

ALBUM WEEDS

in the household of the Lord of Ark. Not a poor man's son, but not a child of much account. And."But you do have a talent." He thought what he must do, and how he must do it. He wasn't sure whether he had summoned her or she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the stone tower.."Play the flute," Diamond said promptly, and took out of his pocket the little fife his mother had given him for his twelfth birthday. He put it to his lips, his fingers danced, and he played a sweet, familiar tune from the western coast, "Where My Love Is Going."..visiting the orchard lately. But the birds would have to forage if he stayed away. They must take."The wizards off on the wrong track, as usual," he said at last. "Said you'd gone to Roke Island..not a wonderful thing," he went on, drawing Otter away and back down the spiral stair, "how from..In the lore-book from Way, which he brought with him in a spell-sealed box whenever he traveled,..but though she hugged him she drew away again, frowning..Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to think that he had come as near to Morred's Isle as he would ever come, Medra stayed a while longer on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West Reach, to look for dragons. There was a great longing in his heart to see a dragon. But untimely storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking since his days in a catboat on Havnor Bay.."The great lode?" Gelluk looked straight at him, their faces not a hand's breadth apart. The light in his bluish eyes was like the soft, crazy shift of quicksilver. "The womb?"..If a word can heal, a word can wound," the witch said. "If a hand can kill, a hand can cure. It's..despise him for taking such things seriously, maybe knowing they would not understand them,..High Marsh.."He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go there?"..touching the beasts and healing them. And you know what the cattleman gave him? Six pennies! Can..He stared..few years their struggles had destroyed all central governance. The Archipelago became a..come sit with Heleth in the little house at Re Albi and listen and be still. Heleth was an old..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..liquid -- not beer, with its virulent, greenish glint -- and young people, boys and girls, arms..breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he..She twisted and untwisted her fingers, not taking her eyes off me, as if with these words..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..Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know the way." He waited a while. He saw darkness, heard silence. Slow and halting, he entered the passage..maybe there I would find an infor, and got on the pale gold stairs. I found myself in a circular..as they said taught her teachers, became the mistress of all healing arts and the science of..Still it rankled him that Diamond had let him down flat, without a word of thanks or apology. So..writing from the publisher..The daughter of "the wise king Thoreg" rescued Erreth-Akbe from this trance or imprisoning spell."But you can't force him to drink," I continued patiently..hands clapping. Dulse shivered, shuddered all over like the water of the pool..him, though he had not called. He saw them. They stood among the tall grasses, among the flame-..carefully and looked around at the others. "But I don't know if he can keep a lid on the ant-..whom he trusted. One of them was a man called Crow, a wealthy recluse, who had no gift of magic..The first window. Panoramic, enormous..Three children, two boys of fifteen or sixteen and a girl of twelve, were taken by one of Losen's patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat. Taken back to Omer, one of the boys broke down and blubbered about joining the Hand. Hearing that word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they spared him he would tell them all about the Hand, and Roke, and the great mages of Roke..Was this still architecture, or mountain-building? They must have understood that in..Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways..But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power,..There are two entirely different kinds of writing in Earthsea: the True Runes and runic writing.."Where? Near here?"..banners were those of captured towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never..She went to the house, set out her supper of smoked meat and bread and summer lettuce, and ate it..quarrelled. Some went west and some east, and they became two kinds, and forgot they were ever..fill his thoughts. Her massive, innocent strength had defeated him absolutely so far, but he did."Are you there, my dear?" said the traveler. He spoke in the Old Speech, the Language of the Making. "Come along, then, Ulla," he said, and the heifer came a step or two towards

him, towards her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking the silken dip between her eyes, scratching her forehead at the roots of the nubbin horns. "Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her large warmth. "Will you lead me, dear Ulla? Will you lead me where I need to go?".knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father..all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked.didn't. ".isles-and beyond. People have puzzled at their choosing the empty sea for their domain, since.Roke Island, the Bay of Thwil. Early knew of the harbor from the maps in Havnor, and knew there.cup by the rim of the condensing shaft. Gelluk peered in, eager as a child. "So tiny," he.In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed.Hound was down at the door, they said. Early sent for him to come up. "Who's Tern?" he asked as.Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter mouth and her long, lean arms, the words spoken awry then, spoken truly now.."If you'd deigned to tell him your intentions, he might have sent a message to me.".were filled with displays, I had had a cloudy sky over me; how, then, did it happen that now, a."The Master of the House. The King.".the high pasture, in the noon light, Heleth opened his arms wide in the gesture of invocation that.By that time there were many people of the Hand who knew what was afoot on Roke. Young people came there sent by them. Men and women came to be taught and to teach. Many of these had a hard time getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a cloud, or a reef among the breakers; and the Roke wind blew, which kept any ship from Thwil Bay unless there was a sorcerer aboard who knew how to turn that wind. Still they came, and as the years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town.."The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting."She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know nothing of these matters and have nothing to do with them..out of horn, with a tree carved on it, and the frame is made out of a tooth, one tooth of a dragon.By the beginning of autumn, Losen was hanging by a rope round his feet from a window of the New Palace, rotting, while six warlords quarreled over his kingdom, and the ships of the great fleet chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea..anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of.there's no use trying to conceal anything from me, is there? The wise child loves his father and.authority except the King in Havnor.."A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming here. To take the girl. To send her away." He stood and drew breath. "The Doorkeeper was speaking with them when I left. I think -".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..made little spots of mud, little sticky spots.."This is what you brought the Nine together for? This and no more?".the butterfly fell to the ground, a fragment of brick.."Walked.". "Completely?" she asked with sudden interest..spot, because the momentum made me stumble. I caught my balance but was spun around, so that."None of your business if there is! You go off, you turn your back on me. Wizards can't have anything to do with what I do, what my mother does. Well, I don't want anything to do with what you do, either, ever. So go!".They're coming," the Doorkeeper said. Men were coming through the gardens and up the path from the Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in his grey cloak, carrying his tall staff of bone-white wood, about which a faint gleam of werelight hovered..a story we want it to tell, to mean what we want it to mean, it loses its reality, becomes a fake..knowledge. I think I've come to the place I sought, but I don't know. I think you may be the.Roke as a strong centralising, normalising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages.connection between magic and sexuality may depend on the man, the magic, and the circumstances..She followed the Doorkeeper down a stone passageway. Only at the end of it did she think to turn back to see the light shine through the thousand leaves of the tree carved in the high door in its bone-white frame..stranger. When they saw Irioth they looked uneasy. San went into his house and the stranger.And yet Ember said to Medra, "We were our own undoing.".his bare and narrow little room after a scanty supper of cold pea-porridge -- for this wizard,

at.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (7 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the.her mouth. He thought of the spring of water that had run from the broken earth..nothing against these spells. Licky had tied one end of a braided leather cord around his neck and.dark curve against the sky..Who opened it to rich or poor..apertures over the road, covered from time to time by the noiseless machines; there was not one.tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in.them nights, brooding on where and how he might extend his empire..Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public.was oily, colorless, and slightly effervescent under the surface; at the same time it darkened.,to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he.them, I have the courage, if you do!".with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked..powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no.the Making words he did not know until he spoke them. "Mother, be whole!" he said, and the broken.them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do.".The people of the

Archipelago speak Hardic. There are as many dialects as there are islands, but none so extreme as to be wholly unintelligible to the others.. "So some wise men say," said Veil mildly, and smiled again, and bade him goodbye..Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's.can we not find the balance?" "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He will be Archmage. Under his rule Roke will be as it was. The king will receive the true crown from his hand, and rule with his guidance, as Morred ruled. No witches will defile sacred ground. No dragons will threaten the Inmost Sea. There will be order, safety, and peace."..the doorjamb to keep on his feet..My teacher had no staff, Dulse thought, and at the same moment thought, He wants his staff from.He raised his hand closed in a fist and then turning and opening it, offered it to them palm up..cafes, the sharp, persistent smell of fried food, rows of gas flames behind windows, the clinking..What do I want? she asked herself, and the answer came not in words but throughout her whole body..boy set his will on the great and dangerous art of summoning. And he studied with the Master of..again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything..She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, shifting depths of the forest..Oraby, Daisy and Goldie and the one they called the Burning Bush. He had to sit with the young men..save him..And many there said good riddance, for he'd always been half mad, and now was mad entirely..hinge of the headlands above the city; the place of the fault. An earthquake centered there could..He wanted to hurt her, to shock her out of her terrible, ignorant kindness, but what he said when he finally spoke was, "I only wanted to make love to you,"..When Diamond put the lists of names to tunes he made up, he learned them much faster; but then the..they got to Roke and what happened there. What I can tell you is that it seems old Early is late..ledge covered with weakly fragrant flowers, as if we had reached the terrace or balcony of a dark..She tried to sit up again, looking up, but the shaking and shuddering seized her and wracked her..much for good manners, he thought..When Azver rejoined the other men there was something in his face that made the Herbal say, "What is it?".. "It's a rare gift, to know where you need to be, before you've been to all the places you don't need to be. Well, send me a student now and then. Roke needs Gontish wizardry. I think we're leaving things out, here, things worth knowing...."..back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the..looked at the pages. Long, long lists of names and numbers, debts and credits, profits and losses..I sat down. My fingers were unsteady; I wanted to hold something in them. I pulled a.."They say," said Ayo from the shadows, "that there's an island where the rule of justice is kept..anything to do with what I do, what my mother does. Well, I don't want anything to do with what..All the firmaments of the night flung onto a flat plane. On a horizon of blazing mist --I opened it. There was more light behind it. The hedges ended in a wide clearing, from the grass..fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and..it. He went down to the stream in which he had been named. He drank, washed his hands and face..She began to laugh..neither very promising, mere cattle tracks among the reeds, and looked for some sign of the way he..raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said..must not feel shame. The fault was his, and mine.".. "So where is it?" Hound said..Since the name of the person is the person, in the most literal and absolute sense, anyone who knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never known to anybody but the giver and to the owner, who both keep it secret all their life. The power to give the true name and the imperative to keep it secret are one. True names have been betrayed, but never by the name giver.

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