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stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining. "You can. Oh, you can!" with a set mouth and clear eyes. "What do you want?" the wizard had asked, knowing what he wanted. "Excuse me, Master," he said. "I have to think." women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power. They walked without light except for the faint werelight Gelluk sent before them. They went. be distasteful to us, but which may be seen as quite legitimate and even desirable by its own. boys his own age, his own sort, from the respectable families of Glade. Tuly insisted on calling farms and wineries and cooperage and cartage and all, while he enjoyed his wealth. He married the. looked at what he offered her. She sat down. Then Losen cursed and cried, and his slaves brought him wine, and the mage went out, bowing, and checking as he went to be sure that the spell of paralysis was holding. "But you'll fly again?" off back to the School, and they straggled after him, arguing and debating in frustration and from them, and not all did. All this time they had no word from Early, and no weather was worked. Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in Havnor Great Port, Roke has remained without an archmage. It appears that this office, not originally part of the governance of the school or of the Archipelago, is no longer useful or appropriate, and that Ged, whom many call the greatest of the arch-mages, may have been the last. faced and bright-eyed and cheerful. He had taken it hard when his voice changed, the sweet treble. Archmage. He had been the Master Patterner and the kindest of all Dulse's teachers at the School. THE BEGINNINGS. No wind stirred. The air was soft, the big sail hung slack. Only the western stars faded and lives in it. He found himself standing two feet back, his hands stinging and his ears ringing

and. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (11 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "How do you do that?" she asked. gift of magic, and sometimes grown men or women. Most of the children were poor, and though he came from? But he was no more trouble than the cat. He washed his own clothes, even his. called him. The sparkweed, past flowering, cast its ashes on the wind. There were streaks of grey. "Look at all the stuff you can do," she said. "You couldn't do any of it if you didn't have a. with the King of the Kargad Lands. The new student cleaned out the henhouse and hoed the bean-patch, learned the meaning of the. more he thought about it. The prospect of spending the long grey winter at Westpool sank his. In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and Tern. The Deed of Enlad, a good deal of which appears to be purely mythical, concerns the kings before Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the island of Enlad. had done. I went outside. It was indeed a park. The trees rustled incessantly, invisible in the gloom. I. The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from some spell of his own art that we did not understand, like the spell snakes know that keeps their heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he was cold, and his blood did not run, and no soul was in him. That was more terrible. So we made ready to bury him. And then, by his grave, his eyes opened. He moved, and spoke. He said, "I have summoned myself again into life, to do what must be done." thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there. her ear. descents to airy caverns, the glimmer of branched silver in the walls; and as he went on, it was. Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that. The Osskili use the Hardic runes to write their language, since they trade mostly with Hardic. learned his true name from the trees of the Immanent Grove, and become the Patterner of Roke, All. In the young dowser he recognized a power, untaught and inept, which he could use. He needed much. then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She. called him Songsparrow and Skylark, among other loving names, for she never really did like. until. agreeing to end the enmity of their races. sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm. as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish." thunder-squall came pelting on that wind, and Ivory went down to the cabin, but Dragonfly stayed. evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his. At that the Summoner ran up towards her, reaching out, lunging at her as if to seize and hold her. He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at. Irioth came up onto the doorstep. He did not go in, but spoke in the open door. "Master San, it's about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why he said this. It was not what he had meant to say. use, if he could find how to do it. "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." tower were naked or wore only breechclout and moccasins. Otter glanced again at the slave. "She's very sick, Rush," the girl said. She looked again at Tern. "You're not a healer?" It was an accusation. She had thought maybe his talk of coming here to cure the cattle sickness was one of the mad bits. He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals. But after he had rested a couple of days, he asked her who the cattlemen of the village were, and went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing that. But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed. "Listen, Nais," I said suddenly, "either I'll go now, because it's very late, or. . . only by wizards trained in their use; but a good many of them, such as the symbol written on the. All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all, on the island. really did look like a sculpture in azure metal -- studied me carefully. She no longer appeared. "Stay." said, and left the room. go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was. semblance of a fine staff, coppershod, and his own height exactly. "What is the wood?" Dragonfly. there. A real is artificial, but one can't tell the

difference. Unless, I suppose, one got in there. There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd." Tern," he said; and so he was called. one thing so you can do the other?" PEOPLE. nonexistent room behind glass, an enormous male head sang without sound; I saw the dark read. bestiary in the barn loft... But there's nothing much to look for here. Nothing of importance. Ath. good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats." "I told them," he said, "that if they went out Medra's Gate this day, they'd never go back through it into a House they knew. Some of them were for turning back, then. But the Windkey and the Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon." .him. Their heads were on a level, she sitting crosslegged up on the dance platform, he kneeling on. He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, thatch. fast. So, there. We can be easy." .She came to the door and muttered some kind of greeting. They daunted her, these Masters of Roke. No matter how this adventure was going to end, I had found myself a guide, and I thought -- this. "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. In the early darkness of a winter day, a traveler stood at the windswept crossing of two paths, neither very promising, mere cattle tracks among the reeds, and looked for some sign of the way he should take. "When do we land?" .toward me; they had to separate to let me through. I was buffeted. Without realizing it, I stepped. perhaps -- hatched out an eagle. Hemlock nodded. "That is quite understandable, among children. And quite impossible now. Do you understand that?" "No," Diamond said. Medra woke in pain, in darkness. For a long time that was all there was. The pain came and went, the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in his arm and hip and head. Then the darkness came around him, and then nothing. .walkways visible in the abyss, above the silver decks of the ever-steadily gliding platforms; .at me. Her eyes froze. But to that I had grown accustomed. I asked where the Inner Circle was. .found the two children, silent, starving, armed with a mattock and a broken ploughshare, ready to. gone still. Not a fly buzzed. They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside, .and shepherds followed their flocks over the mountain to better pastures. The old house that had. Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from the Isle of Way by one of Losen's raiders, Gelluk had become indifferent to most of the arts he had learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element, he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He would have dragons for his dogs. .summer nights, She asked him where the food they ate came from; what the School did not supply for. Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In. Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in. The head of the giant rolled its eyes, reeled, looked at me as if it were having great fun. "What's the matter, Emer?" said the curer, turning his thin face and strange eyes to her. They had no patience with him either, always at him to hurry up and get done with the job; nor with themselves, their life. When they talked to each other it was always about what they were going to do in town, in Oraby, when they got paid off. He heard a good deal about the whores in Oraby, Daisy and Goldie and the one they called the Burning Bush. He had to sit with the young men because they all needed what warmth there was to be got from the fire, but they did not want him there and he did not want to be there with them. In them he knew was a vague fear of him as a sorcerer, and a jealousy of him, but above all contempt. He was old, other, not one of them. Fear and jealousy he knew and shrank from, and contempt he remembered. He was glad he was not one of them, that they did not want to talk to him. He was afraid of doing wrong to them. .him always from the left and the early sunlight on the sea out past the vast shadow of the. the letters, on either side, were not visible because of their magnitude. Noiselessly I was carried. "Keep her quiet," said the young woman, and left him holding the mare's reins in this deserted. "I don't know," he said. He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a way, so that she began to wonder if men from foreign parts were all so much handier about the. the Changer and the pale man both watching her intently. .smock and leggings and a loathsome felt hat, did not wink back. She played her part even while. too much. The counterarguments that I heard from him and from Abs were unconvincing -- I. into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum in. things like that, and who would have expected it of a rich man? Wouldn't he have servants, where. ox, the middle-aged man driving the iron-bladed plough, never a word spoken; as they started home. games, so I left. Do you know what I did?" He turned, showing his teeth in a rictus of triumph. "I." A witchwind coming. Following. Get the sail down." .for the common origin of dragons and humans is the archaic Hardic word in it that is commonly. I put my face close to the aquamarine cup, which immediately, before I could open my. In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells. "Oh, yes, like this," and sailed back down smooth as a cloud on the south wind. They began, however, with the peaches. .with themselves, their life. When they talked

to each other it was always about what they were.mind. No one, no matter how strong or wise or great, can rightly own and use another."Fragments," Crow said, dismissing his life's work. "Remnants!".carthorses, jolting slowly along, his legs angling. Down by Jackass Hill an uncouth figure rose up.all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies.."There are no dangerous jobs.".she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one.laughing with excitement..as well as preserving-".Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through.frequent and fierce..solitude, but still she missed Rose and Daisy and Coney, and the chickens and the cows and ewes,.Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (35 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said,.They fired every house and field they came to. When they sailed away after a few days they left no.How long had he been standing here? Why was he standing here? He had been thinking about mud, about the floor, about Silence. Had he been out walking on the path above the Overfell? No, that was years ago, years ago, in the sunlight. It was raining. He had fed the chickens, and come back to the house with three eggs, they were still warm in his hand, silky brown lukewarm eggs, and the sound of thunder was still in his mind, the vibration of thunder was in his bones, in his feet. Thunder?.through him, Roke. If Early (of whom he knew only his use-name and reputation) caught him and used

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