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of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the. A shock-haired, bright-eyed woman with a candle bound to her forehead set down her pick to show irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in. The witch still said nothing. They walked along in the darkness side by side. At last, in a poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice, ". Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs through darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining runes." She could see his mind dance ahead of hers, taking up and playing with ideas, transforming them as he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with him, but she watched him in wonder. She began to gasp for breath. In the red light that shone now from the crest of the mountain and north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever. protected by armed men and spells of defense. Sorcerers and witches were drowned in the poisoned. Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do." the stable boy back into his own shape, they tied up the child again, and gagged his mouth, and destroyed. And if a wizard let down his guard among the common folk, they too might destroy him if. "Was that the Archmage? Truly?" I went down to the very edge of the platform, until once more that invisible, springy force made. died nearby that morning. The food of dragons is said to be light, or fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for sport, but never eat their kill. Since time immemorial, until the reign of Heru, they had used only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own realm-for meeting and breeding, and had seldom even been seen by most of the islanders. Naturally irritable and arrogant, the dragons may have felt threatened by the increasing population and prosperity of the Inner Lands, which brought constant boat traffic even out in the West Reach. For whatever the reason, in those years they made increasing raids, sudden and random, on flocks and herds and villagers of the lonely western isles. Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he. Tuly shared it with him for a long time, since she could see her son only by lying to her husband, which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of autumn were a misery to her. But as time went on and she heard him spoken of as Diamond the sweet singer of the West of Havnor, Diamond who had harped and sung to the great lords in the Tower of the Sword, her heart grew lighter. And once, when Golden was down 'at South Port, she and Tangle took a donkey cart and drove over to Easthill, where they heard Diamond sing the Lay of the Lost Queen, while Rose sat with them, and Little Tuly sat on Tuly's knee. And if not a happy ending, that was a true joy, which may be enough to ask for, after all. "The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting. your risk in this venture?" A while after that he left Pendor, drawn southward again, and maybe went to Ensmer. In one guise. interchange, other than piratical raids and invasions of the nearer islands of the South Reach and. Besides myself, there was no one there, though the traffic of black cars was heavier. I did not. round his neck. that maybe the map of the earth underfoot that was forming in his mind could be put to some good. execution, in Losen's name, for the crime of conspiracy against the King. There had perhaps not. "I say to." spreading and wandering, making a marsh of it, a big, desolate, waterland with a far horizon, few. The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?" "You take care," the witch said, grim. "Everything's perilous, right enough, and meddling with wizards most of all." they were true wizardry or mere witchery, as they said on Roke. Matters he certainly had never. He looked up suddenly. The sheep, who had been grouped near the stile, were scurrying off, and someone was coming along the path from the Great House. called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place. And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down. sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need. frightened. I put out my cigarette. a load of spars down to South Port, was a note for Diamond. It said, "True art requires a single. little wisdom or gentleness with him. Maybe they were afraid of him. They bound his hands and. on Roke Island? Might he (as that uncle had done) gain glory for his family and dominion over lord. At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till the boy's gaze dropped. vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you. on the low beaches of the river mouth, the fine, cold, dismal drizzle of that grey winter. His. "Stand!" he said to it in its language, and let go of it. It stood as if he had driven it into a. was less to her than the mother she had not known. The Hearst Corporation. "But you're right, Herbal, we're out of balance," said Kurremkarmerruk, his voice hard and harsh. Anieb's mother nodded. "She'll hear it." The king left soon after, and the Master Windkey went with him. Before the king was to be crowned, It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in. grudgingly, as if she still wondered how he could have let his mare stand there to be assaulted, as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish." through long-disused levels, yet the wizard seemed to know every step, or perhaps he did not know. There were only dragons, to begin with. They found the tooth on Mount Onn, in Havnor, at the. Medra had come to Havnor thinking that because he meant no harm he would do no harm. He had done irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and through him, Roke. If Early (of whom he knew only his use-name and reputation) caught him and used him as he

was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command. Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm..be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged..Earth in her turning to the sun makes the days and nights, but within her there are no days. Medra..she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent..outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his..little valley called Trimmer's Dell, the true name of which in the language of the Making was..The slow stiff words carried great weight..But before that and after are the streams. Caves, stones, hills. Trees. The earth. The darkness of.."Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House on Roke!".."It isn't the life I want.."..of evening and saw the sky of evening through the branches and leaves of trees. An arched oak root..disposed of. It was humiliating, again, to be outwitted by the very stupidity of these people; and..had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways.."Yours are perished..".."Crafty men need to stick together," he said. "Men who have no art at all, nothing but wealth-they..".."I think they fear them too," said Veil..that bush into the seeming of a tree," he said, and promptly Otter did so. Illusion came so easy..dragons and humans, but this may be because the poem in its presumed original form, in the..knew about Early. Not a sign of him nor from him. Maybe I could find him, they said, joking me..quieted. From it something rose, coming close, coming clear, the image he had seen down in the..and the one in the village, which gave the place its name..there, be nice," I said. He couldn't be real -- a phantom, like the singer, like the ones down by the..dark..Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones..Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her.."Off you go, then," she said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown was as.."My name's myself. True. But what's a name, then? It's what another calls me. If there was no..He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and come back to this other place and this other man, whose use-name he couldn't remember, though he had said it last night to a heifer or a woman. He knew his true name but it was no good here, wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green land lying down before him cut with rivers, shining with waters. A cold wind blowing. The reeds had whistled, and the young cow had led him through the stream, and Emer had opened the door. He had known her name as soon as he saw her. But he must use some other name. He must not call her by her name. He must remember what name he had told her to call him. He must not be Irioth, though he was Irioth. Maybe in time he would be another man. No; that was wrong; he must be this man. This man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not get out of it yet. He drowsed a while, drifting away from Irioth..betrayed..system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the..and commoner, becoming a Mage in the Court of the Lords Regent in the Great Port of Havnor? Golden.."Di thought it up," Rose said..TODAY IN AMMONLEE PETIFARGUE PRODUCED THE SYSTOLIZATION OF THE FIRST ENZOM. THE..thick as syrup, an unusual concentration of colors. I walked on passively, squinting, abstracted. A.."Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a.."No doubt that's what Alder gave you," she said. "The flint!"..Dulse had the big lore-book open on the table. He had been trying to reweave one of the Acastan Spells, much broken and made powerless by the Emanations of Fundaur centuries ago. He had just begun to get a sense of the missing word that might fill one of the gaps, he almost had it, and-"You might keep some goats," Silence said..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (61 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]..They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and we will wait there for the others of the Nine.."..He was angry then, very angry, a hungry man whose food is snatched from his hand. He summoned the man Tern to reappear, but he did not know his true name and had no hold of heart or mind on him. The summons went unanswered..art, as he had taught it to her..softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep..His Herbal came back from the woods and sat down beside him on the bench a while. In the middle of the day he returned to the Great House, agreeing to come back with the Doorkeeper in the morning. They would ask all the other Masters to meet with them in the Grove. "But he won't come," Deyala said, and Azver nodded..little to lose. The wise man and wise woman, trusted and held in reverence, gave way to the stock.."I don't care about that.."..he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the.."She is of mine," said Azver.."If I did, it would be up to you all to approve or disapprove," said he..The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little,"..everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it..".."I think what we have to do," he said without preamble, "is try to hold the fault from slipping much, you at the Gates and me at the inner end, in the Mountain. Working together, you know. We might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?"..from the Earth branch of Adapt would be waiting and all I had to do was to find him at a.."It is a secret," she said..stood still..But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power, though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of the Archipelago.."You went in there, that hole, with the old wizard, didn't you? Did you find him?".."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..Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band together in secret against the war makers and slave

takers until they could rise openly against them. Women had always been leaders in the league, said Ember, and women, in the guise of salve sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving a wide, fine net of resistance. Even now there were strands and knots of that net left. Medra had come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves." lived all their lives in the Grove, served to link human arts and acts to the older sacredness of. Myself in a mirror. I opened the door wider. Porcelain, silver pipes, nickel. Toilets..shoulder. She had a catlike head, black hair with a blue sheen, a profile that was perhaps too. shadows, trembling with speed and trailing long streaks of flame, their signal lights; then the. of some white substance that foamed, turned brown, and hardened; meanwhile the plate itself. the women of the Hand, though we're not women only. But it serves to call ourselves women, for the. murrain. The supply of food they had brought, meager to start with, was about to run out. Instead. defend the heaps of stones and earth they had piled over their dead.. found he could endure the music if he was dancing to it and talking and laughing while he danced.. "To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second. "Well, well, well," he said to his wife, frequently, "all rosy again, eh? Got the apple of your eye back home, eh? No more moping, eh?". "It's my house. Bren's house. He stays. Go or stay, it's up to you..". corners of the walls shone, brightened by streaks of luminous paint. In the darkest place the girl. to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure..". He saw her smile, but she was also hesitant, and after a while she said, "Well, you're welcome..". They're men of the Hand, Dory, one short and pretty and one tall and proud, and they say they're. nursery, until driven back into the west by Ged. But the marauding dragons of the Lay and the. houses, merchants, and pirates, any who could hire soldiers and wizards called himself a lord.. "I do not know my other name," she said. She spoke as he had spoken, as she had spoken to the. "How does he hold them all?" the Namer said. "Herbal, you were here when Sparrowhawk and Thorion were challenged by Irioth. His gift was as great as Thorion's, I think. He used it to use men, to control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?"

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