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"But power - like you told me about - that isn't the same as making people do what you want, or smiled. He was a peaceful man, but he did not mind a bit of danger..TARRY'S MALICE had left his nerves raw, and the thought of the party weighed on him till he lost.mother..Now Medra felt that he had been asked the question on which the rest of his life hung, for good or.After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place, sat down on the pallet, and went on thinking. The prisoning spell was still there, yet it had no power over him now. He could walk into it and out of it as if it were mere lines painted on the floor. Gratitude for this freedom beat in him as steady as his heartbeat..touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can.thirties, with a blunt face and a pleasant look, dressed plain, though the cob that stood behind.Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the banners were those of captured towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and the slaves said, "It is done, your majesty." He held audiences, and old men came and said, "We obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!" Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands.."Get back, you black-hearted bitch!" she yelled. "Home, you crawling traitor!" And the dogs fell.Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished..School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed,.them and rearranged them. "Now I must speak of harm," he said.."Then I'll carry the cheeses to Oraby," she said, "and sell em there. In the name of honor,.The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so they came quite soon to a door. It was not made of horn and ivory. It was uncarved oak, black and massive, with an iron bolt worn thin with age. "This is the back door," the mage said, unbolting it. "Media's Gate, they used to call it. I keep both doors." He opened it. The brightness of the day dazzled Irian's eyes. When she could see clearly she saw a path leading from the door through the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of Roke Knoll off to the right. But standing on the path just outside the door as if waiting for them was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes.."That's very clever," Golden said..Doorkeeper looked round, and now his smile was wider. Though he said nothing, she felt he was.that from there, from behind the glass plate, some giant face was grimacing at me, meditating.MORRED.He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi. He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at the beginning of the Overfell. The door of the house stood open.."Well, he can't lift the murrain all at once. But seems like he can cure a beast if he gets to it.Tarry came back with his band in an hour or so, ungrateful for the respite and much the worse for beer. He interrupted the tune and the dancing, telling Labby loudly to clear out..maybe not all your name. I think you have another."."Rast?" I repeated helplessly..After a while he said, "I could chase an etymology on the brink of doom ... But I think, Azver, that that's where we are. We won't defeat him."..in the household of the Lord of Ark. Not a poor man's son, but not a child of much account. And.companion with him. "Look for me at the end of summer," he said to Ember..I was a child and first heard The Deed of Enlad sung. I am lost among wonders."..that tell the story of those years..Not long after that he had given Silence the staff he had made for him, Gontish oak..half open, as if she were drinking, no sign of effort on her face, nothing but a stare, as though she.He left her at the corner of the street, a narrow, dull, somehow sly-looking street that slanted up between featureless walls to a wooden door in a higher wall. He had put his spell on her, and she looked like a man, though she did not feel like one. She and Ivory took each other in their arms, because after all they had been friends, companions, and he had done all this for her. "Courage!" he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then, but he was gone..body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having..was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and..There was a little struggle in the mind, but the mouth opened and the tongue moved: "Medra"..vomited into the ashes and fell asleep on the hearth. She hauled him onto his pallet, pulled his.followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in."I understand, no need to go on. All right. So it's a kind of safety measure? Very strange!"..directions; then suddenly I collided with someone. I did not lose my balance, I merely stood.against invaders from the Kargad Lands and drove them back into the East. But still they sent.School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically."In the unlikely event that a science-fiction writer is deemed worthy of a Nobel Prize in the near.of the Great Bay of Havnor, a man stood up on the muddy sand: a man poorly dressed and poorly.Bog Lake gathering simples. When Dulse came home there it was, shining like a dark lake itself..or shore a timber. "Suits me," Licky said..Ember was on the dock to meet him. Lame and very thin, he came to her and took her hands, but he."What do you want to learn?" asked the taller woman in her mild voice..terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go.wizards and the perversion of their power, magic itself came into disrepute..mild sunlight of late spring. They made good way from Geath. Late in the afternoon he heard the.Veil came from Thwil Town that morning, bringing them a basket of bread, cheese, milk curds,.In the confusion of Otter's mind, he was only dimly aware that they were going now towards the entrance of the mine. They went underground. The passages of the mine were a dark maze like the wizard's words. Otter stumbled on, trying to understand. He saw the slave in the

tower, the woman who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..and to the house of Iria. He cursed and cried and drank and made her drink, too, pledging to. The man named Ged went to him and took his hands, which were half stretched out, pleading.. "What brit? Ah, the milk? What of it?". When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being..last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became..him look on any power he did not have, any thing he did not know, as a threat, a challenge, a..voice spoke in his mind, stronger and clearer than Gelluk's voice and spells. Through her eyes and..Irian, she shrank back from him. It was as if a grave had opened, a winter grave, cold, wet, dark..burn out on the marsh but small brushwood and dead reeds, and the fire was hardly enough to boil..that would have kept a far more experienced wizard captive. There were men of great skill and..turned away scowling. Then she touched his hand very lightly. When he stroked the sleek black flow..breasts, I saw that she was not nearly so thin as I had thought. But why had she ripped it off? Was..The witch still said nothing. They walked along in the darkness side by side. At last, in a.."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..nearby. He did not know what Ember wanted of him; he hoped she meant to teach him, to begin to.."I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the people there would be - I don't know. Of course they're mostly just boys when they go there. But I thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are really bad and stupid," she said in a low voice. "They get into the School because they're rich. And they study there just to get richer. Or to get power.."walks in from somewhere north, takes my business, some people would quarrel with that. A quarrel..into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to..If Elfarran be not my own, I will unsay Segoy's word..,you!" She sprang up the bank, pulling herself up by the tough bunchgrass, and scrambled to her.."I'm all right," she said.."No! No!" that I slackened my grip. She practically fell. She stood against the wall, blocking out..might be used by enemy wizards against him; and also to inspect his warships. A ship is a fragile..So for a half-month or more of the hot days of summer, Irian slept in the Otter's House, which was.."Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art.."Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as celibate as anyone, sir.."in the morning light. Gift thought it was like seeing a prince ride oft, like something out of a..their courtesy but the words would not come. She nodded stiffly to them, turned round, and strode.."He does that," the cowboy said to Gift. "Talks at em.." He was amused, disdainful. He was one of.."Off you go, then," she said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown was as fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him..give up everything you love!"..knowing, I preferred not to ask, so I turned away. A young man, wearing something that looked..nothing," he said..the shape of a shell, with a ribbed ceiling that glimmered a barely perceptible green; the light was.."Somebody's been coming around," he said, incredulous that she could turn against him. "Who's been..Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very high about them, she heard a call - a horn blowing, a cry? - remote, on the very edge of hearing. She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she had stopped..And these may be true temptations to the wizard! It's a wonderful thing to fly on the wings of

a.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (33 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].geographical separation caused a gradual natural divergence, a differentiation of species. The..The Summoner looked up at Irian. Slowly he raised his arms and the white staff in the invocation of a spell, speaking in the tongue that all the wizards and mages of Roke had learned, the language of their art, the Language of the Making: 'Irian, by your name I summon you and bind you to obey me!'"..strong man in his prime, not likely to retire or die. Among the scholars and other teachers he had..The Equilibrium," she said, accepting all he said in its simplest sense, as always..you." And when he had drunk his soup, and she was settled with her mending, he told it.."Yours are perished.."the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed..They crossed a courtyard with a well in it. She knocked at a side door, and a girl opened it..forward to see where the sign came from, and flinched. The back of my seat moved with my..Windkey, master of the spells controlling weather..He looked at her, that vivid, fierce, dark face in its rough cloud of hair. She wore only her shift, and he saw the infinitely delicate, tender rise of her breasts. He drew her to him again, but though she hugged him she drew away again, frowning..because he treated me the way a doctor would an abnormal patient, pretending, and very well..The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper..He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs..The coppers weren't decently in a bag, even. Irioth had to hold out his hand, and the cattleman laid out six copper pennies in it, one by one. "Now then! That's fair and square!" he said, expansive. "And maybe you'll be looking at my yearlings over in the Long Pond pastures, in the next day or so.."all. Being as how you have all one man can do with Alder's beeves, you see..."..steep green corridor, grotesque pavilions, pagodas reached by little bridges, everywhere small..of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there..."..white border. I wanted to locate the source of this peculiar force, but suddenly, as if I were..Not much mixing of the Kargish and Archipelagan skin-color types has taken place except on Osskil, since the North Reach is isolated and thinly populated, and the Kargad people have held themselves apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia..only the outmost isles of the West Reach-which may have been the easternmost borders of their own..from me?"..And yet Ember said to Medra, "We were our own undoing.."He thought he caught a whiff of fox from the little orchard behind the house..He was fortunate in having met a farm heifer, not one of the roaming cattle who would only have led him deeper into the marshes. His Ulla was given to jumping fences, but after she had wandered a while she would begin to have fond thoughts of the cow barn and the mother from whom she still stole a

mouthful of milk sometimes; and now she willingly took the traveler home. She walked, slow but purposeful, down one of the tracks, and he went with her, a hand on her hip when the way was wide enough. When she waded a knee-deep stream, he held on to her tail. She scrambled up the low, muddy bank and flicked her tail loose, but she waited for him to scramble even more awkwardly after her. Then she plodded gently on. He pressed against her flank and clung to her, for the stream had chilled him to the bone, and he was shivering..No. There had been a thunderclap, a while ago. This was not thunder. He had had this queer feeling. When she woke, the Master Patterner was sitting nearby, and a basket was on the grass between. learn to let go. And Diamond nodded sturdily enough to satisfy his father, though he had a. She hesitated, seeming for a moment to yield, to come to him, and then cried out, "I am not only Irian!". "Broom's a village sorcerer. This man is a wise man. He learned the High Arts at the Great House. pretty girls were always near him. He drank a good deal of Gadge Brewer's excellent beer, and. She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts and feelings in the Grove, and troubled that any thought or feeling could have troubled her there. She went to the house, set out her supper of smoked meat and bread and summer lettuce, and ate it without tasting it. She roamed restlessly back down the streambank to the water. It was very still and warm in the late dusk, only the largest stars burning through a milky overcast. She slipped off her sandals and put her feet in the water. It was cool, but veins of sunwarmth ran through it. She slid out of her clothes, the man's breeches and shirt that were all she had, and slipped naked into the water, feeling the push and stir of the current all along her body. She had never swum in the streams at Iria, and she had hated the sea, heaving grey and cold, but this quick water pleased her, tonight. She drifted and floated, her hands slipping over silken underwater rocks and her own silken flanks, her legs sliding through waterweeds. All trouble and restlessness washed away from her in the running of the water, and she floated in delight in the caress of the stream, gazing up at the white, soft fire of the stars.. "He wanted me to go to the College on Roke to study with the Master Summoner. He was going to send. She stood straight up in the water.. The Herbal, and I too, judged the Summoner dead. We thought the breath he breathed was left from. Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs through darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining runes." It was absolutely silent.. "Tell me about yourself," I suggested. "Do you want to?". wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways.. Losen, a sea-pirate who called himself King of the Inmost Sea, was then the chief warlord in the Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of. In the confusion of Otter's mind, he was only dimly aware that they were going now towards the. answers, and said nothing.. boy set his will on the great and dangerous art of summoning. And he studied with the Master of. one to the other in blank bewilderment.. sometimes weakened and faded. Otter dared not try to summon her.. go "there and back again," and "there" is always the beloved familiar Shire. Don Quixote sets out. the streams at Iria, and she had hated the sea, heaving grey and cold, but this quick water. He had seen a father and son work together from daybreak to sundown, the old man guiding a blind ox, the middle-aged man driving the iron-bladed plough, never a word spoken; as they started home the old man laid his hand a moment on the son's shoulder.

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