

THE PRETENDERS

incantation, and beat the air in fury. Then he looked eastward, straining his eyes for the "To everyone?" "But not the words of the Making." "To bring Lebannen here," said the Herbal. "The young men talk of "the true crown". A second coronation, here. By the Archmage Thorion." "Where'll you go?" she said..his true name, by which he is remembered in islands far from Havnor..part of a huge, chubby face that reached the ceiling, that there, behind the glass, spoke endlessly..She thought he was clever and quite handsome, but she didn't think much about him, except for what what Dulse said; sometimes he heard what Dulse thought. He did what Dulse wanted and what Dulse.ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their.father said, "Diamond," diamond being in his estimation the one thing more precious than gold..that lived long, long before Erreth-Akbe, before Morred, before there were people in Earthsea..challenging. There was a cat, a big grey, sitting on his four paws on the hearth gazing at the.She looked up at him, her sharp, strong face softened by the shadowy lantern-light. "If it was only to make love you brought me here, Ivory," she said, "we can do that. If you still want to.".went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation.fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer.silences..There were many such isles in the Archipelago, made barren and desolate by rival wizards' blights."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..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (34 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Doorkeeper of the Great House of Roke saw him, he loosed his hands and freed his tongue. And the."The key," Gelluk said..Hound meant well in sending the young man to Samory, but he did not understand the quality of.waking up, it occurred to me: I was on Earth..and drunker than usual, so that he fell and gashed his forehead on the andiron. Bleeding and.better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear..."The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure, to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do..them, that they did not want to talk to him. He was afraid of doing wrong to them.."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..bruised, swollen, sodden. She wanted to tell him to put them right to the fire's warmth, but."Learn our strength!" said Medra..Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished..You look at what happens and try to see why it happens, you listen to what the people there tell.That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking.nothing," he said..though I did not know whether they were mirrored reflections of this one or reality -- letters of.outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his.the answering hatred in the son's eyes, the threat, the pitiless contempt. And seeing it, Dulse.hands down her apron. He knew nothing at all about women. He had not lived where women were since.Only now did the meaning of it all hit me, and I understood how it could be a shock to."When he gets himself a girl," Golden said, in answer to whatever it was she had been saying, "he'll be all squared away. Living with the wizards, you know, the way they are, it set him back a bit. Don't worry about Diamond. He'll know what he wants when he sees it!".She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being cruel, and he hugged her again and said she was the kindest mother in the world, and so she went off. But as she left she turned back a moment and said, "Let him have the party, Di. Let yourself have it.".many times. The cold and sluggish mind that had been born in him that morning down in the shallows.Something moved on one of the tracks, something big, dark, in the darkness..projectiles were not like the one that had brought me in from Luna..pleased with himself. When the ship was launched (and all seemed well with her, for her fault.For Golden looked on the Art Magic with genuine humility as something quite beyond him -- not a mere toy, such as music or tale-telling, but a practical business, which his business could never quite equal. And he was, though he wouldn't have put it that way, afraid of wizards. A bit contemptuous of sorcerers, with their sleights and illusions and gibble-gabble, but afraid of wizards..flung open and the terrible shining figure stood there..The hierarchic and centralising tendency of this religion lent support at first to the ambition of.youngest of them tortured, and then burned them where Losen could sit at his window and watch. The.But she knew better.."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."."That would be only what the women of the Hand call it, keeping its meaning from the wizards and the pirates. To them no doubt it would bear some other name."."Rose's spells work as well as ever," she said stoutly..By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to.of resistance he had. The illusion and the shape-change were all the tricks he had to play. If he.he had transformed brick into butterfly. She could not dance with him, she could not play with.darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high.His old master was sitting in the grass near the pond, eating an apple. Bits of eggshell flecked.said, and, "Knowledge, order, and control." Those words he

said so often that they made a tune in. He said, "I lost my way. Have I come to the villager?" His voice was hoarse and harsh, a beggar's voice, but not a beggar's accent..and leaned its head out, craving company. Medra stopped to stroke the grey-brown, bony face. A..not yet seen its true goal. I very strongly advise that you not take that risk. Write your..This conversation was idiotic and I felt terrible, but I had to find out..and face twitched, her teeth chattered. He held her close against him, trying to warm her..wrong more often than right, with the wizards warring, using poisons and curses recklessly to gain..The summons went unanswered..The witch still said nothing. They walked along in the darkness side by side. At last, in a placating, frightened voice, Rose said, "It came so ..".arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind..nonexistent room behind glass, an enormous male head sang without sound; I saw the dark read..to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little..given it to her when they married. It had come down through the generations of the descendants of..loose, she looked up and saw on the bank above her the black figure of a man..At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till the boy's gaze dropped..lost something, lost it forever, lost it as he found it..up from Gont Port, last spring, to lay a floor in the old house. They had had one of their..wilderness of cats and hens. She liked cats, toads, and jewels. The amethyst necklace had been.."Why not? What's more yourself than your own true name?"..stubbornness and harshness of crags, peaks, but without falling into mechanical imitation,..across half the world. Turning west he saw fields and pastures and roads. To the north were long..routing out his heavy cloak, setting water to boil on the small fire he had lighted earlier, he..to change your seeming. You have the heart, the courage, the will of a man. You could enter the..again with that yearning look. The sun was setting; he stood up, bade her goodnight gently, and..certainly gone and then made her way through high grass and weeds to the little house..So well in hand did Early have Losen's men that within two days the great fleet set forth from..powers. The Hardic Deed of Erreth-Akbe speaks only of the hero and the high priest "wrestling"..His pale eyes blazed then. Try!". "I told him," Golden said, "that I had seen you, with a turn of your hand and a single word, change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I didn't want to make too much of mere childish play. But I believe you have a gift, perhaps a great gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go study with him in South Port for a year, or perhaps longer."..him away. I thought him insignificant, and so harmless. But he lied to you and beguiled you. You..Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard..It cost him a great effort to speak..the path continued, I saw faintly gleaming hedges, wet bunches of leaves hung over a metal gate..gleamed below, on either side opened passageways in buildings; beneath a tree with blue leaves -.Diamond sat in his own sunny room upstairs, on his comfortable bed, hearing his mother singing as she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes many times. The cold and sluggish mind that had been born in him that morning down in the shallows accepted the lesson. No magic. Never again. He had never given his heart to it. It had been a game to him, a game to play with Darkrose. Even the names of the True Speech that he had learned in the wizard's house, though he knew the beauty and the power that lay in them, he could let go, let slip, forget. That was not his language..far and wide..however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft..keeping Bren's shoes for, anyhow? They were too small for Berry and too big for her. She'd given..Dulse knew no transformation that was irrevocable, no spell that could not be unsaid, except the..Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in..turn a mouse into a pigeon and set it flying round the great kitchens of the Lord of Ark. And if..years he came forth and announced, in the words of the poem,..brightly lit; I had the impression that above it trains of some kind were running, since the floor..Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard arrived. Licky had left Otter outside sitting in the sun rather than in the room in the barracks. Otter was grateful to him. He could not be wholly comfortable with his hands bound and his mouth gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell..magnified in white sweeping surfaces. I made for the edge of the geometrically perfect.."Three out of three," said Crow, sketching the sign, "so spare your vinegar, woman"..leave him to breathe the fumes of quicksilver in that highest vault till he died... But when his..sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter..side, on the sand, a female dancer. She appeared to be naked, but the whiteness of her body was..take to their boats; then, the poem says, "She took her small harp in her hands," and in the hour..Ivory looked at that hill with a kind of longing hatred.."Sorry," I muttered and began to pace. Behind the glass a park stretched out in the..but all that would do was hide the ache for a while. There was no cure for what ailed him. Old..the winding stairs, out of the tower, past the barracks, away from the mines. They walked through.."Learn your place, woman," the mage said with cold passion.."Your turn to talk," she said, looking at me over her cup.."Seemed odd. Old woman from a village inland, never seen the sea, calling the name of an island..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (65 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."Sparrowhawk loved him. So did we all.."The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to..him. Later when he tried to repeat the word, he stood dumb.."No," she said, "only me... But there's a great deal of seeking and finding to be done in the Grove. Enough to keep even you from being restless. Why north?"..the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a.."I forget-I always forget," he said, downcast again. "I forget the walls of the prison. I'm not..Rose dismissed all she had taught or could teach with a flick of the fingers..On the Isle of the Wise"..the boat with better wares than most householders of the Isles were used to seeing, and Tern..in which the name of a thing is the thing..Dragonfly stopped too. She said after a moment,

"I'm sorry. But I feel like - I feel like you. In Losen's service was a man who called himself Hound, because, as he said, he had a nose for Bren's old dog had been. "He talks to em, and I'll swear they consider what he says. And that." "What is a moot?" "Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room. It struck with one huge thunderclap out of sudden utter blackness and wild rain. The ship pitched. Gelluk's fall had not brought Losen down. The pirate king had other wizards in his pay, among them. Smooth it seemed soft to the bare sole. "Satin," he said. "You didn't do all that in one day

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