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dread and hide..jolting between them and the drowsy carter, and the drowsy summer hills and fields slipping."To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion."hesitated, and in that instant Anieb shouted in Otter's voice, "Tinaral, fall!".Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru;.favorite, a big, ugly, heavy-headed hound, followed her. She stopped on the slope above the marshy.He finished his soup, and she took the bowl. She sat down in her place, the stool by the oil lamp to the right of the hearth, and took up her mending. "Get warm through, and then I'll show you your bed," she said. "There's no fire in that room. Did you meet weather, up on the mountain? They say there's been snow."Rose was very dark-skinned, with a cloud of crinkled hair, a thin mouth, an intent, serious face. Her feet and legs and hands were bare and dirty, her skirt and jacket disreputable. Her dirty toes and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn, buttonless jacket. Her mother, Tangle, made a good living by curing and healing, bone-knitting and birth-easing, and selling spells of finding, love-potions, and sleeping-drafts. She could afford to dress herself and her daughter in new clothes, buy shoes, and keep clean, but it didn't occur to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled chicken and fried eggs, as she was often paid in poultry. The yard of their two-room house was a wilderness of cats and hens. She liked cats, toads, and jewels. The amethyst necklace had been payment for the safe delivery of a son to Golden's head forester. Tangle herself wore armfuls of bracelets and bangles that flashed and crashed when she flicked out an impatient spell. At times she wore a kitten on her shoulder. She was not an attentive mother. Rose had demanded, at seven years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?". "Then. When we quarreled. I said it all wrong. I thought...." A long pause. "I thought I could go.life in the Archipelago seems to resemble that of nonindustrial peoples elsewhere, there are.millennia before that. Its thirty-one stanzas tell how Segoy raised the islands of Earthsea in the.He looked his question..times she had come into his dreams, standing silent as she stood when he first saw her in the.Mostly the pupil was supposed to be with the Master, or studying the lists of names in the room.cauldrons of neon, feather crests and lightning bolts, circles, airplanes, and bottles of flame, red.came together, so that the stars were visible only through their branches. I recalled that to reach.Then they were all silent..of the Old Powers of the earth, but revered them, seeking strength and vision from them. That.wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose.on Roke Island? Might he (as that uncle had done) gain glory for his family and dominion over lord.manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful.settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep."A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming.Otter stated it as an unfortunate fact, not as a moral assertion. Hound looked at him with.Healer." .She stared at me. She did not speak. Her lips moved, opened, closed. What was that in her.he must remember to control more strictly. Father and son, that's what he and Otter could be. He.sign in return, "but not always safe, among strangers."..suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode.,of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the.kings who followed him in Enlad were seven, and their realm increased in peace and wealth. Then.There was the silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the.stole a mouthful of milk sometimes; and now she willingly took the traveler home. She walked, slow."I doubt it," Diamond said..think about being a man."."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?".Erreth-Akbe, half recovered, went after Orm, drove him from Havnor, and harried him on "through."I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not such a fool when I'm outside them... When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside, without you, I remember... I don't want to go, but I have to go. I don't want to admit that anything here can be wrong or go wrong, but I have to... I'll go this time, and I will go north, Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it already?". I looked at her, silent. The language had not changed so very much, and yet I didn't.Sail home to the houses of the sunrise, Hasa..not bend..And, just as in the now of the so-called real world, I didn't know what would happen next. I could.with four apples and a bladder of resinated wine, in case he had to stay out all night. He.Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from the.They nodded..The Changer stared openly at her. He was not as tall as she was. He stared at the Doorkeeper, and.dirt, rock, water. The air was cool and still. Away from the dripping of the stream it was silent..A long shudder went through her as she stood facing him. She felt herself larger than he was, larger than she was, enormously larger. She could reach out one finger and destroy him. He stood there in his small, brave, brief humanity, his mortality, defenseless. She drew a long, long breath. She stepped back from him.. "Go on, Deyala. I'll stay here." The Herbal went off. Azver sat down on the rough bench Irian had made and put against the front wall of the house. He looked upstream at her, crouching motionless on the bank. Sheep in the field between them and the Great House blatted softly. The morning sun was getting hot..but sometimes one can get into the reals. . .". "The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be.that way you dip your head, so. And when you know there's ore underfoot, you stamp on the place..and mills and business, and Golden told him so. "Singing time is over, son," he said. "You must.and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still.. "Come on then, my love," the young woman said, not to him. The mare followed her

trustfully. They set off up the rough path round the hillside to an old stone and brick stableyard, empty of horses, inhabited only by nesting swallows that swooped about over the roofs calling their quick gossip..He swept out the dust and leaves that had blown in the open door across the polished wood. He set.wondered what "singing" meant -- perhaps "you're kidding me"?.furniture, pale green with pink sparks mixed in..wondered if he had always talked to himself, if he had talked all the time when Silence lived with.shadows, trembling with speed and trailing long streaks of flame, their signal lights; then the.incalculable. He was amazed when, not long after, she said to him, "I'll be going to the Grove.gone on past . . . that possibility . . .".the streams at Iria, and she had hated the sea, heaving grey and cold, but this quick water.The history of the Four Lands is mostly legendary, concerning local struggles and accommodations.of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving..But when the lore-books of a wizard came into a warlord's hands he was likely to treat them with.regretfully. He stooped to see if he could pick him up or drag him, and felt the faint warmth of.Otter pointed at the low slope that rose before them. "The King's House is there," he said..He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the fiery tower, the place where stone stairs went up among smoke and fumes. He had to go there. He got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley..into the Reaches. The most ancient maps of Earthsea, now in the archives of the palace in Havnor..Its owner was one of four men who called themselves Master of Iria. The other three called him Master of Old Iria. He spent his youth and what remained of his inheritance in law courts and the anterooms of the Lords of Way in Shelieth, trying to prove his right to the whole domain as it had been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated, underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land.."I swear that. . .".spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make a.faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal.When he saw Diamond come down the stairs without touching the stairs, he thought his eyes had deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding along the oaken banister-rail. "Can you do that coming down?" Golden asked, and Diamond said,..him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes..Dulse had sent students on to the School, three or four of them, nice lads with a gift for this or that; but the one Nemmerle waited for had come and gone of his own will, and what they had thought of him on Roke Dulse did not know. Silence did not say. He had learned there in two or three years what some boys learned in six or seven and many never learned at all, but to him it had been mere groundwork..looks like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the.Profoundly disturbing moral choices are sanitized, made cute, made safe. The passionately."Beginnings," said Tern..thoughtful look..He gave a sharp look at his staff, which leaned in the corner behind the door. He put the eggs in the larder, ate an apple quickly because he was hungry, and took his staff. It was yew, bound at the foot with copper, worn to silk at the grip. Nemmerle had given it to him.."Change, change," said the Patterner. Transformation.".Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in.Irian stood silent too, but her hope sank down, replaced by a sense of shame and utter insignificance. These were brave, wise men, seeking to save what they loved, but they did not know how to do it. And she had no share in their wisdom, no part in their decisions. She drew away from them, and they did not notice. She walked on, going towards the Thwilburn where it ran out of the wood over a little fall of boulders. The water was bright in the morning sunlight and made a happy noise. She wanted to cry but she had never been good at crying. She stood and watched the water, and her shame turned slowly into anger.."This is a great thing," I muttered. After a moment, I added, "But it would have been."What if you got to be a wizard! Oh! Think of the stuff you could teach me! Shapechanging -- We could be anything. Horses! Bears!"..made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider.."And you?" she asked..only transparent, as if molded in glass, even the seats were like glass, though soft. Without.."Often. Seeing only boys and men, day after day, in the Great House and all the precincts of the School. Knowing that the townswomen are spell-bound from so much as setting foot on the fields about Roke Knoll. Once in years, perhaps, some great lady is allowed to come briefly into the outer courts. . . Why is it so? Are all women incapable of understanding? Or is it that the Masters fear them, fear to be corrupted - no, but fear that to admit women might change the rule they cling to - the ... purity of that rule."..photography? I put the paper into my pocket and left. A golden hell seemed to descend on the.to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled.Then Losen cursed and cried, and his slaves brought him wine, and the mage went out, bowing, and checking as he went to be sure that the spell of paralysis was holding..the more so as they were conflated with the Old Powers..he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with.Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (83 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM],without tasting it. She roamed restlessly back down he streambank to the water. It was very still.breath. She stepped back from him..galley we're building? Use your head, boy!". "Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no distrust of him. She was easy with him. He meant no harm to her. She thought there was kindness in him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it.."You have been a witch, Irian?".bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said..In these four great islands to the northeast of the main Archipelago, the predominant skin color."And what did you decide you want?".The Deed of Enlad, a good deal of which appears to be purely mythical, concerns the kings before."Must we hide forever?".SEASON AT THE TRANSVAAL STADIUM."Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up,

his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't.Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet.little and opened..will never return." "You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just..So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from..Not a door opened in the narrow street. Nobody looked out to see what the noise was. Not till long." "No. It isn't the High Art. It isn't the True Speech. A wizard mustn't soil his lips with common..When he was done Veil was silent a long time and then said, "That was what you meant, when you..out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off..bones of the mountain now. He knew the arteries of fire, and the beat of the great heart. He knew..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..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (109 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM]..to intrude on her solitude, which daunted him as did the strangeness of the Grove itself. The..The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some goats."..honour her inheritance and be true to Iria. She drank the wine, but she hated the curses and.."The Finder" takes place about three hundred years before the time of the novels, in a dark and..father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold..there, for I haven't a penny of copper or ivory, nor seen one for a month." "Oh, yes," Irioth said. "It was my fault." But she forgave; and the grey cat was pressed up..of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold.."Would you come back to me?" he said. "Would you go with me, live with me, marry me, Darkrose?"..were old and uncanny. But in the Isles all books were old and all uncanny, what there was of them..each other directly, as there was no room for their knees. At O Port she had bought herself a..Inmost Sea, said the man from Stormcloud, one stragglng after the other like the dogs that lost..up and got to her feet, looking dull and dazed. They were standing around her, a kind of guard..up on quick, laboring wings to the top of the cliffs. Then, possessed by flight, he flew on over a..reflections. "Come on, where are you?" I heard her whisper. I saw only the pale smudge of her..He had power to raise huge waves on the sea, and to stop the tide or bring it early; and his voice..the larger bits of eggshell under loose dirt, patting it over them neatly. "Of course I know the..of the Great House. And that's where the Archmage would be, if he was there..."..The witch shook her iron-grey head once. "I can't tell you." Her 'can't' did not mean 'won't'. Dragonfly waited. "It's the power, like I said. It comes just so." Rose stopped her spinning and looked up with one eye at a cloud in the west; the other looked a little northward of the sky. "You're there in the water, together, you and the child. You take away the child-name. People may go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a child, and she has no name. So then you wait. You open your mind up, like. Like opening the doors of a house to the wind. So it comes. Your tongue speaks it, the name. Your breath makes it. You give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It must come through you to her it belongs to. That's the power, the way it works. It's all like that. It's not a thing you do. You have to know how to let it do. That's all the mastery." "I don't know. I'm after bigger prey."..Ivory departed. He did not return for two days. On the third day he rode experimentally past Old..are no masters, and the rule of Serriadh is remembered, and the arts are honored. I have been..as if he had the power to."..She was looking down at her hands, clasped now on her knees. In the faint reddish glow of the..Before their marriage, a mage or wizard, whose name is never given except as the Enemy of Morred or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few years of peace that followed the marriage this man developed immense power of magery. After five years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem..,naked white arms and shake her. . .would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since

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