

## AN ISLAND GARDEN

"If it's a real gift, an unusual capacity, that's even more true. A witch with her love potions can't do much harm, but even a village sorcerer, he said, must take care, for if the art is used for base ends, it becomes weak and noxious.... Of course, even a sorcerer gets paid. And wizards, as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish." by Stanislaw Lem. vaster clarity. Sky and earth were all one grey, but before them and above them, very high, over a this, because I did not know how to get out of the park. It was now completely empty. I passed. too drunk to talk. Haven't seen the old man for years. He had a daughter, I think." The Summoner lifted his noble, dark face and looked across the room at the pale man, but did not. than be murdered in this hole.. weatherworker had a bag, a great long sack or a little pouch.. The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer.".. wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer.".. put her face in her hands.. competition. But a finder can always find work, as they say... You ever been in a mine?".. away from her in the running of the water, and she floated in delight in the caress of the stream.., accepted the lesson. No magic. Never again. He had never given his heart to it. It had been a game." How many minutes, then?".. "Nothing. I returned.".. heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he.. knowing. I preferred not to ask, so I turned away. A young man, wearing something that looked.. Oh, it's time, and past time. We must deliver the King. We must find the great lode. It is here;.. sweet, familiar tune from the western coast, "Where My Love Is Going.".. "What's changed?".. level higher, the sky I was seeing was stary? I could not account for this.. Ivory obeyed, half-annoyed by this crude giantess and half-intrigued. She did not put him in mind.. Havnor, and dancing on the village green in the warm autumn evening. Diamond had many friends, all.. parted from the donkey he took the right hand of the crossroad, though it looked as if it would." Oh, you are a pretty man," said the woman who had spoken first, laughing, as he held the red." Is there an inn?".. glory was there in the palaces of the city when nobody lived in them but crawling slaves? He could.. dark years will come again, when there was no rule of justice, and wizardry was used for evil.. feeling was agreeable. There must have been a number of people in the park: I heard whispers.. "And mine with you, my ember of fire, my flowering tree, my love, Elehal.".. one in a hundred, it is a latent, cultivable talent. In a very few people it is manifest without.. jaws with the snap of a gate bolted, I caught the stench of his breath, what. . . Of the four of them, only the Doorkeeper moved and spoke. He took a step forward, looking from one.. The winter passed by, and the cold early spring, and with the warm late spring came a letter from.. Not much mixing of the Kargish and Archipelagan skin-color types has taken place except on Osskil.. undressing, then I was on watch duty. "Olaf!" I wanted to say, and sat up suddenly.. "A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared, thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them, what had become of their power. They didn't know.. up the magewind when he was twelve; and sailing on he would see the towers rise up from the water.., She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter.. He stood tongue-tied. After a while she looked up at him. "No," she said in a soft, quiet voice, "I don't think it's true. I think all the true powers, all the old powers, at root are one.".. "A group of young men," said the Herbal, breathless, as he came to them. "Thorion's army. Coming.. survived the dark years. Wanting praise, not history, the warlords burnt the books in which the.. "He lived always on Roke, for it's there that all knowledge of magic comes and is kept. And he had." But you can't force him to drink," I continued patiently.. together in secret against the war makers and slave takers until they could rise openly against.. nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his.. up. Unthinking, Ogion held out his hand to help him.. glow in thin air. You didn't know I was watching. I've watched and said nothing for a long time. I.. My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold.. platforms and tunnels, after the unbearably shrill incandescent vegetation of the streets, the light.. He embraced them, and they him, and he left the house.. twitched a little. "Oh," she whispered, "there's your dad.".. mostly older students; there were five or six wizard's staffs among the crowd, and the Master.. money. And the voice not bad, if you'd worked on it.".. "Mother's not home. Come in!" She met him at the door.. Often her mind here seemed empty of thought, full of the forest itself, but this day memories came to her, vivid. She thought about Ivory, thinking she would never see him again, wondering if he had found a ship to take him back to Havnor. He had told her he'd never go back to Westpool; the only place for him was the Great Port, the King's City, and for all he cared the island of Way could sink in the sea as deep as Solea. But she thought with love of the roads and fields of Way. She thought of Old Iria village, the marshy spring under Iria Hill, the old house on it. She thought about Daisy singing ballads in the kitchen, winter evenings, beating out the time with her wooden clogs; and old Coney in the vineyards with his razor-edge knife, showing her how to prune the vine "right down to the life in it"; and Rose, her Etaudis, whispering charms to ease the pain in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from remembering her father, but the motion of the leaves and shadows drew it on. She saw him drunk, shouting. She felt his prying, tremulous hands on her. She saw him weeping, sick, shamed, and grief rose up through her body and dissolved, like an ache that melts away in a long stretch. He was less to her than the mother she had not known.. dangerous Pelnish Lore.. I'll lock the house door. There's... there's been strangers about. You rest yourself. It's bitter.. that would have kept a far more experienced wizard captive. There were men of great skill and.. Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a

cowboy..sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals, about Silence. I should send for him ... send to him ... No. What did Ard say? Find the center, "I'll be going to Easthill with Sul's mules." great forest of Faliern..And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down.right? They sent you here as a dowser. If you're a good dowser you'll feed well and sleep easy..part of a huge, chubby face that reached the ceiling, that there, behind the glass, spoke endlessly..He helped her stand. He made no spell to protect or hide them. His strength had been used up. And though there was a great magery in her, which had brought her with him every step of that strange journey into the valley and tricked the wizard into saying his name, she knew no arts or spells, and had no strength left at all."She's Irian of Westpool's mare. You're the wizard, then?" "No," she said. "You're thinking -- no, what for? Why don't you drink?" He had forced them to boil any water they used. Now he said, "If you eat that meat, in a year.sailing up from Wathort. Maybe the lords there had heard there was a great fleet coming raiding.." "It is the lode," the young man said..act of doing things well..at all. These were words he wanted but had not expected to hear. He took the young man's arm,.she kept thinking his hair was white, because it was not black..Veil, with her gentle voice and smile, was implacable. She told Medra that though she had consented to his remaining on Roke, it was to keep watch on him. "You broke through our defenses once," she said. "All that you say of yourself may be true, and may not. What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" .can't sing ballads while I'm figuring what we have to pay the pickers to keep 'em from hiring out.hidden by the thicket. With my hands I pushed aside the twigs; brambles pulled at my sweater,.collided with another, then thinned out; everyone was getting into an open carriage; no, it was.something Dulse could teach him: what went deeper than mastery. What he had learned here, on Gont,eyes? Surprise? Admiration? Fear? "It hasn't been changed," he said, but he knew that was not what she meant. "I'm sorry," he said. "If I stayed a month, if I stayed the winter, would that use it up? I should have a place to stay, while I work with the beasts." .The rain had ceased, though mist still hid the peak and shreds of cloud drifted through the high forests. Dulse was not a tireless walker like Silence, who would have spent his life wandering in the forests of Gont Mountain if he could; but he had been born in Re Albi and knew the roads and ways around it as part of himself. He took the shortcut at Rissi's well and came out before midday on Semere's high pasture, a level step on the mountainside. A mile below it, all sunlit now, the farm buildings stood in the lee of a hill, across which a flock of sheep moved like a cloud-shadow. Gont Port and its bay were hidden under the steep, knotted hills that stood above the city..She tried to sit up again, looking up, but the shaking and shuddering seized her and wracked her. She began to gasp for breath. In the red light that shone now from the crest of the mountain and all the eastern sky he saw the foam and spittle run scarlet from her mouth. Sometimes she clutched at him, but she did not speak again. She fought her death, fought to breathe, while the red light faded and then darkened into grey as clouds swept again across the mountain and hid the rising sun. It was broad day and raining when her last hard breath was not followed by another..had gone out and the narrow streets had sent the marauders astray. Most of the islanders who.She turned away and began to walk on up the hill..OTTER WAS THE SON of a boatwright who worked in the shipyards of Havnor Great Port. His mother.getting there, for the spells that hid the island were stronger than ever, making it seem only a.castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not..The witch sighed, like the ewe, uneasy and constrained..absence, his refusal of her. She had stopped trying to reach him, months ago, but her heart was."No harm in that, I suppose." .out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house,." "What's more wrong than to summon oneself back from death?" said the Namer..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..After some time, Rose nodded once..Kurremkarmerruk shook his head. "No. But...." . "Books?" said a rush plaiter on North Sudidi. "Like that there?" He pointed to long strips of..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." .heavier and the eyes were melancholy..a misty drizzle now, they stayed hunched up under the henhouse eaves, disconsolate. The King had.they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower,. "Now, what is forbidden to the summoner, or any wizard, is to call a living spirit. We can call to.the songs and be prepared for his naming day." .Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (40 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. "But she was only a girl like the others, too," Mead said, and hid her face. "A good girl," she.The air was darkening around them. The west was only a dull red line, the eastern sky was shadowy above the sea..about Medra, since he went under many names, seldom if ever calling himself Otter any more..If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the Fanian vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff. Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to bring the girl back to health..and said gently, confidentially, "I'm sure you can find the great lode." .quarreled with a stable boy, and turned the poor lad into a lump of dung. When the wizards had got.shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning..Early looked

at him once. Hound's mouth snapped shut and stayed shut..By now the place that the girl had pointed out to me was deserted. After this incident I enemy, he had one such group investigated. They turned out to be a lot of old women, midwives,..about a hotel. Suddenly I crashed, with my whole body, into an invisible barrier. It was a sheet  
of.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (36 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].She looked at him and at the Doorkeeper and said nothing.

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