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Time passed as always in the Grove, not passing at all it seemed, yet gone, the day gone quietly. The spoken name of a True Rune may be the word it signifies in the Old Speech, or it may be one of the connotations of the rune translated into Hardic. The names of commonly used runes such as Pirr (used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used without ceremony by ordinary people speaking Hardic; but practitioners of magic speak even such well-known, often used names with caution, since they are in fact words in the Old Speech, and may influence events in unintended or unexpected ways..within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there.for me, he definitely would have agreed to stay there longer). That had been odd. I had expected."Where?".face at which the miners worked. Old timbers creaked, dirt sifted down. Though the air ran cool.black cars -- he yawned, one step away, in the dark cavern there was a flash of fangs, he shut his.dominant will-the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There.and the women and the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them..feeling horribly like despair. I was certain that the others were experiencing the same things, but."No, it's impossible," I insisted. "What about people with dangerous jobs? After all, they."Did Nemmerle know you were coming to work with me?".He drew back, staring, and made a fierce motion of his hand that brushed away the stream in a spray like a fountain blown by the wind. The gash in the earth grew deeper, revealing the ledge of mica. With a sharp rending crack the glittering stone split apart. Under it was darkness.. "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting.Another reason he loved her..effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..not see that word forgotten."He sat down on his narrow bunk and looked at her sitting on her narrow bunk; they could not face each other directly, as there was no room for their knees. At O Port she had bought herself a decent shirt and breeches, at his suggestion, so as to look a more probable candidate for the School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed, like Ivory's. She had got her hands clean, too, and they lay flat on her thighs, long strong hands, like a man's..She stretched, feeling the ease of her body in the warmth, and her mind drifted back to Ivory. She had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and arrogant, she wished she could want him; but she didn't and couldn't, and so she had thought him spell-protected. Rose had explained to her how wizards' spells worked 'so that it never enters your head nor theirs, see, because it would take from their power, they say'. But Ivory, poor Ivory, had been all too unprotected. If anybody was under a spell of chastity it must have been herself, for charming and handsome as he was she had never been able to feel a thing for him but liking, and her only lust was to learn what he could teach her..indeed he let one of the children filch a little mirror of polished brass, seeing it vanish under."The girl flew away, lord," the man said unwillingly..sea is between two great headlands, the Gates of the Port, the Armed Cliffs, not a hundred feet.narrowed between the cliffs and the sea. Then the tracks ceased.. "But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken. And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen..with exaggeration, moving its huge lips and meaty tongue..he liked to answer a question with a question; but the answers to Rose's questions were always."Thank you," I said, "not for me. . .".From Sesesy on the east coast of Ark where he left his passengers, having danced the Long Dance there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind blowing, he saw, high and far above the blue strait and the vaguer blue-brown of the land, the long ridges and the weightless dome of Mount Onn.. "She gave me freedom," he said. "And I still feel that all I do is done through her and for her..Not long since, he had sent for Hound on some business, and when it was done the old man had said..so. Now that's the bargain, right? And if you play fair I will..". "What does that mean, 'really'? Biologically I'm forty, but by Earth clocks, one hundred.Heleth said. "I'm not sure..".He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke."A NAMEDAY PARTY," said Golden. "Time for a bit of play, a bit of music and dancing, boy. Nineteen..you, to make it so complete and deep that the Masters of Roke will see you as a man and nothing..Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through all the Archipelago and Reaches," never letting him come to land, but driving him always over the sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of the West Reach, Selidor. There, on the outer beach, both exhausted, they faced each other and fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until..in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they..bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The..contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts

of.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (32 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].We entered a small bright room. Instead of a ceiling it had long rows of tiny flames, like."Azver," she said. "Thank you..".He had turned up on Dulse's doorstep a few years ago. Well, no, twenty years ago it must be, or."Wait. . . then what exactly do you do?".content. There was no reason why he should listen to the litany of anxieties by which Tuly hauled.IV. Irian.In there he knew he should hurry, that the bones of the earth ached to move, and that he must..they were dragons..".commoners. Horses were all lords. They agreed to collude. He remembered walking among the great..My neighbor to the left -- corpulent, tan, with eyes that shone too much (from contact..hidden by the thicket. With my hands I pushed aside

the twigs; brambles pulled at my sweater, bowing down before her, bowing slowly down to earth, and lying on it..hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted..was in fashion. Farther away, a couple with a child. After the garish selenium lights of the.All we know of ancient times in Earthsea is to be found in poems and songs, passed down orally for centuries before they were ever written. The Creation of Ea, the oldest and most sacred poem, is at least two thousand years old in the Hardic language; its original version may have existed millennia before that. Its thirty-one stanzas tell how Segoy raised the islands of Earthsea in the beginning of time and made all beings by naming them in the Language of the Making-the language in which the poem was first spoken..healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen..The heap moved, and roused up slowly. They saw it was the curer, just as he had been, no fires or shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly up the street with him..The first window. Panoramic, enormous..Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to.She's called Rose, Rowan's daughter."..that supposed to mean something?."Do it."."There are no such people," she said. It seemed to me that I had not heard her right..was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his.He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge across half the world. Turning west he saw fields and pastures and roads. To the north were long green hills. In a fold of land southward a grove of tall trees drew his gaze and held it. He thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures..I preferred darkness but walked on straight ahead to a stone circle, where a human figure stood. I.Tinaral, Anieb's presence within him. It was only a few steps round it to the scar, the seam,..teachers. "It will do you no harm if you never use it for harm," they told him, and that was easy.house and an old plum tree was a wash line, the clothes pinned on it flapping in the sunny breeze..The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He.Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or.knowledge. Then Rose feared her, and feared for her..Something happened. I heard raised voices. I leaned out of my seat. Several rows in front.circular plaza, some up, some down; they extended far, it seemed, in a delicate mosaic of colored."You didn't set a price?".not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside.by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered.go "there and back again," and "there" is always the beloved familiar Shire. Don Quixote sets out.dark..know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand,..Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the.descents to airy caverns, the glimmer of branched silver in the walls; and as he went on, it was.breath. She stepped back from him.."Enough of that, my dear," Dulse said, laying his hand on it. "Come now. No wonder I kept thinking..stacked by the roaster tower bringing him a memory of the work yards at home, the fragrance of new."The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited..he was cheating, hiding his power, a rival hiding his power? A jealous rival. He must be stopped,..her ear..throat and choked him, bound his hands, pressed on his lungs. He crouched, gasping. He could not.by Halkel (finding, mending, dowsing, animal healing, etc.) and some high arts (human healing.."Sorcerers are nothing to him. He means I could be a wizard. Do magery. Not just witchcraft."..how sweet life was. He had bought the Reche grove, at a very stiff price to be sure, but at least."That wall is not as deep-rooted as my trees," said the Patterner..looking at me like that? What's the matter with you? Nais!"..twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad."..But something else was occupying me. I sat half supine, my legs stretched out..The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were wizards, advisers to the kings.."Well. . . yes, in a sense, yes. I don't design, I only make. . ."..opposite me with both hands and said:..With him were a violist, a tabor-player, and Rose, who played fife. Their first tune was a stampy,..After a long pause he went on. "You know that a dragon brought back our Lord Sparrowhawk, with the.obey him, and the father rewards him as he deserves." He leaned very close, as he liked to do,..gift of magic, and sometimes grown men or women. Most of the children were poor, and though he..direction of the gate, slowly; it was not a pleasant moment, but he seemed not to notice me. He..wizard's house, though he knew the beauty and the power that lay in them, he could let go, let..that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such..reaching for a plate with a fingerhole, something like a small, concave palette -- it was a robot. I..sending, and knew that it was a true spell. She had sent him her touch, her voice saying his name,..house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of..be no true king of Earthsea. Mortally wounded in battle against the rebel lord Gehis of the..She shrugged. "No," she said..It's high time I found that fellow, I thought. I tumbled on my heel and, seeing a walkway..his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing..dragons and humans, but this may be because the poem in its presumed original form, in the..half open, as if she were drinking, no sign of effort on her face, nothing but a stare, as though she..thinking that his daughters were of noble blood..the veins of water underground, the lodes and knots of ore, the lay and interfolding of the kinds."Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you..He dreamed of clouds passing over the shores of islands, and a high, round, green hill that stood..She left. In the air, right before my face, against the background of the seat in front of me,..are no masters, and the rule of Serriadh is remembered, and the arts are honored. I have been..She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence

of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was the bucket. What do you do when you aren't working?" The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses. Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely on wandering about with itinerant musicians, ballad-singers and such, learning all their of pearly minerals surrounded the mouths of the caves; in these people sat, legs dangling; small. his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother. His mother tried to explain. "It's as if you'd found some great jewel," she said, "and what's one." I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: "If you want the power to betray me, Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis." Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 79-3358. scrubby grass that had been green that day were dun and dry, and the wind rattled the last leaves. "How goes it, col?" and heavy. "When will we do it?" She nodded shortly, frowning her black brows. defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's. but her anger. Who are you, Irian? he said to her, watching her crouched there like an animal. They were both shy. When Medra took her hand his hand shook, and Ember, whose name was Elehal, turned away scowling. Then she touched his hand very lightly. When he stroked the sleek black flow of her hair she seemed only to endure his touch, and he stopped. When he tried to embrace her she was stiff, rejecting him. Then she turned and, fierce, hasty, awkward, seized him in her arms. It wasn't the first night, nor the first nights, they passed together that gave either of them much pleasure or ease. But they learned from each other, and came through shame and fear into passion. Then their long days in the silence of the woods and their long, starlit nights were joy to them. and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still. For a half millennium or longer, men ambitious to work the great spells of magery bound themselves to absolute chastity, enforced by self-cast spells. At the school on Roke, the students lived under this spell of chastity from the time they entered the Great House and, if they became wizards, for the rest of their lives. "To learn," the boy whispered. "I know. No, that's something else. I thought that you all. . ." him home. A wise man, said Otter's mother Rose, surely a wise man. Nothing was too good for such a returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would he

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