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"No," Irioth said. "Sans herd was going down fast when I left. I'm needed there." ranges, the murrain's very bad. Maybe the cold weather'll put an end to it." here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand. shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning.. encompassed me in an invisible arch. For the first time I felt alone, but not as in a crowd, for the. without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to. "I'm called Gift," she said. "My brother's Berry." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (101 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]. ever seen anyone. He saw the thin arms, the swollen joints of elbow and wrist, the childish nape. There was the silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the. Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it.. Hemlock was glad to see a bit of fire in the boy. "They are one another's family," he said.. blue that clung to her like a liquid congealed; her arms and breasts were hidden in a navy-blue. That had been their signal, summer nights, when they sneaked out to meet in the willow grove down. the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they. .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (53 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. and the infinite familiarity of the village lane, Rose's front yard, her own seven milch ewes. Gelluk had never met a man he feared. A few wizards had crossed his path strong enough to make him. The great scholar-mage Ath compiled a lore-book that brought together much scattered knowledge.. for them. But when some of the young men started after them, there was no path.. After a long pause he went on. "You know that a dragon brought back our Lord Sparrowhawk, with the. "To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second. some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend. of magery. When he was a little boy, Golden himself had been able to make his own shadow shine and. "Ah," San said, coming to the door, and hemmed a bit. "No need, Master Otak. This here is Master. Most people of the Archipelago have brown or red-brown skin, black straight hair, and dark eyes;. "I didn't know what I was doing," he said. "Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't.".. sudden, taking Otter's hand in his and pulling him to his feet with startling strength. He was. He had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do.".. She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the stranger who was himself.. Havnor.. darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle. He did not forgive his son. It would have made a happy ending, but he would not have it. To leave. Windkey led them. His thin, keen old face looked strained and weary, but he greeted the four mages. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain. there was nothing but shame and pain and anger in it for Golden. So he had his tragedy.. a bouquet of pale pink flowers; nestling her face in them, she smiled at the boy with her eyes. At. since last night. He knew also that in that same moment he might defeat Gelluk, disempower him, if. When she looked around again Diamond was gone.. quarrels with his relatives, had left Birch a thriving property. Birch hired men to manage the. "Later? It varies. To some. . you always give brit.".. will never return.".. people here well know.".. the Summoner should do so continued to shock and disturb her as she thought about it.. adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of. "What is?".. "I'll be in the Grove," she said. "And my heart with you, my dark otter, my white tern, my love, Medra.".. but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides.. thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there.. to tell you what Roke is like," he said. "But it would be my pleasure.".. Hound was sorry for him. "You know, if it was Gelluk questioning you, he'd have everything you. Sail home to the houses of the sunrise, Hasa.. Ivory smiled. He said nothing, but she knew how petty the doings of a village witch appeared to. The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the. "That's right, little servant, well done," Gelluk said to her in his tender voice. "Give your. Then they were all gone, and he stood alone on the hill, shaken and wondering. "I have seen the. and flew.. still dance, I thought to myself. That's good. The pair took a few steps, a pale, mercurylike ring. summer nights, She asked him where the food they ate came from; what the School did not supply for. "Ah," he said. He looked away so that she could not see his expression.. youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The. The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin. four or five times a day, it'll heal clean, I'm sorry." She said the last honestly, though. far end of the old workings. There he nodded downward and stamped his foot.. "I'm looking for a bed for the night.".. "Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory. teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of. "What's Alder paying you for all this?" she demanded while the water was heating. She was still indignant, speaking more bluntly even than usual.. "I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As. certainty that was like a tiny lamp held in his hands in a maze of caverns underground. He kept. Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the. thick with worms as a dead dog on a dunghill.".. They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside, and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The four mages stood on the path.. "And a man comes when you knock, an ordinary-looking man. And he gives you a test. You have to say a certain word, a password, before he'll let you in. If you don't know it, you can never go in. But if he lets you in, then from inside you see that the door is entirely different - it's made out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a

dragon that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea. There were only dragons, to begin with. They found the tooth on Mount Onn, in Havnor, at the centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And then the Doorkeeper takes you down a hall and another hall, till you're lost and bewildered, and then suddenly you come out under the sky. In the Court of the Fountain, in the very deepest inside of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there..."nursery, until driven back into the west by Ged. But the marauding dragons of the Lay and the He looked at the man he knew only as Otter..Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no title or court privilege in the days of the kings, through all the dark years after Maharion fell they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding some sort of justice, and fighting off petty tyrants. As order and peace returned to the Archipelago under the sway of the wise men of Roke, for a while yet the family and their farms and villages prospered. That prosperity and the beauty of the meadows and upland pastures and oak-crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria', or, "as lucky as an Irian'. The masters and many tenants of the domain added its name to their own, calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned the land altered with time and chance..Medra took her hand and put his forehead against it. Telling his story he had kept back tears. He could not do so now..Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and..centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through.in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that..high about them, she heard a call - a horn blowing, a cry? - remote, on the very edge of hearing..untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the..It took him a long time to cross the cavern. He put his bad arm inside his shirt and kept his good..Patterner put it, "bigger inside than outside'. She sat down in a patch of sun-dappled shade and.."Go on, Deyala. I'll stay here." The Herbal went off. Azver sat down on the rough bench Irian had made and put against the front wall of the house. He looked upstream at her, crouching motionless on the bank. Sheep in the field between them and the Great House blatted softly. The morning sun was getting hot.."I can take her to those who can.."..then it was not really what she had wanted to know, but she wanted to know more. He was patient."I talked to him last night," Golden said. "He said to me that there are certain natural gifts..Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was..When she asked him if students came there from the Great House, he said, "Sometimes." Another time..sap, then sap," piped the shortest, who had a potbelly. On his head he wore a tall cap..saw, his hands held out before him, straining, parting: and the cliffs parted with them, and stood..sparks, no, fireflies, swarms of burning moths..The chaos of lights extinguished the stars. When I..Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set Heleth's mattress and blanket in the sun to air. "I'll stay here a while," he thought. "It's a good house." After a while he thought, "I might keep some goats.."..Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage would rub out its king with half a spell. But he let Losen act the master. The pirate was a convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the prisoning spells he had laid on the places slaves worked or treasures were kept. Making those spells had been a different matter, a long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo them..faded and then darkened into grey as clouds swept again across the mountain and hid the rising..to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure.."..I'm Gift," she said, a bit flustered, but liking the fellow. "All right, then, Master Hawk. Put your horse up and see to him. There's the pump, there's plenty of hay. Come on in the house after. I can give you a bit of milk soup, and a penny will be more than enough, thank you." She didn't feel like calling him sir, as she always did the curer. This one had nothing of that lordly way about him. She hadn't seen a king when she first saw him, as with the other one..sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire..rapidly at anyone's approach; at last I found an exit..one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!".."You're welcome," she said, and hoisted whatever it was into a massive pottery bowl, and wiped her hands down her apron. He knew nothing at all about women. He had not lived where women were since he was ten years old. He had been afraid of them, the women that shouted at him to get out of the way in that great other kitchen long ago. But since he had been traveling about in Earthsea he had met women and found them easy to be with, like the animals; they went about their business not paying much attention to him unless he frightened them. He tried not to do that. He had no wish or reason to frighten them. They were not men.."..I'd tell you mine," she said. "If that... if that's how we should begin.."..which rotated slowly, like a record. It was not supported by anything, did not even have an axis..Still no one paid attention to them, as if a charm of protection were on them. They walked down the winding stairs, out of the tower, past the barracks, away from the mines. They walked through thin woodlands towards the foothills that hid Mount Onn from the lowlands of Samory..have it.."..Who found his way to work his

will..Magic.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..breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this.lore a wizard or his prentice might record a plague, a famine, a raid, a change of masters, along.Then he was back in himself, with the fierce hurt in his arm and hip and head, sick and dizzy in the blind blackness. When he moved, he whimpered; but he sat up. I have to live, he thought. I have to remember how to live. How to make light. I have to remember. I have to remember the shadows of the leaves..Hound, and used him as seldom as possible, but Hound was too useful not to use..more he thought about it. The prospect of spending the long grey winter at Westpool sank his.and disappeared as if blown out. In the next flash I saw an entrance. I heard voices. I entered.Heru, the Queen Mother, gave the emissary the arm ring Morred gave Elfarran; her consort Aimal had given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of Serriadh, and was their most precious possession. On it was carved a figure written nowhere else, the Bond Rune or Rune of Peace, believed to be a guarantee of peaceful and righteous rule. "Let the Kargish king wear Morred's ring," the Queen Mother said. So, bringing it as the most generous of gifts and in pledge of peaceful intent, Erreth-Akbe went alone to the City of the Kings on Karego-At..which she found hard to do. She wept to think of Diamond hungry, sleeping hard. Cold nights of."All right," she said finally. "I'm not keeping you. But now this. . ." She was confused..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (68 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]

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