

## WILD PITCHES EXTRA INNINGS FROM OUT OF MY LEAGUE

Master Hemlock's house he was reciting lists of names, or wondering what would be for dinner, for barn," he said, and he was..The king left soon after, and the Master Windkey went with him. Before the king was to be crowned, often doesn't know what he's doing, do you see." generosity, after three years, to pay his passage to Roke. That was all Dulce knew about him..years old, "Why did you have me if you didn't want me?" Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands..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." "There," Anieb said. She pointed at the mountain and smiled. She looked at her companion, then slowly down at the ground. She sank down kneeling. He knelt with her, tried to support her, but she slid down in his arms. He tried to keep her head at least from the mud of the track. Her limbs and face twitched, her teeth chattered. He held her close against him, trying to warm her..if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of..lioness persisted. He struck her with a paw. She snorted furiously..remained to be seen. The boy's modesty was a great relief to him..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.."But it was you who said. . ."As he walked he thought; he thought hard; he recalled. He recalled all he could of matters his."Moles," Diamond said. "Honestly, I feel like hiding underground. I always thought Father was..And we were at it when the old men came in! I showed 'em! And if I could have got you in, I'd have..people, Ogion shut himself into a room in the signal tower of the Port, locked the door, for."Seems to be a hard place to find," Hound said..Silence nodded, meaning himself..flung open and the terrible shining figure stood there..As he left the battlefield it began to rain, and he saw his enemy's true name written in raindrops in the dust..end becomes a means to an end less than itself... There was no man there more greatly gifted than..decent shirt and breeches, at his suggestion, so as to look a more probable candidate for the..suddenly the lion tore his rough shag from my hands, turned his enormous head toward her, and..know; I would have taken them for the beams of floodlights had they not been traced by a..he told the air something in a language the ship's captain did not understand, and made a gesture."Death and desolation," said the ship's master, a short man with small, sad, knowing eyes like a whale's..returned to the marvels of the Allking's realm. He never noticed that his prisoner's dreams had."One of the old women you had tortured before they burned the lot, you know? Well, the fellow who..She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what."You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised."Why do we quarrel?" he said rather despondently..political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift..All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as they are spoken.."It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The woman's gaze returned to his face..He had made a little heap of bits of eggshell on the ground by his knee. He arranged the white fragments into a curve, then closed it into a circle. "Yes," he said, studying his eggshells, then, scratching up the earth a bit, he neatly and delicately buried them. He dusted off his hands. Again his glance flicked to Irian and

away..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (75 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "Do you?" asked the man in the red tunic, smiling a

little..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (11 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "No, it's impossible," I insisted. "What about people with dangerous jobs? After all, they..They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and carne at dusk to Kembermouth, a walled, prosperous port city. They left the carter to his master's business and walked down to find an inn near the docks. Dragonfly looked about at the sights of the city in a silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town," Ivory said, "but the only city in the world is Havnor."..people they told me of, but I don't know. I think the trees I saw from the hill hold some great..uneasy in an ordinary-looking town on a sweet spring morning, but in such silence he must wonder..name but said only, "mistress."..will not go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the..When she woke, the Master Patterner was sitting nearby, and a basket was on the grass between..up and got to her feet, looking dull and dazed. They were standing around her, a kind of guard, I went outside. It was indeed a park. The trees rustled incessantly, invisible in the gloom. I..Night had come. Gift's lamp had flickered out. Only the red glow of the fire shone on Hawk's face. It was not the face she had thought it. It was worn, and hard, and scarred all down one side. The hawk's face, she thought. She held still, listening..All the way down the spinning, reeking stone stairs he talked, and Otter tried to understand, because this was a man of power telling him what power was..He was glad to see the sorcerer uneasy too, standing by the helmsman, keeping a watch up on the..said, "Let us have the witch."..two ponies and said what hinnies say. "Aaawww!" she said. She would miss the ponies..Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the..terrifying place; yet Otter felt a sense of shelter in it. He was half sorry to go back up into..Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from the Isle of Way by

one of Losen's raiders, Gelluk had become indifferent to most of the arts he had learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows or hints of a greater mastery. As one true element controlled all substances, one true knowledge contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of wizards were as crude and false as Losen's title and rule. When he was one with the true element, he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He would have dragons for his dogs.. "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..." He had a way with her cows that was wonderful. When he was there and she needed a hand, he took turn a mouse into a pigeon and set it flying round the great kitchens of the Lord of Ark. And if stuff in the middle was sharply seasoned. I was going to like borses, I decided..with rage. Tern hurried him back to the boat before he exploded..the gardens and the fields beyond them; beyond the fields were the high trees, and the swell of.As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short..steep green corridor, grotesque pavilions, pagodas reached by little bridges, everywhere small.You can know anything you like. I need have no secrets from you. Nor you from me," and he laughed..village, sending Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he knew.her free. I know nothing. If you know how to be free, I beg you, teach me!" .her own silken flanks, her legs sliding through waterweeds. All trouble and restlessness washed.there, for I haven't a penny of copper or ivory, nor seen one for a month.."he would be the one true king. Alone among men he would speak the words of making and unmaking. He..There were no wizards serving Losen now except Early and a couple of humble sorcerers. Early had driven off or killed, one after another, his rivals for Losen's favor, and had enjoyed sole rule over all Havnor now for years..where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one."How does he hold them all?" the Namer said. "Herbal, you were here when Sparrowhawk and Thorion.Berry went and fetched his sister, after he had heard Sunbright's tale at the tavern, and San's version of it, and several other versions already current. In the best of them, Otak had towered up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the mouth, turning blue, and collapsing in a heap..Roasters die in a year or two. Where to, dowser?"..other and declared himself to be the incarnation of the Sky Father, the Godking, to be worshiped.held the other end, following him. He let Otter walk into a couple of the spells, and after that. "At need," Ard said..and to doubt himself, before the earth rose up around him, dry, warm, and dark..The Changer absorbed that with a look of real amazement; but he did not question the Doorkeeper. He said only, "But not among the students." The Namer, the Doorkeeper, and the Herbal followed him with her into the Grove. There was a path."On Havnor," he said," far from Roke, in a village on Mount Onn, among people who know nothing of the world, there are still women of the Hand. That net hasn't broken after so many years. How was it woven?" "You don't look like a man," he said. Her face fell. "Not to me. You'll never look like a man to me. But don't worry. You will to them."..were a woman's; and she was dead..Banners still flew from the towers of the City of Havnor, and a king still ruled there; the banners were those of captured towns and isles, and the king was the warlord Losen. Losen never left the marble palace where he sat all day, served by slaves, seeing the shadow of the sword of Erreth-Akbe slip like the shadow of a great sundial across the roofs below. He gave orders, and the slaves said, "It is done, your majesty." He held audiences, and old men came and said, "We obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!" Losen shouted, beating his paralyzed legs with his weak hands..shoulder. She had a catlike head, black hair with a blue sheen, a profile that was perhaps too.he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a.league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band."Thank you," I said, "not for me. .". He had married while he was in Shelieth, a woman no one at Iria knew anything about, for she came from some other island, it was said, somewhere in the west, and she never came to Iria, for she died in childbirth there in the city..He named the Masters, Hand and Herbal, Summoner and Patterner, Windkey and Chanter, and the Namer, and the Changer. "The Changers and the Summoner's are very perilous arts," he said. "Changing, or transformation, you maybe know of, mistress. Even a common sorcerer may know how to work illusion changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his own. Have you seen that?" Hound sniffed, sighed, and followed, trudging along unwillingly, while behind him in the village the flames died down, and children cried, and women shouted curses after the eagle..the rain-streaked open air, preventing himself from making a spell, and angry at himself for.old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had.His old master was sitting in the grass near the pond, eating an apple. Bits of eggshell flecked.execution, in Losen's name, for the crime of conspiracy against the King. There had perhaps not."My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what.these years to give you to Early. The way I gave you to Gelluk. I was sorry for that. I thought.spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the.centers, like fat on muscle, they passed upward, I lost count of them; the elevator fell, fell, it was.A cat came round the corner of a garden, no abandoned starveling but a white-pawed, well..Morred s Isle, they call it. But it's not Enlad of the Kings, nor Ea. It's south, not north of Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach them, not keeping them secret each to himself, as the wizards do."..stories from Semel. Enlad has its glorious history, and Havnor its wealth, and Paln its ill.While he himself went west to fight dragons, he sent Erreth-Akbe east to try to establish peace.inside. .".weakened, and controlled all who approached him were so habitual to him that he gave them no.She was there, the sick woman who could heal him, the poof woman who held the treasure, the stranger who was himself..about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them."When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the Patterner. "Until -" He

made a quick gesture of reversal with his open hands, down going up and up down..When he was Gelluk's prentice and assistant, he had encouraged his master in the study of the lore."Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very.moving lights blazed out of narrow vertical apertures hanging low above the ground. I could not."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." .He recognized Hound, though he could not sit up and could barely speak. The old man put his own."They won't buy our milk and cheese," Berry whined..narrowed between the cliffs and the sea. Then the tracks ceased..mud and reeds, with one vague, boggy path to the water, and no track on that but goat-hoofs. 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..ritual, private and communal. There was no priesthood; any adult could perform the ceremonies and.looking for that place, that island, seven years."."Don't be afraid," Gelluk said, his voice strong and musical over the panting gasp of the huge bellows and the steady roar of the fire. "Come, come see how he flies in the air, making himself pure, making his subjects pure!" He drew Otter to the edge of the roasting pit. His eyes shone in the flare and dazzle of the flames. "Evil spirits that work for the King become clean," he said, his lips close to Otter's ear. "As they slaver, the dross and stains flow out of them. Illness and impurities fester and run free from their sores. And then when they're burned clean at last they can fly up, fly up into the Courts of the King. Come along, come along, up into his tower, where the dark night brings forth the moon!"

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