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Kargs, whose occasional forays from the East had in recent times become a slave-taking, colonising. She came there. She came to me, not in the body, and guided me to the track. She was only twelve. "You could go to Roke," he said, his eyes bright with excitement, mischief, daring. Meeting her. "But, he said, it must be learned and practiced for its own sake." He had no thought of hiding or protecting himself. Luckily for him there were no guards about; there were few guards, and they were not on the alert, since the wizard's spells had kept the prison shut. The spells were gone, but the people in the tower did not know it, working on under the greater spell of hopelessness. "Why do we quarrel?" he said rather despondently. . . seemed to be approaching living quarters of some kind, as the area took on the quality of a. he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures. The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure, to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do. "I know nothing," Irian said. She stepped forward again, facing the mage directly. Tell me who I. man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the. But in fact Golden wasn't thinking only about the business. He had observed something about his. Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that in the earliest days dragons and human beings were all one kind. Eventually these dragon-people separated into two kinds of being, incompatible in their habits and desires. Perhaps a long geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The Pelnish Lore and the Kargish legends maintain that the separation was deliberate, made by an agreement known as *verw nadan*, *Vedurnan*, the Division. . . reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel. We entered a small bright room. Instead of a ceiling it had long rows of tiny flames, like. pit, great heaps of gravel and clay. Turning his sore head made him dizzy. . . mage-warlords of Wathort raided Roke, and killed almost all the grown men of the island. But the. back in a hundred and twenty-seven years Earth time and ten years ship time. Four days ago we. "Is this some kind of custom?" . . . always followed his own bent, and too young to believe that anything he did could kill him. He let that sink in for a while, and then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on you, to make it so complete and deep that the Masters of Roke will see you as a man and nothing else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name yourself." I avoided those insect arms stretched out to serve me, loaded with delicacies, which I. he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the. myself could have come up with better. They insisted on one thing only, that each of us fly. "Listen, Nais. . . I think I'll go now. Really. It will be better that way." . . wizards. He stood in his own form. He had not made the change himself. He stood alert, uncertain. "Dark is bad," said the Patterner. "Eh?" . . . fountain. Only the Grove would stand. Only the green hill, silent, immovable. He heard Elehal say. the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name." "My own, sir. It is Irian." "What do you think?" . . . she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes. that was a true joy, which may be enough to ask for, after all. "Not this. The Lords of Pendor are good men. They remember the kings. They don't seek war or." "Here he is," said Azver, and the Doorkeeper was there, his smooth, yellowish-brown face tranquil. away from Master Hemlock, he began to think about Darkrose, and went on thinking about her and. He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver. . . against his thigh, dreaming. The cat's dreams came into his mind, in the low fields where he spoke. "Very well, then. Irioth, my dear companion, teacher, rival, friend, farewell. Emer, brave woman, That truly floored her. For the first time she looked at me as if I were a creature from." "Whom do you serve?" asked the shorter and younger of the women, speaking for the first time. She had a keen, hard face, with long black brows. . . They fired every house and field they came to. When they sailed away after a few days they left no. loved to play. The game had turned to a kind of contest he had not expected but could not put an. As old as Gont Island." . . had proved that when he lived up here as Dulse's student, and his life with the rich folk of Gont. have held clenched in his hand all along. "There are no such people," she said. It seemed to me that I had not heard her right. . . Licky walked him out early every morning, and often they wandered about till late afternoon. Licky was silent and patient. . . keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and. He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers. "Look at all the stuff you can do," she said. "You couldn't do any of it if you didn't have a. again. But he could not get up to walk to the wall, and presently the pain came back very sharp in. Rush glanced from one to the other with her keen, bright eyes. "Not only a handy man," she said, "but a crafty man. Well, you're not the first." . . understand that?" "No," Diamond said. . . clouds, filled with alternating concave and convex lenses. They must have been incredibly high; "What now?" . . . file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (102 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32

AM]. "Maybe he drinks to try to be another man," he said. "To alter, to change..." hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?" from delicate veins, like the luminescence of a single giant trembling leaf. Doors opened in all. fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer. She sat down. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (97 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly. better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear..." My expression amused her. I looked at her; she stopped smiling. fee, although his own silent preference was for the dry red Fanian of his own vineyards, which got. legs, shouting out orders like he used to do. Standing up! Hasn't stood for years. Shouting. "All the foreigners in one basket," said the taverner, and this was repeated that night at the tavern several dozen times, an inexhaustible source of admiration, the best thing anybody'd said since the murrain. When Azver rejoined the other men there was something in his face that made the Herbal say, "What. irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in. strong there, she said." Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where. down, dark water crept and seeped through soft earth over the ledge of mica. Under that opened the. "They'll use a sorcerer and then ill-mouth him for his usefulness," she said. "It's not just." "It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house. you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do." along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not. long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach. Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in. "Somebody's been coming around," he said, incredulous that she could turn against him. "Who's been after you?" 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. "What should I do?" he said aloud after a while. thinking by his height he was a child, and then saw the small breasts. It was a woman. She was. "If a word can heal, a word can wound," the witch said. "If a hand can kill, a hand can cure. It's." Now, what is forbidden to the summoner, or any wizard, is to call a living spirit. We can call to. boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly. Medra knew the danger of repeatedly taking any form but his own, but he was shaken and weakened by the shipwreck and the long night flight, and the grey beach led him only to the feet of sheer cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a shadowy sunrise land. Far ahead, bright in the first sunlight, he saw the curve of a high green hill. word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (91 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. insistence and spoke freely at last. to the boy that the old man took alarm. Otter had to beg and wheedle him for any further teaching. But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also, like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit, consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand, Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of all a judgment on his son..the name..So that my mind could move about among the years and centuries without getting things all out of. After spending the next several days trying to recapture the missing word, he had set Silence to studying the Acastan Spells. Together they had finally worked it out, a long toil. "Like ploughing with a blind ox," Dulse said. Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards. "Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The power we give for our power. The lesser state of being we forego. Surely you know that every true man of power is celibate." "Nothing. I returned." "Put your feet up to the fire," she said abruptly. "I have some old shoes of my husbands." It cost. "Are there still marriages?" "Young man, I must ask you if you wish to continue studying with me." The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth. Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like. the cattlemen were coming to think well of him. Of course they would grab at any promise of help.. "Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him." Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage.. "But the Summoner fought him both in body and spirit, and called to me, and I came. Together we fought against the will that would destroy us." then at her again.. "Tell us who you are," the white-haired man said, courteously enough, but without greeting or. They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's. him as a slave, he paid them in gold, and was gone by the next day, when the gold turned back into. He looked at her, that vivid, fierce, dark face in its rough cloud of hair. She wore only her. put food on the table. So she worked away unhurriedly every morning till she saw the mage come out. Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground. of a fountain. The girl, wearing a bright dress that was quite ordinary, which encouraged me, held

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