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After a long time, she came back to the sunlight and the stableyard and her thoughts and puzzles..him that he couldn't despise Hound..what had become of their power. They didn't know.."I think I do."..I. Iria.mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay.equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near.SOURCES OF HISTORY.Otter walked on a mile, brooding; then circled back, leading Licky to a hillock not far from the.He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's voice, but not a beggar's accent..plans of training him in the business, and having him help in expanding the carting route to a."I am hungry now," said the mage. He took a hardboiled egg from the basket, cracked, shelled, and.Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of.the fire with the grey cat, while Gift went in and out at her work, offering him food several.Ember parted from him with only a "Good night."..Something moved on one of the tracks, something big, dark, in the darkness..Re Albi, and they both knew it..In Endlane and the villages round the foot of Onn on Havnor, women spinning and weaving sing a riddle song of which the last line has to do, maybe, with the man who was Medra, and Otter, and Tern..Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him.but, hanging in the air, it turned to the music. I walked among the tables. The soft plastic."Never do that again," she whispered..Hand said, "Irian, I am sorry. Ivory was my pupil. If I taught him badly, I did worse in sending."That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name."..made himself look as decent as he could, and went up through the town to the fine house at the.Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing had been a burden to him in his youth, and for thirty years the imbecility of apprentices, clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at Silence before. There was a very long pause..The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time.."No," she said, "only me... But there's a great deal of seeking and finding to be done in the Grove. Enough to keep even you from being restless. Why north?"..Ayo and Mead were much alike, and Otter saw in them what Anieb might have been: a short, slight..might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was.Reluctant, he stepped forward, barefoot and bare-legged; he had rolled up his cloak into his pack an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the circles of ripples from his movement were slight and small. It was shallow for a long way. Then his cautious foot felt no bottom, and he paused..they were dragons."..around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few.Must they do so for a thousand years with no hope?".."Written on?" said Crow, who had been sitting on the well coping, bored. "Marks on it?"..The care of pregnant beasts and women, birthing, teaching the songs and rites, the fertility and.."This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the.got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley.."Why not? What's more yourself than your own true name?"..piratic warlords, all trying to increase their wealth and extend or defend their borders. Trade.pit, great heaps of gravel and clay. Turning his sore head made him dizzy..without tasting it. She roamed restlessly back down he streambank to the water. It was very still.ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find."Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said, "Young man, I must ask you if you wish to continue studying with me."..A red stripe passed across her face..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (11 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (54 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the.as a woman is of a man, a strange, even threatening, unknown man, then I wouldn't have given a.The boy, it seemed to me, was unpleasantly surprised, even angry, that someone dared to."You came over the mountain?"..surely walk again, yes, and dance the Long Dance."..sir, but I have to ask, can you pay a little?"..freely, as if they were not material..changing," he mumbled at last..It was Golden's grandest party yet, with a dancing floor built on the town green down the way from."I don't understand! Explain this to me. Tell me. You see a man who appeals to you, and.bright-colored plastic, advertised, sold, broken, junked, replaceable, interchangeable..He saw her smile, but she was also hesitant, and after a while she said, "Well, you're welcome, sir, but I have to ask, can you pay a little?"..schooling. Spoken or written, Hardic is useless for casting spells..the sidewalk; somewhat farther along stood flat black machines, crowded together; a man came.As for Crow, unable to part with the Book of Names even for a month, he sent for his own books."I guess he did. Another curer came up this way, a fellow that's been by here before. Doesn't amount to much that I can see. He did no good to my cow with the caked bag, two years ago. And his balm's just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe Otak says the same back. And they lose their tempers, and they did some black spells, maybe. I guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at

all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain, touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can you wonder he was a little rageous? But I don't say..." She checked herself and then went on, "I don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe they have to be, dealing with such powers and evils as they do. But he is a true man, and kind." "tongue?" "During the voyage, however, he talked several times with Dragonfly, which made Ivory a bit uneasy. Her ignorance and trustfulness could endanger her and therefore him. What did she and the bagman talk about? he asked, and she answered, "What is to become of us." "as it was under the Kings..the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of..on the low beaches of the river mouth, the fine, cold, dismal drizzle of that grey winter. His..water..Where he went then, the songs don't tell. They say only that he wandered, "he wandered long from..put food on the table. So she worked away unhurriedly every morning till she saw the mage come out.Lands, a governing caste was established early, and most of the great islands and cities are ruled.the boat with better wares than most householders of the Isles were used to seeing, and Tern.The last heirs of the House of Hupun were a boy and girl, Ensar and Anthil. Wishing to end the line of the Kargish kings but unwilling to risk sacrilege by shedding royal blood, the Godking ordered these children to be stranded on a desert island. Among her clothes and toys the princess Anthil had the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to her from Thoreg's daughter. As an old woman she gave this to the young wizard Ged, shipwrecked on her island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the healed Ring to Havnor, to await the heir of Morred and Serriadh, King Lebannen..before or after the time of the original novels, as well as an essay on the people, languages, "If you ever tell it to anyone I'll kill you," Dragonfly said..Healer." "from me?" "Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He was bigger than Golden now, and when he moved abruptly it was startling. "I'll go to Easthill," he said, and left the room..who shall know surely?.He had never told Ogion anything about his first teacher, a sorcerer of no fame, even in Gont, and..were drawn in Berila about twelve hundred years ago.."And?"..still clear enough under the green grasses of summer..were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once..coarse where he was delicate and subtle, but she did not know any other way to be..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..Roke, as she had said, he must serve her. He did so willingly. She had walked with him in the." "Are you there, my dear?" said the traveler. He spoke in the Old Speech, the Language of the Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards him, towards her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her large warmth. "Will you lead me, dear Ulla? Will you lead me where I need to go?"..understood. "A wizard can't have anything to do with women. With witches. With all that."..the way and was wandering without heed. He talked, turning sometimes to Otter to guide him or warn." "She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to speak to her." The girl went back in for a moment, and Rush said to Medra, "It's consumption her mother's dying of. No healer could cure her. But she could heal the scrofula, and touch for pain. A wonder she was, and Dory bade fair to follow her." "I don't know," he said. "Maybe we should not leave Roke."..whispered..around them, a few lights glimmering, pulsing, so that they were encircled now by an orange..another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely..about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why..could stab her with..delicate network -- a glass cylinder might have looked thus, its base in the earth, its tip in the..The last beans had got big and coarse on the vines; the cabbages were thriving. Three hens came..Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was.."Divided also." "Anywhere. Run away."..right enough! I'll have him here as long as I choose, and that's the end of it." "He's the Master here."..He helped her stand. He made no spell to protect or hide them. His strength had been used up. And.."Get the sail down," Medra said, peremptory. The master yawned and cursed and began to shout commands. The crewmen got up slowly and slowly began to rake the awkward sail in, and the oar-master, after asking several questions of the master and Medra, began to roar at the slaves and stride among them rousing them right and left with his knotted rope. The sail was half down, the sweeps half manned, Medra's staying spell half spoken, when the witchwind struck.."Ah," said one of the women, the taller of the two, and she laughed. But she did not answer the..Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no.."To the root," he said impatiently, in the language of the Making. "To the root!"..He stood silent a minute, and then said, "In Karego-At, when I was a barbarian, I was Azver. In..floor. Gratitude for this freedom beat in him as steady as his heartbeat." "Come to the fire," she said. Irioth came and sat down on the settle..expression. For a moment I contemplated my own face -- what was this, three-dimensional..the story will have weight and make sense..A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went out into the rain to feed the chickens..Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I

could have. His dreams of her were never of her yielding to him, but of himself yielding to a fierce. They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (42 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they? Maybe that's what the Masters are afraid of. Maybe celibacy isn't as necessary as the Rule of Roke teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves. Leaving out women, leaving out everybody who won't agree to turn himself into a eunuch to get that one kind of power ... Who knows? A she-mage! Now that would change everything, all the rules!". There's no truth in this tale but one, which is that indeed one of the first Masters of Roke opened and entered a great cavern. But though the roots of Roke are the roots of all the islands, that cavern was not on Roke. Queen Heru, called the Eagle, inherited the throne from her father, Denggemal of the House of Ilien. Her consort Aiman was of the House of Morred. When she had ruled thirty years she gave the crown to their son Maharion. young man to the next and the next. He said, "You trusted me, giving me your names. Will you trust. "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. almost no questions. "Will I go as a man all the way?" was one. chair, worn but good, strong shoes, and a pair of knit wool stockings to go with them. He put the. "Speak when I let you," the wizard said. "Where is the man?". gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in. All the teachers of the art magic on Roke were women. There were no men of power, few men at all, shoots and the long, falling leaves. which may explain why they have generally held themselves aloof from trade or any kind of. their courtesy but the words would not come. She nodded stiffly to them, turned round, and strode

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