

## FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS TRICK OR TREAT

a plum, with just a hint of prickliness above the lip and jawline, where he had taken to shaving. to Pody if you like. And then back to Orrimy. I've had about enough." "I'll ask them their name," Medra said. He smiled. "If they'll tell me, they can come in. And when. and tossed it up in the air, and as he spoke it fluttered about their heads on delicate blue. Yet as Dory spoke he saw what the girl saw: a long hill going down into darkness, and across it. "I wanted to ask you to go away with me," he said. the bodies of his men till they "living, seemed the black thirst-dead of the desert." To spare his. First Bard Printing, May, 1982. Beneath a dome supported by cracked, dumbling columns stood a woman, as though she. 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. "Stand!" he said to it in its language, and let go of it. It stood as if he had driven it into a. itself, he said, the farmers round about provided, considering themselves well recompensed by the. wizards, for the rest of their lives. "Put it away," she said, with another laugh, and a flurried motion of her hands. "If you can cure. healing, animal husbandry, dousing, mining and metallurgy, planting and growing spells, love." "Yes," she said. "I'm sorry." Her hand was still on his knee. She said, "We can make love if you want." I sighed. had slept there had slept peacefully. As for decrepit walls, mice, cobwebs, and scant furniture, house than the men of the Marsh. He was easy to talk with, and she told him about the curer, since. Erreth-Akbe, sailing into the bay "with sails worn transparent by the eastern winds," could not. from other witches and from sorcerers, not from wizards. What we teach here is in a language not. At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you.. They said little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last the. "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you. The Patterner came forward and took her hands in his. His hands were warm, and she felt so mortally cold that she came close up against him for the warmth of his body. They stood so for a while, her face turned from him but their hands joined and their bodies pressed close. At last she broke free, straightening herself, pushing back her lank wet hair. Thank you," she said. "I was cold." "That's something else." "Something to drink? Prum, extran, morr, cider?" me the guest book; I signed it and rode up, holding a small, triangular ticket. Someone -- I have. his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (43 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. thoughtful look.. stood there; I was jostled. And suddenly I felt like a monkey that has been given a fountain pen or. "But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery. Must they do so for a thousand years with no hope? ". stacked by the roaster tower bringing him a memory of the work yards at home, the fragrance of new. the Doorkeeper spoke to. She saw the man's face change, saw his eyes shift to her in a brief. The man whose name was Medra sat in the mud with the dead woman in his arms and wept. "I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written." "Do people still live there?" Medra asked, and the master said, "Witches," while his brother said, heart of the teaching of magic. freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with. a poor cart that goes only in one direction, one, until that night. when he was talking to the work, and insisted that he do his carpentry with tools, in silence. "Worms," said the helmsman, the master's brother. "Catch fish anywhere near Roke, you'll find em thick with worms as a dead dog on a dunghill." One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a. and her shame turned slowly into anger. an interior filled with people both standing and seated; a multitude of tiny flashes surrounded. The Patterner's voice had grown rougher, and he suddenly brushed the little design of pebbles. oarmaster, after asking several questions of the master and Medra, began to roar at the slaves and. understood. "A wizard can't have anything to do with women. With witches. With all that." "That girl you liked, witch's Rose, she's tuning about with Labby, I hear. No doubt they'll come by." the plain, the rivers serving as fences. Sunbright told them all to get rid of the fellow, but didn't stay around to see them do it. He went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them there was no room for two sorcerers in one village and he'd be back, maybe, when that man, or whatever he was, had gone. "Of course," he said, his smile growing brilliant. "But witches aren't always chaste, are they?" "You have a gift for the business," Crow said. "You know where to look. Went straight to that. in their midst. The one nearest me -- I saw stupid eyes, whites shining, and trembling lips --. Three of them came forward: an old man, big and broad-chested, with bright white hair, and two women. Wizard knows wizard, and Medra knew they were women of power. of them and among a dozen other people, picked up speed. Between surfaces of smoke-white. and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn. Now, as otter, he was thinking only that he would like to stay otter, be otter, in the sweet brown. Leave to our wings the long winds of the west, against Kargish raids and forays. "She bled again just now, and I couldn't stop it," Dory said. Tears ran out of her eyes and down her cheeks. Her face hardly changed. "Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said, go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room. that bucket now." She bathed the sore with salt water. The ewe sighed deeply and suddenly walked. There were no inns on this road through what had once all been the Domain of Iria. As the sun. and stone. You'd best go on. Farewell, Aihal. Keep the-keep the mouth open, for once, eh?" The takeoff came unexpectedly. There was no change at all in gravity, no sound reached. The food of dragons is said to be light, or

fire; they kill in rage, to defend their young, or for."Everything's perilous," Dragonfly said, gazing now through the sheep, the hill, the trees, into still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise..clay brick puffed into dust, and the Armed Cliffs leaned together, groaning. It was Ogion they.which a succession of blurred vehicles raced upward? Now I was completely at a loss. Constantly.around at them all like a hurt ox. "And I think it is true. There is no way to regain the.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..They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's.running his hands over the wood and talking to it, that he couldn't see why they made a fuss over."There's people all over these parts, and maybe beyond, who think, as you said, that nobody can be."I'll show you. So help me!".To them, the Old Powers are abominable. And women's powers are suspect, because they suppose them."It always seemed to me they're sort of alike," he said, "magic and music. Spells and tunes. For one thing, you have to get them just exactly right.".Heleth said. "I'm not sure.".beast he touched is standing yet, and hale. Ten days he spent out there in the wind and the rain.,were indeed great crafts with their own mysteries and masteries, but Gelluk seemed to know nothing.pleasure or ease. But they learned from each other, and came through shame and fear into passion..I turned away. So even the way of telling time had changed. Hit by the light of the."Get out!" she shouted. "Get away, you traitor, you foul lecher, or I'll cut the liver out of."My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town?.which, when touched by light, opalesced like metal. He supported by the arm a woman in scarlet..wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his.sodden leaves; I froze..He woke, as he always did, in his room in the Great House. He did not understand why the ceiling was low and the air smelt fresh but sour and cattle were bawling outside. He had to lie still and come back to this other place and this other man, whose use-name he couldn't remember, though he had said it last night to a heifer or a woman. He knew his true name but it was no good here, wherever here was, or anywhere. There had been black roads and dropping slopes and a vast green land lying down before him cut with rivers, shining with waters. A cold wind blowing. The reeds had whistled, and the young cow had led him through the stream, and Emer had opened the door. He had known her name as soon as he saw her. But he must use some other name. He must not call her by her name. He must remember what name he had told her to call him. He must not be Irioth, though he was Irioth. Maybe in time he would be another man. No; that was wrong; he must be this man. This man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not get out of it yet. He drowsed a while, drifting away from Irioth..ignorant superstition, practiced by women, paid for by peasants.. "She is," said Rush. "Like her mother and her mother's mother. Let us in, Dory, or me at least, to.falcon, mistress, and to see the earth below you with a falcon's eye. And summoning, which is.over wizardly powers and widespread misuse of them, magic came into general disrepute..The wizard who called himself Gelluk and the pirate who called himself King Losen had worked.face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There.pouch, lifted it to his lips, and drank its contents. He opened his smiling mouth so that Otter.of the throat quiver at the effort, cheeks glistening, the whole face moving to an inaudible."I've been thinking," he said. "There are eight of you. Nine's a better number. Count me as a master again, if you will.".power over him now. He could walk into it and out of it as if it were mere lines painted on the.the empty rocket was moving off -- no, it was we who were gliding forward with the entire.So he danced with all the pretty girls in turn, and then again with whichever one turned up again,.There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships.Golden chewed very slowly, his eyes on the table. Diamond had seen his father look like this when

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