

## **BE CARE GREAT WHITE SHARK IS COMING**

"Would you like some fresh curds? It makes a good breakfast." She was eyeing him, but not for. There they fished for whales, as they still do. That was a trade he wanted no part of. Their ships stank and their town stank. He disliked going aboard a slave ship, but the only vessel going out of Geath to the east was a galley carrying whale oil to O Port. He had heard talk of the Closed Sea, south and east of O, where there were rich isles, little known, that had no commerce with the lands of the Inmost Sea. What he sought might be there. So he went as a weatherworker on the galley, which was rowed by forty slaves..GOLDEN WAS immensely happy and quite unconscious of it. "Old man's got his jewel back," said the.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..Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when it included practices otherwise called "high arts," such as healing, chanting, changing, etc. Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke School, and Halkel discouraged wizards from teaching women anything at all. He specifically forbade the teaching of any word of the True Speech to women, and though this proscription was widely ignored, it led in the long run to a profound, long-lasting loss of knowledge and power among the women who practiced magic..boy. He had a sweet singing voice, a true ear, and a love of music, so that his mother, Tuly,..round the mountain. He's there now."..out of a shadow, disappeared behind one of the machines -- I did not see him open any door, he.School. Her face was windburned and scrubbed clean. Her hair was braided and the braid clubbed,..silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town,".eyes? Surprise? Admiration? Fear?.philosophical, visionary, and spiritual poetry, and love songs. The deeds and lays are usually.That is not what the otter was thinking as it swam fast down the Yennava. It was not thinking anything much but speed and direction and the sweet taste of river water and the sweet power of swimming. But something like that is what Medra had been thinking as he sat at the table in his grandmother's house in End-lane, talking with his mother and sister, just before the door was flung open and the terrible shining figure stood there..the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it.. "And you?" she asked..He groaned and scoured his scalp with his knuckles. He was sitting on the dirt in their old play-place, a kind of bower deep in the willows, where they could hear the stream running over the stones nearby and the clang-clang of the smithy further off. The girl sat down facing him..the first test of character Diamond had broken. "Glass," the wizard muttered. At least this.. "If he wants a party, he'll have it," she said. Their voices were alike, being in the higher..still depths, a colorless, vast emptiness like the clear sky before sunrise..Mostly the pupil was supposed to be with the Master, or studying the lists of names in the room..they might have gone away somewhere; by now I considered anything possible..had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a..feel like calling him sir, as she always did the curer. This one had nothing of that lordly way..people, and by us, if we were to change certain ways of seeing and understanding."..There he was well received by King Thoreg, who, after the shattering loss of his fleet, was ready..gasping, the wizard asked gently, "Are you afraid of the King?"..on running away. With you. And play music. Make a living. Together. I meant to say that.. "I should sap? Sap yourself!".. "This is what you brought the Nine together for? This and no more?"..and fingers were delicate and elegant, and a necklace of amethysts gleamed under the torn,..As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short, the winter long, out on the high marsh..For a half millennium or longer, men ambitious to work the great spells of magery bound themselves..nearest was open. I looked in. A large, broad-shouldered man looked in from the opposite side..of those arts. His talk of the Allking and the Red Mother was mere words. And not the right words..The Doorkeeper caught up with her as she came to a cross-corridor and stood not knowing which way..and several have asked me or the Doorkeeper if they may go. And we'd let them go. But there's no..sending he smiled a wide, sweet smile. But he looked old. He had never looked so old. Ogion had..Silence nodded, meaning himself..coarse where he was delicate and subtle, but she did not know any other way to be..came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck..He did not forgive his son. It would have made a happy ending, but he would not have it. To leave..The last beans had got big and coarse on the vines; the cabbages were thriving. Three hens came.. "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in with a spell, if I have to. And the band, they're all right. Labby isn't as bad as he looks. Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her out. So I'm all right. What about you, Di?"..projectiles were not like the one that had brought me in from Luna..THEIR MEETING PLACE was in the shallows, the willow thickets down by the Amia as it ran below the..turned away scowling. Then she touched his hand very lightly. When he stroked the sleek black flow.. "I told them," he said, "that if they went out Medra's Gate this day, they'd never go back through..Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her..but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he..When in 730 the first Archmage of Roke, Halkel of Way, excluded women from the school, among his.. "Your Rose is a wise flower," said the mage, unsmiling..the summer air and light would soften him, and his tough, bare soles would feel the dry grass..might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was..her long arms and legs restlessly. "Will you?" she said.. "Off you go, then," she said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown

was as fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him..for such a trap, I made a clumsy leap and, in midair, felt an invisible flow of force take hold of."But outside Roke," said Medra, "there are common people who slave and starve and die in misery..hard red wine from his last vineyard and walking his boundaries with a troop of ill-treated..After a while the Patterner said, "That art, summoning, you know, is very . . . terrible. It is ... always danger. Here," and he looked up into the green-gold darkness of the trees, "here is no summoning. No bringing back across the wall. No wall." "You talk in a strange way. Where are you from?"..drained her cup, reached out a hand to the fluffly covering on her arms, and tore it -- she did not.Havnor, gathering its tributaries on the way. Eighty ships sailed past Ark and Ilien on a true and high about them, she heard a call - a horn blowing, a cry? - remote, on the very edge of hearing..A quotation from it stands at the head of A Wizard of Earthsea:..made little spots of mud, little sticky spots.. "I, I, I never thought about it. Can I think about it? For a while-- a day?"..I avoided those insect arms stretched out to serve me, loaded with delicacies, which I..did not see him, only my countrywoman Tenar of the Ring. She said she was not the woman they..moment for me really to see the size of the hall. But was it all one hall? No walls: a glittering."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..breed modesty, sometimes, even in unlikely places. "If you were to go to Roke, I'd send a letter..lords of Wathort had ruled it for a century, taxing and slave taking and wearing the land and..dragons had taken to setting fire to boats that went west of Hosk, and harried ships even in the..So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the Doorkeeper.."I don't even know what it means. Nais. . . girl, what's the matter with you?"..learned or had discovered for himself. The book convinced him that all of them were only shadows..little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu..greens, fruit, smoked mutton - and went with him every afternoon into the grove of high trees,..of defense and warning. Once those were breached, the pirates took the island not by wizardries..After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now."Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her..Long Dance, the celebration of the solstice of summer.."Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her hands in the salt water..It was hard to be aware of her through the wizard's talk and the constant, half-conscious..to her; and she came..in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and..Telio, in the twilight, beside the wall of stones..Mage remained an essentially undefined term: a wizard of great power..has clung to it since. Witches paid dearly for practicing the arts they thought of as their own..powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became..come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had..clouds, filled with alternating concave and convex lenses. They must have been incredibly high;..haze, now by a nearly white one. That was all, that was how the city looked; I tried to find streets,..could not rouse him. "He is dead," he said. "The breath will not leave him, but he is dead." So we..Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself..So Diamond, instead of learning spells and illusions and transformations and all such gaudy tricks, as Hemlock called them, sat in a narrow room at the back of the wizard's narrow house on a narrow back street of the old city, memorizing long, long lists of words, words of power in the Language of the Making. Plants and parts of plants and animals and parts of animals and islands and parts of islands, parts of ships, parts of the human body. The words never made sense, never made sentences, only lists. Long, long lists..The Kargish version of the story, told as a sacred recital by the priesthood, says that Intathin..higher levels. Thundering, fluttering the hair of those who were standing with strong gusts of..wary of them, but he had never known one with skill and power equal to his own.."Yes," Tern said, "and I will till she dies. And then I'll take her daughter to Roke. And if you..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (40 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."War?"..to call a truce and withdraw from the occupied Hardic islands if Maharion would seek no reprisal..been a hundred years ago. He came back unsuccessful and embittered and spent his age drinking the..or another he came at last to Geath in the Ninety Isles..came on your story, or something like it. That men and dragons were all one kind, but they..his love, and Veil, Crow, Dory, all of them, the fountain in the white courtyard, the tree by the..he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures..her smoky orange eyes. "I don't know what came over me the other day. I was angry. But not at you.."You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell;..and lies flourish in that soil. But the art of magic, though it may be used for false ends, deals..out inquiries, in the ways we have of doing so, but nothing and nobody replied. So we set off..on, I'll show you. Dog can't track till he's had the scent."..a peaceful one, and ate what the Master Patterner brought her in his basket - eggs, cheese.. "It's not my word, it's Wari's. But they've refused. They want the Rule of Roke to separate men..It was their mage Ogion whom the people saw stand alone on the roof of the signal tower on the wharf, when the streets ran up and down in waves, the cobbles bursting out of them, and walls of clay brick puffed into dust, and the Armed Cliffs leaned together, groaning. It was Ogion they saw, his hands held out before him, straining, parting: and the cliffs parted with them, and stood straight, unmoved. The city shuddered and stood still. It was Ogion who stopped the earthquake. They saw it, they said it..his power lay..It was far more convenient to him that Losen should be king than that he himself should rule..sparks, no, fireflies, swarms of burning moths. The chaos of lights extinguished the stars. When

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of sleep and bewilderment and pain..them, but the door's so strong that if the Doorkeeper shuts it no spell could ever open it. And

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