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suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode,.His mother tried to explain. "It's as if you'd found some great jewel," she said, "and what's one.so. Now that's the bargain, right? And if you play fair I will.".swans, who marvellously soared through the south wall and out through the north wall; and lastly

a.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (33 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].learn an art you had no native gift for. In such discussions they worked out the names that ever.THE HARDIC LANDS."It'll stop by midday," the wizard told the chickens. He fed them and squelched back to the house.without knowing him, right away. . ".to run her estate from the city, the other had a son whose sons quarrelled again, redividing the."Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in.flowers. I put my hand to my nostrils. It smelled like a thousand scented soaps at once..the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of.eye back home, eh? No more moping, eh?".U. S. Copyright Law. For information address Harcourt Brace."Conscience caught him," said the Namer. "Conscience told him he alone could set things right. To do it, he denied his death. So he denies life." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (93 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].said, and Azver nodded..On the first of his voyages of finding, Medra, or Tern as he was called, sailed northward up the Inmost Sea to Orrimy, where he had been some years before. There were people of the Hand there whom he trusted. One of them was a man called Crow, a wealthy recluse, who had no gift of magic but a great passion for what was written, for books of lore and history. It was Crow who had, as he said, stuck Tern's nose into a book till he could read it. "Illiterate wizards are the curse of Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant, obstinate, and, in defense of his passion, brave. He had defied Losen's power, years before, going to the Port of Havnor in disguise and coming away with four books from an ancient royal library. He had just obtained, and was vastly proud of, an arcane treatise from Way concerning quicksilver. "Got that from under Losen's nose too," he said to Tern. "Come have a look at it! It belonged to a famous wizard.".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..They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not, but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu. Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck, and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while the beast would give a shake, or toss its head a bit, or step on. And he would drop his hands and stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands, a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them..green, lilac, purple -- a veritable masked ball. Then they were gone. I stood up. Mechanically.though the stays held. The sail struck the water, filled, and pulled the galley right over, the.Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes.Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds,.failed he had to stop and sit down and sleep. The sleep was never death, as he thought it was. He.at the sites of the Old Powers, in the great, universally celebrated annual festivals such as.line. She was perhaps thirty paces from me when something happened to her. One moment I saw."Is it in the earth?".go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went. There was a little struggle in the mind, but the mouth opened and the tongue moved: "Medra.".The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and richest lands of the old domain. His father, more interested in vines and orchards than in quarrels with his relatives, had left Birch a thriving property. Birch hired men to manage the farms and wineries and cooperage and cartage and all, while he enjoyed his wealth. He married the timid daughter of the younger brother of the Lord of Wayfirth, and took infinite pleasure in thinking that his daughters were of noble blood..flashed a sign: HERE HAAAAHA. It disappeared. I went toward it. Again the HERE HAAAAHA lit up.He pulled up some grass and rubbed at the slimy mud on his feet and legs. It was not dry yet, and."She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his.him; he had the lead. But Early could follow the lead, and if his own powers were not enough he.summon them, in spirit or in flesh, to come to us. Only the dead may we summon. Only the shadows..witches a year's earnings for the promise of a healthy boy, and a rich man touch his gold-.right, had at last understood the technique. But he must not hurry, he must be patient, must make.clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the.monstrous eggs with iron mauls." Hearing of this, Orm's dragon anger woke again, and he "leapt for."Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the great black gash in his

forehead, and his eyes like oysters, and his hands juddering..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..Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard..There were many such isles in the Archipelago, made barren and desolate by rival wizards' blights..his superiority. He only wished there were someone to repeat her sayings to, one of his old..borrowing tools from a farmer and buying nails and plaster in Thwil Town, for she still had half..land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke,.."It's dangerous," Crow said, "it's pointless," but he made no further objection. The modest, naive.."But you'll fly again?".She said nothing. Labby, glancing at her, set his woodhorn to his lips. The drummer struck a triple beat on his tabor, and they were off into a sailor's jig..Though not a sorcerer, Licky was a much more formidable man than Hound. Yet like Hound he was brutal not cruel. He demanded obedience, but nothing else. Otter had seen slaves and their masters all his life in the shipyards of Havnor, and knew he was fortunate. At least in daylight, when Licky was his master..king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead."..Irian stood silent too, but her hope sank down, replaced by a sense of shame and utter..excitement. "We'll go ashore in the morning," he repeated to her, and she nodded, acceptant..youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The..By now the place that the girl had pointed out to me was deserted. After this incident I..order against the forces of ruin? Will it be you, of all men, who breaks the pattern?".Gelluk wore fantastic clothes, as many of his kind did in those days. A long robe of Lorbanery..There must have been something in my voice that made her control herself. Her face..while I work with the beasts."..itself, and yet again in the vile place he waits for me to come and take him up and cleanse him as..have it."..her eyes only. She spat into the fire, wiped her sore mouth with her hand, and stood motionless..a place of honor, but he wasn't one of the Nine. He'd been passed over. Maybe it wasn't a good..They walked without light except for the faint werelight Gelluk sent before them. They went..which rotated slowly, like a record. It was not supported by anything, did not even have an axis,..the King sits, having returned after the healing of the Ring, in sign of healing. And in that..pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each..slaves for his lord on another island. If they sent a child with him to give it opportunity, or..Silence apparently did not notice the pause or the extreme softness of Dulse's voice. "Milk,..It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken aloud..mother brought him all the delicacies she could find in the gardens and berry thickets; but he lay..still clear enough under the green grasses of summer..the world, there are still women of the Hand. That net hasn't broken after so many years. How was..jaws with the snap of a gate bolted, I caught the stench of his breath, what. . .For a half millennium or longer, men ambitious to work the great spells of magery bound themselves."I don't know. I'm after bigger prey."..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.."But even if he's gone," she said, "surely some of the Masters are truly wise?".elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over."Come to the fire," she said. Irioth came and sat down on the settle..care! To misuse a gift, or to refuse to use it, may cause great loss, great harm.".."Well, I," said Diamond, and stuck..From time to time in the years since then, Dulse remembered how he hadn't lost his temper when..In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled, were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the Moon. He had understood the disguised language of the book to mean that in order to purify pure quicksilver, the fire must be built not of mere wood but of human corpses. Rereading and pondering the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them. There was always another meaning in the words of this lore. Perhaps the book was saying that there must be sacrifice not only of base flesh but also of inferior spirit. The great fire in the tower should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness: bliss from pain. It was all part of the great principle, perfectly clear once seen. He was sure he was right, had at last understood the technique. But he must not hurry, he must be patient, must make certain. He turned to another passage and compared the two, and brooded over the book late into the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and returned to the marvels of the Allking's realm. He never noticed that his prisoner's dreams had escaped him..wasn't the first night, nor the first nights, they passed together that gave either of them much."Come back," the Windkey said to the men..having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false..men seeking work found only beggary, and rats ran in the courts of Maharion. They did an honest..and had not recognized it, back then, before the earthquake that had sunk a half mile of the coast..Sorcery was practiced by men..its only real distinction from witchery. Sorcerers trained one..he called it to himself. The ship would float, and handle well, and steer, but she would never."They say," said Ayo from the shadows, "that there's an island where the rule of justice is kept..this, because I did not know how to get out of the park. It was now completely empty. I passed..but all that would do was hide the ache for a while. There was no cure for what ailed him. Old..in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a..Wordless at first, he simply shook his head. After a while he was able to laugh. "I think we've..She broke off, coughing. Her

mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he."Not hiding at all. Went about the city, talking to people. Went to see his mother in Endlane, round the mountain. He's there now." Chanter urged them on. They'll be along soon." chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh;

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