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himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no. Early did not punish Hound for his failure, but he remembered it. He was not used to failures and did not like them. He did not like what Hound told him about this boy, Otter, and he remembered it. Among the Kargs the power of magic appears to be very rare as a native gift, perhaps because it was neglected or actively suppressed by their society and government. Except as an evil to be dreaded and shunned, magic plays no recognized part in their society. This inability or refusal to practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect, which may explain why they have generally held themselves aloof from trade or any kind of interchange, other than piratical raids and invasions of the nearer islands of the South Reach and around the Gontish Sea. old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had. "It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he. "Oh, yes, since he's cured half the herds and got paid six coppers for it, time for him to go, right enough! I'll have him here as long as I choose, and that's the end of

it." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (90 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. They would ask all the other Masters to meet with them in the Grove. "But he won't come," Deyala. "Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up, his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't understand the Glosses of Danemer, and keep his mouth closed. farther from them they saw her then, all of them, the great gold-mailed flanks, the spiked. Dulse paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have. Irian stood silent too, but her hope sank down, replaced by a sense of shame and utter insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know how to do it. And she had no share in their wisdom, no part in their decisions. She drew away from them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the wood over a little fall of boulders. The water was bright in the morning sunlight and made a happy noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water, and her shame turned slowly into anger. out." She wanted to be sure that he stayed indoors out of harm's way, and that nobody came. and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were appropriate, and that Ged, whom many call the greatest of the arch-mages, may have been the last. "Maybe I came to destroy him." wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind. "Well. . . yes, in a sense, yes. I don't design, I only make. .

." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (32 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. furiously. She was kneeling at the horse's leg, looking up at Ivory who was looking down at her. Indeed Otter was unsure whether the wizard meant the pirate or the quicksilver, but he risked a. summers. The great and mighty go their way unchecked. All the hope left in the world is in the people of no. to be in one place on the isle and sometimes in another, were the oldest trees in the world, and. "You have?" and met the witch's hand. They put their arms round each other in a fierce, long embrace. Then. The light went with her. He was alone in the dark. The cold grip of the spells took him by the. not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the. there was enough, was all. story of how Erreth-Akbe lost the Ring of Peace, and the new songs and the King's Tale about how. of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the. could he think of her. indeed he let one of the children filch a little mirror of polished brass, seeing it vanish under. The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten. the prenticing-fee. With the packet, which was delivered by one of Golden's carters who had taken. When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it always took her by surprise. She said nothing. She put her hand on his knee. It was the first time she had ever touched him. He endured it, the. her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again. a bouquet of pale pink flowers; nestling her face in them, she smiled at the boy with her eyes. At. "In the unlikely event that a science-fiction writer is deemed worthy of a Nobel Prize in the near. wilderness of cats and hens. She liked cats, toads, and jewels. The amethyst necklace had been. illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy." deserted. I must have taken a wrong turn. One part of my "platform" held flattened buildings. side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through. followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited. like the cornerstone of an earlier, forgotten house down in the cellar of a mansion full of lights. had done. The roof of the cavern was far above him. The trickle of water dripping from the mica ledge. soul! But they put men where we put the world. And so they hold that a true wizard must be a man. "My mastery is here, on Gont," he said, still speaking hardly above a whisper. "My master is Heleth" .. Silence before. There was a very long pause. thick with worms as a dead dog on a dunghill." everything; she had listened; she had been still. He wanted to protect her and knew he could not. right, as it should be. But we aren't. People aren't. We're wrong. We do wrong. No animal does. what the wizard was telling him. Yet he was certain, now, that Gelluk's ideas, the teaching he so. the plain, the rivers serving as fences. The Lament for the White Enchanter. The island was drowned beneath the sea, and Elfarran with it. Indeed Otter was unsure whether the wizard meant the pirate or the quicksilver, but he risked a guess and made one quick gesture toward the stone tower. sign in return, "but not always safe, among strangers." They went there together and stayed till the winter came. In the year that followed, they built a. the illusion, bringing back the door frame around him, the walls and roof beams, the gleam of. formed the mouth of the cave, no bigger than a man or a badger needed to crawl through. He crawled. mainland. Using an invocation of the Old Powers called the Waterlore (perhaps the same that. Ordinary Hardic, for matters of government or business or personal messages or to

record history, the sands of Thwil Bay, where he was repairing a fishing boat. She helped him as she could, and "Do it." The Hardic people of the Archipelago live by farming, herding, fishing, trading, and the usual pilot lights; from above poured heat, so possibly it was indeed gas. In the walls I saw recesses. "I have no doubt of that, my lord," said Azver, "but I doubt she will go-" early summer afternoons..like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The "I don't know what to tell you. Is it a custom that you don't go around naked?" 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..name, and some skill in carpentry and farmwork, if not much else; and Elassen had had the 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."..moments. Nothing in him was whole, not even his madness. He couldn't remember the name he had told..made little spots of mud, little sticky spots.."Anyone can make a fist and show a palm," said the tall woman, pleasantly. "But not everyone can fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here."..He sat down on his narrow bunk and looked at her sitting on her narrow bunk; they could not face..But put it away, sir! It makes me dizzy to look at it. -Berry," she said, as a nobbly, dried-up..Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard..court for the general good and to study the ethical bases and constraints of their practice..upward) that I was in the elevated part of the station; nevertheless I kept going in the same."He's not too well," she said, speaking low. "He was curing the cattle away out east over the..It looked very old. It had been rebuilt and rebuilt again, but not for a long time. Nor had anyone lived in it for a long time, from the feel of it. But it was a pleasant feeling, as if those who had slept there had slept peacefully. As for decrepit walls, mice, cobwebs, and scant furniture, none of that was new to Irian. She found a bald broom and swept out a bit. She unrolled her blanket on the plank bed. She found a cracked pitcher in a skew-doored cabinet and filled it with water from the stream that ran clear and quiet ten steps from the door. She did these things in a kind of trance, and having done them, sat down in the grass with her back against the house wall, which held the heat of the sun, and fell asleep..All this took only two days, and all the time Early was looking and probing toward Endlane village, sending Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he knew where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great shape-changer, so fearless that he would take even dragon form..with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to..He got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and fell, because his left hip gave way with a pain that made him cry out aloud. After a while he tried again, and stood up. Then he started forward..disgusted, avoiding a pile of human excrement. "These creatures don't have books, Tern!"..I sighed..foot of the hill he came into a lane. It led him through farmlands that looked well kept, though..She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the.."Because you don't understand a thing. I don't know how to tell you. It's nothing, you..her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea..kept the illusion spell about his boat. In the brilliant clarity of midsummer, with a north wind.."Who told you about it?"..knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never.."Of course you do! What does it matter what Tarry thinks? You already play the harp about nine times better than he ever did."..different poses. These were not exactly displays, for everything stood and lay in the street, on.."Ride back," he said. "Leave me here. There's enough food for one man for three or four days more..Great House, I feel that nothing can be done but what has been done. That nothing will change..center of the world..Imagination like all living things lives now, and it lives with, from, on true change. Like all we..grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch. He..The villagers shook their heads. Gift was a brave woman, but there was such a thing as being too..challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the..mouth, and stood waiting to die. She had looked at him..THE KINGS OF ENLAD.."Everything's perilous," Dragonfly said, gazing now through the sheep, the hill, the trees, into still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise..slowly, slowly past. Ivory tried to tease her, but she only shook her head. Maybe she was scared..Licky had told him that it was the fumes of the metal rising from heated ore that sickened and killed the people who worked in the tower. Otter had never entered it nor seen Licky enter it. He had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and bewilder and entangle a slave trying to escape. Now he felt those spells like strands of cobweb, ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them..broken staff..breath smelled earthy. His light eyes gazed directly into Otter's eyes. "Would you like to know?..word or the rune fully release its power..Rose nodded..shoes walking round Andanden on the cruel roads of black lava. The soles were worn right through..ways around it as part of himself. He took the shortcut at Rissi's well and came out before midday.."So?" said the Namer, more drily..see. Nobody should ought to meddle with sorcery that ain't born to it. Nor with sorcerers. You..weakened, and controlled all who approached him were so habitual to him that he gave them no..with his ideas, he had no thought beyond them. He was not aware of Otter at all except as a part.."Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very..faced his father, who had been out before breakfast seeing off a string of timber-carts to the..with the dead are counterfeits of magic, glass to the diamond, brass to the gold. They are fraud..After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place.."I don't know," the Herbal said. "I can only

tell you that when I'm with him, when I'm in the. Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where his power lay..he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said.. "Is he curing the cattle?" she asked.. "Why not? What's more yourself than your own true name?"..watched the shadows of the leaves play across the ground. The oakmast was deep; though she had.The wizard sometimes had him come with him to his work, mostly laying spells of safety on ships

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