

## HOWEL SWRDWAL AI FAB IEUAN A GASGLWYD O WAHANOL YSGRUFFYFRAU YN Y BRITISH MUSEUM

When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver, go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting, barked and bayed and rushed after her..before, in the spell-locked barracks room at the mines of Samory..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,.There Medra walked with Elehal, on the white pavement, before there were any walls built round it..If somebody could talk to her people there, they'd get word to her. Her brother, Littleash, used to conic to the city every year or two..he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her..news; suddenly the walkway took me into a lighted interior and came to an end..Then she turned and went down the hill through the long grass, the way she had come..always to do better than the others, always to be first... The art becomes a contest, a game. The.the plain, the rivers serving as fences.. "Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you.hatches; it was as if monsters, chrome-plated fish, were depositing, at regular intervals, their." "You have a gift for the business," Crow said. "You know where to look. Went straight to that." "I don't see why," she said. "My mother can cure a fever and ease a childbirth and find a lost ring, maybe that's nothing compared to what the wizards and the dragonlords can do, but it's not nothing, all the same. And she didn't give up anything for it. Having me didn't stop her. She had me so that she could learn how to do it! Just because I learned how to play music from you, did I have to give up saying spells? I can bring a fever down now too. Why should you have to stop doing one thing so you can do the other?"..Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was.It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer had asked, showing her round, strong arms, her hard, red hands. The cattleman Alder expected him to stay out in these meadows until he had touched every living beast of the great herds there. Alder had sent two cowboys along. They made a camp of sorts, with a groundcloth and a half tent. There was nothing to burn out on the marsh but small brushwood and dead reeds, and the fire was hardly enough to boil water and never enough to warm a man. The cowboys rode out and tried to round up the animals so that he could come among them in a herd, instead of going to them one by one as they scattered out foraging in the pastures of dry, frosty grass. They could not keep the cattle bunched for long, and got angry with them and with him for not moving faster. It was strange to him that they had no patience with the animals, which they treated as things, handling them as a log rafter handles logs in a river, by mere force..mines of Earthsea. These miners were free women, not slaves like the workers in the roaster tower..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (59 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].grudgingly, as if she still wondered how he could have let his mare stand there to be assaulted,.teeth like a freshly baked roll, but immediately crumbled and melted on the tongue; the brown.seems we may have left out a good deal worth knowing. This kind of thing-There! There again"..played the man so thoroughly all day that she had half-convincing even him. Maybe she'll fool the.through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there.She hesitated; she laughed. "If he wants a fife-player," she said..all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked.She nodded shortly, frowning her black brows..going beyond certain limits they had to abandon symmetry and regularity of form, and learn from.The Book of the Dark, written late in the time it tells of, is a compilation of self-contradictory."My lord," said one of them with a fine, dark face and a wizard's oaken staff, "we do trust you, and therefore ask you to let the witch go, and peace return..connection. He-or Anieb within him-could follow the links of Gelluk's spells back into Gelluk's.above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining."Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny her"..mended their nets. There was a hearth there, and they would light the fire. People came even from.The ship's weatherworker came aboard just before they sailed, no Roke wizard but a weatherbeaten.The great and mighty go their way unchecked. All the hope left in the world is in the people of no.he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said..Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor.Otter crouched there at the foot of the hillslope, alone..there is no doubt of that: "The womb of the Mother lies under Samory..".Leaving out women, leaving out everybody who won't agree to turn himself into a eunuch to get that.island of the Archipelago, Havnor, to settle disputes among the city-states there. Returning in.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (76 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].stopped again, looking as if he were in intense pain, hunched and clenched. He struggled to stand.Rose watched her. She knew she did not know who Man was or what she might be. A big, strong..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (34 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].She was getting used to his strange face now and was able to read it. She thought that he looked sad. His way of speaking was harsh, quick,

dry, peaceable. The men of the Isle are not always wise, eh?" he said. "Maybe the Doorkeeper." He looked at her now, not glancing but squarely, his eyes catching and holding hers. "But there. In the wood. Under the trees. There is the old wisdom. Never old. I can't teach you. I can take you into the Grove." After a minute he stood up. "Yes?" .II. Ivory.destroyed their own cities and fields; sailors sank their ships; and his soldiers, obeying the.Once instead of smiling and agreeing, she said, "It's lovely to have him back, but" and Golden stopped hearing. Mothers were born to worry about their children, and women were born never to be content. There was no reason why he should listen to the litany of anxieties by which Tuly hauled herself through life. Of course she thought a merchant's life wasn't good enough for the boy. She'd have thought being King in Havnor wasn't good enough for him..about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers..man. But wizards carried no staff in those years, and Erreth-Akbe certainly was an unbroken man.gift untaught is a ship unguided," they said to Otter, and they taught him all they knew. It.do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said..steady magewind that bore them straight for Roke. Sometimes Early in his white silk robe, holding."Your name is beautiful, Irioth," she said after a while. "I never knew my husband's true name. Nor he mine. I won't speak yours again. But I like to know it, since you know mine."..He had not thought. He had taken the shape that came soonest to him, run to the river as an otter.go," she said.. "You'd understand if I told you. Betritization, you see, isn't done by brit. With the brit, it's.They can, and will. And if you reveal yourself, they will punish you. And me." He put a ponderous.the park I had ridden up, yet back there, in the plaza with the dancing colors and where the streets.little house near the edge of the Thwilburn that runs out of the Grove, and lived there in the.nothing," he said..Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke.fearlessly into the raw wound in the earth, a white light playing around his hands and his head..he called it to himself. The ship would float, and handle well, and steer, but she would never.CELIBACY AND WIZARDRY.cheated him..and waft them over the sea in a magic boat flying before the magewind. But when he told her they'd.face in his hands, fighting against the shame of tears..paned window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens.. "Ged," he said. He bowed his head. After a while he looked up and asked, "Will you take my name." "Oh, it's a curse, a curse, this wizardry!" they said..So it became dangerous to practice sorcery, except under the protection of a strong warlord; and.occasionally the blur of a face shone, once I even brushed by someone. The crowns of the trees."He only taught me names."..black and colored eggs. Above all this, through the mist of the distance, I saw words of gold.When he got up at last, he wondered how old he was, and looked at his hands and arms to see if he was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the chair, worn but good, strong shoes, and a pair of knit wool stockings to go with them. He put the stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining something heavy in a cloth.."Hello!".."She's called Dragonfly, and she does all the work, and I saw her once last year. She's tall, and."Mages can do more than that," the girl said..moment for me really to see the size of the hall. But was it all one hall? No walls: a glittering."That's Roke Knoll, lad," the weatherworker said to Dragonfly, who stood beside him at the rail, "We're coming into Thwil Bay now. Where there's no wind but the wind they want."..It was utterly still..They were both on the hill now. She towered above him impossibly, fire breaking forth between.what he ought to have said. He did not want to encourage the boy to spend any more time on music..He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the uncaring, disembodied eye. He could see only what the flicker of werelight showed just around him and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the dark..up. Unthinking, Ogion held out his hand to help him.."I can be that, if you insist." The funny thing is, it's the truth, I thought..slightly, a shiver, a tremble.."Don't be angry," I said, emptying the cup, and poured myself another one.."All right," she said finally. "I'm not keeping you. But now this. . ." She was confused.."Sitting with old Ferny. She died this afternoon, Mother will be there all night. But how did you.storm of ideas and feelings, a passion of rage, vengeance, pity, pride.."Medra," she said. Her sore mouth could not speak clearly. He knelt down and took her hands,..the ending from the beginning..Several times, all of a sudden, in the daytime, there had been a moment when she had known him close in mind and could touch him if she reached out. But at night she knew only his blank absence, his refusal of her. She had stopped trying to reach him, months ago, but her heart was still very sore..from varying widely or from being lost altogether; but the songs and histories that are part of.with the spells worked in such events and their success or unsuccess. Such random records reveal a."To reach out the Hand to Enlad and Ea. I've never gone there. We know nothing about their."Maybe I came to destroy him."..they hurried on, the witch to her hut near the village, the heiress of Iria up the hill to her.All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched.Again there was silence between them. The leaves of the willows stirred..mystery, but I don't know. I only know that since I set foot on that hill I've been as I was when."The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of.doing what they could to keep the few roads out from becoming choked and murderous with panicky.He stood in the locked room in the dark and knew he would go free, because he was already free. A storm of praise ran through him..buckets, going to the pump. She would not use the stream water for anything at all, these days..about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more..go "there and back again," and "there" is always the beloved familiar Shire. Don Quixote sets out."Yes," Gelluk said, his deep voice soft and dreamy, "she must be burned alive. And then, only.the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning."..The slave, short and thin, hairless, with running sores on his hands and arms, uncapped a stone.teacher had spoken of once only and long ago. Strange matters, so strange he had never known if."The father and the witch-girl," said Darkrose.

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