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Otter felt as if he were being brought back to vivid life from interminable, dreary, dazed half. When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being. There was a wise man on our Hill. a plum, with just a hint of prickliness above the lip and jawline, where he had taken to shaving. Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately, and looked very much a man, though a very young one. Cinnabar, that's what you're to nod for. The King's wizard says it's still here somewhere about. Summoning the useful Hound to help him, Early had made a very thorough inquiry into what happened. soon as he saw the old man. "What can we do?" said Veil. He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the. "Study with the wizard?" my honor and thanks to you. May your heart and hearth know peace," and he made a gesture that

left:file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (57 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].fell from his lap, and he took the hearth broom and swept them into the ashes. "I'd better go." "Right over there." She pointed to an unoccupied elevation with black-and-silver-striped.said, "I can't do it by myself." "He's ten times the use and company to me my brother is," she said. "And a kind true man, as I." "Otter," said the flat voice. "There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or the women of the Hand, though we're not women only. But it serves to call ourselves women, for the great folk don't look for women to work together. Or to have thoughts about such things as rule or misrule. Or to have any powers." The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But." "Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said. at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way." .silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town," "Why can't we build fishing boats, the way we used to?" he asked, and his father said, "Because. Erreth-Akbe's next challenger was a mage called the Firelord, whose power was so great that he lengthened a day by five hours, though he could not, as he had sworn to do, stop the sun at noon and banish darkness from the islands forever. The Firelord took dragon form to fight Erreth-Akbe, but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he fought. Patternner, dweller in the Immanent Grove, master of meaning and intent. troubled times, the boatwright and his family were anxious not to come to notice lest they come to. Gelluk's white face had gone whiter; his jaw trembled a little. He stood up, suddenly, as he. The guesswork of a wizard is close to knowledge, though he may not know what it is he knows. The. the very emblem of their happiness. They tried to make her stay and eat supper with them, but she. ringing. She sought words, anything to say, to turn his attention away from her, and could find. There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd. craft and power, even if that wizard was mad. If he had any hope it was to play on his madness." "Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come. went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing. house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since. pause to "embrace his heart's brother or greet his home." Taking dragon form himself, he flew to. "And the wizard in South Port didn't teach you how to make it work?" .his forest, had spoken of destruction, of transgression, of all things changed. Now it was upon. He laid his hands on the seam of earth, but there was no power in them. But Otter was intensely aware of Gelluk, both physically and as a presence of immense controlling. He heard behind him the next tune start up, the viol alone, strong and sad as a tenor voice: "Where My Love Is Going." .back now?" .Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the throne the first year of history. By this system, "present time" in the account you are reading is the Archipelagan year 1058. "Bring the boys, then," Early said with deadly patience. .inside a rocky grotto. It was like ten, fifty Gothic naves formed out of stalactites; veined deposits. For a long time nobody would touch him. He had fallen down in a fit in San's doorway. He lay there now like a dead man. But the curer from the south said he wasn't dead, and was as dangerous as an adder. San told how Otak had put a curse on Sunbright and said some awful words that made him get smaller and smaller and wail like a stick in the fire, and then all in a moment he was back in himself again, but sick as a dog, as who could blame him, and all the while there was this light around the other one, Otak, like a wavering fire, and shadows jumping, and his voice not like any human voice. A terrible thing. .were gossamer to him, transparent. Nothing blurred his eyes or challenged his will as he flew over. and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young. of Atuan, the Terrenon, the Lips of Paor, and many other places, may be coeval with the world. would go a long way." .times-poor, coarse food, but he ate it all, slowly, valuing it. Come evening the brother went off, caught in that for a day and a night. When they got out, there wasn't another ship of all the. When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble. she flew up the steps and ran clean through the singer -- then hurried on; the one who was. "Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken. this little scene? The other passengers paid no attention to her. For the hundredth time I was. Hardic, that is a banner of war." .first sign of Otter's gift, when he was two or three years old, was his ability to go straight to. name. The knowledge can be evoked and the gift received only under certain conditions, at the. "Can I know the secret?" he asked after a while. "Go to Roke," the wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn ship's passage to the School. She pondered - conversation with her was often a slow business - and said, "Rose always said I had power, but she didn't know what kind. And I ... I know I do, but I don't know what it is." .pledges and tears and the slobbered

caresses that followed them. She escaped, if she could, and Anthil had the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to her from Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are. Otter had been struggling with tears; he hid his face. "Yes," he said, "thanks." crowns of the trees; she watched the shadows play, and thought about the roots of the trees down. potions used in aid of lust, jealousy, and malice. And a child's gift for magic became a thing to nothing," he said.. something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont, the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass. "A shirt." bestiary in the barn loft... But there's nothing much to look for here. Nothing of importance. Ath. hunting for me through all the infors of this station-city.. managed to bring a bit of magewind into the sail of a boat, though he had no idea how to combat or dangerous. The art must be learned, and practiced, he said." After a long time, Azver said, "I have no idea." certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into. "I know you don't." word haath, "dragon," in the Old Speech.) me was a wall-sized television screen. The volume was off. Now, from a sitting position, I saw an. was a high hill above it. As they came nearer, he took dragon form and soared up high above his. "But why?" "Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her house, which, like most witches' houses, stood somewhat apart from the village. "Well," she said, straightening up and looking about vaguely as if for an answer, or a ewe, or a towel. "You have to know something about the power, see," she said at last, and looked at Dragonfly with one eye. Her other eye looked a little off to the side. Sometimes Dragonfly thought the cast was in Rose's left eye, sometimes it seemed to be in her right, but always one eye looked straight and the other watched something just out of sight, around the corner, elsewhere.. "Oh, yes," Irith said. "It was my fault." But she forgave; and the grey cat was pressed up against his thigh, dreaming. The cat's dreams came into his mind, in the low fields where he spoke with the animals, the dusky places. The cat leapt there, and then there was milk, and the deep soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would not find him here. He was not here to find. There was no need to speak any name. There was nobody but her, and the cat dreaming, and the fire flickering. He had come over the dead mountain on black roads, but here the streams ran slow among the pastures.. he wouldn't smile so if Rose's cough was anything serious?. narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the. "At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred to him that neither was his wife seeing the witch anymore. For years they'd been thick as thieves, against all his warnings, and now Tangle was never anywhere near the house. Women's friendships never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the chests and clothes-presses against an infestation of moths, he said, "Seems like you'd have your friend the wise woman up to hex 'em away. Or aren't you friends anymore?" inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?" "Very nice," said the father. "But anybody can play the fife, you know." While he himself went west to fight dragons, he sent Erreth-Akbe east to try to establish peace. No matter how this adventure was going to end, I had found myself a guide, and I thought -- this. "So though there were men among us we were the women of the Hand," said Ember.. of Earthsea. altogether. . . I was just going when you sat down." training in the art magic, especially in naming, summoning, and patterning, and so become a very lonesome. He looked for a lane or path leading to the town, but there never was one that went. seemed a bit crude. Heavy-handed ... She didn't say where she'd learned it. Here, of course ... forests. Dulse was not a tireless walker like Silence, who would have spent his life wandering in. He was gone several days. When he returned, riding in a horse-drawn cart, he had such a look about him that Otter's sister hurried in to tell him, "Hound's won a battle or a fortune! He's riding behind a city horse, in a city cart, like a prince!" each other directly, as there was no room for their knees. At O Port she had bought herself a. "It's him has to go." "Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken harshly, and Diamond stiffened up a bit.. constant effort to understand the simplest conversation or situation turned that tension into a. He quickened her base clay with the true seed. But she will not give birth to the King. She is. "Perhaps I am wrong," said Hemlock in his dry, flat voice. "Your gift may be for Pattern. Or The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations of the tribes, city-states, and small kingdoms that made up Kargish society for millennia.. We will laugh together., file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (1 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery.. wondered if he had always talked to himself, if he had talked all the time when Silence lived with." "No, nothing. And if a girl visits a man, what then?" you to meet together." Morred and Elfarran married, and the poem describes their reign as a brief golden age, the foundation and touchstone of ethic and governance thereafter.. At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in mind?" By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to. "So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have old men after all! he thought, and grinned at the thought, and slept.. every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt water. out, past the Armed Cliffs! Good luck to you." And he turned and ran back up the street, a tall, .. She looked at the door of the bedroom. It opened and he stood there, thin and tired, his dark eyes

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