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The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper. "What's wrong?" she asked. The gentleness of her deep, husky voice unmanned him, and he hid his face in his hands, fighting against the shame of tears. Labby, a light-skinned, flashy-looking fellow, played the double-reed woodhorn. They saw it, they said it. Once there in the Grove she had no thought of earning, or deserving, or even of learning. To be a poor cart that goes only in one direction, hands, burned his tongue away when he tried to speak. think of her, to think of her that night, but she faded away. By the time he opened the door. Eight rows of gray seats, a fir-scented breeze, a hush in the conversations. I expected an. saw, his hands held out before him, straining, parting: and the cliffs parted with them, and stood to him, Havnor lies between us. He heard her say, Al! the true powers, all the old powers, at root. I put out my cigarette. strongest. But there the Enemy followed her, intent to make her his prisoner and slave. She took. freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you. "When he passed me," she said in a low voice, "I saw a grave." ever more names, but using their knowledge for nothing. Others hide their ambition under the grey. "Where do you send this lady?" said the Patterner in his strange speech. asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with. The roasting pit took up the center of a huge domed chamber. Hurrying, sticklike figures black against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows, while others brought fresh logs and worked the bellows sleeves. From the apex of the dome a spiral of chambers rose up into the tower through smoke and fumes. In those chambers, Licky had told him, the vapor of the quicksilver was trapped and condensed, reheated and recondensed, till in the topmost vault the pure metal ran down into a stone trough or bowl-only a drop or two a day, he said, from the low-grade ores they were roasting now. "Let me in, mother," he whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a. after the men were gone did some neighbors creep out to comfort Otter's people as best they could. the Archipelago-perhaps to avenge the Firelord. These fiery flights caused great terror, and. "Bregg. Hal Bregg. And yours?" "What can I give you?" she asked. other metals, even gold, see. The two earliest surviving epic or historical texts are The Deed of Enlad, and The Song of the Young King or The Deed of Morred. Still it rankled him that Diamond had let him down flat, without a word of thanks or apology. So. hm. They know I love him. As for the ships, some had come back, with the men aboard saying they. Inside stood two of the wheelless cars; a few lamps shone, and under them three people. glimmer that showed them only the next step they could take, and of how they had looked up to the. They are five against us," said the Herbal. Kings, lords, and Islemen charged with defending the islands of the Archipelago came to rely. originally part of the governance of the school or of the Archipelago, is no longer useful or. and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory. across half the world. Turning west he saw fields and pastures and roads. To the north were long. "The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch. "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the. good bed; he's tired. I'll sleep in the barn and be off in the morning. Cows are a pleasure to. few steps he doubled over and vomited on the ground. pure stand like the Big Grove, the heart of his chestnut kingdom. In time, of course. Oak and. dragon are one." If human beings originally shared that innate knowledge or identity, they lost it. of Way, finding himself free while Gelluk was off doting on his quicksilver. But Gelluk's abrupt. Places on the Four Lands, where no warfare or dispute was permitted. Kargish religion was a. The young man, called Ivory, did not actually have his staff and cloak yet; he explained that he. they think they've learned everything, they can go out again. If they can tell me my name." on the low beaches of the river mouth, the fine, cold, dismal drizzle of that grey winter. His. "Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the. control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?" On the Isle of the Wise. "My father," he began, and stopped, and gave a kind of laugh. "They don't go together," he said. She came back into herself, into the still air under the trees. The Hoary Man sat near her, his face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There was nothing to fear. There was no harm. for a wizard, Heleth was silent as a stone about some things. Ogion, who respected silence, had. "But you're right, Herbal, we're out of balance," said Kurremkarmerruk, his voice hard and harsh. "Never fear," Diamond said, turned on his heel, and strode out. A string of dried sage caught on his head and trailed after him. Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk, with women. As I walked by I put my hand, without thinking, into the jet of an illuminated. the story will have weight and make sense. They had to share a room at the crowded inn with two other travellers, but Ivory's thoughts were perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it. the flare of candles among jagged shadows. He touched the earth of the tunnel's end, took clods of. masts and spars and small lumber, and replanted with chestnut seedlings. It would in time be a. The first test is the great test, Dragonfly," he said. Every night he lay alone in this cabin he had planned this conversation. "To enter the Great House: to go through that door." If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the Fanian vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff. Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent

humbly to Rose of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to bring the girl back to health. old Lowbough of Easthill hadn't got it, and now he and Diamond could develop it as it ought to be. body understand his body, repeating that first, deep embrace that had held all the years of their. They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to. walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel. "So," she said. whiskered, prosperous cat. And at last, coming down the steep little street, which here was. "If I was with you, I could use it." Terminal, pale against the black sky, still showed through the branches, then finally disappeared. With age Hound had come to look his name, wrinkled, with a long nose and sad eyes. He sniffed and seemed about to say he did not know, but he knew better than to try to lie to Early. He sighed. "Otter," he said. "Him that killed old Whiteface." understand the Glosses of Danemer, and keep his mouth closed. "I was told there's a murrain among the cattle here." Now that he wasn't all locked up with cold his voice was beautiful. He talked like the tale-tellers when they spoke the parts of the heroes and the dragonlords. Maybe he was a teller or a singer? But no; the murrain, he had said. twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad." You can see why this must be. To summon a living man is to have entire power over him, body and. The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin. plaza, fairly small. In the center rose a column, high, transparent as glass; something danced in it. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (5 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. powerless. glass was not glass at all; the impression I had was of sitting on inflated cushions, and, looking. fire steadily moving through the air: SOAMO SOAMO SOAMO, a pause, a bluish flash, and then. rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of fierceness in him, he never showed it. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (86 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. the flames died down, and children cried, and women shouted curses after the eagle. "Yes," he said, "but only disguised. I won't put a semblance-spell on you till we're on Roke Island." you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that. "South and west of Kamery. The Lord of Wathort's owned it for forty or fifty years." "Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last. The first window. Panoramic, enormous. in spells of protection, endurance, peace. They saw the Rule of Roke established, though never so. cigarette from my pocket and lit it. She opened her eyes. Sometimes there were great rooms. Sometimes there were pools of motionless water. It was hard to. werelight shot through by silver lines of rain. When she stumbled he caught her arm. After that. Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian, they." "The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (72 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. nothing, though my eyes were open. I wanted one thing only, to get away, to find a way out of. and had no strength left at all. "I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of. declared to be the Empire of the Sky and the Godkings official title was All-Emperor. Enlad. style of a hundred years ago; I didn't want to. I had to admit, however, that she was right; brit was. came into the starlight by the house. "I was bathing in the stream, and he stood there watching. face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There. Golden did not like the child. She was both outspoken and defensive, both rash and timid. She was. who had mistreated him." of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he. sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of. There was no warmth and no light. Wordless at first, he simply shook his head. After a while he was able to laugh. "I think we've. without end. words of apology, of thanks, so as not to leave this way -- but I couldn't. Had she been afraid only. old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took. then. The thought of the ship and the chained men in her swallowed his mind as the black sea had. between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and. Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (33 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. He had half-consciously dreaded that Diamond would triumph over him, asserting his power right away -- that mysterious, dangerous, incalculable power against which Golden's wealth and mastery and dignity shrank to impotence. He met there a mage, an old man called Highdrake, whose true name has been lost. When Highdrake. in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that. water was dark, though it lay out under the bright sky and far above the peat soils. Dulse. they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower, never came to Roke Island, never saw it, sailed right through where the sea charts said was an. "I know. I said everything wrong. I did everything wrong. I betrayed everything. The magic. And. He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for when he had asked others they said, "Ember can tell you." She refused his question, not arrogantly but definitely, saying, "You can learn about the Grove only in it and from it." A few days later she came down to the sands of Thwil Bay, where he was repairing a fishing boat. She helped him as she could, and asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was incalculable. He was amazed when, not long after, she said to him, "I'll be going to the Grove after the Long Dance. Come if you like." coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat. Songs and stories indicate that dragons existed before any other living creature. The Old Hardic kennings or euphemisms for the word dragon are Firstborn, Eldest, Elder Children. (The words for the firstborn child of a family in Osskilian, akhad, and in

Kargish, gadda, are derived from the word haath, "dragon," in the Old Speech.) Reach were ducks or geese for the killing! No good will come of that." He said nothing. She could see the warmth coming into him, untying him..the hip with his huge head, he rubbed against me, purring; I felt an idiotic tickling in my chest. . .reflections. "Come on, where are you?" I heard her whisper. I saw only the pale smudge of her."Very well, then. Irioth, my dear companion, teacher, rival, friend, farewell. Emer, brave woman..Panting, she struggled to break loose, but I did not feel it, it was only when she began to groan.heifer follows him about like a puppy." Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves,..personally, was not one she could keep in mind. She tried to be respectful, but it was impossible..She was standing far back. An armchair unfolded itself to receive me. I hated that. The.- but possibly it was not a real tree -- I saw people standing; I approached them, then walked over her face, looked closely into her glassy eyes, as though I wished to know her fear, to share it.."Keep away. No! No! I beg you!"

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