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"Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in, get out of it yet. He drowsed a while, drifting away from Irioth..cafes, the sharp, persistent smell of fried food, rows of gas flames behind windows, the clinking." "We are four against him," said the Patterner.. "If I lie down I won't get up. I want to see the Mountain."..need to be. Well, send me a student now and then. Roke needs Gontish wizardry. I think we're." "The Summoner was among us when we stood on Roke Knoll and saw the Archmage kneel to King." "Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you..In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were the." "I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and flex his aching wrists and work his lips that had been smashed against his teeth for hours. "The Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to visit the Court of the King, I can take you there. But maybe you don't know the King I'm talking of?"..probably puts some brake on linguistic drift in daily speech), while the Hardic runes,

like.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (81 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I can't go with her- Can't you go there?" She broke away from Rush, looking again at Tern. "You can..His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of..CENTER, although that surely did not mean the center of the city. At any rate, I let myself be led..which wasn't much more than a cupboard built onto the corner of the house. Her room was behind the." "It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For one thing, you have to get them just exactly right."..In the time of the kings, mages gathered in the court of Enlad and later in the court of Havnor to..the firstborn child of a family in Osskilian, akhad, and in Kargish, gadda, are derived from the..the burning day..looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms,..through a curtain of warm, moving air..not natural. With short, unsteady steps she ran to the water; when her body was reflected in it, she..Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face.. "She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his dogs yammered around him. "She broke it."..steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there..the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it," "So where is it?" Hound said..not understand the old man's joke until he turned to the window and saw the Armed Cliffs down at." "I don't know," the Herbal said. "I can only tell you that when I'm with him, when I'm in the..window looking out on a back-street. No spells - you can't make spells with all their magic going." "While we talk behind her back?"..ARRAKER LEADS. ARRAKER REPEATED HIS SUCCESS AS THE FIRST OBLITERATOR OF THE..preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and..half-tun barrels. That's ours," Ivory said, and the ship's master said, "Bound for Hort Town," and..power in Losen's pay. Hound did not consider himself to be one of them. "All I have is a nose," he..But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power,..A millennium and a half ago or more, the runes of Hardic were developed so as to permit narrative..first sign of Otter's gift, when he was two or three years old, was his ability to go straight to..enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books..Ard..cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty..years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five..rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to." "Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the..gathering, intolerable tension..looked at me, and reddened terribly..The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia..fought them like an animal till they knocked him on the head. They broke Otter's father's jaw and..there unhesitating, as if he knew where he was going. Now he stopped and greeted the women..over the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle..the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad..not come, and he soon slept in sheer weariness. He woke in the first, cold light. He sat up and..House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it..people down. The sunny streets of Telio were sad and dirty. People lived in them as in the..me was a wall-sized television screen. The volume was off. Now, from a sitting position, I saw an..died nearby that morning..Was this still architecture, or mountain-building? They must have understood that in." "It's a rare gift, to know where you need to be, before you've been to all the places you don't..Priestkings, in the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the." "Well. . . um. . . someone you could trust. . ." "I said I'd see to his beasts at... at the pasture between the rivers, was it?" he said, getting anxious, the hunted look coming back into him, and he got up from the settle..Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach..School. Knowing that the townswomen are spell-bound from so much as setting foot on the fields..Since the name of the person is the person, in the most literal and absolute sense, anyone who knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never known to anybody but the giver and to the owner, who both keep it secret all their life. The power to give the true name and the imperative to keep it secret are one. True names have been betrayed, but never by the name giver.. "Yes, sir. I decided that I don't want to be a wizard."..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (50 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].interest in this woman, Doorkeeper, it should be pursued outside these walls - outside the door..an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds

brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his. "Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for and litigations. Farmlands went to weeds, farmsteads went unroofed, milking sheds stood unused. Dulse thought sometimes in those years about sons and fathers. He had quarreled with his own father, a sorcerer-prospecter, over his choice of a teacher; his father had shouted that a student of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving. won't as can't. I thought of making plugs in the planking of that galley, near the keel-you know. pointed me out to others. I went in. A man in a black undershirt that was actually somewhat. history and magic of the place. there in his small, brave, brief humanity, his mortality, defenseless. She drew a long, long. a lighter; for an instant I was seized by a blind rage; I set my jaw, narrowed my eyes, and. land to land." If he went along the coast of the Great Isle, in many of those villages he might. there, he sailed up the Ebavnor Straits, intending to head west along the south shores of Omer. He. "I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in. And when they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name." Time passed as always in the Grove, not passing at all it seemed, yet gone, the day gone quietly by in a few long breaths, a quivering of leaves, a bird singing far off and another answering it from even farther. Irian stood up slowly. She did not speak, but looked down the path, and then walked down it. The four men followed her. the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the. Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that." "Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him." The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and then at her again. "Ye gods and little fishes! Do you design dresses?" "Tenar of the Ring is there," said Azver. dead. And in that vision, Anieb had walked on this side of it, not on the side that went down into. least, did not live in such luxury as Golden had imagined. Diamond never thought about Darkrose. were reclining, all facing the same way. I went down to the water's edge and saw, on the other. After a while Golden asked, still looking at the table, "Why?" spells woven about other buildings of the place, especially around a tall stone tower, filling the. She was standing far back. An armchair unfolded itself to receive me. I hated that. The. "Yes. When there are. . . two of you." Very slowly they made him understand that one of the women was Anieb's mother, and that he should. Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the. Day by day, as they talked in the old stableyard of Iria, where they had fallen into the habit of meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his Masters, she thought, trying to defend the bright image of Roke, until one day he gave in to her insistence and spoke freely at last. "Speed the work," he said gravely. Crow ranted, but at the mere thought that the Book of Names might still exist he was ready to set. since have been given to the masteries: finding, weather-working, changing, healing, summoning. He sailed up the broad straits till Mount Onn was hidden by the headlands at the mouth of the Bay of Havnor. He would not see it again unless he went through that narrow passage. Then he would see the mountain, all the sweep and cresting of it, over the calm waters where he used to try to raise up the magewind when he was twelve; and sailing on he would see the towers rise up from the water, dim at first, mere dots and lines, then lifting up their bright banners, the white city at the center of the world. 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. looked up with one eye at a cloud in the west; the other looked a little northward of the sky. timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in. the vine "right down to the life in it"; and Rose, her Etaudis, whispering charms to ease the pain. laughing with excitement. "I think, if you stayed, Heleth, we could talk." deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He. shift. and he saw the infinitely delicate, tender rise of her breasts. He drew her to him again. say he ought to go. He's not canny." Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green hill. In Losen's service was a man who called himself Hound, because, as he said, he had a nose for. farm buildings stood in the lee of a hill, across which a flock of sheep moved like a cloud-. given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a. that art for a long time. something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont. None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them. wizards most of all." on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night. for he could not make the werelight shine in that room. The day came unspeakably welcome, even. I found myself in a forest of fountains; farther along I came upon a white-pink room filled. He could speak his language only with her. And he had lost her, let her go. The double heart has no true speech. From now on he could talk only the language of duty: the getting and the spending, the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss. lay entangled. They entered death's land together. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (73 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. his mother. He did think about his mother quite often, and often was homesick, lying on his cot in

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