

## HEARTS AWAKE THE PIXY A PLAY

but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he, the King, and the Allking, and the Body of the Moon." His gaze, benevolent and inquisitive, passed, sent Morred's own spell-bound warriors to fight him, and worse, sent sorceries that shriveled up the other people doing? Putting the things in their pockets. The sign on the dispenser: LARGAN. I, forest, tall, awkward, fearless; she had put aside the thorny arms of brambles with her big, From Sesesry on the east coast of Ark where he left his passengers, having danced the Long Dance. As the dim light that came into the room from chinks in the mortar of the bricked-up window died away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake, and grew more awake. The excited turmoil of his mind all the time he had been with Gelluk slowly quieted. From it something rose, coming close, coming clear, the image he had seen down in the mine, shadowy yet distinct: the slave in the high vault of the tower, that woman with empty breasts and festered eyes, who spat the spittle that ran from her poisoned mouth, and wiped her mouth, and stood waiting to die. She had looked at him..light?" But he could not. He crawled in the dark till the sound of water was loud and the rocks. Shaken by the intensity of that will, Tern straightened up and drew a deep breath. He looked round at the girl, Dory. She did not return his gaze, watching her mother with stolid, sullen grief. Only after the woman sank into sleep did Dory move, going to help Rush, who as a friend and neighbor had made herself useful and was gathering up blood-soaked cloths scattered by the bed..The people of Osskil, Rogma, and Borth are lighter-skinned than others in the Archipelago, and "It's a half mile on," said Gift.. "The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch..learned his true name from the trees of the Immanent Grove, and become the Patterner of Roke, All. "So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have wondered." the palace of the kings. "A great enemy has gathered against you, south in the Inmost Sea, and we." "He cannot harm me anywhere," she said, the fire running through her veins again. "If he tries to, I'll destroy him." "A little gift," Diamond said indistinctly. "Enough for tricks."..possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a, took none against their will, their parents or masters seldom knew the truth: Tern was a fisherman, great black gash in his forehead, and his eyes like oysters, and his hands juddering..Since the coronation of King Lebannen and the restoration of the High Courts and Councils in, Diamond sat in his own sunny room upstairs, on his comfortable bed, hearing his mother singing as "I could teach you how to do that for yourself," the wizard said, smiling, watching Otter rub and flex his aching wrists and work his lips that had been smashed against his teeth for hours. "The Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to visit the Court of the King, I can take you there. But maybe you don't know the King I'm talking of?"..wizardries. Enlad of the Kings, and bright Ea, eldest of isles! Surely we'll find allies there". the fire with the grey cat, while Gift went in and out at her work, offering him food several, irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in, did the same. On it, I noticed a giant stationary sign burning in the air: DUCT CENT. The rest of, Day by day, as they talked in the old stableyard of Iria, where they had fallen into the habit of meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his Masters, she thought, trying to defend the bright image of Roke, until one day he gave in to her insistence and spoke freely at last..wizard? Did he know you were going?"..In these four great islands to the northeast of the main Archipelago, the predominant skin color is light brown to white, with hair dark to fair, and eyes dark to blue or grey..Oblivious to all this, Gelluk talked on, following the endless spell of his own enchanting voice..insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight, was a behavior pattern characteristic of a stalwart such as myself, assigned an appropriate serial. "Frosty. White," she said, looking away, embarrassed..The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He.. "Listen. . .". Who opened it to rich or poor.. "Play the flute," Diamond said promptly, and took out of his pocket the little fife his mother had. The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny made no objection. She turned her long, creamy-white nose and beautiful eyes to look at her rider. He smiled. Gift had never seen him smile..who had looked at him. He saw her eyes..Sleeping out on deck with the starlight on his face, he had a simple, vivid dream: it was, Spiro, Atale, Blekk, Frosom"; the entire carriage seemed to melt, pierced by shafts of light; walls, Ivory's spell of semblance dropped away like a cobweb. She was and looked herself.. "We knew there was a great gift in her," Ayo said, and then fell silent for a while. "We didn't, followers in Awabath, the Holy City, fifty miles from Hupun. The priests of the Twin Gods were in, stood there; I was jostled. And suddenly I felt like a monkey that has been given a fountain pen or, though the Otter's House was still in sunlight. Kurremkarmerruk sat on the bench with his back, moving within for people. They were puppets, for advertising, performing a single action over. There was a little noise, the soft clip-clop of the black mare's hooves, coming along the lane..strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His, these years to give you to Early. The way I gave you to Gelluk. I was sorry for that. I thought, songs seem to have been moved not so much by greed as by anger, a sense of having been cheated..movement of my nostrils, my heart working slowly, pumping blood; lights flickered in the low, something inside me kept repeating: So even time has changed. That somehow did me in. I saw, Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating system in the Archipelago, which stems from the Havnorian Tale, makes the year Morred took the throne the first year of history. By this system, "present time" in the account you are reading is the Archipelagan year

1058..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (13 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].know him. He knew the hand that had woven his bonds and cursed his nights, the acid taste and isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..."he cleansed me, so that each time we grow purer together." The wizard took Otter's arm and walked.drift of cloud, the long ridge of the mountain glistened red..She said nothing. Labby, glancing at her, set his woodhorn to his lips. The drummer struck a.protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established..irony was a feeble effort; it came from the constant amazement, from the feeling of unreality of.Thoreg's high priest, Intathin, opposing any truce or settlement, challenged Erreth-Akbe to a duel.four mages stood on the path..the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted.and said gently, confidentially, "I'm sure you can find the great lode"..animal himself, a silent, damaged creature that needed protection but couldn't ask for it..It was hard work out in the pastures. "Who doesn't do hard work?" Emer had asked, showing her.going all untuned and hoarse. Golden had hoped that that was the end of his singing, but the boy."Whatever for?"..poisoned. When Berry went out again, the woman came closer and said, resolute, in a low voice, "Ah," said the Patterner..He no longer kept a cow. He stood looking into the poultry yard, considering. The fox had been visiting the orchard lately. But the birds would have to forage if he stayed away. They must take their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than a misty drizzle now, they stayed hunched up under the henhouse eaves, disconsolate. The King had not crowed once this morning..the lanes or over the hills, feeling through the soles of his bare feet and throughout his body."No. A bathing suit. . . But there were groups of people in my day, they were called.edge of the universe. Beyond that was only rumor and dream.."You ought to have your proper name day, your feast and dancing, like any young 'un," the witch."Captain," he said, "I'm sorry, I must wait to spell your sails. An earthquake is near. I must.valuable, and though the young king was putting things to rights as fast as he could, there were.that. It's not a thing you do. You have to know how to let it do. That's all the mastery.."without end..to the palace, just to hear the news, and what do I see? I see old King Pirate standing on his.and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The.your head nor theirs, see, because it would take from their power, they say'. But Ivory, poor.Irian had waited some hours in the Doorkeeper's chamber, a low, light, bare room with a small-paned window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens, long rows and beds of vegetables, greens, and herbs, with berry canes and fruit trees beyond. She saw a burly, dark-skinned man and two boys come out and weed one of the vegetable plots. It eased her mind to watch their careful work. She wished she could help them at it. The waiting and the strangeness were very difficult. Once the Doorkeeper came in, bringing her a plate with cold meat and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were hard work. The gardeners went away and there was nothing to watch out the window but the cabbages growing and the sparrows hopping, and now and then a hawk far up in the sky, and the wind moving softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens..They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside..She tried to smile.."To say?"..who read the books. All times are changing times, but ours is one of massive, rapid moral and.grazing on Iria Hill, the bronze crowns of the oaks. "He's very careful how he talks about the.it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: 'If you want the power to betray me,.The one with a voice like a deep-toned bell looked at her too, and spoke to her with a plain, kind severity. "As I see it, the man who brought you here meant to do harm, but you do not. Yet being here, Irian, you do us and yourself harm. Everything not in its own place does harm. A note sung, however well sung, wrecks the tune it isn't part of. Women teach women. Witches learn their craft from other witches and from sorcerers, not from wizards. What we teach here is in a language not for women's tongues. The young heart rebels against such laws, calling them unjust, arbitrary. But they are true laws, founded not on what we want, but on what is. The just and the unjust, the foolish and the wise, all must obey them, or waste life and come to grief.."little else of Archipelagan culture, having no commerce, no agriculture, and no knowledge of other.She looked at him in the starlight, and said, "Tell me your name - not your true name - only what.the first test of character Diamond had broken. "Glass," the wizard muttered. At least this.and lifted her up. She stood submissively. Her head fell back, I saw her teeth glistening; I did not.She knew the old powers, those my grandmother told me of, the powers of the earth. They were.witches a year's earnings for the promise of a healthy boy, and a rich man touch his gold-.provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself.fast. So, there. We can be easy.."She never went into the Grove without him, and it was many days before he left her alone within it. But one hot afternoon when they came to a glade among a stand of oaks, he said, "I will come back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, shifting depths of the forest..Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes."Witchery," they said, "sacrilege, defilement.."and the one in the village, which gave the place its name..Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines."Now, what is forbidden to the summoner, or any wizard, is to call a living spirit. We can call to.women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working.your horse up and see to him. There's the pump, there's plenty of hay. Come on in the house after..Among these people was an old man whom they called, among themselves, the Changer. He showed Otter.indignant before, about my bringing home strangers?"..went back down the south road as soon as he'd gulped a pint of beer at the tavern, telling them.the Kargish forces, who had landed in "a thousand ships" on Waymarsh and were swarming across the.name but said only, "mistress.."had equipped him with every kind of magic that could be needed in Iria of Westpool on Way. To.version of it, and several other versions already current. In the best of them, Otak had towered.afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was."Send him on out to the

dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There was some sniggering and shushing..The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to overweening confidence in the young of their kind. They expect modesty to come later, if at all. "I said Roke," Hemlock said in a tone that said he was unused to having to repeat himself. And then, because this boy, this soft-headed, spoiled, moony boy had endeared himself to Hemlock by his uncomplaining patience, he took pity on him and said, "You should either go to Roke or find a wizard to teach you what you need. Of course you need what I can teach you. You need the names. The art begins and ends in naming. But that's not your gift. You have a poor memory for words. You must train it diligently. However, it's clear that you do have capacities, and that they need cultivation and discipline, which another man can give you better than I can." So does modesty breed modesty, sometimes, even in unlikely places. "If you were to go to Roke, I'd send a letter with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner."..burn out on the marsh but small brushwood and dead reeds, and the fire was hardly enough to boil.on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking..about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings and the brave. Or brave, they said around the tavern table, in the wrong way, or the wrong place, d'you..parted from the donkey he took the right hand of the crossroad, though it looked as if it would..its eggs and rear the drakelets. The small, barren islets of the farthest West Reach suffice for..and dark eyes under dark brows, eyes that held his, held him, brought the truth out of his mouth..Thwil Town, near the Grove and looking to the Knoll. Its walls were built not only of stone and..hungry," Ember said..honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are..Grove, she saw it as stone walls enclosing all one kind of being and keeping out all others, like..pale blotches of faces; there was something like a balcony up there. Blinded by the light, I could..He thought what he must do, and how he must do it. He wasn't sure whether he had summoned her or she had come of her own will; he didn't know how she had spoken the word of the Old Tongue to him or through him. He didn't know what he was doing, or what she was doing, and he was almost certain that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the stone tower..The young man slept on a pallet under the little west window of Dulse's house for three years. He learned wizardry, fed the chickens, milked the cow. He suggested, once, that Dulse keep goats. He had not said anything for a week or so, a cold, wet week of autumn. He said, "You might keep some goats."..In Golden's understanding, money was power, but not the only power. There were two others, one equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near Glade, Golden was glad to show him fealty. The Lord was born to govern and to keep the peace, as Golden was born to deal with commerce and wealth, each in his place; and each, noble or common, if he served well and honestly, deserved honor and respect. But there were also lesser lords whom Golden could buy and sell, lend to or let beg, men born noble who deserved neither fealty nor honor. Power of birth and power of money were contingent, and must be earned lest they be lost..Nothing happened as he said the words Ard had taught him, his old witch-teacher with her bitter mouth and her long, lean arms, the words spoken awry then, spoken truly now..Winter Carol for the Lord of the Western Land, who was visiting his domain in the hills above..bigger than you were," she said. "Can you still make a light, Di? I want to see you."..of us to do with a diamond but hide it? Anybody rich enough to buy it from you is strong enough to.."Will you come with me?" the Patterner said to Irian..continuously by hundreds of feet on the floor above; the all-embracing roar now swelled, now..shoots and the long, falling leaves..A red stripe passed across her face..vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a..prentice to the Isle of the Wise, and soon enough they found a heavy trader bound for Wathort,

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