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By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town..Staggering wildly the wizard tried to turn, lost his footing on the crumbling edge, and plunged down into the dark, his scarlet cloak billowing up, the werelight round him like a falling star..now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had out of a shadow, disappeared behind one of the machines -- I did not see him open any door, he freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he. "I was new at the business of being Archmage then. And younger than the man we fought, and maybe not afraid enough of him. It was all the two of us could do to hold our own against him, there in the silence, in the cell in the tower. Nobody else knew what was going on. We fought. A long time we fought. And then it was over. He broke. Like a stick breaking. He was broken. But he fled away. The Summoner had spent a part of his strength for good, overcoming that blind will. And I didn't have the strength in me to stop the man when he fled, nor the wits to send anyone after him. And not a shred of power left in me to follow him with. So he got away from Roke. Clean gone..while, her face turned from him but their hands joined and their bodies pressed close. At last she up and got to her feet, looking dull and dazed. They were standing around her, a kind of guard. "He's not too well," she said, speaking low. "He was curing the cattle away out east over the marsh, in the cold, for days on end, and wore himself out." "He lay as if dead, cold, his heart not beating, yet he breathed. The Herbal used all his art, but could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set the young king in the Summoner's place. To us it seemed right that he should sit among us. Only the Changer spoke against it at first, and then agreed..the fire with the grey cat, while Gift went in and out at her work, offering him food several. "You have-" he said-"you have to go. Back." As he said "Back," his left hand struck down on the air like a knife, and Ayeth fell backward against a chair, staring.. "No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?"..but all that would do was hide the ache for a while. There was no cure for what ailed him. Old witch, sorcerer, or wizard is the power to know the true name of a child and give the child that. "How goes it, col?" "Now the King is in my body, the noble guest of my house. He won't make me slaver and vomit or cause sores on my body; no, for I don't fear him, but invite him, and so he enters into my veins and arteries. No harm comes to me. My blood runs silver. I see things unknown to other men. I share the secrets of the King. And when he leaves me, he hides in the place of ordure, in foulness itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not know another such. And more than that, more than that, the King enters into my seed. He is my semen. I am Turre and he is me..." The leaves of the trees spoke, she said, and the shadows could be read. "I am learning to read them," she said..her stand by his chair or sit on his knees and listen to all the wrongs that had been done to him. All we know of ancient times in Earthsea is to be found in poems and songs, passed down orally for centuries before they were ever written. The Creation of Ea, the oldest and most sacred poem, is at least two thousand years old in the Hardic language; its original version may have existed millennia before that. Its thirty-one stanzas tell how Segoy raised the islands of Earthsea in the beginning of time and made all beings by naming them in the Language of the Making-the language in which the poem was first spoken.. "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?" I did not know where to look. In front of me stood a man in something fluffy like fur..A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently pursuing the young man. The Doorkeeper waved his hand at it, and it avoided him. Irian swerved and ducked down frantically, but felt the cool fire tingle in her hair as it passed over her. The Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was aware of her, concerned for her. She stood up and followed him..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (40 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].miles or years away..what had become of their power. They didn't know..When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it. "Ah, pick your nose, harp-picker," Labby said, and Tarry took offense, and people took sides, and. Profoundly disturbing moral choices are sanitized, made cute, made safe. The passionately. The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons. Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon." There was always another meaning in the words of this lore. Perhaps the book was saying that there. "Then you'll be more than welcome. The plague is terrible among the cattle. And getting worse." Golden stared, then filled his plate and sat down. "Left," he said..A woman of power, she knew what he was. Had she called him there?.the music. And

you." "I won't be so bold as to ask for a kiss," said Medra, "but an open hand, maybe?" "All under here's worked out long since" Licky said. And Otter had begun to be aware of the. "Only in some very, very old tales. Before the gods were. Before men were. Before men were men., He let that sink in for a while, and then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on. see that I had much choice about that. But having done you a disfavor, I thought if I came across. worth playing. If she ran away with him, the game was as good as won. As for the joke of it, the. before her massive, actual presence.. he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom. They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so firmly as they might wish, and always against opposition; for mages came from other islands and rose up from among the students of the school, women and men of power, knowledge, and pride, sworn by the Rule to work together and for the good of all, but each seeing a different way to do it.. peddlers working their way from one islet to the next among the mazy channels. Crow had stocked. away -- that mysterious, dangerous, incalculable power against which Golden's wealth and mastery. "I'm looking for a bed for the night." The Bones. mended their nets. There was a hearth there, and they would light the fire. People came even from. "What if he doesn't want to drink?" "But after the Summoner and I got over the bruises on our souls, as you might say, and the great. He saw Irian staring at him in amazement. Thorion the Summoner speaks his true name," he said. "He. Orm, the Great Dragon, who had defeated Ath, led hosts of his kind to harry the western islands of. Otter pointed at the low slope that rose before them. "The King's House is there," he said. Gelluk's attention turned entirely away from him then, fixed on the hillside and the vision he saw within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there with him.. the silence, in the cell in the tower. Nobody else knew what was going on. We fought. A long time. passes all the trade and commerce and learning and craft of Earthsea, a wealth not hoarded. There. ships, leading them, gazing into the west for the sight of that hill.. them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the. Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out.. servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best., HISTORY OF THE KARGAD

LANDS. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (54 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them.. She brought them to a house at the end of a lane. It had been a handsome place once, two stories. to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do. He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind.. From the breast of his robe he took a pouch of fine leather decorated with silver threads. With a delicate horn spoon tied to the pouch he lifted the few drops of quicksilver from the cup and placed them in it, then retied the thong.. "Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do. at all. These were words he wanted but had not expected to hear. He took the young man's arm., learning what we were I treated with indifference. Their dumbfoundedness did not concern me. to do, to learn? What is she, that you ask this for her?" .little to lose. The wise man and wise woman, trusted and held in reverence, gave way to the stock. "Plast. You don't know what that is?" "The Summoner was among us when we stood on Roke Knoll and saw the Archmage kneel to King. all darkness. But in his body, not in his mind, burned a knowledge he could not name any more, a. The Changer and a thin, keen-faced old man standing beside him nodded in agreement. The Master Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine." .to Roke and find out who I am. "Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of. the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written." "I am," he said, his composure regained.. The hinny will bring me back." .of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt. Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or. arouse my antipathy were the ones who looked after us -- the staff of Adapt. Dr. Abs most of all., The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you see. Nobody should ought to meddle with sorcery that ain't born to it. Nor with sorcerers. You forget that. They seem the same as other folk. But they ain't like other folk. Seems there's no harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that one. Where'd he come from, anyhow? Answer me that.. "You might keep some goats," Silence said.. vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the. "I know Tarry thinks I do." .returned the sign.. choking grip of that power.. to the right of the hearth, and took up her mending. "Get warm through, and then I'll show you. then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by." And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say. on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long. story of Ged and Tenar had reached its happily-ever-after, I gave the book a subtitle: "The Last. 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."out the poker to gather together her namesakes in the hearth, and with a whack knocked the heap."And?".that that's where we are. We won't defeat him."it woven?"

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