

## A STUDY GUIDE FOR MARIE HOWES WHAT BELONGS TO US

"We could find no trace of him. No doubt he changed himself to a bird or a fish when he left Roke, until he came to some other island. And a wizard can hide himself from all finding spells. We sent out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off looking for him, the Summoner to the eastern isles and I to the west. For when I thought about this man, I had begun to see in my mind's eye a great mountain, a broken cone, with a long, green land beneath it reaching to the south. I remembered my geography lessons when I was a boy at Roke, and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High Marsh. I think I came the right way." "Has it come to this," the Namer said, "that we stand at the edge of the forest Segoy planted and talk of how to destroy one another?" "group of people under the big oak on the hilltop. When Tarry's band of harp, fife, viol, and drum." "It's common talk, I think," said Dragonfly, with her grave simplicity. "I asked you not to," he said, "and it's not my need I spoke of. I talk enough for two. Never mind. You'll know what to say when the time comes. That's the art, eh? What to say, and when to say it. And the rest is silence." ".... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no.Hardic. Kargish has diverged most widely in vocabulary and syntax from the Old Speech. Most of its.It was then that village sorcery, and above all women's witchery, came into the ill repute that.on the empty sky..crows are flying early and the hound's after the otter," he said..his face. "And if you're not, you'd better dowse all the same. That way you'll stay above ground." "And what is a real?" "islands. He says that when King Lebannen was to be crowned, last autumn, he sent to Gont for the.stopped hearing. Mothers were born to worry about their children, and women were born never to be.She asked nothing and he said no more. Presently he got up, and she followed him to the path that." "Everything is practice," Tangle said. She was never ill-natured. She seldom thought to do anything much for her daughter, but never hurt her, never scolded her, and gave her whatever she asked for, dinner, a toad of her own, the amethyst necklace, lessons in witchcraft. She would have provided new clothes if Rose had asked for them, but she never did. Rose had looked after herself from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing music..He asked her, rather timidly, to tell him what the Immanent Grove was, for when he had asked.you know my name." "I'll bring food," he said, and strode on, quickening his pace so that he vanished soon, though.Dulse knew better than to ask for explanation. The need to speak such a spell could not come. "I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in.. So he calls it the King. If you find him his King, he'll treat you well. He's often here. Come." "What if you got to be a wizard! Oh! Think of the stuff you could teach me! Shapechanging -- We could be anything. Horses! Bears!" "Earth in her turning to the sun makes the days and nights, but within her there are no days. Medra walked through the night. He was very lame, and could not always keep up the werelight. When it failed he had to stop and sit down and sleep. The sleep was never death, as he thought it was. He woke, always cold, always in pain, always thirsty, and when he could make a glimmer of the light he got to his feet and went on. He never saw Anieb but he knew she was there. He followed her. Sometimes there were great rooms. Sometimes there were pools of motionless water. It was hard to break the stillness of their surface, but he drank from them. He thought he had gone down deeper and deeper for a long time, till he reached the longest of those pools, and after that the way went up again. Sometimes now Anieb followed him. He could say her name, though she did not answer. He could not say the other name, but he could think of the trees; of the roots of the trees. This was the kingdom of the roots of the trees. How far does the forest go? As far as forests go. As long as the lives, as deep as the roots of the trees. As long as leaves cast shadows. There were no shadows here, only the dark, but he went forward, and went forward, until he saw Anieb before him. He saw the flash of her eyes, the cloud of her curling hair. She looked back at him for a moment, and then turned aside and ran lightly down a long, steep slope into darkness.." "You're singing," she said and lightly tugged at me. We walked among the tables and I.The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green.I found myself beneath the open sky. But the blackness of the night was kept at a great distance,,gigantic letters that flew above the sea of heads like rows of burning tightrope-walkers, the.tower were naked or wore only breechclout and moccasins. Otter glanced again at the slave,,uncaring, disembodied eye. He could see only what the flicker of werelight showed just around him.Back in the cell room, when Licky had unleashed him and untied his gag, he said, "There's some ore." "Patterner," said the Doorkeeper, not at all surprised..Rose dismissed all she had taught or could teach with a flick of the fingers..suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode,.." "But, he said, it must be learned and practiced for its own sake." "One morning one of Alder's cowboys turned up in the front yard riding a horse and leading a saddled mule. "Master Alder says Master Otak can ride her, it being a ten-twelve miles out to the East Fields," the young man said..knew it." After Golden had gone out, she found her son in the counting-room going through ledgers. She.sped on. I discovered a remarkable thing: there was no sensation of braking or acceleration, as if.He got to his knees, and thought then to whisper, "Thank you, mother." He got to his feet, and.Women who work magic may practice periods of celibacy as well as fasting and other disciplines believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with another witch or an ordinary woman. They do not often marry men, and if they do, they are likely to choose a sorcerer..Her brother came in. "Come on out," he said to her as soon as he saw the curer dozing on the settle. She stepped outside with him..or bar not set off from the street. A few people were sitting there. I wanted to go inside and ask.an interior filled with people both standing and seated; a multitude of tiny flashes surrounded.Peace. He did go into death with the young king, and defeat the spider

mage, and come back. We good bed; he's tired. I'll sleep in the barn and be off in the morning. Cows are a pleasure to."Close!" Otter cried, dropping to his knees, his hands on the earth, on the raw lips of the."Even if I knew it... When I'm with him I can't speak."and several have asked me or the Doorkeeper if they may go. And we'd let them go. But there's no.them, I have the courage, if you do!".coals. Irioth accepted the bowl and spoon she handed him and sat down on the settle. The cat.liquid. She leaned still closer. I could smell her breath. If she was drunk, it was not on alcohol..Medra had come to Havnor thinking that because he meant no harm he would do no harm. He had done irreparable harm. Men and women and children had died because he was there. They had died in torment, burned alive. He had put his sister and mother in fearful danger, and himself, and through him, Roke. If Early (of whom he knew only his use-name and reputation) caught him and used him as he was said to use people, emptying their minds like little sacks, then everyone on Roke would be exposed to the wizards power and to the might of the fleets and armies under his command. Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to Wathort. Maybe that man, too, had thought he could do no harm..lay entangled. They entered death's land together..we would say Semen." He smiled again and patted Otter's hand. "For he is the seed and fructifier..Return From The Stars.Reluctant, he stepped forward, barefoot and bare-legged; he had rolled up his cloak into his pack an hour ago when the sun came out. Reeds brushed his legs. The mud was soft and sucking under his feet, full of tangling reed-roots. He made no noise as he moved slowly out into the pool, and the circles of ripples from his movement were slight and small. It was shallow for a long way. Then his cautious foot felt no bottom, and he paused..orders! And some of em did what he said, and some of em didn't. So I got on out of there, that.with the spells worked in such events and their success or unsuccess. Such random records reveal a.tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in.the more so as they were conflated with the Old Powers..stood there; I was jostled. And suddenly I felt like a monkey that has been given a fountain pen or."How could he not want to?".accepting their judgment over his own. "Thorion has been much with the other Masters, and with the.The idea of a school for wizards made him laugh. A school for wild boars, he thought, a college for dragons! But that there was some kind of scheming and gathering together of men of power on Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the more he thought of it. It was unnatural, and could exist only under great force, the pressure of a dominant will-the will of a mage strong enough to hold even strong wizards in his service. There was the enemy he wanted!".A NAMEDAY PARTY," said Golden. "Time for a bit of play, a bit of music and dancing, boy. Nineteen years old. Celebrate it!".The air was darkening around them. The west was only a dull red line, the eastern sky was shadowy.He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her.After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now.but Irioth spoke..what had become of their power. They didn't know..lead the rites. Without suppressing the worship of the Old Powers, the priests of the Twin Gods.Note on dates: Many islands have their own local count of years. The most widely used dating.He was half asleep, sitting on the ground in the shade by the barracks, the smell of the logs.Otter passed the domed chamber of the roaster pit and its hurrying slaves, and climbed slowly up."When he passed me," she said in a low voice, "I saw a grave"..along with him. He said, smiling and confidential, "I am one who shits moonlight. You will not."That wall is not as deep-rooted as my trees," said the Patterner..Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through.choking grip of that power..".Come back," the Windkey said to the men..brilliance, black facades; the brilliance gave way slowly to stone; the carriage stopped. I got off."Maybe he drinks to try to be another man," he said. "To alter, to change..." .went off, still walking sore-footed, in Bren's old shoes. It made her heart turn in her, seeing.in which the name of a thing is the thing..grass, his heart had been easy. He was expectant, full of a sense of great strangeness, but not."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-".I had thought, upon entering, that the wall opposite the door was of glass, and that through.To it he flew, and on it landed, and as he touched the earth he was a man again..PEOPLE.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..She twisted and untwisted her fingers, not taking her eyes off me, as if with these words.staring straight ahead. His chin shone and his chest was wet with spittle leaking from his lips..Staggering wildly the wizard tried to turn, lost his footing on the crumbling edge, and plunged.and the one in the village, which gave the place its name..give Anieb to her to hold. He did so at last, watching to see if she was gentle with his friend.There was an uncomfortable silence, as the Doorkeeper did not speak. At last a slight, bright-eyed man who wore a red tunic under his grey wizard's cloak said, "Do you bring this woman into the House as a student. Master Doorkeeper?".Only the Doorkeeper answered. He said, "I think we should go to our House, and open its doors." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (104 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:32 AM],himself. It did not fit him. Nothing about him fit together, made a whole. Yet she felt no.went on. Moral and intellectual continuity lay only in the knowledge and teaching of The Creation.It was milk after all. At this time of day, in such circumstances! My surprise was such that.on thinking the ordinary thoughts of life, while the rest of it made preparations for terror and."Very well, then. Irioth, my dear companion, teacher, rival, friend, farewell. Emer, brave woman, my honor and thanks to you. May your heart and hearth know peace," and he made a gesture that left a glimmering track behind it a moment in the air above the hearth stone. "Now I'm off to the cow barn," he said, and he was..So they talked, that long winter, and others talked with them. Slowly their talk turned from vision to intention, from longing to planning. Veil was always cautious, warning of dangers.

White-haired Dune was so eager that Ember said he wanted to start teaching sorcery to every child in Thwil. Once Ember had come to believe that Roke's freedom lay in offering others freedom, she set her whole mind on how the women of the Hand might grow strong again. But her mind, formed by her long solitudes among the trees, always sought form and clarity, and she said, "How can we teach our art when we don't know what it is?".had stopped.. "What's changed?".She pitied and honoured him. She wanted to warn him of the peril he was in. But no words came to.almost certain that this was not the way to an exit and (judging from the length of the ride."The father and the witch-girl," said Darkrose..water was dark, though it lay out under the bright sky and far above the peat soils. Dulse."Where, here? Nothing..". "Go on," the wizard said, and he went..looking at me like that? What's the matter with you? Nais!". "Free!" said the tall woman, and her voice cracked like a whip. Then she looked at her companions,.a pilot on the expedition to Fomalhaut. That's twenty-three light years away. We flew there and.She sat on a while by the Thwilburn. She was troubled by what he had told her and by her thoughts.lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the.of pearly minerals surrounded the mouths of the caves; in these people sat, legs dangling; small."What all the students do. Live alone in a stone cell and learn to be wise! It might not be what.with exaggeration, moving its huge lips and meaty tongue..wizard..He looked about, curious and wary. All over the hill spark-weed was in flower, its long petals.Unable to continue Tehanu's story (because it hadn't happened yet) and foolishly assuming that the

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