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to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit," narrowed between the cliffs and the sea. Then the tracks ceased.. "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." horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (22 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. ores and metals-these great things had always been in the charge of women. A rich lore of spells. "Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him." Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage.. corners of the walls shone, brightened by streaks of luminous paint. In the darkest place the girl. The poem begins with the best known and most cherished love story in the Archipelago, that of Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest island of the Archipelago, Havnor, to settle disputes among the city-states there. Returning in his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed with Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his family, on which was engraved a unique and powerful True Rune.. him. She looked at him. He saw her look at him. He saw himself through her eyes.. teachers. "It will do you no harm if you never use it for harm," they told him, and that was easy. "What will you do?" she asked quietly.. "Every reason," said the Summoner.. "There is." storm of ideas and feelings, a passion of rage, vengeance, pity, pride.. found he could endure the music if he was dancing to it and talking and laughing while he danced.. Through that link he could send his own strength, the Mountain's strength, to help. I didn't tell. the parents died young. So not much heed was paid to him, until they had to take notice of him. who had mistreated him.. "The ocean, however, is older than the islands; so say the songs.. They went there together and stayed till the winter came. In the year that followed, they built a. Commodified fantasy takes no risks: it invents nothing, but imitates and trivializes. It proceeds. mica. With a sharp rending crack the glittering stone split apart. Under it was darkness.. A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his. I turned and left. The outer door yielded when I pushed it; the large corridor was almost. for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on. "I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I am.. had taken to be a gardener, and the youngest-looking of them, a tall man with a stern, beautiful. "How do I get out of here?" I asked, none too brightly.. old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took. must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly.. Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways.. of a flowering tree at all, but she was in fact beautiful, in a large, fierce way. The mare. "I used him to help me get here and to tell me what to say to the Doorkeeper," Irian said. "I'm not here to fool anybody, but to learn what I need to know.. "Got in?" sent Morred's own spell-bound warriors to fight him, and worse, sent sorceries that shriveled up. and her lower lip, contracting, revealed glistening teeth. In her face was something Egyptian. An. times-poor, coarse food, but he ate it all, slowly, valuing it. Come evening the brother went off, witch's son from inland Havnor. The most beloved hero of the Archipelago, his story is told in The. "Even if I argued for you. They won't listen. The Rule of Roke forbids women to be taught any high art, any word of the Language of the Making. It's always been so. They will not listen. So they must be shown! And we'll show them, you and I. We'll teach them. You must have courage, Dragonfly. You must not weaken, and not think, "Oh, if I just beg them to let me in, they can't refuse me." They can, and will. And if you reveal yourself, they will punish you. And me." He put a ponderous emphasis on the last word, and inwardly murmured, "Avert." vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was. Nothing, to his mind, could be more despicable than such a betrayal of their art. So it troubled. His Herbal came back from the woods and sat down beside him on the bench a while. In the middle of. back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the. of us to do with a diamond but hide it? Anybody rich enough to buy it from you is strong enough to. called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place.. "The Cavuta?" she corrected me. "It's. . . a sort of school, plasting; nothing great in itself.. She got to work scraping down the inner wall of the house, readying it to plaster. But before the sun was in the windows, there was a knock at her open door. Outside was the man she had thought was a gardener, the Master Herbal, looking solid and stolid, like a brown ox, beside the gaunt, grim-faced old Namer.. that supposed to mean something?. that we enter departing.. "Not in the School," the Doorkeeper said, smiling.. After a long pause he went on. "You know that a dragon brought back our Lord Sparrowhawk, with the young king, from the shores of death. Then the dragon carried Sparrowhawk away to his home, for his power was gone, he was not a mage. So presently the Masters of Roke met to choose a new Archmage, here, in the Grove, as always. But not as always.. her bright eyes on Tern, and he nodded.. Queen, while Rose sat with them, and Little Tuly sat on Tuly's knee. And if not a happy ending.. Otter nodded.. terrible long way down to the sea.. surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go. Ember parted from him with only a "Good night." grew immensely wealthy.. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (81 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "My place, then. It isn't worth taking a gleeder. It's nearby.. "You might have a bit of linen, though, mistress? woven, or thread? Linen of

Pody is the best-so I've heard as far as Havnor. And I can tell the quality of what you're spinning. A beautiful thread it is." Crow watched his companion with amusement and some disdain; he himself could bargain for a book very shrewdly, but nattering with common women about buttons and thread was beneath him. "Let me just open this up," Tern was saying as he spread his pack out on the cobbles, and the women and the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them. "Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too-buttons we're short of. If you had any of horn or bone, maybe? I'd trade one of these little velvet caps here for three or four buttons. Or one of these rolls of ribbon; look at the color of it. Beautiful with your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had any put away, maybe." lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had.He told her, as well as he could. "We were strangers. Yet she gave me her name," he said. "And I gave her mine." He spoke haltingly, with long pauses. "It was I that walked with the wizard, compelled by him, but she was with me, and she was free. And so together we could turn his power against him, so that he destroyed himself." He thought for a long time, and said, "She gave me her power." "Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her."Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you."Once?" she said. "Or twice?".nodded. "But I couldn't do it. I'm a shipbuilder. I can't build a ship to sink. With the men.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.."Forgive me for talking about you before your face, young woman," he said, "but I must. Master Doorkeeper, you know I'd never question your judgment, but the Rule is clear. I have to ask what moved you to break it and let her come in.."twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad." "Put your feet up to the fire," she said abruptly. "I have some old shoes of my husbands." It cost.news; suddenly the walkway took me into a lighted interior and came to an end..(used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used."Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was.way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had.They could hear men's voices in the fields east of the Grove..him home. A wise man, said Otter's mother Rose, surely a wise man. Nothing was too good for such a.then the wife and daughters were entirely won over. And Birch thought the young man was worth his.dead, the blind girl who knew the names of things. He told them his trick, and the blind girl.And they talked about that, all the wise women of the island: what was the true art of magic, and."She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know.Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he always did. "Take me there," he said, trying to control himself, but so violently compelling Otter to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost falling. Then he walked forward, stiff and awkward, trying not to resist the coercive, passionate will that hurried his steps..The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path."Women can live chaste as well as men can," Dragonfly said bluntly. She knew she was blunt and.his appetite. He thought hopefully for a while that he was sick and could miss the party. But the.The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling.She thought of Old Iria village, the marshy spring under Iria Hill, the old house on it. She.But he quieted down again presently, stroking the grey cat.."Irian," he said, and now her name came easily, sweet and cool as spring water in his dry mouth. "Irian, here's what you must do to enter the Great House..."bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't."Very well," said the Herbal, with his patient, troubled look; and he went aside a little, and.people down. The sunny streets of Telio were sad and dirty. People lived in them as in the."You have been watching clips from newsreels of the seventies, in the series Views of the.change for Galee, change for outer rasts, Makra," babbled the speaker; the carriage stopped, then."Whatever for?". "We are four against him," said the Patterner..raiding ships even as far as the Inmost Sea. Of the fourteen Kings of Havnor the last was.Otter's humble teachers had taught him pride. They had trained into him a deep contempt for.But Hopeful, sailed and steered by two young sorcerers from the Hand of Havnor, brought Medra safe down the Inmost Sea to Roke..It was utterly still..teaching him, petting him a bit as he had done yesterday. He sat down with him in the sun. Gelluk.you could, no one would want to. You can't fly before you're thirty. You have to have two.Her mother Ayo and her mothers sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked. Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have done nothing without your daughter," he said..That was where Hound found him, miles away from the valley, west of Samory, on the edge of the.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (69 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].She came back towards the three men, and said, "Azver.."watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several."Tell me about yourself," I suggested. "Do you want to?". "Don't be angry," I said, emptying the cup, and poured myself another one..was neglected or actively suppressed by their society and government. Except as an evil to be.for such a trap, I made a clumsy leap and, in midair, felt an invisible flow of force take hold of.above its eyes and below its ears. When he did so, it flicked its long right ear. So when he.like I'm the water finder and you're my wand, see? You lead on. And if you want to go this way or.stone tower..round the mountain. He's there now..All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all, on the island..and the Changer. "The Changers and the Summoner's are very perilous arts," he said. "Changing, or.He stood silent in the doorway. She sat on the stone floor near the

crucible, her thin body grab him by the arm, but my fingers passed clean through him and closed on air. I stood. Then she turned and went down the hill through the long grass, the way she had come..but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides..They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not, but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu. Ellu." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck, and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while the beast would give a shake, or toss its head a bit, or step on. And he would drop his hands and stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands, a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them..The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons.Old Powers, either. Nothing of that sort. Nothing sticky." Archmage himself said, Rules are made to be broken. Injustice makes the rules, and courage breaks.She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There was nothing to fear. There was no harm.."Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had -- perhaps -- hatched out an eagle..and was dumbstruck. Above the amphitheater-like sunken dial of the stop rose a multistory.Mead looked at her sister. "Then it's time we talked a bit to you," she said, sitting down across.Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant.."The next time?".Azver frowned. "The Doorkeeper admitted you because you asked," he said. "I brought you to the Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they said, Irian. Why you came I don't know, but not by chance. The Summoner too knows that."her, and the cat dreaming, and the fire flickering. He had come over the dead mountain on black."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.."Moles," Diamond said. "Honestly, I feel like hiding underground. I always thought Father was going to make me learn all his kind of stuff, after I got my name. But all this year he's kept sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?".In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed.jutted boulders, one of which moved, increased in size; I looked into two pale flames of eyes. I.Gelluk was standing still, but his shaking hands were clenched, his whole tall body twitching and.Early opened Hound's mouth and gave him voice enough to say, in a flat dead tone, "Samory.".worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not."Those are spells of illusion only, of seeming. But there are true changes, and true summonings. And these may be true temptations to the wizard! It's a wonderful thing to fly on the wings of a falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is naming truly, is a great power. To know the true name is to have power, as you know, mistress. And the summoner's art goes straight to that. It's a wonderful thing to summon up the semblance and the spirit of one long dead. To see the beauty of Elfarran in the orchards of Solea, as Morred saw it when the world was young..."..defined in Hardic; but it is better to say that the runes are not words at all, but spells, or."I tell you, Irian, he cannot come here, he cannot harm you here."..powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no

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