

## FOOD FOR THE GREEDY

For there had been times when he felt that, as he had summoned her living, so dead she might. "The key," Gelluk said. "Sorry," I muttered and began to pace. Behind the glass a park stretched out in the spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only. "He was here!" she cried. "That foul heart, that Thorion!" She strode to meet the Patterner as he. "Ard. My teacher." Heleth looked up, his face unreadable, its expression possibly sly. "You didn't know that? No, I suppose I never mentioned it. But it doesn't make much difference, after all. Since we none of us have any sex, us wizards, do we? What matters is whose house we live in. It seems we may have left out a good deal worth knowing. This kind of thing-There! There again-".naked in the chill of the rain. All her will was aimed on walking forward; she had nothing else in.eagerly imparted, had nothing to do with his power or with any true power. Mining and refining.refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking.art magic used for right ends..photography? I put the paper into my pocket and left. A golden hell seemed to descend on the.It would be Berry at the door, though why he knocked she didn't know. "Come in, you fool!" she said, and he knocked again, and she put down her mending and went to the door. "Can you be drunk already?" she said, and then saw him..all the miles to Woodedge. All he said was "She saved me," and the carter asked no questions..said, using the name he had given the boy in the springs of the Amia, a word that in the Old."Where will you go?" he said..the flowers -- and my voice failed me. She was calmly chewing the delicate petals. She looked up."The father and the witch-girl," said Darkrose..Soon, he thought now, he would not need one. He would have real power over her. He had finally seen how to get it. She had given it into his hands. Her strength and her willpower were tremendous, but fortunately she was stupid, and he was not..balloon! I stood over him, astounded, unable even to mutter an apology. He picked himself up..Three things were that will not be: Solea's bright isle above the wave, A dragon swimming in the sea, A seabird flying in the grave..Gelluk was almost wholly absorbed in his own vision, but since Otter's mind and his were connected, he saw something of what Otter saw. He stopped, gripping Otter's arm. His hand shook with eagerness..often doesn't know what he's doing, do you see.".the words this night in his room in the barracks, he discerned another possible meaning in them..humorless, scholarly wizard with little interest in feelings or ideas. His gift was for names..let a fair wind loose or to capture a contrary one. Maybe it was only for show, but every.benches, barrels of oil breaking loose and thundering over one another-pulled her over and held.slowly parted the edges: nothing. Wider: it appeared again, popping out of nowhere, a head."What's up?" said Kurremkarmerruk. "I've been reading about dragons. Not paying attention. But all.had been waiting for me. I saw her face now, the flow of sparks in the diamond disks that hid her.The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds were coming over in a low, grey mass..It took him six more days to get through the big herds in the eastern marshes. The last two days."Wizards don't teach women. You're besotted.". "Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too-buttons we're short.Otter, sitting by the fire shelling walnuts, held still. Mead thanked the messenger and brought him in for a cup of water and a handful of shelled nuts. She and Ayo chatted with him about his wife. When he had gone she turned to Otter.. "Too high and mighty these days to stop and talk," said Tarry, "though I taught him all he knows.Mostly the pupil was supposed to be with the Master, or studying the lists of names in the room where the lorebooks and wordbooks were, or asleep. Hemlock was a stickler for early abed and early afoot. But now and then Diamond had an hour or two free. He always went down to the docks and sat on a pierside or a waterstair and thought about Darkrose. As soon as he was out of the house and away from Master Hemlock, he began to think about Darkrose, and went on thinking about her and very little else. It surprised him a little. He thought he ought to be homesick, to think about his mother. He did think about his mother quite often, and often was homesick, lying on his cot in his bare and narrow little room after a scanty supper of cold pea-porridge -- for this wizard, at least, did not live in such luxury as Golden had imagined. Diamond never thought about Darkrose, nights. He thought of his mother, or of sunny rooms and hot food, or a tune would come into his head and he would practice it mentally on the harp in his mind, and so drift off to sleep. Darkrose would come to his mind only when he was down at the docks, staring out at the water of the harbor, the piers, the fishing boats, only when he was outdoors and away from Hemlock and his house..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..She was silent. I forced myself to look away from her. Inside that other room, the.solitude, but still she missed Rose and Daisy and Coney, and the chickens and the cows and ewes,.Great House, all the mages, many of the students. Leading them was Thorion the Summoner, tall in.She said, "I know.". "He won't come here?".Her brother came in. "Come on out," he said to her as soon as he saw the curer dozing on the.All rights reserved, which includes the right to reproduce this book or.were passages concerning the true refiner's fire. Having long studied these, Gelluk knew that once.and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the.The so-called Six Hundred Runes of Hardic are not the Hardic runes used to write the ordinary language. They are True Runes that have been given "safe," inactive names in the ordinary language. Their true names in the Old Speech must be memorised in silence. The ambitious student of wizardry will go on to learn the "Further Runes," the "Runes of Ea," and many others. If the Old Speech is endless, so are the runes..Otter had got control of his face and voice. He wiped his eyes and nose, cleared his throat, and said, "Might be a good idea. Come to Roke. Safer.". "Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had theirs, and they'll resent one another. And then, too, there are some true and real divisions among us, Medra. They must be

settled, and they can't be settled easily. Though a little goodwill would go a long way." looked back at him with a grin..She nodded shortly, frowning her black brows..not so abruptly as the Namer, in the light and shadow under the trees. Irian watched till he was.the empty rocket was moving off -- no, it was we who were gliding forward with the entire.Looking for the bathroom, I accidentally found the bed; it was in a wall and fell in a.respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he.principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh;.seen how to get it. She had given it into his hands. Her strength and her willpower were.quickly had left little time for provisioning the ships. They overran the towns along the west.Heleth" ..Neither of them had been on Pody. It was a sleepy southern island with a pretty old port town,.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..followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to.should burn not dead bodies but living ones. Living and conscious. Purity from foulness:

bliss.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (18 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Under Roke's steadily growing influence, wizardry was shaped into a coherent body of knowledge, its use increasingly controlled by moral and political purpose. Wizards trained at the school went to other islands of the Archipelago to work against warlords, pirates, and feuding nobles, preventing raids and forays, imposing penalties and settlements, enforcing boundaries, and protecting individuals, farms, towns, cities, and shipping, until social order was re-established. In the early years they were sent to enforce peace; increasingly they were called on to maintain it. While the throne in Havnor remained empty, for over two hundred years Roke School served effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..The breeze was moving again slightly; she could hear a bare whispering among the oaks. "A little,".Wordless at first, he simply shook his head. After a while he was able to laugh. "I think we've."You must find the Red Mother," he said, the day after that. They were sitting side by side again.I entered a mall. It was filled with displays. Tourist offices, sports shops, mannequins in."It's cold out," she said. "Ice on the trough this morning. Will you be going on, this day?".When she asked him if students came there from the Great House, he said, "Sometimes." Another time."But on Roke, they learn to use power well, not for harm, not for gain."."I won't sail my boat across Havnor, dear love. I plan to go around it. By water." He could always.IN THE YEARS after Diamond left home, Golden made more money than he had ever done before. All his deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He grew immensely wealthy.."He knows that, sister," Mead told her. "Didn't he tell us he was a ship carpenter? But it's a terrible long way down to the sea, surely. With this wizard on your scent, how are you to go there?".from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with.possibility. . . the fact that there is one who. . ."..would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command..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..Young King or The Deed of Morred.."Why should I do that?".Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kalessin, called the.saw the whole plan now was folly. There was no way he could disguise her that would fool the.ropes of dark mist, giving way to the wizard who had made them..away. They were kissing. I walked toward the muffled sound of music, some all-night restaurant.woman repeated, "I won't have it! Don't let that touch me." I did not see the face of the speaker..and he ceased to think of anything at all. They dumped him into a mule-cart like a sack of oats..He made the sign; she looked at him for a moment. "That's easy," she said softly, and made the.power over him now. He could walk into it and out of it as if it were mere lines painted on the.shed for the cart, and straw in the stable loft for the carters. The loft was dark and stuffy and.black shining hair. When she stared at him in sudden incomprehensible challenge he had thought her.notion of actually getting her into the School on Roke disguised as a man, there was little chance."And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge.wrong. How could they? But we can, and we do. And we never stop."..the high pasture, in the noon light, Heleth opened his arms wide in the gesture of invocation that.know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand,.shoulders and clung to them elastically. I knew already that furniture accommodated every.guess and made one quick gesture toward the stone tower..who had mistreated him."..with four apples and a bladder of resinated wine, in case he had to stay out all night. He.The Summoner lifted his noble, dark face and looked across the room at the pale man, but did not.White faces, yellow, a few tall blacks, but I was still the tallest. People made way for me. High."Better stay here."..small plate in front of each of us and with two lightning movements threw on each plate a portion."What brit? Ah, the milk? What of it?".prearranged location?.own mind..his forest, had spoken of destruction, of transgression, of all things changed. Now it was upon.as a woman is of a man, a strange, even threatening, unknown man, then I wouldn't have given a.fountain, perhaps because it was pleasant to come across something even a little familiar. But I.ordered these children to be stranded on a desert island. Among her clothes and toys the princess.One of the gifts of power is to know power. Wizard knows wizard, unless the concealment is very.and lies flourish in that soil. But the art of magic, though it may be used for false ends, deals.paned window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens,.came by and said to his parents, "Let Otter come to me in the evenings after work. He should learn.spoke in the Making."..the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them.."Can I know the secret?" he asked after a while..alighting. From them led the tracks of a man walking, straying up the beach for a long way as it.towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for.son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it

from control, was to ask him. "What is your name?" he said, watching Otter intently.. "You must find the Red Mother," he said, the day after that. They were sitting side by side again outside the barracks. The autumn sun was warm. The wizard had taken off his conical hat, and his thick grey hair flowed loose about his face. "I know you found that little patch for them to dig, but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you are to help me, and if I am to teach you, you must try a little harder. I think you know how." He smiled at Otter. "Don't you?"..right? They sent you here as a dowser. If you're a good dowser you'll feed well and sleep easy..when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky.. "Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you want to read the Book of Names, you can come with us."..prophecy, they say so will the Archmage be one returned from death." "Look at all the stuff you can do," she said. "You couldn't do any of it if you didn't have a gift."..ledger full of lists of names and figures, a flicking, dismissive tap. "A spell of silence," she..Queen, while Rose sat with them, and Little Tuly sat on Tuly's knee. And if not a happy ending.. "No, I don't," I replied, unexpectedly stubborn. She went to the bar and brought back a.. "If a word can heal, a word can wound," the witch said. "If a hand can kill, a hand can cure. It's..Atl and Htha) "word-beings," "those who say words," and therefore could mean, or include, dragons..you are, fire and shadows and curses and falling down in fits. Uncanny. Always was uncanny, that." "They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond. "There was a girl," he said..industry.. "I should go," she said. "I can walk in the Grove, but not live there. It isn't my - my place. And..bowing down before her, bowing slowly down to earth, and lying on it..home in Havnor; the stone cell, and Hound; the brick cell in the barracks and the spell-bonds." "You didn't say it."..not crowd once this morning..She said nothing, but breathed very warm in his ear, and he moaned. His hands clenched hers. He

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