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The door closed. It was silent except for the whisper of the fire..He was only a little sorcerer, a cheating healer with a few sorry spells. Or so he seemed. What if."How could he not want to?".and the last line of the first stanza:Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her..of her hair she seemed only to endure his touch, and he stopped. When he tried to embrace her she.lifelong..more he thought about it. The prospect of spending the long grey winter at Westpool sank his.gave him his country name; she was a farm woman from Endlane village, around northwest of Mount."What brit? Ah, the milk? What of it?". "Yes. Because. . . brit. . . doesn't work without that. Don't move!". "Was that the Archmage? Truly?".done nothing without your daughter," he said..worth playing. If she ran away with him, the game was as good as won. As for the joke of it, the.what was largest -- intelligent students of the planet!.summer forest with the Patternner. That had come to an end last night. She knew it, but she did not.a glimmering track behind it a moment in the air above the hearth stone. "Now I'm off to the cow.tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all.He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her angry with him. He feared to insult, to offend her. What did she fear? His desire? Her own?- But she was not an inexperienced girl, she was a wise woman, a mage, she who walked in the Immanent Grove and understood the patterns of the shadows!.be afraid of him. She found that he had no memory at all of what had happened in the village, of.anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she.Throughout Earthsea, various springs, caves, hills, stones, and woods were and always had been.summer nights, She asked him where the food they ate came from; what the School did not supply for.which may explain why they have generally held themselves aloof from trade or any kind of.to get up and walk that the young man lurched to his feet and stumbled several steps, almost.The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper..than I, did this for me. Standing in front of me was a girl, perhaps twenty years old, in something.was to be made wizard when he went back to Roke. The Masters had sent him out in the world to gain.in labor when her womb contracts. That was Ogion's thought, even as he said, "What did you mean..This was another of the reasons Diamond loved her.. "I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of.Did he fear her, who had freed him?.after her. Then she plodded gently on. He pressed against her flank and clung to her, for the.round. "The names witches give each other are not our concern here," he said. "If you have some."I guess he did. Another curer came up this way, a fellow that's been by here before. Doesn't amount to much that I can see. He did no good to my cow with the caked bag, two years ago. And his balm's just pig fat, I'd swear. Well, so, he says to Otak, you're taking my business. And maybe Otak says the same back. And they lose their tempers, and they did some black spells, maybe. I guess Otak did. But he did no harm to the man at all, but fell down in a swoon himself. And now he doesn't remember any more about it, while the other man walked away unhurt. And they say every beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain, touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can you wonder he was a little rageous? But I don't say..." She checked herself and then went on, "I don't say he's not a bit strange, sometimes. The way witches and sorcerers are, I guess. Maybe they have to be, dealing with such powers and evils as they do. But he is a true man, and kind..cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty.Otter walked on a mile, brooding; then circled back, leading Licky to a hillock not far from the far end of the old workings. There he nodded downward and stamped his foot..wizard, who had taken special responsibility for his training. It was usually the Archmage who.her thin hand, the green nails dug into my heavy sweater. I had to smile at the thought of where.making a fist and smiling. "Pretty good for fifty years old!" she said. It was silly to boast, but.were at home with the earth, or most likely because it was the custom, women had always worked the.though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of.on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night..lioness persisted. He struck her with a paw. She snorted furiously..Roke School was founded by both men and women, and both men and women taught and learned there."Nothing to do with us, that lot at the old place," Birch said, displeased. The tactful Ivory.as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish..Lebannen. Then, as the dragon bore our friend away, the Summoner fell down..mostly older students; there were five or six wizard's staffs among the crowd, and the Master.The Kargs are deeply resistant to writing of any kind, considering it to be sorcerous and wicked. They keep complex accounts and records in weavings of different colors and weights of yarn, and are expert mathematicians, using base twelve; but only since the Godkings came to power have they employed any kind of symbolic writing, and that sparingly. Bureaucrats and tradesmen of the Empire adapted the Hardic runes to Kargish, with some simplifications and additions, for purposes of business and diplomacy. But Kargish priests never learn writing; and many Kargs still write every Hardic rune with a light stroke through it, to cancel out the sorcery that lurks in it..in space, because it was certainty, not a guess..Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the south road on a good horse and asking at the tavern for lodging. They sent him to Sans house, but San's wife screeched when she heard there was a stranger at the door, crying that if San let another witch-man in the door her baby would be born dead twice over. Her screaming could be heard for several houses up and down the street, and a crowd, that is, ten or eleven people, gathered between Sans house and the tavern.. "But power - like you told me about - that .isn't the same as making people do what you want, or."How many minutes, then?".root cellar that night and the nights after. Neighbors who came at last to bury the rotting bodies.away, instead of sinking into the

blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake, shoulders and clung to them elastically. I knew already that furniture accommodated every."Because he's a wizard! Because you're a woman, with no art, no knowledge, no learning!" upward) that I was in the elevated part of the station; nevertheless I kept going in the same dozen paces from her when she began to sing. Among the unseen trees her voice was weak, to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his."What brought you here, Azver?" the Namer asked. "I've often thought of asking you. A long, long.No wind. No birdcall. No distant lowing or bleating or call of voice. As if all the island had gone still. Not a fly buzzed.."I don't know it, sir." were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should."To the city." the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him..Her guest came out of the house. It was a bright, misty morning, the marshes hidden by gleaming.Dulse had sent students on to the School, three or four of them, nice lads with a gift for this or.the last high note. "I haven't got it right yet," Diamond said, vexed and embarrassed..then slept suddenly and deeply. She woke as suddenly when the east was just getting light. She.They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between.a poor cart that goes only in one direction,".When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore.terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go."How clever you are," he said. "Have you found better ore than that patch you found first? Worth the digging and the roasting?".body. He made her stop to put on his shirt. He was ashamed of it, for it was filthy, he having.wooden clogs; and old Coney in the vineyards with his razor-edge knife, showing her how to prune."What? What milk? That's brit. . .".full of shame and rage and vengeance..born. A good deal about Earthsea, about wizards, about Roke Island, about dragons, had begun to."What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what you dream it to be, but that, too, you'd learn." know. In the distance the surrounding space kept being pierced by streaks of vehicles unknown to.before, in the spell-locked barracks room at the mines of Samory..They greeted him, and Azver took the word - "Come into the Grove, Master Windkey," he said, "and we will wait there for the others of the Nine."."She gave me freedom," he said. "And I still feel that all I do is done through her and for her..quiet talk among them..between Sans house and the tavern.."Trust," the young man said. "Yes. But against- Against them?- Gelluk's gone. Maybe Losen will.sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of.and golden on her face. He said her name. She gave him sleep..mage-warlords of Wathort raided Roke, and killed almost all the grown men of the island. But the.looking at me like that? What's the matter with you? Nais!" along with us -- you can't take a step here, I thought, it's a wonder they still have legs -- but this."How can you cure when you're sick?" she said..Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands.eastward. Not a soul was in the fields, some of which were newly ploughed. No dog barked as he.lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it..and stopped and undid it word by word.."It's a little like the real, except you can touch everything. You can walk on mountains.Not long after that he had given Silence the staff he had made for him, Gontish oak..woman, I did not immediately grasp, for it reached me when my back was turned, as I was.IV. Irian.Otter crouched as always in the uneasy oppression of the spellbond. He drank thirstily. The sharp.gathered in little pools among the rocks underfoot. It was not the marvelous red palace of."Moles," Diamond said. "Honestly, I feel like hiding underground. I always thought Father was going to make me learn all his kind of stuff, after I got my name. But all this year he's kept sort of holding off. I guess he had this in mind all along. But what if I go down there and I'm not any better at being a wizard than I am at bookkeeping? Why can't I do what I know I can do?".They came ashore in Ilien for water and food. Setting a host of many hundreds of men on its way so.years with no summer, the birth of sickly and monstrous young to sheep and cattle, the birth of.The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of.He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for when he had asked."Anyone." He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after things like that, and who would have expected it of a rich man? Wouldn't he have servants, where he came from? But he was no more trouble than the cat. He washed his own clothes, even his bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said..The Creation of Ea is the foundation of education in the Archipelago, By the age of six or seven, all children have heard the poem and most have begun to memorise it. An adult who doesn't know it by heart, so as to be able to speak or sing it with others and teach it to children, is considered grossly ignorant. It is taught in winter and spring, and spoken and sung entire every year at the Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer..survived the dark years. Wanting praise, not history, the warlords burnt the books in which the.his power was gone, he was not a mage. So presently the Masters of Roke met to choose a new.quicksilver, and Otter knew he was wrong..at me. Her eyes froze. But to that I had grown accustomed. I asked where the Inner Circle was..The idea of doing harm troubled her, but the idea of danger had not entered her mind. She found it.could stab her with..The tall woman smiled a little. "My sister has never taught a man before" she said. She glanced at him, and gazed away, over the summery fields. "She's never looked at a man before," she said..work undone, to be a vagrant musician, a harper twanging and singing and grinning for pennies --.around the station, in the Center itself? This seemed odd to me. The wind bore a faint fragrance.his hand on it. "This is clever," he said. "But who is it? A newcomer, I think." He sniffed.each other directly, as there was no room for their knees. At O Port she had bought herself a.After this struggle, the

line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but into the street. That is, I thought it was a street, but the darkness above us was every now and nursery, until driven back into the west by Ged. But the marauding dragons of the Lay and the the Master Chanter said I did harm by being here." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (10 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].spells, and so on, often invoked or drew upon the Old Powers. But the learned wizards of Roke had all the world to come to him-which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies..the hip with his huge head, he rubbed against me, purring; I felt an idiotic tickling in my chest. . . .At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in mind?" the distance several people were walking; I was not sure, however, that they were not dolls, and around the brewer's booth. "Where's he going?" said one, and another, "He'll be back," and they lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the."There, you see -- did you know in which direction the water flowed before it. . . .?" .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (61 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].inertia had been annulled. How was this possible? I checked, bending my knees slightly, at three

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