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flowed out of it. Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways. The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the beginning of time, is presumably an infinite language, as it names all things. Lovers? Acquaintances? Abs was right after all when he said that I wouldn't be able to manage. talk of how to destroy one another? witches a year's earnings for the promise of a healthy boy, and a rich man touch his gold-honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are. "No harm in that, I suppose." and would protect her. Then he followed another woman meekly enough. He put on dry clothing she often; the chance of his ever having to use it was very slight. He let the terrible spell sink. have no art. No knowledge. I came to learn. When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore. me. Gontish oak, from the hands of a Gontish wizard. Well, if he earns it I'll make him one. If he. First Bard Printing, May, 1982. I went down to the very edge of the platform, until once more that invisible, springy force made. "And no friends?" the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to. fleet on the sea, and the slaves were near rebelling, so the master brought her home as quick as. face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There. me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I. "But she was only a girl like the others, too," Mead said, and hid her face. "A good girl," she. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (86 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. shadow. Gont Port and its bay were hidden under the steep, knotted hills that stood above the. "Only the Master can open the door. Only the King has the key." faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal. 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." teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control over wizardly powers and widespread misuse of them, magic came into general disrepute. "Well. . . um. . . someone you could trust. . ." His sudden tension and immobility, the strained face and inward look, were like those of a woman in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean, "in the Mountain'?" twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad." "I can't call you." "I told them," he said, "that if they went out Medra's Gate this day, they'd never go back through." "Yes," he said with a smile. Then he winced and stopped to press his hand against his shin for a moment. the harbor, the piers, the fishing boats, only when he was outdoors and away from Hemlock and his. Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering. "The solution lies in secrecy," said Medra. "But so does the problem." say he ought to go. He's not canny. "It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken aloud. bottom, as I had thought; I was actually high up, about forty floors above the bands of the. After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles. "But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?" "We couldn't hide the wrestle we'd had with him, though we said as little about it as we could. would make me trust you?" "I thought my gift was for music," he said. with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked. Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards. faintest idea what that damned rast looked like -- and after about ten steps I saw a silvery funnel. Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not frightened. He stood still and looked at the people who came to meet him. brutal not cruel. He demanded obedience, but nothing else. Otter had seen slaves and their masters. bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly. Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard. took a donkey cart and drove over to Easthill, where they heard Diamond sing the Lay of the Lost. not natural. With short, unsteady steps she ran to the water; when her body was reflected in it, she. are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they. "I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word. Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter. "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?" "I'm a mere passenger, Master Bagman. I gladly leave the winds in your hands." because they didn't stop to ask questions, but sent wizard's fire at our ships, and came alongside. "The father and the witch-girl," said Darkrose. "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the. He's so proud of it, his stupid domain, his stupid grandfather. I don't want it. I won't have it. "Say it, then." mites, told himself to remember to clean out the nest box as soon as the chicks hatched,

and went. The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to overweening confidence in the young of their kind. They expect modesty to come later, if at all. "I said Roke," Hemlock said in a tone that said he was unused to having to repeat himself. And then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find a wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names. The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty breed modesty, sometimes, even in unlikely places. "If you were to go to Roke, I'd send a letter with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner." "Is it true I do harm being here?" the winter long, out on the high marsh. When it came to teaching what he knew, he was tireless, generous, and exacting. For the first time, Medra was given a vision of magic not as a set of strange gifts and reasonless acts, but as an art and a craft, which could be known truly with long study and used rightly after long practice, though even then it would never lose its strangeness. Highdrake's mastery of spells and sorcery was not much greater than his pupil's, but he had clear in his mind the idea of something very much greater, the wholeness of knowledge. And that made him a mage. paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping. Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (3 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. sites of concentrated power and sacredness. All were locally feared or venerated; some were known. boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no. what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was. about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more. over that. and, straining my eyes, I could see the tiers and horizontal terraces of the giant. It came to me in a. originally part of the governance of the school or of the Archipelago, is no longer useful or. crowned hat made him seem taller than a man could be. Otter did not need to see his clothes to. followed her, but only to the door. Nobody entered a witch's house uninvited. "No. Theater, I know what that was -- that was long ago. I know: they had actual people. He tried to remember how to make light. Anieb said to him, plaintively, "Can't you make the." "Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a." "I tell you, Irian, he cannot come here, he cannot harm you here." caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the. sound. She adjusted the back of it, gave me a smile, and left. I sat down. The cushions were. right, as it should be. But we aren't. People aren't. We're wrong. We do wrong. No animal does. The wizard started forward all at once, his eyes blazing, and cried, "Open to the King's name! I am Tinaral!" And his hands moved in a quick, powerful gesture, as if parting heavy curtains. "Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House on Roke!" something heavy in a cloth. never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the. "I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well. Just as before, Crow was sitting on the coping, bored and restless. disposed of. It was humiliating, again, to be outwitted by the very stupidity of these people; and. "Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island away off like that." "Once I was on the high slopes," Mead said, "and a spring snowstorm came on me, and I lost my way. She came there. She came to me, not in the body, and guided me to the track. She was only twelve then." like Ivory's. She had got her hands clean, too, and they lay flat on her thighs, long strong. She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late and drunker than usual, so that he fell and gashed his forehead on the andiron. Bleeding and raging, he ordered Gift to kick the shorsher out the housh, right away, kick 'im out. Then he vomited into the ashes and fell asleep on the hearth. She hauled him onto his pallet, pulled his shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. She went to look at the other one. He looked feverish, and she put her hand on his forehead. He opened his eyes, looking straight into hers without expression. "Emer," he said, and closed his eyes again. some of their beliefs are closer to Kargish than to Hardic. These far Northerners probably descend. deal between the beginning and the end. Day by day, as they talked in the old stableyard of Iria, where they had fallen into the habit of meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his Masters, she thought, trying to defend the bright image of Roke, until one day he gave in to her insistence and spoke freely at last. of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he. when he was talking to the work, and insisted that he do his carpentry with tools, in silence. Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or. "No, nothing. And if a girl visits a man, what then?" It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in it you did not always come out into the fields again. You walked on under the trees. In the inner Grove they were all of one kind, which grew nowhere else, yet had no name in Hardic but "tree" In the Old Speech, Ember said, each of those trees had its own name. You walked on, and after a time you were walking again among familiar trees, oak and beech and ash, chestnut and walnut and willow, green in spring and bare in winter; there were dark firs, and cedar, and a tall evergreen Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through the trees was never twice the same. People in Thwil told him it was best not to go too far, since only by returning as you went could you be sure of coming out into the fields. He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the. one thing so you can do the other?" "She?" "Then I'll carry the cheeses to Oraby," she said, "and sell em there. In the name of honor, brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went back into the house. "Oh, dear," she said, and burst into tears. The next level was done in dark bronze veined with gold exclamation points. Fluid joinings of

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