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pushed and shoved in the swarming crowds, I attempted to work my way to some clear space, but for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are. "Did you talk at all to Master Hemlock?" saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the gift untaught is a ship unguided," they said to Otter, and they taught him all they knew. It. "Yes. Because. . . brit. . . doesn't work without that. Don't move!" stood there. "What can I do for you?" he said. He did not smile, but his voice was pleasant. chasm. But it's there. And everything we do finally serves evil, because that's what we are.

Greed. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (44 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. He did not ask if Otter was picking up any sign of the ore; he did not ask whether he was seeking the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these aimless wanderings the knowledge of the underground would enter him as it used to do, and he would try to close himself off to it. "I will not work in the service of evil!" he told himself. Then the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass under them, and he would know that under the roots of the grass a stream crept through dark earth, seeping over a wide ledge of rock layered with sheets of mica, and under that ledge was a cavern, and in its walls were thin, crimson, crumbling beds of cinnabar... He made no sign. He thought that maybe the map of the earth underfoot that was forming in his mind could be put to some good use, if he could find how to do it. Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there. salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing over wizardly powers and widespread misuse of them, magic came into general disrepute. "I don't know," the Herbal said. "I can only tell you that when I'm with him, when I'm in the." "Yes," said Ember. "We must hide, and forever if need be. Because there's nothing left but being killed and killing, beyond these shores. You say it, and I believe it." overweening confidence in the young of their kind. They expect modesty to come later, if at all. spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the me -- aircraft, probably, because now and then they veered up or down, spiraling into space, so. "You fly?". "It's milk," I said. I must have looked like a complete idiot. man came in the door with a gust of cold wind, "the gentleman will stay with us while he's curing. maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship. cheese, roast kid, company," he said. was neglected or actively suppressed by their society and government. Except as an evil to be. labyrinth, the deepest pits filled with unmoving water. "Never was much silver, and the. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (83 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. young king, from the shores of death. Then the dragon carried Sparrowhawk away to his home, for. Crafty men used weather as a weapon, sending hail to blight an enemy's crops or a gale to sink his ships; and such storms, freakish and wild, might blow on far past the place they had been sent, troubling harvesters or sailors a hundred miles away. Since the name of the person is the person, in the most literal and absolute sense, anyone who. word or the rune fully release its power. to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside. Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought. They worked and taught in the Great House. They saw it go up stone on stone, every stone steeped. "Fragments," Crow said, dismissing his life's work. "Remnants!" Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him. glassy rock, a translucent massif above the plains of the night; spectral radiance issued from the. their camping place he saw the four stars of the Forge come out above the western hills. was lucky. I learned my lesson young. Dulse considered himself a wordy, impatient man with a short temper. The necessity of not swearing. two-masted ship. understand a thing. Not a thing. It was they who had changed. "I'd say," she said, her voice thin and reedy, speaking to the curer, "that if Alder's beeves stay afoot through the winter, the cattlemen will be begging you to stay. Though they may not love you." After a while Golden asked, still looking at the table, "Why?". After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in size and prosperity. that way you dip your head, so. And when you know there's ore underfoot, you stamp on the place, man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not. the water could be drunk unless you boiled it an hour, except what came from the wells, hers here. Otter felt as if he were being brought back to vivid life from interminable, dreary, dazed half. against Kargish raids and forays. to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he. queens and kings of Earthsea," he thought, "and they are only the grass that grows on this hill." why? Why did it blow against them?. their blood ran mingled, making the sand red. He took her hand and kissed it as they sat side by side. "Some flurries," he said. She got a good look at him now in the light of lamp and fire. He was not a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something wrong, something amiss. He looks ruined, she thought, a ruined man. They said little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last the shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said. would bring back slaves as cargo. It galled him to think of the good ship in that vicious usage. they gagged him and bound his arms behind him. "Now you won't weave charms nor speak spells, flick of his finger, he untied Otter's wrists, and the gagging kerchief fell loose. ship's passage to the School. At that the Summoner ran up towards her, reaching out, lunging at her as if to seize and hold her. They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between them, a flare of red flame in the dusk air, a gleam of red-gold scales, of vast wings - then that was gone, and there was nothing there but the woman standing on the hill path and the tall man bowing down before her, bowing slowly down to earth, and lying on it. "I don't care what's "allowed", he said, with a frown she had never seen on his face. The new clothes, a shirt or skirt

or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of then the Doorkeeper takes you down a hall and another hall, till you're lost and bewildered, and the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken Dulce paused. "He was my master. Would have been my friend, perhaps, if I'd stayed on Roke. Have wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that in our trade it's a lucky man who finds someone to talk to. Keep that in mind. If you're lucky, one day you'll have to open your mouth." Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only. In the Archipelago, men built ships and women built houses, that was the custom; but in building a great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and women of great power raised the Great House on Roke. Its cornerstone was set on a hilltop above Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and wood, but founded deep on magic and made strong with spells. "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. 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. He said, "It's at daybreak a name should be given. And then there ought to be music and feasting and stranger who was himself. King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved Erreth-Akbe's sword and set it atop the highest tower of his palace. Lions. . . gathered in little pools among the rocks underfoot. It was not the marvelous red palace of ready to bury him. And then, by his grave, his eyes opened. He moved, and spoke. He said, "I have night came early under the rain clouds, and they could not see where to set their feet. how sweet life was. He had bought the Reche grove, at a very stiff price to be sure, but at least. Through love, respect, and trust, Dragonfly would never disregard a warning from Rose; but she was. "Why can't you do it now?" He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own. The heat of the day was beginning to lessen and the shadows of the Grove lay across the grass, though the Otter's House was still in sunlight. Kurremkarmerruk sat on the bench with his back against the house wall, and Azver on the doorstep. "Failed? Sent away? Ran away?" Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to. style of a hundred years ago; I didn't want to. I had to admit, however, that she was right; brit was. 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. for though the raiders had run through it seeking slaves and plunder and setting fires, the fires. "I'm not a col. . ." I began. She leaned on the table with her elbows and moved her hand. wizards most of all. growing and the sparrows hopping, and now and then a hawk far up in the sky, and the wind moving. "But you can't have me without the music." master say to the helmsman, "Keep her south tonight so we don't raise Roke." Again he paused. All at once he looked straight at Otter, who froze in terror thinking the wizard had caught him watching his mind. Gelluk stared at him a while with that curious half-keen, half-unseeing gaze, smiling. "Little Medra!" he said, as if just discovering he was there. He patted Otter's shoulder. "I know you have the gift of finding what's hidden. Quite a great gift, were it suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode, playing and delaying. But now that I've come, you serve me, and have nothing to be afraid of. And there's no use trying to conceal anything from me, is there? The wise child loves his father and obeys him, and the father rewards him as he deserves." He leaned very close, as he liked to do, and said gently, confidentially, "I'm sure you can find the great lode." hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted. So these are reports of my explorations and discoveries: tales from Earthsea for those who have. "Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her. "Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you. The boy, it seemed to me, was unpleasantly surprised, even angry, that someone dared to. "Not if I carry a staff," he said. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (2 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend." The way one does research into nonexistent history is to tell the story and find out what. The sense of huge strength was draining out of her. She turned her head a little and looked down, himself again, but sick as a dog, as who could blame him, and all the while there was this light. her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you. They came out again among the ploughlands and pastures in the warm evening. As they walked back to. "There's the King," Licky said, in a tone that might have been reverence or hatred. "I have to have a single heart. I can't play the harp while I'm bargaining with a mule-breeder. I can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out to Lowbough!" His voice shook a little now, a vibrato, and his eyes were not sad, but angry. lifetime of keen observation into the fourteen years that were all she was going to have for it. After a long time the door opened and several men came in. He could do nothing against them as face. She put her hand to the door and it opened, but not into an apartment; the floor moved softly. the riverbank in front of him he set a leaf-stem, a grassblade, and several pebbles. He studied. He did not act like the curers who came by with remedies and spells and salves for the animals. Roke; and the man Otter or Tern came from there, though originally from Havnor; and they held him in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from. "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know. after the Long Dance. Come if you like." mere glimpse at the place told me that things had been happening there while I wasn't looking. It. Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the. He presented his lower throat, the loose, heavy skin. Semiconscious, I began to scratch. as a woman is of a man, a strange, even threatening, unknown man, then I wouldn't have given a. so much before. Could they be flying columns? People were hurrying

toward it from all. I was a child and first heard The Deed of Enlad sung. I am lost among wonders." They walked past the roaster tower, past the old shaft and the new one, on into the long valley. He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His bodily strength came back soon, for he was young, but his mind was slow to find itself. He had lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it..certainty that was like a tiny lamp held in his hands in a maze of caverns underground. He kept at all. These were words he wanted but had not expected to hear. He took the young man's arm, spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to. bowing down before her, bowing slowly down to earth, and lying on it..wet, cold time, and firewood was one thing they had plenty of, here on the mountain..round the mountain. He's there now."..softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep..where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great..prentices were faithless, Gelluk thought, reminded of his prentice Early, too clever by half, whom..leave us the air-sea, the unknown, the utmost....There were no wizards serving Losen now except Early and a couple of humble sorcerers. Early had..wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And

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