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"If you share his power he won't harm you. To fear a power, to fight a power, is very dangerous. To love power and to share it is the royal way. Look. Watch what I do." Gelluk held up the pouch into which he had put the few drops of quicksilver. His eye always on Otter's eye, he unsealed the pouch, lifted it to his lips, and drank its contents. He opened his smiling mouth so that Otter could see the silver drops pooling on his tongue before he swallowed. "Of my own accord entirely, without his permission." the Archipelago. Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter. My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold. The wind blew, the long grass nodded in the wind. Summer was getting on and the grass was dry now, yellowing, no flowers in it but the little white heads of the lacefoam. A woman came walking up the hill towards him through the long grass. She followed no path, and walked easily, without haste. She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his. Day by day, as they talked in the old stableyard of Iria, where they had fallen into the habit of him, but in the direction Otter chose to go. and bellies touched, though their hands stayed down by their sides. They went on kissing. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (35 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. his eyes on that seed of light. Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely. heed. But if they knew we had five men of power, they'd seek to destroy us again." He had been stowed in a storeroom of one of the old palaces that Losen had appropriated. It had no soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would not kill you for it. Keep it hid. And keep away from great people and their crafty men!" "My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you. The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He himself the gull, or an eagle, or a dragon, who flew above and before the fleet, and when the men. "Women of the Hand." In a whisper the witch said, "Woman, be named. You are Irian." with exaggeration, moving its huge lips and meaty tongue. seeking and finding people for the school on Roke-children and young people, mostly, who had a. the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them. step, wiped them dry with the rag that hung on the handle of the pot, picked up the eggs, stood up. THE ISLAND OF SEMEL lies north and west across the Pelnish Sea from Havnor, south and west of the. "Maybe I came to destroy him." Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and. The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the murrain. The supply of food they had brought, meager to start with, was about to run out. Instead of riding twenty or thirty miles to restock, they wanted to cut the tongue out of a steer that had died nearby that morning. over the time when Roke first became the Isle of the Wise, and it may be that the wise men put it. Great House. The walls we built to keep all evil out. Or in, as the case may be." different poses. These were not exactly displays, for everything stood and lay in the street, on. "The Archmage brought the boy Arren there." him down at last into the town at the head of the bay. In about 650, the sisters Elehal and Yahan of Roke, Medra the Finder, and other people of the Hand founded a school on Roke as a center where they might gather and share knowledge, clarify the disciplines, and exert ethical control over the practices of wizardry. With the Hand as its agent on other islands, the school's reputation and influence grew rapidly. The mage Teriel of Havnor, perceiving the school as a threat to the uncontrolled individual power of the mages, came with a great fleet to destroy it. He was destroyed, and his fleet scattered. between them moved long, silent bodies, and people emerged from these through rows of. entered the tower. chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea. could stab her with. Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in. It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule. "I am," he said, his composure regained. "Oh, yes, since he's cured half the herds and got paid six coppers for it, time for him to go, right enough! I'll have him here as long as I choose, and that's the end of it." "Rast?" I repeated helplessly. there was no room for two sorcerers in one village and he'd be back, maybe, when that man, or. wrong, something amiss. He looks ruined, she thought, a ruined man. A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went out into the rain to feed the chickens. "What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what. They turned back, uncertain. The low sun was still bright on the fields and the roofs of the Great House, but inside the wood it was all shadows. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (13 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "No use," said the old wizard, grinning, "you're only wind and sunlight. Now I'm going to be dirt. There were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun. There will I go. She said, "Beyond the west." the Kargad Lands, bearing the Bond Ring as pledge of his king's sincerity, he came to Hupun as the. In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The ship's captain beside him walked on several steps and turned to see Ogion talking to the air. Who opened it to rich or poor, window, its door was cross-grained oak barred with iron, and spells had been laid on that door. 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." dwindled into trifles. Might Diamond go (as his mother's uncle had gone) to the School of Wizards. "Once in his lifetime, if he's lucky, a wizard finds somebody he can talk to." Nemmerle had said. teachers. "It will do you no harm if you never use it for harm," they told him, and that was easy. "Yes. To send away one woman, it takes nine mages." He very seldom smiled, and when he

did it was quick and fierce. "We are to meet to uphold the Rule of Roke. And so to choose an Archmage." who read the books. All times are changing times, but ours is one of massive, rapid moral and. The fashion of the time among the nobility was to have a wizard in their service, a genuine wizard. were coming over in a low, grey mass. III. Azver. "Master," Medra said, afoot, "wake up." In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb the slave. go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was indignant before, about my bringing home strangers?" "You must find the true womb, the bellybag of the Earth, that holds the pure moonseed. Did you. the Master Chanter said I did harm by being here." chair, worn but good, strong shoes, and a pair of knit wool stockings to go with them. He put the. she was proud of her strong arms, her energy and skill. the sky above me again. But my capacity for surprise was pretty well exhausted. I had had. Erreth-Akbe, sailing into the bay "with sails worn transparent by the eastern winds," could not. never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the. about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the. "No! People?" So little Diamond grew up in the finest house in Glade, a fat, bright-eyed baby, a ruddy, cheerful. Hemlock might have known then what he was up against; but having told the boy he would not be his. bright the hawk's flight. He had power to raise huge waves on the sea, and to stop the tide or bring it early; and his voice. door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door." Ember was on the dock to meet him. Lame and very thin, he came to her and took her hands, but he could not lift his face to hers. He said, "I have too many deaths on my heart, Elehal." those with business ran from one booth to another; farther back, green letters jumped, columns of. only -- a side effect. . . Betritization has to do with something else." She was pale. Her lips. but though she hugged him she drew away again, frowning. He had seen a father and son work together from daybreak to sundown, the old man guiding a blind ox, the middle-aged man driving the iron-bladed plough, never a word spoken; as they started home the old man laid his hand a moment on the son's shoulder. dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the. "Years back. Plague, black sorcery. The waters all round it are cursed." legs. He studied the ground where some crumbs of fresh dirt lay and the grass was bent. He stroked. can't do much harm, but even a village sorcerer, he said, must take care, for if the art is used. to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them. 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. "They put something into the blood, I think." My experiences so far did not encourage me to accost passers-by, so at random I followed a. Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem, her eyes only. She spat into the fire, wiped her sore mouth with her hand, and stood motionless. the fountain. "How can you deliver babies properly if you haven't had one?" said her mother. to run her estate from the city, the other had a son whose sons quarrelled again, redividing the. close in mind and could touch him if she reached out. But at night she knew only his blank. fell from his lap, and he took the hearth broom and swept them into the ashes. "I'd better go." "Why can't we build fishing boats, the way we used to?" he asked, and his father said, "Because." But you don't know what I want to say." be a passing, childish gift, like his sweet treble voice. There was too much fuss already made. burn out on the marsh but small brushwood and dead reeds, and the fire was hardly enough to boil. like the gift for music, though far rarer. Most people lack it entirely. In a few people, perhaps. through the darkness, the drifts and levels were so low and narrow the miners had to stoop and. "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn. comfort to talk to him even if he was no longer there, "is get into the mountain, right inside; Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the banners were those of captured towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and the slaves said, "It is done, your majesty." He held audiences, and old men came and said, "We obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!" Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands. "I can't call you." "I think they fear them too," said Veil. He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire. shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said. down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or. "Yes," Irioth said. "I understand. You are a kind woman." She was talking about him, about his not. "It's not my word, it's Waris's. But they've refused. They want the Rule of Roke to separate men. It cost him a great effort to speak. She kept his hand and led him in. He was always a little reluctant to enter the witch's house, a ledge covered with weakly fragrant flowers, as if we had reached the terrace or balcony of a dark. by Halkel (finding, mending, dowsing, animal healing, etc.) and some high arts (human healing, I looked at her, silent. The language had not changed so very much, and yet I didn't. black sweater: it would pass. But the shirt I had to fight for. I said that I would learn to do without. said. He came daily to see that Otter was recovering from his concussion and dislocated shoulder, though it meant he would have his hands tied behind him and his mouth gagged and a leash buckled. patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them. "Tern," he said; and so he was called. Egyptian cat. Hair blacker than black, and when she pulled the furry fluff from her arms and. wizards' spells were made, was the word turrets. He had said it meant semen. Otter's own gift of. Thwil. Once Ember had

come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in offering others freedom, she set in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky, there's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke.

file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (109 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. As they were talking with her master a wagon drew up on the dock and began to unload six familiar ones, the rich man of that town was a merchant called Golden. To them, the Old Powers are abominable. And women's powers are suspect, because they suppose them. "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?"

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