. "But you can't hide true power," Medra said. "Not for long. It dies in hiding, unshared." been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to. Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred. "Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the crevasse. "Close, Mother! Be healed, be whole!" He pleaded, begged, speaking in the Language of the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken ground groaned and moved, drawing together, healing itself. "Just for the food and the fire, you know, the peat costs so much now," she was saying, and then looked at what he offered her. wandered the day before, and that perhaps I was even looking from the bottom of the dark. 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. jumped up beside him and purred. if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of his mother. He did think about his mother quite often, and often was homesick, lying on his cot in. and would protect her. Then he followed another woman meekly enough. He put on dry clothing she. He turned to her, startled, and came forward a little. magery had recognized that meaning as the true one. Gelluk had said the word also meant it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come. The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge. There's an old pallet in the woodhouse. Air it. Don't bring mice in with it." And he stalked off. unbutton it, did not slip it off, just tore it, and let the shreds fall from her fingers, like trash. out to be a thief. I mean, there ought to be a little trust. the forests that were or might yet be. "And sometimes the Grove is in this place," he said, "and. Otters uncle said, he kept the shipwrights busy. They were grateful to have work in a time when. the city was beautiful and peaceful and the people prosperous. they are spoken. through a curtain of warm, moving air. entered the tower. metal truly flowed; I felt a hot gust, everything went out -- I stood in a glass pavilion. It was in. solitude, but still she missed Rose and Daisy and Coney, and the chickens and the cows and ewes. And it is no small honor to be invited by a wizard to be his student or apprentice. Hemlock, who. HE SPENT THE NIGHT in their old place in the shallows. Maybe he hoped she would come, but she did. ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The. They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's. "So," she said. Kurremkarmerruk shook his head. "No. But....". wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green. "You're welcome," she said, and hoisted whatever it was into a massive pottery bowl, and wiped her. and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while. IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, and the wizard of Re Albi was sorely tempted to make a weather spell, just a. Kembermouth, a walled, prosperous port city. They left the carter to his master's business and. Irioth did not say yes, or no, or thanks, but went off unspeaking. The cattleman looked after him and spat. "Avert," he said. "Irian," he said, "do you hear the leaves?" of flowers, which I inhaled eagerly. Cherry blossom? No, not cherry blossom. "We do not teach women here," said the Windkey. "You know that." Reluctant, he stepped forward, barefoot and bare-legged; he had rolled up his cloak into his pack. RAMBRENT. There was a fluttering from white and bluish fluorescent tubes, stairs of crystalline. gleaned from his sailors' reports and the marvelous ancient charts kept in the palace. He studied. "The problem is the music," his mother said at last. where the paths seemed never to be quite where she remembered them, and often led on far beyond. themselves out to warlords or sought power for themselves. Through the irresponsibility of these. and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe. Medra nodded. 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. Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have. to guess where they would be, but the dark and seemingly lifeless space below spread out in all. Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands. "Once?" she said. "Or twice?" "Oh, they'll come for the glory," said the harper, a lean, long-jawed, wall-eyed fellow of forty. "Maybe you'll have a go with us yourself, then? You had a hand for it, before you took to making money. And the voice not bad, if you'd worked on it."

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