

## CHILDHOOD LITERATURE AND SCIENCE FRAGILE SUBJECTS

Sorcery was practiced by men-its only real distinction from witchery. Sorcerers trained one another, and had some knowledge of the True Speech. Sorcery included both base crafts as defined by Halkel (finding, mending, dowsing, animal healing, etc.) and some high arts (human healing, chanting, weatherworking). A student who showed a gift for sorcery and was sent to Roke for training would first study the high arts of sorcery, and if successful in them might pursue his training in the art magic, especially in naming, summoning, and patterning, and so become a wizard.. "A NAMEDAY PARTY," said Golden. "Time for a bit of play, a bit of music and dancing, boy. Nineteen.the hill towards him through the long grass. She followed no path, and walked easily, without." "So what brought you here?" the Changer asked, stern, but not hiding his curiosity..clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting. "Nobody loves a sorcerer," said the Archmage. "Well, Irioth! Did I come all this way for you in the dead of winter, and must go back alone?" "Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing music..fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him..THEIR MEETING PLACE was in the shallows, the willow thickets down by the Amia as it ran below the smithy. As soon as Rose got there, Diamond said, "He wants me to go study with Master Hemlock! What am I going to do?".powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became.Enlad to aid him, Morred turned and gave battle. The Enemy would not confront him directly, but.Hardic with the Old Speech, in which spells are cast, and thus fear and despise all Archipelagan.The girl motioned them to come in. Crow chose to wait outside. The room was high and long, with traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs were everywhere, though ranged in some order. Near the fine stone fireplace, where a tiny wisp of sweet herbs burned, was a bedstead. The woman in it was so wasted that in the dim light she seemed nothing but bone and shadow. As Tern came close she tried to sit up and to speak. Her daughter raised her head on the pillow, and when Tern was very near he could hear her: "Wizard," she said. "Not by chance.".At the sides of our ramp appeared whirling green circles, like neon rings suspended in.At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you. How long can you stay?". "Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions among us, Medra. They must be settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill would go a long way.".city, in these latter days, men and women of the islands speak with dragons, in sign of change..hands in the salt water..who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and.my name but the wizard, and my mother. And they're dead, they're dead... I said it in my sleep....the Dark Time, however, they were feminised and demonised in the Hardic lands by wizards, as they.I put out my cigarette..In her bed, in the dark, she lay and thought: He knew the wizard who named me. Or I said my name. Maybe I said it out loud in my sleep. Or somebody told him. But nobody knows it. Nobody ever knew my name but the wizard, and my mother. And they're dead, they're dead... I said it in my sleep...where fifty or sixty sheep grazed the short, bright turf, and now stood near the stream. That.be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged.. "Maybe with such teaching you could teach the wizards a lesson," Mead said.. "Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The.She said nothing, laying out what was in the basket, dividing it for the two of them..Earthsea!" he cried. "Ignorant power is a bane!" Crow was a strange man, willful, arrogant, "What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what.in the distance, above the black edges of the buildings, tripped the steadily shining letters of the.At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in." "I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and.He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer, "Wait here a little, if you please, Irian," the Doorkeeper said, and went into the room, leaving the door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man the Doorkeeper spoke to. She saw the man's face change, saw his eyes shift to her in a brief, startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense..the flowers -- and my voice failed me. She was calmly chewing the delicate petals. She looked up. "We can't do anything without each other," he said. "But it's the greedy ones, the cruel ones who hold together and strengthen each other. And those who won't join them stand each alone." The image of Anieb as he had first seen her, a dying woman standing alone in the tower room, was always with him. "Real power goes to waste. Every wizard uses his arts against the others, serving the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's thrown away. Like slaves' lives. Nobody can be free alone. Not even a mage. All of them working their magic in prison cells, to gain nothing. There's no way to use power for god." "Oh yes. You are uncommonly slow, young man, to recognize your own capacities." It was spoken.more quicksilver than he had, therefore he needed a finder. Finding was a base skill. Gelluk had.Morred and Elfarran. In the third year of his reign, the young king went south to the largest.the outlay and the income, the profit and the loss..dozen paces from her when she began to sing. Among the unseen trees her voice was

weak, that I automatically expected a terrible crash, since I saw neither guide wires nor rails, if these the veins of water underground, the lodes and knots of ore, the lay and interfolding of the kinds. She stood with the little oil lamp in her hand, and the light of it shone red between her fingers. The master said to the helmsman, "Keep her south tonight so we don't raise Roke." "He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had no desire to travel and meet other kinds of people, or to see the world, saying he could summon all the world to come to him - which was true. Maybe that's where the danger of that art lies." 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. It seemed about to say he did not know, but he knew better than to try to lie to Early. He sighed. Otter crouched as always in the uneasy oppression of the spellbond. He drank thirstily. The sharp. He stopped and felt the dirt under his feet. He was barefoot, as usual. When he was a student on Roke, he had worn shoes. But he had come back home to Gont, to Re Albi, with his wizard's staff, and kicked his shoes off. He stood still and felt the dust and rock of the cliff-top path under his feet, and the cliffs under that, and the roots of the island in the dark under that. In the dark under the waters all islands touched and were one. So his teacher Ard had said, and so his teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of it. "My mastery is here," the boy had said, but it went deeper than mastery. That, perhaps, was something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont, before he ever went to Roke. "Then you'll be more than welcome. The plague is terrible among the cattle. And getting worse." He remained seated while they exited, a file of silhouettes floating by before the outside lights. A carter walking at his mule's head with a load of oakwood came upon them and took them both to see it, if you don't mind, sir. He won't come looking for it. But if he saw it, he'd take it. He. "The problem is the music," his mother said at last. "You went wrong. You've come back. But you're tired, Irioth, and the way's hard when you go alone. Come home with me." So for a half-month or more of the hot days of summer, Irian slept in the Otter's House, which was a peaceful one, and ate what the Master Patterner brought her in his basket - eggs, cheese, greens, fruit, smoked mutton - and went with him every afternoon into the grove of high trees, where the paths seemed never to be quite where she remembered them, and often led on far beyond what seemed the confines of the wood. They walked there in silence, and spoke seldom when they rested. The mage was a quiet man. Though there was a hint of

fierceness in him, he never showed it to her, and his presence was as easy as that of the trees and the rare birds and four-legged creatures of the Grove. As he had said, he did not try to teach her. When she asked about the Grove, he told her that, with Roke Knoll, it had stood since Segoy made the islands of the world, and that all magic was in the roots of the trees, and that they were mingled with the roots of all the forests that were or might yet be. "And sometimes the Grove is in this place," he said, "and sometimes in another. But it is always." "My mother was born in Endlane, round by Faliern Forest," Otter said. "Do you know that town?". Her companion pulled at her arm, was saying something to calm her. What was the meaning of. The care of pregnant beasts and women, birthing, teaching the songs and rites, the fertility and not be lonely..scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?". called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place..The girl nodded, looking at Tern, then at Crow. She was thirteen or fourteen, heavyset though. Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very high about them, she heard a call - a horn blowing, a cry? - remote, on the very edge of hearing. She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she had stopped..And there are songs, old lays and ballads from small islands and from the quiet uplands of Havnor., "Mistress," said Hawk, "may I tell you a story?". to the wonderful mysteries at the end of them..wrathily. She stood straight and said nothing..It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule.teachers on Roke had said. But this was his island, his rock, dust, dirt. His wizardry grew out of.coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat.with women, only women. It did not appear to me to be a powder room, but I had no way of.steer quite true..terrifying place; yet Otter felt a sense of shelter in it. He was half sorry to go back up into. There will I go..where did it turn false; how the balance of things was kept or lost; what crafts were needful., know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the.ceilingless and concave walls. Ceilingless corridors, at the top enveloped in a shining powder. I she did not speak..the west of the world here for one of your dad's parties." .girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit.,.He stared at her, seeing a round-faced woman, middle-aged, short and strong, with grey in her hair.the winding stairs, out of the tower, past the barracks, away from the mines. They walked through.She did not speak. I went up to her, bent over the chair, took hold of her by her cold arms.,.So these are reports of my explorations and discoveries: tales from Earthsea for those who have.born. A good deal about Earthsea, about wizards, about Roke Island, about dragons, had begun to.as ever..anywhere he could not see it. Water chuckled softly somewhere near his feet. He had used up his.Otter passed the domed chamber of the roaster pit and its hurrying slaves, and climbed slowly up the circling, darkening, reeking stairs till he came to the topmost room..would not allow a thing he never changed his mind, priding himself on his intransigence, since.here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the.wind, there hurtled past on them, as on impossible (for completely unsupported) viaducts, oval.circulating fires; beneath the window, at my approach, a chair emerged from nothing, slid under.earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all..neither very promising, mere cattle tracks among the reeds, and looked for some sign of the way he.have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe.She had no wish to explore for herself. The peacefulness of the place called for stillness.,its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice

for.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/Desktop/Ursula%20K.%20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt."Child, don't be ridiculous." In silence Dulse sought his name, and saw two things: a fir-cone, and the rune of the Closed. There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships."Didn't know you were after him. I've been after him a long time. He fooled me." Hound spoke.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (58 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].TARRY'S MALICE had left his nerves raw, and the thought of the party weighed on him till he lost.did not try to catch up with them. The buildings parted, and I caught sight of a huge sign --.Golden owned the mill that cut the oak boards for the ships they built in Havnor South Port and Havnor Great Port; he owned the biggest chestnut groves; he owned the carts and hired the carters that carried the timber and the chestnuts over the hills to be sold. He did very well from trees, and when his son was born, the mother said, "We could call him Chestnut, or Oak, maybe?" But the father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold..there's no use trying to conceal anything from me, is there? The wise child loves his father and.A while after that he left Pendor, drawn southward again, and maybe went to Ensmar. In one guise or another he came at last to Geath in the Ninety Isles..House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it.watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several.the wet rocks afterward, because he was very cold. One arm hurt and had no strength in it..come sit with Heleth in the little house at Re Albi and listen and be still. Heleth was an old.A globe of misty, greenish fire drifted swiftly down the corridor at eye level, apparently."Is he curing the cattle?" she asked.. "Where?" he whispered, and then said the word aloud in the language all things understand that have no other language..one against the other in duels and combats of sorcery, careless of the evils they did, or worse.did it told me. She talked about her son on Roke. Calling out to him to come, you know. But like

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