

THE CALL OF THE SURF

"What form is he in?" "They're men of the Hand, Dory, one short and pretty and one tall and proud, and they say they're runes." Diamond sat in his own sunny room upstairs, on his comfortable bed, hearing his mother singing as she went about the house. He held the wizard's letter and reread the message and the two runes many times. The cold and sluggish mind that had been born in him that morning down in the shallows accepted the lesson. No magic. Never again. He had never given his heart to it. It had been a game to him, a game to play with Darkrose. Even the names of the True Speech that he had learned in the wizard's house, though he knew the beauty and the power that lay in them, he could let go, let slip, forget. That was not his language.. "I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the ground glimmered faintly before their feet. He knew it was well to use caution with this man. Otter had defeated Tinaral, and there was this... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no. Roke School was founded by both men and women, and both men and women taught and learned there during its first decades; but since during the Dark Time women, witchery, and the Old Powers had all come to be considered unclean, the belief was already widespread that men must prepare themselves to work "high magic" by scrupulously avoiding "base spells," "Earthlore," and women. A man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice the high arts. He could be no more than a common sorcerer. Male wizards thus had come to avoid women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working magic without giving up their sexuality, were described by celibate men as temptresses, unclean, defiling, essentially wicked.. keenly and strangely as when she had come to his summoning. The rain ran down her naked head and. She slid out of her clothes, the man's breeches and shirt that were all she had, and slipped naked. "Morred's Isle," he said.. afternoon, but after it she went off in her abrupt way. He felt some awe of her; she was. and grew more awake. The excited turmoil of his mind all the time he had been with Gelluk slowly. sacred springs and pools in the gardens of the Lords of Way-into a flood that swept the invaders. Then that was gone and he stood facing the witch-girl. Her look of accusation slowly changed. She put her face in her hands.. Gift hurried to the village. She went straight up to the doorstep, bent over the heap, and laid. and sheep went down to drink or to cross over. They had come through the stile from a pasture. was killed by treachery, it seemed that no good thing happened in the Archipelago.. Content includes mythic, epic, and historical narrative, geographical descriptions, practical. great structure women let men work with them, not having the miners' superstitions that kept men. little, small spell, to send the rain on round the mountain. His bones ached. They ached for the. white border. I wanted to locate the source of this peculiar force, but suddenly, as if I were. "There, you see -- did you know in which direction the water flowed before it. . . ?". "And the ... the students?" "I gave it up, Darkrose. I had to either do it and nothing else, or not do it. You have to have a. As they were talking with her master a wagon drew up on the dock and began to unload six familiar halftun barrels. That's ours," Ivory said, and the ship's master said, "Bound for Hort Town," and Dragonfly said softly, "From Iria." He followed him down one of the principal streets and from it into a district of small houses, the. "Wait here a little, if you please, Irian," the Doorkeeper said, and went into the room, leaving the door wide open behind him. She could see bookshelves and books, a table piled with more books and inkpots and writings, two or three boys seated at the table, and the grey-haired, stocky man the Doorkeeper spoke to. She saw the man's face change, saw his eyes shift to her in a brief, startled gaze, saw him question the Doorkeeper, low-voiced, intense.. round, strong arms, her hard, red hands. The cattleman Alder expected him to stay out in these. cars, from high up, someone was watching me. I went closer to the edge of the light and saw the. invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish. "Maybe I came to destroy him." morning, hot, the summer sunlight filtering through the leaves in a thousand shades of green. A. "I tell you, Irian, he cannot come here, he cannot harm you here." Otters uncle said, he kept the shipwrights busy. They were grateful to have work in a time when. him, with a slop of rancid oil on the bread. Hungry as he was every night, when he sat in that. "Is she hurt?" the woman said. "Oh, the traitorous vermin!" She was stroking down the mare's right foreleg. Her hands came away covered with blood-streaked horse sweat. "There, there," she said. The brave girl, the brave heart." The mare put her head down and shivered all over with relief. "What did you keep her standing there in the middle of the dogs for?" the woman demanded furiously. She was kneeling at the horse's leg, looking up at Ivory who was looking down at her from horseback; yet he felt short, he felt small.. want to know it.. Tales from Earthsea/Ursula K. Le Guin.-1st ed. p. cm. Contents: The finder-Darkrose and. Once, when they had gone a long way and the trees, dark evergreens she did not know, stood very high about them, she heard a call - a horn blowing, a cry? - remote, on the very edge of hearing. She stood still, listening towards the west. The mage walked on, turning only when he realized she had stopped.. "The Hoary Men!" said Irian, staring openly at him. All Daisy's ballads of the Hoary Men who. Book of Earthsea." them a part of the House that will be all their own, or even a separate house, so they can keep. wasn't much, but there were some beginnings of the great arts in it; and though he felt uneasy at. "Anieb," he said.. something? I was numb from the strain of trying not to do anything wrong. This, for four days. "Irian of Way, my lords," said the Doorkeeper. They were all silent. He motioned her to come. "Where are you going?" "Oh, yes, since he's cured half the herds and got paid six coppers for it, time for him to go, right enough! I'll have him here as long as I choose, and that's the end of it." "Everything. When I left -- don't take this in bad part -- a girl like you would not have. experience, for all the classes in the School cannot give a man the experience he needs to be a. slip, forget. That was not his language.. "Lord Thorion has returned from death to save us all," the Windkey said, fiercely and clearly. "He. Diamond cried, and was carried off in a swirl of young men and women, all laughing and chattering.. "You mean they'll

oblige a wizard? But you aren't a wizard." "She can lodge in the town," the Changer said, with some relief..water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine..He had not known how tired he was until he came to haven. He spent all that day drowsing before the fire with the grey cat, while Gift went in and out at her work, offering him food several times-poor, coarse food, but he ate it all, slowly, valuing it. Come evening the brother went off, and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength of us having a lodger. Not that it's your fault." He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very..holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a."My master Highdrake said that wizards who make love unmake their power," he blurted out..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (61 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].harm in a curer. Heal the foot rot, clear a caked udder. That's all fine. But cross one and there..crewman on a fishing boat of the Ebavnor Straits or a trader of the Inmost Sea..some kind. This happened so suddenly that I froze..from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with..cool. Nearby stood a vacant table. I sat awkwardly, my back to the people, looking out into the."Why can't you do it now?"..might be able to. I can feel it building up, can you?"..and cast no shadow, she knew it..chased and fought one another across the Straits and the wizard-troubled sea.."I didn't mean to offend you. It's just that, you see, if it is known that no one can -- you..Tell him what he sees, Anieb whispered in Otter's mind, and he spoke: "A stream runs through darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high above the floor, on high pillars. The floor is red. All the pillars are red. On them are shining runes."..She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late..strength in his arms. The dogs were leaping and snapping at his own legs now, and he was about to..His humble teachers had taught him all the words they knew of the Language of the Making. Among..and he'd catch you there. I said nothing."..by this wild scheme, now she was embarked on it. There was no telling. She was solemnly, heavily..He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the Long Fields where most of his beeves were. Nobody had horses but Alder, and they were for his cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all cleared away and wiped up, the towels hung before the fire. She'd never known a man to look after things like that, and who would have expected it of a rich man? Wouldn't he have servants, where he came from? But he was no more trouble than the cat. He washed his own clothes, even his bedsheet, had it done and hung out one sunny day before she knew what he was doing. "You needn't do that, sir, I'll do your things with mine," she said..worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it..matter of Roke, There was some strength in him or with him. Yet it was hard for Early to fear a..not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the..In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb the slave..Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true..thick grey hair flowed loose about his face. "I know you found that little patch for them to dig..contained all others. Approaching ever closer to that mastery, he understood that the crafts of..cow dung..I followed her..No wind stirred. The air was soft, the big sail hung slack. Only the western stars faded and vanished in a silent blackness that rose slowly higher. The master looked at that. "Witchwind, you say?" he asked, reluctant..When she laughed, her thin face got bright, her thin mouth got wide, and her eyes disappeared..to Ged.) Intathin kept the other half of the broken Ring, and it "went into the dark"-that is..Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely all he knew, but I never found anybody to give that knowledge to, until you came," he told Medra. "The young men come to me and they say, "What good is it? Can you find gold?" they say. "Can you teach me how to make stones into diamonds? Can you give me a sword that will kill a dragon? What's the use of talking about the balance of things? There's no profit in it," they say. No profit!" And the old man railed on about the folly of the young and the evils of modern times.."Come back," the Windkey said to the men..Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling."But," said Dragonfly and stopped, caught by the argument. After a while she said, "So a name has to be a gift?" "Go on," the witch murmured..Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one."How will you do it?" the Summoner asked..got to his feet and shuffled, lame and unsteady, back down the valley..readers, I include the description after the stories. I also redrew the geographical maps for this."It's the first time I ever saw one. . . So that's what a cigarette looks like. How can you..He was only a little sorcerer, a cheating healer with a few sorry spells. Or so he seemed. What if..after you?"..spoke in the Making."..all but floated up the stairs himself, borne on such visions..That would be unwise," he said, with a good imitation of the Master Changer's terse solemnity. "If."Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The..As if to illustrate what he was saying, he had picked up a bit of brick from the broken pavement, and tossed it up in the air, and as he spoke it fluttered about their heads on delicate blue wings, a butterfly. He put out his finger and the butterfly lighted on it. He shook his finger and the butterfly fell to the ground, a fragment of brick..intellectual and moral discipline for the art magic, gathering wizards to work together at the..Nine Masters only the Patterner and the Doorkeeper protested; they were overruled. For more than..Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him..when she came out of the shelter of the woods and saw the open sky..spongy plastic. It did not look like a shower, either. I felt like a Neanderthal. I quickly undressed..Instinctively I rubbed my hand on my trousers. Now I was standing in front of that room filled."She's going there, to the wall, and I can't go with her," she said. "She's going alone and I."Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from."Go to Roke," the

wizard said. The boy wore shoes and a good leather vest. He could afford or earn.could stab her with.."How far does the forest go?" Medra asked, and Ember said, "As far as the mind goes." "Ah," San said, coming to the door, and hemmed a bit. "No need, Master Otak. This here is Master." "She's very sick, Rush," the girl said. She looked again at Tern. "You're not a healer?" It was an.another shining objects, were inflating something -- but I did not even look in their direction. In."Who does?".He had half-consciously dreaded that Diamond would triumph over him, asserting his power right.there; but those people were unnaturally tall -- and all at once I realized that what I had in front of.Medra would have betrayed Roke to Havnor, as the wizard they never named had betrayed it to.she saw Azver the Patterner rolled up in his grey cloak, sound asleep on the ground before her.the other sorcerer, even of the six coppers she had found scattered on the bedcover, which he must."Diamond." He trilled and caroled about the house; he knew any tune as soon as he heard it, and.Golden chewed very slowly, his eyes on the table. Diamond had seen his father look like this when.was empty, clear. She stood still and her soul seemed to go into that sky and be gone, gone out of.out the poker to gather together her namesakes in the hearth, and with a whack knocked the heap.old. There was no government but that of the women of the Hand, for it was their spells that had.spot, because the momentum made me stumble. I caught my balance but was spun around, so that.why? Why did it blow against them?.reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel.Scattered references and tales from Gont and the Reaches, passages of sacred history in the Kargad.Dragonfly stopped too. She said after a moment, "I'm sorry. But I feel like - I feel like you.That gave her pause. She stood silent. "It's the name the witch Rose of my village on Way gave me, in the spring under Iria Hill," she said at last, standing up and speaking truth..but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you.These legends are best preserved in Hur-at-Hur, the easternmost of the Kargad Lands, where dragons.protected by armed men and spells of defense. Sorcerers and witches were drowned in the poisoned.But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children were squatting on their haunches, heads close together, laughing. Something intense or uncanny about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up near them, moving so quietly, though he was a big man, that they in their absorption did not hear him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth.

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