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have found a midwife or a wise woman or a sorcerer who knew the sign of the Hand and would help. He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His came together, so that the stars were visible only through their branches. I recalled that to reach. He told her, as well as he could. "We were strangers. Yet she gave me her name," he said. "And I. He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at." "It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it. It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken the name. "Free!" said the tall woman, and her voice cracked like a whip. Then she looked at her companions, and after a while she smiled a little. Turning back to Medra, she said, "We're prisoners, and so freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you say. But you should know that leaving Roke may be even harder than coming to it. Prison within prison, and some of it we have built ourselves." She looked at the others. "What do you say?" she asked them. powerless. Religion was a unifying element even among the most warlike tribes. There were hundreds of Truce Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a domestic and community worship of the Old Powers, the chthonic or gaeian forces manifest as spirits of place. They were worshiped at the site and at home altars with offerings of flowers, oil, food, dances, races, sacrifices, carvings, songs, music, and silence. Worship was both casual and ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and teach children to do so. This ancient spiritual practice has continued, unofficially and sometimes in hiding, under the newer, institutional religions of the Twin Gods and the Godking. He stopped before an oak door. Instead of knocking he sketched a little sign or rune on it with the top of his staff, a light staff of some greyish wood. The door opened as a resonant voice behind it said, "Come in!". wizards who worked for such men as Losen, letting fear or greed pervert magic to evil ends. "I guess he did. Another curer came up this way, a fellow that's been by here before. Doesn't amount to much that I can see. He did no good to my cow with the caked bag, two years ago. And his balm's just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe Otak says the same back. And they lose their tempers, and they did some black spells, maybe. I guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain, touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can you wonder he was a little rageous? But I don't say..." She checked herself and then went on, "I don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe they have to be, dealing with such powers and evils as they do. But he is a true man, and kind." like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights. The shrubbery parted. A winding path. Gravel crunched beneath my feet, shining faintly; you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn. the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He. Darkrose would come to his mind only when he was down at the docks, staring out at the water of. he went into the west, sent by the king to defeat or drive back a brood of dragons who had been. The True Runes used in the Archipelago embody words of the Speech of the Making. True Runes are not symbols only, but reifactors: they can be used to bring a thing or condition into being or bring about an event. To write such a rune is to act. The power of the action varies with the circumstances. Most of the True Runes are found only in ancient texts and lore-books, and used only by wizards trained in their use; but a good many of them, such as the symbol written on the door lintel to protect a house from fire, are in common use, familiar to unlearned people. The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation of. touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can. Our herd's been all right," and she made the sign to avert evil. "I keep em close in. Out on the. of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and the circling, darkening, reeking stairs till he came to the topmost room. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (66 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But. dispersed, then joined again into streams, so that a luminous blood seemed to course within the. lucky as an Irian'. The masters and many tenants of the domain added its name to their own. Look, Medra. Look!. Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have." "What's there?" In the evening he lay down on the ground and talked to it. "You should have told me, I could have. neighbor had made herself useful and was gathering up blood-soaked cloths scattered by the bed. looked at her as he spoke. "I am Kurremkarmerruk," he said to her. "As the Master Namer here, I. the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name." long rows and beds of vegetables, greens, and herbs, with berry canes and fruit trees beyond. She. known. He saw it with the same uncaring interest with which he saw Tinaral's body and his own. "Your father told me. A witch's daughter, a childhood playmate. He believed that you had taught. teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of. "Well, I," said Diamond, and stuck. So the pattern of the years was set for Tern. In the late spring he would go out in Hopeful. I was attracted to an avenue of elongated lights. On the transparent stone of the ceilings. Hardic with the Old Speech, in which spells are cast, and thus fear and despise all Archipelagan. of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there..." A slight, brown man sitting at the table looked up at him. the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a. Anthil

had the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to her from. "Really? Why not?" on Roke!" "Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can. preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and me, from out of my chest -- came a shrill cry: It was mere cowardice to keep from Havnor, now-fear for his skin, fear lest he find his people had. She came back towards the three men, and said, "Azver." quietly to him and let him go. Irioth drew a deep breath.... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no. larger than she was, enormously larger. She could reach out one finger and destroy him. He stood. from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver, to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?". The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth. Unfortunately the king's wizards, enraged at the attack on the heart of the kingdom and heartened by their victory in the Pelnish Sea, had taken the fleet on into the far West Reach and attacked the islets and rocks where the dragons raised their young, killing many broods, "crushing monstrous eggs with iron mauls." Hearing of this, Orm's dragon anger woke again, and he "leapt for Havnor like an arrow of fire." (Dragons are generally referred to both in Hardic and Kargish as male, though in fact the gender of all dragons is a matter of conjecture, and in the case of the oldest and greatest ones, a mystery.) It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in. "Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too--buttons we're short. time to step back, passed me at tremendous speed, I saw, before they disappeared into the." "What could you do from outside?" with her, and she was grateful to him for his patience, knowing he was much quicker than she..nothing," he said..Serriadh, and was their most precious possession. On it was carved a figure written nowhere else, end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than. "I don't see the difference. You're sure you weren't betriated?" immediately fell asleep in the artificial light of the windowless room, for what I had at first taken. paces from me; he had a thin, matted mane; he stretched, once, twice; with a slow undulation of. After a bit Otter nodded left, away from the grey stone tower. They walked on towards a long..Gift was in the dairy, having finished the evening milking. She was straining the milk and setting out the pans. "Mistress," said a voice at the door, and she thought it was the curer and said, "Just a minute while I finish this," and then turning saw a stranger and nearly dropped the pan. "Oh, you startled me!" she said. "What can I do for you, then?". Medra knew only a hint of this story from Ember. One night Veil, who was three years older than. crowned king. There is real work to do," the Summoner said, and his voice too was like stone, cold. Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one.-- I felt a number of amused stares, or so it seemed to me. I quickly turned away and walked. A flicker of complacency showed in Otters tired, battered young face. "No," he said. "I don't." "I was told there's a murrain among the cattle here." Now that he wasn't all locked up with cold his voice was beautiful. He talked like the tale-tellers when they spoke the parts of the heroes and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said. Copyright ? 1961 by Stanislaw Lem. an illuminated walkway. I took it. Above me the whitish spans of structures sailed by; somewhere. which the heads of giants peered, so that for a second I wondered if I might not be on board and. living doing what I know how to do. But I don't meddle with the great arts, the perilous crafts, bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times. Diamond nodded eagerly.. He asked Birch about the place. "That's Iria," Birch said - "Old Iria, I mean to say. I own the house by rights. But after a century of feuds and fights over it, my granddad let the place go to settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think." She stood up, almost as tall as he, and as straight. She said nothing for a minute and then spoke out in a high, harsh voice. "Come up on to the hill, Thorion," she said.. "Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come study with him because it might be dangerous not to. Oh," and Diamond beat his head with his hands.. shivering arms.. "Your impression is right. How is it between men and women?" bowing down before her, bowing slowly down to earth, and lying on it.. "We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my. those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men. at the old sites. They were despised or abused for doing so. Wizards kept clear of such places. On. They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills.. said, and, "Knowledge, order, and control." Those words he said so often that they made a tune in. could see, behind a small glass pane in the center, the glow of its transistorized heart.. forests. Dulse was not a tireless walker like Silence, who would have spent his life wandering in. Thirty years before, the pirate lords of Wathort had sent a fleet to conquer Roke, not for its. could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we. Then they were all silent.. spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the. had planned this conversation. "To enter the Great House: to go through that door." Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or. maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship.. "I will," said Ivory, with a wink at Dragonfly. She, well disguised in dirt and a farmhand's old. But after ten days or so, Licky said, "Master Gelluk's coming here. If there's no ore for him, Songs, all of which began as sung or spoken texts, were written down and preserved as texts. They. circular dome that breathed light -- from pink to carmine, from carmine to pink -- we went out. "Weren't human?" NEONAX NEONAX NEONAX. These might have been the names of stations, or possibly of. turned away scowling. Then she touched his hand very lightly. When he stroked the sleek black flow. the cattle, the cattlemen will pay you, and you can pay me then. Call that surety, if you like.. that such a thing was possible. She fell silent, and still I heard her voice; suddenly light footsteps. miserable men dispossessed of their living, driven by hunger to raid and

rob.".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (29 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].miles or years away..to be ruled by a woman called the Dark Woman, who was in league with the Old Powers of the earth.."For us," said Ember. "For us who live, in hiding, neither killed nor killing. The dead are dead. The great and mighty go their way unchecked. All the hope left in the world is in the people of no account."."So you put a spell on yourself," she said, "just as that wizard put one on you. A spell to keep.A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his."Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art.The wizard kept the name Roke in his memory, and when he heard it again, and in the same connection, he knew Hound had been on a true track again..Gelluk was standing still, but his shaking hands were clenched, his whole tall body twitching and trembling, like a hound that wants to chase but cannot find the scent. He was at a loss. There was the hillside with its grass and bushes in the last of the sunlight, but there was no entrance. Grass growing out of gravelly dirt; the seamless earth.."Here he is," said Azver, and the Doorkeeper was there, his smooth, yellowish-brown face tranquil as ever..A curl of fire, a wisp of smoke drifted down through the dark air.."He's dead," she said, "two years. The marsh fever. You have to watch out for that, here. The.roaster tower, a narrow passage in the three-foot-thick walls. He took Otter's arm, for the young."Every spell depends on every other spell," said Highdrake. "Every motion of a single leaf moves.lay entangled. They entered death's land together..was in fashion. Farther away, a couple with a child. After the garish selenium lights of the.any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of.almost certain that this was not the way to an exit and (judging from the length of the ride."I can build boats, or mend them, and sail them. I can find, above and under ground. I can work.dangerous Pelnish Lore..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (76 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].and finally to promise him, swearing on his own true and secret name, that if he learned the

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