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professional singers. New works of any general interest are soon written down as broadsheets or know what it was." "Keep an eye on him then, master," said the carter. 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 imprisoning 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. of sorcerers is a bad thing. If you're a sorcerer, a man of power, that is. I am. As the good. been enough of that kind of intimidation lately. But it went against his grain. He didn't like to you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and years, in the minds of most people, all magic was black. traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs over her face, looked closely into her glassy eyes, as though I wished to know her fear, to share it. what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was. "Where old Early went with the great fleet. I see. Friends there. Well, I know one of the ships is we fought. And then it was over. He broke. Like a stick breaking. He was broken. But he fled away. It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about it galled him. fountain. Only the Grove would stand. Only the green hill, silent, immovable. He heard Elehal say to here? I want them. Then I'll see to him." "For us," said Ember. "For us who live, in hiding, neither killed nor killing. The dead are dead. The great and mighty go their way unchecked. All the hope left in the world is in the people of no account." No wind stirred. The air was soft, the big sail hung slack. Only the western stars faded and vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you say?" he asked, reluctant. "But -" Irian said, and stopped. Oh, it's time, and past time. We must deliver the King. We must find the great lode. It is here; there is no doubt of that: "The womb of the Mother lies under Samory." The wind blew in the dry grass. "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there people down. The sunny streets of Telio were sad and dirty. People lived in them as in the her at all. She turned round and went back to the streambank by the little falls. There she sank. "Now, what is forbidden to the summoner, or any wizard, is to call a living spirit. We can call to cow dung." The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island. Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to think that he had come as near to Morred's Isle as he would ever come, Medra stayed a while longer on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West Reach, to look for dragons. There was a great longing in his heart to see a dragon. But untimely storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking since his days in a catboat on Havnor Bay. Patterner. "Until -" He made a quick gesture of reversal with his open hands, down going up and up with the animals, the dusky places. The cat leapt there, and then there was milk, and the deep out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?" He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set around the station, in the Center itself? This seemed odd to me. The wind bore a faint fragrance hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The decide, act as a man or as a wizard against the wizard who hunted him. After a while she heard the latch rattle. The door opened. An ordinary-looking middle-aged man stood there. "What can I do for you?" he said. He did not smile, but his voice was pleasant. When in 730 the first Archmage of Roke, Halkel of Way, excluded women from the school, among his Nine Masters only the Patterner and the Doorkeeper protested; they were overruled. For more than three centuries, no woman taught or studied at the school on Roke. During those centuries, wizardry was an honored art, conferring status and power, while witchery was an unclean and ignorant superstition, practiced by women, paid for by peasants. early summer afternoons. Three children, two boys of fifteen or sixteen and a girl of twelve, were taken by one of Losen's patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat. Taken back to Omer, one of the boys broke down and blubbered about joining the Hand. Hearing that word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke. and ship traffic dwindled under piracy, cities and towns withdrew inside defensive walls; arts, Anieb kept a better pace than seemed possible in a woman so famished and destroyed, walking almost naked in the chill of the rain. All her will was aimed on walking forward; she had nothing else in her mind, not him, not anything. But she was there bodily with him, and he felt her presence as keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having worn it all these weeks. She let him pull it over her head and then walked right on. She could not go quickly, but she went steadily, her eyes fixed on the faint cart track they followed, till the night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet. that would have kept a far more experienced wizard captive. There were men of great skill and. Where Gelluk was, of course, was no mystery. Hound had tracked him straight to a scar in

a.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (40 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31

AM]. apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia. They walked a half-mile or so. The Knoll rose up full in the western sun on their right. Behind them the School sprawled grey and many-roofed on its lower hill. The grove of trees towered before them now. She saw oak and willow, chestnut and ash, and tall evergreens. From the dense, sun-shot darkness of the trees a stream ran out, green-banked, with many brown trodden places where cattle and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That house," said the mage, pointing to a low, moss-ridden roof half-hidden by the afternoon shadows of the trees. "Stay tonight. You will?" .favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy. "You won't tell me?" .on the empty sky. .But few could pass through Medra's Gate. .centre of the world. And the leaves of the tree are carved so thin that the light shines through. or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain. understood as "people" or "human beings," alath. This word is by etymology (from the True Runes. hard work. The gardeners went away and there was nothing to watch out the window but the cabbages. for the reins. Ivory saw that he was supposed to dismount. He did so, asking, "Is it very bad?" .at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through the. THE BEGINNINGS. go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went. "Here. I was born here." .pause to "embrace his heart's brother or greet his home." Taking dragon form himself, he flew to. "Stop," I grumbled. "Any more apologizing and I'll really feel all that time." . "No. Theater, I know what that was -- that was long ago. I know: they had actual people." "Do you?" I asked. .to choose a sorcerer. . "If it hasn't rusted shut," Dulse added. Magic was a wild talent before the time of Morred, who as both king and mage established intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at the court for the general good and to study the ethical bases and constraints of their practice. . There are different kinds of knowledge, after all." . quieted. From it something rose, coming close, coming clear, the image he had seen down in the. He did not ask if Otter was picking up any sign of the ore; he did not ask whether he was seeking the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these aimless wanderings the knowledge of the underground would enter him as it used to do, and he would try to close himself off to it. "I will not work in the service of evil!" he told himself. Then the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass under them, and he would know that under the roots of the grass a stream crept through dark earth, seeping over a wide ledge of rock layered with sheets of mica, and under that ledge was a cavern, and in its walls were thin, crimson, crumbling beds of cinnabar. . He made no sign. He thought that maybe the map of the earth underfoot that was forming in his mind could be put to some good use, if he could find how to do it. . after the men were gone did some neighbors creep out to comfort Otter's people as best they could. . The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are. "Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em. Sunbright told them all to get rid of the fellow, but didn't stay around to see them do it. He went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them there was no room for two sorcerers in one village and he'd be back, maybe, when that man, or whatever he was, had gone. . "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what you find be all you seek!" . no idea who -- helped me open the door or, rather, did it for me. Walls of ice; and in them, Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely increasingly on wizards to fend off dragons and Kargish fleets. In the Havnorian Lay and The Deed of the Dragonlords, as the tale goes on, the names and exploits of these wizards begin to eclipse those of the kings. . www.harcourt.com "Darkrose and Diamond" first appeared in The Magazine of Fantasy and Science. under my breath and took the cup. She poured herself a drink from the second bottle. This liquid. words of apology, of thanks, so as not to leave this way -- but I couldn't. Had she been afraid only. was the kingdom of the roots of the trees. How far does the forest go? As far as forests go. As. Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was. could be anything. Horses! Bears!" . Writing is said to have been invented by the Rune Masters, the first great wizards of the. That thought stirred him almost unbearably, but when he looked back at her, his thoughts died away. that sweater had been and how little it had in common with the fingers of a woman. Beneath a. Religion was a unifying element even among the most warlike tribes. There were hundreds of Truce Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a domestic and community worship of the Old Powers, the chthonic or gaeon forces manifest as spirits of place. They were worshiped at the site and at home altars with offerings of flowers, oil, food, dances, races, sacrifices, carvings, songs, music, and silence. Worship was both casual and ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and teach children to do so. This ancient spiritual practice has continued, unofficially and sometimes in hiding, under the newer, institutional religions of the Twin Gods and the Godking. . Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver." . Tenar of the Ring is there," said Azver. . ruinous house, where all the dogs, who had let her go without much fuss, received her back with a. The boy was in fact a workman of the first order, carpenter, cabinetmaker, stonemason, roofer; he had proved that when he lived up here as Dulse's student, and his life with the rich folk of Gont Port had not softened his hands. He brought the boards from Sixth's mill in Re Albi, driving Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself. "Have to wash my feet every time I come in," he grumbled. He walked in gingerly. The wood was so smooth it seemed soft to the bare sole. "Satin," he said. "You didn't do all that in one day without a spell or two. A village hut with a palace floor. Well, it'll be a sight, come winter, to see the fire shine in that! Or do I have to get me a carpet now? A fleecefell, on a golden warp?" . cigarette from my

pocket and lit it. She opened her eyes.. "in the Mountain"? ". And perhaps because such arts have not the power they once had," he said. He did not know himself. bade the islands be., My experiences so far did not encourage me to accost passers-by, so at random I followed a. Otter, after a long silence, said, "Roke Island." .their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for good." .followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to.the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since.The old wizard stood there. He recollected all he knew of the names of Gont, and after a while he.before the staggers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the."But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery.."But why?".then, a girl couldn't let a man into her room?"

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