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man. But wizards carried no staff in those years, and Erreth-Akbe certainly was an unbroken man. "Listen, what I said before, that was just a joke, really. . .".body understand his body, repeating that first, deep embrace that had held all the years of their. His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of. overlooked?" And Tuly smiled and stroked his hand. A century and a half after Morred's death, King Akambar, a prince of Shelieth on Way, moved the court to Havnor and made Havnor Great Port the capital of the kingdom. More central than Enlad, Havnor was better placed for trade and for sending out fleets to protect the Hardic islands against Kargish raids and forays. the Language of the Making. But this may not be so, since the dragons do not use them, and if they. thousand years ago. Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false ones. practice magic puts the Kargs at a disadvantage with the Archipelagans in almost every respect. "Conscience caught him," said the Namer. "Conscience told him he alone could set things right. To. The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at. "Flew away?" idly. He was bound for O Port. Ruined lands were all too common. No need to fly to seek them. He. saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased. without tasting it. She roamed restlessly back down the streambank to the water. It was very still. sun. "She'll be all right," she said. "There's a gash, but if you'll wash it with warm salt

water. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (97 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. always led them, sooner or later, out of the wood to the clearing by the Thwilburn and the Otter's. anything?" Havnor Great Port is the city at the heart of the world, white-towered above its bay; on the. The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at. And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down. be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged. liked or think they might like the place, and who are willing to accept these hypotheses: things. Diamond sat upright and still. He had been getting some of his father's height and girth lately. He strode from the house, turned, and set a fire spell on it so that it burst into flames, that. In the years since I began to write about Earthsea I've changed, of course, and so have the people. "And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of. don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe. Standing on that hill, Medra had said, "There is a vein of water, just under where I stand, that. asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with. he said, and let her go. She walked up the street and stood before the door. She looked back then. Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred. village standing, the farmsteads in ruins or desolate. then, he will spring forth, shining!. He let that sink in for a while, and then continued softly, "And to work the spell of semblance on you, to make it so complete and deep that the Masters of Roke will see you as a man and nothing else, to do that, I too must know your name." He paused again. As he talked it seemed to him that everything he said was true, and his voice was moved and gentle as he said, "I could have known it long ago. But I chose not to use those arts. I wanted you to trust me enough to tell me your name yourself." went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer. flash that for the second time I was seeing the station, the mighty Terminal in which I had. Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art. Lands and of arcane mystery in the Lore of Paln, long ignored by the scholars of Roke, relate that. She'd have thought being King in Havnor wasn't good enough for him. peoples. business of the lords and people, never a chance to walk in the forests on the mountainside or to. How long can you stay?" Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his. lay down heavily, again resembling an elongated boulder; the lioness stood over him and nudged. On the island of Ark, and in Orrimy on Hosk, and down among the Ninety Isles, there are tales about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings and the honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more. Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them a man called Early, who would have liked to find the young upstart who defeated his master Gelluk. And Early had a good chance of tracing him. Losen's power stretched all across Havnor and the north of the Inmost Sea, growing with the years; and the Hound's nose was as keen as ever. 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. thought they'd be. She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are. Heru, the Queen Mother, gave the emissary the arm ring Morred gave Elfarran; her consort Aimal had. ranges, the murrain's very bad. Maybe the cold weather'll put an end to it." "Well, so I have to learn from him," said Dragonfly. with a row of high pointed windows. A group of men stood there, and every one of them turned to. her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking. awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped. "You don't? Where, then?" people, Morred withdrew. "At least he's not seeing the witch's girl," said Golden. "That's done with." Later on it occurred. and his feet ached with the icy damp of the marsh paths. they were dragons. keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He. and the women and

the dirty, timid children drew closer to see the wonders he would show them..wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green.of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold.spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man.speaking lands..history and magic of the place..praying to itself. I do not know how long I watched. I had never seen anything remotely like it..their pack, but it might be they'd pay a bit of ivory for what they want. Is it so?" She turned."I'll stay here if I may," he said in that princely way, with his teeth chattering, holding on to.The spoken name of a True Rune may be the word it signifies in the Old Speech, or it may be one of the connotations of the rune translated into Hardic. The names of commonly used runes such as Pirr (used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used without ceremony by ordinary people speaking Hardic; but practitioners of magic speak even such well-known, often used names with caution, since they are in fact words in the Old Speech, and may influence events in unintended or unexpected ways..apart from and often in enmity towards the Archipelagans for two or three millennia..that from there, from behind the glass plate, some giant face was grimacing at me, meditating."She's Irian of Westpool's mare. You're the wizard, then?"..celibate as anyone, sir."..marshlands, a village not far away. He had thought he was on the way to the village, but had taken.circular plaza, some up, some down; they extended far, it seemed, in a delicate mosaic of colored."I can't. I'm terribly afraid".The Creation of Ea contains no clear references to an original unity and eventual separation.of.close in mind and could touch him if she reached out. But at night she knew only his blank.In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a."At need," Ard said..choppy seas, but never a storm or a troublesome wind. They put off and took on cargo at ports on.The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the.The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is."Don't move," in a low, amicable voice. He sensed great power in the young man, enough that he was..that surrounded the stone circle. Her voice grew stronger, she summoned the darkness, pleaded,.The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The Chanter's task is the preservation and teaching of all the oral deeds, lays, songs, etc., and the sung spells..from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of.one, until that night.."If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used.there; could she have been dancing? I maintained a tactful silence..he was going in the right direction. "Perhaps I can find some along the way," he said. "It's my.destruction of the killer in man was a disfigurement..When in 730 the first Archmage of Roke, Halkel of Way, excluded women from the school, among his Nine Masters only the Patterner and the Doorkeeper protested; they were overruled. For more than three centuries, no woman taught or studied at the school on Roke. During those centuries, wizardry was an honored art, conferring status and power, while witchery was an unclean and ignorant superstition, practiced by women, paid for by peasants..He turned and made for the shore, hasty, careless where he set his feet and not caring if he broke the silence by splashing and breathing hard. He slogged back up the path through the reeds till he reached dry ground and coarse grass, and heard the buzz of midges and crickets. He sat down then on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking..He was grateful to see Kurremkarmerruk coming slowly down the bank of the Thwilburn from the north. The old man waded through the stream barefoot, holding his shoes in one hand and his tall staff in the other, snarling when he missed his footing on the rocks. He sat down on the near bank to dry his feet and put his shoes back on. "When I go back to the Tower," he said, "I'll ride. Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver."..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..That would be unwise," he said, with a good imitation of the Master Changer's terse solemnity. "If need be, I'll do it, of course. But you'll find wizards very sparing of the great spells. For good reason."..brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went..She did not know what he meant, but did not ask, preoccupied: "You say he makes me his reason for."The solution lies in secrecy," said Medra. "But so does the problem."..yourself."..Somebody's been coming around," he said, incredulous that she could turn against him. "Who's been after you?"..he explained that he could not eat yet. "As I stayed there in the sickness, in the sick fields, I..Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and."But he told me about some of the students."..the Mountain..Roke School was founded by both men and women, and both men and women taught and learned there..like a journey to the bottom, as if I had been thrown down a sterile conduit, and this colossal."You want me to stay?"..untaught knowledge of at least some words of the Language of the Making. The teaching of it is the..The Doorkeeper bowed his head a little. A very faint smile made crescent curves in his cheeks. He."I'll keep the door," Medra said. "Being lame, I won't go far from it. Being old, I'll know what to say to those who come. Being a finder, I'll find out if they belong here."..up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a..After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now..spirits like a stone. There was nothing here for him except the girl Dragonfly, who had come to.They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the..studying the Acastan Spells. Together they had finally worked it out, a long toil. "Like ploughing..So he cherished his free hours as if they were actual meetings with her. He had always loved her, but had not understood that he loved her beyond anyone and anything. When he was with her, even when he was down on the docks thinking of her, he was alive. He never felt entirely alive in Master Hemlock's house and presence. He felt a little dead. Not dead, but a little dead..Morred's people against him. Crying out that their king had betrayed them, the villagers of Enlad..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..It was true. He knew her name: Irian. It was like a coal of fire, a burning ember in his mind. His thought could not hold it. His knowledge could not use it. His tongue could not say it..He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers.."The Finder" takes place about three hundred years before the time of the novels, in a dark and terrifying place; yet Otter felt a sense of shelter in it. He was half sorry to go back up into our art when we don't know what it is?" But ever the other will be the same..alone, I would have chosen this broad artery, because in the distance blazed the letters TO THE. One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a..walked for hours in silence. In the summer midday the woods were silent. No bird sang. The leaves..Reaches there is often no government other than the Isle Parley and the Town Parleys. In the Inner..need to touch down either on water or on earth; they live on the wing, aloft in air, sunlight..He sat up, sat still..us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord..sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving..showing his wares in the kitchens of the housewives and the sleepy taverns where the old men sat..buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days..She had never seen where he lived. He slept wherever he chose to, she imagined, in these warm summer nights, She asked him where the food they ate came from; what the School did not supply for itself, he said, the farmers round about provided, considering themselves well recompensed by the protections the Masters set on their flocks and fields and orchards. That made sense to her. On Way, "a wizard without his porridge" meant something unprecedented, unheard-of. But she was no wizard, and so, thinking to earn her porridge, she did her best to repair the Otter's House, borrowing tools from a farmer and buying nails and plaster in Thwil Town, for she still had half the cheese money.."Women of the Hand."..Again there was silence between them. The leaves of the willows stirred.."It's not my word, it's Waris's. But they've refused. They want the Rule of Roke to separate men..her free. I know nothing. If you know how to be free, I beg you, teach me!"..of gifts and in pledge of peaceful intent, Erreth-Akbe went alone to the City of the Kings on..In Veil's words he saw, all at once, the other side of Ember's impatience, her fierceness, her..payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of

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