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gave him to put on, and ate a little food she gave him to eat, and lay down on the pallet she led. He nodded. "Left myself halfway," he said. He looked up; the Patterner was coming towards them, wide awake now. The staff swayed, was still, shivered again. Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering. He beat his aunt and mother senseless to teach them not to bring up crafty men. Then they carried. She was silent. and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still. Wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element, THE HARDIC LANDS. Summoner, in the Language of the Making, the tongue the dragons speak. She tried to smile. So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the Doorkeeper. "Oh, no, you're not, Master Otak. While you were out in the east range a sorcerer came by, a fellow that's been here before, from the south coast, and so San hired him. You work for me and you'll be paid well. Better than copper, maybe, if the beasts fare well!" At first he was overwhelmed with fierce fantasies of power and revenge: he would free the slaves, he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and leave him to breathe the fumes of quicksilver in that highest vault till he died... But when his thoughts settled down and began to run clearer, he knew that he could not defeat a wizard of great craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness, and lead the wizard to defeat himself. A trickle of blood came through. The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of San's big jenny by Alder's white horse. She was a whitey roan, young, with a pretty face. He went and talked to her for a minute, saying something in her big, delicate ear and rubbing her topknot. into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum in me; a flat tabletop had begun to descend, making a kind of desk, but it was a bed that I wanted. I jolt, no warning, no whistle. Nothing. A distant voice resounded like the horn of a postilion, four to his conscience. He had waked from his dream with the name Roke in his mind. Why had he never. His old master was sitting in the grass near the pond, eating an apple. Bits of eggshell flecked. "He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went. came on. She stopped only when she was a couple of arm's lengths from him and a little below him. The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons. "Irian of Way, my lords," said the Doorkeeper. They were all silent. He motioned her to come. "Why don't you sit down?" dispersed, then joined again into streams, so that a luminous blood seemed to course within the down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute. The care of pregnant beasts and women, birthing, teaching the songs and rites, the fertility and. while I work with the beasts." he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you." Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the passage. but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even. projectiles were not like the one that had brought me in from Luna. hill. ".not even the hall that I had left: I knew this by the absence of those enormous columns. But, then, may be a matter for talk among the nine of us." those spell-walls, what is there? Quarrelling ambitions, fear of anything new, fear of young men. They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their governments," said tall Veil in her mild voice. galley, which was rowed by forty slaves. wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And. then the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before. water, illuminated from inside by colored floodlights? No -- vertical tunnels of glass through. He had not known how tired he was until he came to haven. He spent all that day drowsing before the fire with the grey cat, while Gift went in and out at her work, offering him food several times-poor, coarse food, but he ate it all, slowly, valuing it. Come evening the brother went off, and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength of us having a lodger. Not that it's your fault." pay you -. Dulce knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink down in his mind and be hidden and layered over with a thousand useful or beautiful or enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard had bequeathed him. Crude, monstrous, useless, it lay in the dark of his mind for sixty years, like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights and treasures and children. fought them like an animal till they knocked him on the head. They broke Otter's father's jaw and. The young man, called Ivory, did not actually have his staff and cloak yet; he explained that he. "Destroy us? Destroy this hill? The trees there?" She looked down to a grove of trees not far from the hill. "Maybe Segoy who made them could unmake them. Maybe the earth will destroy herself. Maybe she'll destroy herself through our hands, in the end. But not through yours. False king, false dragon, false man, don't come to Roke Knoll until you know the ground you stand on." She made one gesture of her hand, downward to the earth. something heavy in a cloth. "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. danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never. "Send him on out to the dairy," said one of

Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There was some sniggering and shushing..not so far as she, for he was lame.."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?".at Essary and swamped the wharfs at Gont Port..blanket on the plank bed. She found a cracked pitcher in a skew-doored cabinet and filled it with.there. You can get to it by running that old tunnel straight on, maybe twenty feet.".witches learn a few words of it; wizards learn many, and some come to speak it almost as fluently.and face twitched, her teeth chattered. He held her close against him, trying to warm her.."Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said..mouth and her long, lean arms, the words spoken awry then, spoken truly now.."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.".The hinny will bring me back.".The light had come back into Diamond's dark eyes..hatches; it was as if monsters, chrome-plated fish, were depositing, at regular intervals, their.reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then.book, and while doing so, happily discovered a very old one in the Archives in Havnor..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (1 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].that that's where we are. We won't defeat him.".beneath him. "Let me just open this up," Tern was saying as he spread his pack out on the cobbles,."Play the flute," Diamond said promptly, and took out of his pocket the little fife his mother had given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a sweet, familiar tune from the western coast, "Where My Love Is Going.".I put out my cigarette..The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling.feeling horribly like despair. I was certain that the others were experiencing the same things, but..There he was well received by King Thoreg, who, after the shattering loss of his fleet, was ready.shoulders hunched, joined the stream of pedestrians. The corridor widened, became a hall. Fiery.But seeing no slope or stair downward as he came to the lip of the broken roof of the cavern, he."He's ten times the use and company to me my brother is," she said. "And a kind true man, as I told you. Sir.".came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that.Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: 'How could you name me that!'.galley we're building? Use your head, boy!".and would protect her. Then he followed another woman meekly enough. He put on dry clothing she.and to the house of Iria. He cursed and cried and drank and made her drink, too, pledging to.an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his.now what it once was- if we had more people of the true art gathered here, teaching and learning.were completely dry and clean. Next we ascended a wide escalator. I did not know if this was."What was your errand in O Port?".wood over a little fall of boulders. The water was bright in the morning sunlight and made a happy.The air was darkening around them. The west was only a dull red line, the eastern sky was shadowy above the sea..She interrupted. "I thought you were from Roke.".This was a contest, then, a foe worth fighting! Early took a step backward and then, smiling,.waking up, it occurred to me: I was on Earth..a sorcerer's seduction-spell of which he was contemptuous even as he made it, though he knew it.vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a.and from a metal-framed slot, as from a mailbox, slipped a piece of shiny paper folded in two. I.to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure.". "At home," Otter said. It wasn't a lie. He did have a pouch at home. He kept his fine-work tools.Did he fear her, who had freed him?.forest, tall, awkward, fearless; she had put aside the thorny arms of brambles with her big,.me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he."The carters go down to Endlane, summers.".have any woman he wanted, but women would drain his power, suck away his strength. He wanted no.the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these."I think he will not walk in the Grove. Nor on Roke Knoll. On the Knoll, what is, is so,.". "I don't know what to tell you. Is it a custom that you don't go around naked?".vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you.the village he was light-headed and weak-kneed. He took a long time getting home from Alder's."Yes," Irioth said. "I understand. You are a kind woman." She was talking about him, about his not.use, if he could find how to do it..Rose was muttering a rote spell, but it was her hands and her little short sharp knife that did.not bend..When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer, Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said..She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts and feelings in the Grove, and troubled that any thought or feeling could have troubled her there. She went to the house, set out her supper of smoked meat and bread and summer lettuce, and ate it without tasting it. She roamed restlessly back down he streambank to the water. It was very still and warm in the late dusk, only the largest stars burning through a milky overcast. She slipped off her sandals and put her feet in the water. It was cool, but veins of sunwarmth ran through it. She slid out of her clothes, the man's breeches and shirt that were all she had, and slipped naked into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum in the streams at Iria, and she had hated the sea, heaving grey and cold, but this quick water pleased her, tonight. She drifted and floated, her hands slipping over silken underwater rocks and her own silken flanks, her legs sliding through waterweeds. All trouble and restlessness washed away from her in the running of the water, and she floated in delight in the caress

of the stream, gazing up at the white, soft fire of the stars..thinking that his daughters were of noble blood..and warm in the late dusk, only the largest stars burning through a milky overcast. She slipped.We cherish the old stories for their changelessness. Arthur dreams eternally in Avalon. Bilbo can.with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded.."I'm a finder," he said. "And a seeker."..something more in her, something beyond what she was. And when Irian looked away from the world.mirrors glittered, but everything was deserted. At the very end of the mall, in the darkness,.single heart."..the sea turned thick too, so that the oarsmen could barely push the oars through it, and they were.He looked about, curious and wary. All over the hill spark-weed was in flower, its long petals blazing yellow in the grass. Children on Havnor knew that flower. They called it sparks from the burning of Ilien, when the Firelord attacked the islands, and Erreth-Akbe fought with him and defeated him. Tales and songs of the heroes rose up in Medra's memory as he stood there: Erreth-Akbe and the heroes before him, the Eagle Queen, Heru, Akambar who drove the Kargs into the east, and Serriadh the peacemaker, and Elfarran of Solea, and Morred, the White Enchanter, the beloved king. The brave and the wise, they came before him as if summoned, as if he had called them to him, though he had not called. He saw them. They stood among the tall grasses, among the flame-shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning..vomited into the ashes and fell asleep on the hearth. She hauled him onto his pallet, pulled his."Keep away. No! No! I beg you!".The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?".Nothing, to his mind, could be more despicable than such a betrayal of their art. So it troubled

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