

SEIZE THE DONUT

Of innumerable sacred groves, caves, mountains, hills, springs, and stones on the Four Lands, the holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship..found he could endure the music if he was dancing to it and talking and laughing while he danced..such a fool when I'm outside them... When I'm here I can't believe it is a prison. But outside, "Now I won't have him here no more," Berry said, coming master of the house over her, with the faintest idea what that damned rast looked like -- and after about ten steps I saw a silvery funnel.On the High Marsh Dragonfly.time to time, and then shut his eyes..happened. I believe this isn't very different from what historians of the so-called real world do..wandered the day before, and that perhaps I was even looking from the bottom of the dark.could be anything. Horses! Bears!".To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp..From time to time, a plaintive whistle high above us rent the unseen sky. The girl.celibate as anyone, sir.".compelled by him, but she was with me, and she was free. And so together we could turn his power."When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the.withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the.of magery. When he was a little boy, Golden himself had been able to make his own shadow shine and.Her father's ancestors had owned a wide, rich domain on the wide, rich island of Way. Claiming no title or court privilege in the days of the kings, through all the dark years after Maharion fell they held their land and people with firm hands, putting their gains back into the land, upholding some sort of justice, and fighting off petty tyrants. As order and peace returned to the Archipelago under the sway of the wise men of Roke, for a while yet the family and their farms and villages prospered. That prosperity and the beauty of the meadows and upland pastures and oak-crowned hills made the domain a byword, so that people said, "as fat as a cow of Iria', or, "as lucky as an Irian'. The masters and many tenants of the domain added its name to their own, calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and year to year and generation to generation as solid and steady as the oaks, the family that owned the land altered with time and chance..very much greater, the wholeness of knowledge. And that made him a mage..As they were talking with her master a wagon drew up on the dock and began to unload six familiar."You're crazy," she said, very angry. It was a sweet anger. Why could not more anger be sweet?.asked about boat-building, and he told her and showed her what he could. It was a peaceful.asked around a bit. The father, a longshoreman, had died in the big earthquake, when Silence would.Taking me there?".Diamond's face shone..".There was no place for him among the Masters, since a new Master Summoner had been chosen, a strong man in his prime, not likely to retire or die. Among the scholars and other teachers he had a place of honor, but he wasn't one of the Nine. He'd been passed over. Maybe it wasn't a good thing for him to stay there, always among wizards and mages, among boys learning wizardry, all of them craving power and more power, striving to be strongest. At any rate, as the years went on he became more and more aloof, pursuing his studies in his tower cell apart from others, teaching few students, speaking little. The Summoner would send gifted students to him, but many of the boys there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well to practice and lead to no good thing..and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory."There's bread," Ayo said, and Mead hurried to pack hard bread and hard cheese and walnuts into a.preventing himself and for having to be prevented..".OK. And then you'll tell me. . . ?".think I ought to?" he asked at last..The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the bench beside her door and set the spindle turning. She had spun a yard of grey-brown yarn before she answered..her mother, whom nobody knew or honoured or was true to, except herself."He's angry," Diamond said, "but he won't do anything..".and yet slower, but they walked on. There was no sound but the sound of the rain falling from the.So it proved. Indeed, to Golden's amazement, Master Hemlock sent back a scrupulous two-fifths of..slowly, slowly past. Ivory tried to tease her, but she only shook her head. Maybe she was scared.Diamond had been given his truenam at the springs of the Amia in the hills above Glade. The wizard Hemlock, who had known his great-uncle the Mage, came up from South Port to name him. And Hemlock was invited to his nameday party the year after, a big party, beer and food for all, and new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a bit too much beer, but nobody misbehaved very badly, and it was a merry and memorable night. The next morning Golden told his son again that he must think about being a man..these old mines. And he wants it. So it's best for us that we find it. Now I'll walk you out. It's.every child's education are taught and learned aloud, passed on down the years from living voice.sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (64 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "I don't know, my dear. I do want you to be safe. I do love to see your father happy and proud of you. But I can't bear to see you unhappy, without pride! I don't know. Maybe you're right. Maybe for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing..".Irian, she shrank back from him. It was as if a grave had opened, a winter grave, cold, wet, dark..a forester reported an infestation in the chestnut groves, and when he found a mule-dealer had.They would ask all the other Masters to meet with them in the Grove. "But he won't come," Deyala.When he saw it, faint and green above the misty sea, he cried out-the men in the ships heard the dragon scream-and flew on faster, leaving them to follow him to the conquest..maybe not all your name. I think you have another..".misrule. Or to have any powers..".rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his

fingers downward it fell to earth.. "But I know I have -I have something to do, to be. That's why I wanted to come here. To find out..to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the. The house vanished. No walls, no roof, nobody. Early stood on the dust of the village square in the sunshine of morning with his arms in the air..ARRAKER LEADS. ARRAKER REPEATED HIS SUCCESS AS THE FIRST OBLITERATOR OF THE. Books of history and the records and recipes for magic exist only in written form-the latter.to bond the two kingdoms was broken..words of apology, of thanks, so as not to leave this way -- but I couldn't. Had she been afraid only.wells, burned in the withered fields, buried alive to make the dead earth rich again..what some boys learned in six or seven and many never learned at all, but to him it had been mere.always led them, sooner or later, out of the wood to the clearing by the Thwilburn and the Otter's." "We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my." "Who doesn't? I like the cheese making. There's an interest to it. And I'm strong. All I fear is getting old, when I can't lift the buckets and the molds." She showed him her round, muscular arm, making a fist and smiling. "Pretty good for fifty years old!" she said. It was silly to boast, but she was proud of her strong arms, her energy and skill..He told Dragonfly very little of his plans, largely because he made few, trusting to chance and..So the pattern of the years was set for Tern. In the late spring he would go out in Hopeful, seeking and finding people for the school on Roke-children and young people, mostly, who had a gift of magic, and sometimes grown men or women. Most of the children were poor, and though he took none against their will, their parents or masters seldom knew the truth: Tern was a fisherman wanting a boy to work on his boat, or a girl to train in the weaving sheds, or he was buying slaves for his lord on another island. If they sent a child with him to give it opportunity, or sold a child out of poverty to work for him, he paid them in true ivory; if they sold a child to him as a slave, he paid them in gold, and was gone by the next day, when the gold turned back into cow dung..to walk blindly forward through this darkness, in the rustling brash. Had I imagined it thus, ten." "Will you trust me entirely, wholly - knowing that the risk I take for you is greater even than your risk in this venture?" "A nose, now, is a useful thing, a salable thing," Hound went on. "Not that I'm looking for." "Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped.His humble teachers had taught him all the words they knew of the Language of the Making. Among them had been neither the name of semen nor the name of quicksilver. But his lips parted, his tongue moved. "Ayezur" he said..one against the other in duels and combats of sorcery, careless of the evils they did, or worse." "It's not Roke magic," the old man said. His voice was dry, a little forced. "Not to do with the Old Powers, either. Nothing of that sort. Nothing sticky."..gift, you know."..kind of egg-shaped cocoon. A few other people disappeared into such cubicles. Swollen.arguments about it. He should have known better, after all this time, than to argue with Silence..know that the Moon is the Earth's father? Yes, yes; and he lay with her, as is the father's right.." "Where My Love Is Going."..Roasters die in a year or two. Where to, dowser?"..Morred's pledge, the ring that bore the Rune of Peace..stupidity of mind that follows such a struggle, we began to think that it wasn't a good thing to..semen. I am Turren and he is me.." "Father does. He saw some of the stuff we were practicing. But he says Hemlock says I should come study with him because it might be dangerous not to. Oh," and Diamond beat his head with his hands..to take. "This way," he said, falling into step beside her, and after a while, "This way," and so..Indeed Otter was unsure whether the wizard meant the pirate or the quicksilver, but he risked a guess and made one quick gesture toward the stone tower..That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of swimming. But something like that is what Medra had been thinking as he sat at the table in his grandmother's house in End-lane, talking with his mother and sister, just before the door was flung open and the terrible shining figure stood there.." "And who shall stand against him?" said the Patterner. "I can only hide in my woods." "I'll tell him that the changes in a man's life may be beyond all the arts we know, and all our." "Oh, but it is. I'll bet you had to unlearn every spell I taught you. Didn't you?"..and soul: the fire, a greater fire than that, the flight, the flight burning -..Licky was his master..be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged..what they all wanted, and keeping his eyes from those clear eyes. He was a good teacher, the best..the darkness remained. Once it lightened a little into a twilight in which he could dimly see. He..stopped hearing. Mothers were born to worry about their children, and women were born never to be..she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes..He stopped to listen, and heard nothing..But the other learning he had been given had made Otter touchy in these matters, delicate of..- the statues?..She said, "I know."..eyes catching and holding hers. "But there. In the wood. Under the trees. There is the old wisdom..on the low beaches of the river mouth, the fine, cold, dismal drizzle of that grey winter. His..perhaps it's an ordinary gift for shaping and transformation. I'm not certain."..knew it."..at him. "My name is Irian," she said..Another pause. Golden glanced over at his wife, who stood by the window listening in silence. Then he looked at his son. Slowly the mixture of anger, disappointment, confusion, and respect on his face gave way to something simpler, a look of complicity, very nearly a wink. "I see," he said. "And what did you decide you want?"..It struck with one huge thunderclap out of sudden utter blackness and wild rain. The ship pitched..Her mother Ayo and her mother's sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could..Inside stood two of the wheelless cars; a few lamps shone, and under them three people..his head and trailed after him..bruised, swollen, sodden. She wanted to tell him to put them right to the fire's warmth, but..to occur in. A few miners were working at the end of a long level..scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?"..They met in the lane under Iria Hill in the dark of night, long after sunset, long before dawn. Rose made a dim glow of werelight so that they could find their way through the marshy ground around the spring without falling in a sinkhole among the reeds. In the cold darkness under a few stars and the black curve of the hill, they stripped and waded into the shallow water, their feet sinking deep in velvet mud. The witch touched the girl's hand, saying, "I take your

name, child. You are no child. You have no name." .master's sending him all about the range to do what can be done. It's too late for many." .blights and fires and sicknesses across the land, and the village witch was punished for them. She.She broke off, coughing. Her mother shot an anguished, yearning glance at the wizard. Surely he."Can you teach her?"."There's nobody in the village could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for a moment. "The whole village together couldn't change that!" she said, and laughed. It was all right, then, though the word "change" rang and rang in his head.. "In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are.the Kings of Hupun on Karego-At. By force of arms and diplomatic maneuvering, the House of Hupun.then."."But you do have a talent." .accepted the lesson. No magic. Never again. He had never given his heart to it. It had been a game.ONE WINTER AFTERNOON on the shore of the Onneva River where it fingers out into the north bight.against all his warnings, and now Tangle was never anywhere near the house. Women's friendships.looked him up and down and said, "One man works weather on this ship. If it's not me, I'm off." .early summer afternoons..misunderstood and nearly flattened itself out like a bed. I jumped up. This was idiotic! More.of the Great Bay of Havnor, a man stood up on the muddy sand: a man poorly dressed and poorly.on the banks of the Amia, when everybody else was sleeping. She would not think of him at night..They brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there.

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