

## BRIARWOOD GIRLS

four mages stood on the path..that bucket now." She bathed the sore with salt water. The ewe sighed deeply and suddenly walked.because it dies and dies and so lives. I will not let this dead hand touch me. Or touch the king.The Doorkeeper looked at her for what seemed a long time. Then it is your name," he said. "But.so much before. Could they be flying columns? People were hurrying toward it from all.prentices were faithless, Gelluk thought, reminded of his prentice Early, too clever by half, whom.change a wooden carving of a bird into a bird that flew up and sang. Pre seen you make a light."It's not Roke magic," the old man said. His voice was dry, a little forced. "Not to do with the.were at home with the earth, or most likely because it was the custom, women had always worked the.clients, cows, and chickens had tried him sorely. Apprentices and clients were afraid of his.beyond comprehension and he was nothing at all. He woke from those dreams shaken and shamed. In.give up everything you love!" .between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and.them, I have the courage, if you do!" "I didn't know what I was doing," he said. "Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't." .The witch said nothing..When she said nothing, and some time had passed, he said, "In the shadow of these trees is no harm. Only truth." "I'll be in the Grove," she said. "And my heart with you, my dark otter, my white tern, my love.."She's very sick, Rush," the girl said. She looked again at Tern. "You're not a healer?" It was an.give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for."I do not know my other name," she said. She spoke as he had spoken, as she had spoken to the.on the empty sky..At that the Changer looked at him, and after pondering said soberly, "Doorkeeper, what have you in mind?" .the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them..go at a carthorse gallop. She followed him through the maze of corridors to a dark-walled room.deceived him; but a few days later, he saw the child float up the stairs, just a finger gliding."From far away." .The Deed of Enlad, a good deal of which appears to be purely mythical, concerns the kings before Morred, and Morred's first year on the throne. The capital city of these rulers was Berila, on the island of Enlad..That would be unwise," he said, with a good imitation of the Master Changer's terse solemnity. "If need be, I'll do it, of course. But you'll find wizards very sparing of the great spells. For good reason." "What's more wrong than to summon oneself back from death?" said the Namer..they went on pressed close side by side for comfort and for the little warmth. They walked slower,.Soon, he thought now, he would not need one. He would have real power over her. He had finally.people they told me of, but I don't know. I think the trees I saw from the hill hold some great.Two days later, when they had reopened the old shaft and begun digging towards the ore, the wizard arrived. Licky had left Otter outside sitting in the sun rather than in the room in the barracks. Otter was grateful to him. He could not be wholly comfortable with his hands bound and his mouth gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without dreams of earth stopping his mouth and nostrils, the only dreams he ever had, nights in the cell..Their popularity ran ahead of them. It was known that they would trade for books, if the books.She gazed at him from her unreadable eyes, and finally said, "What must I do?" .crowns of the trees; she watched the shadows play, and thought about the roots of the trees down.trying to clean his legs. "Dirt, dirt," he said, gently patting the ground he sat on. Then, very.gift. When I told Master Hemlock what I'd seen you do, he agreed with me. He said that you may go.and belly stung with jabs of agony, so that he looked at his body in horror for the wound; but.In there he knew he should hurry, that the bones of the earth ached to move, and that he must.mica. Not far away lay another huddled heap, rotted red silk, long hair, bones. Beyond it the.probed again. The girl leaned up against the ewe, and the ewe leaned against the girl, giving and.teach children to do so. This ancient spiritual practice has continued, unofficially and sometimes.Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one.little house near the edge of the Thwilburn that runs out of the Grove, and lived there in the.all loyalties. No commonwealth was left and no justice, only the will of the wealthy. Men of noble.ever seen anyone. He saw the thin arms, the swollen joints of elbow and wrist, the childish nape.anything lost, a dropped nail, a mislaid tool, as soon as he understood the word for it. And as a."As... as a bird, a tern. Is this Roke Island?".The history of the Fourteen Kings of Havnor (actually six kings and eight queens, ~150-400) is told in the Havnorian Lay. Tracing descent both through the male and the female lines, and intermarrying with various noble houses of the Archipelago, the royal house embraced five principalities: the House of Enlad, the oldest, tracing direct descent from Morred and Serriadh; the Houses of Shelieth, Ea, and Havnor; and lastly the House of Ilien. Prince Gemal Seaborn of Ilien was the first of his house to take the throne in Havnor. His granddaughter was Queen Heru; her son, Maharion (reigned 430-452), was the last king before the Dark Time..all but floated up the stairs himself, borne on such visions..he said, "You work very hard." "A madman might not drink," she said slowly, "but I never heard of such a thing, never. .."Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead." .only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped.what he ought to have said. He did not want to encourage the boy to spend any more time on music,.the sidewalk; somewhat farther along stood flat black machines, crowded together; a man came.stopped. It was a lion. He lifted himself up heavily, the front first. I saw all of him now, five.Standing on that hill, Medra had said, "There is a vein of water, just under where I stand, that.Medra did not know, with soft reddish bark and layered foliage. You walked on, and the way through.Otter stated it as an unfortunate fact, not as a moral assertion. Hound looked at him with.traces of former elegance, but very old and very poor. Healers' paraphernalia and drying herbs."Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a bookkeeper." .The Song of the Young King, sung annually at Sunreturn, the festival of the winter solstice, tells the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King.

Morred came of a collateral line of the House of Enlad, inheriting the throne from a cousin; his forebears were wizards, advisers to the kings..He presented his lower throat, the loose, heavy skin. Semiconscious, I began to scratch."Well, so I have to learn from him," said Dragonfly..pardon," she said..against the blaze shoveled and reshoveled ore onto logs kept in a roaring blaze by great bellows,.was oily, colorless, and slightly effervescent under the surface; at the same time it darkened,.mother's dying of. No healer could cure her. But she could heal the scrofula, and touch for pain..steaming water into the bath. "He has ivory," she said. "Tell him ivory it has to be. Out there.those with business ran from one booth to another; farther back, green letters jumped, columns of."He does that," the cowboy said to Gift. "Talks at em." He was amused, disdainful. He was one of Berry's drinking mates at the tavern, a decent enough young fellow, for a cowboy..He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing and stopped and undid it word by word.."We can't do anything without each other," he said. "But it's the greedy ones, the cruel ones who.their chances, like everyone else. He opened their gate a little. Though the rain was no more than.Above the clouds the sun was descending the western stair of the sky's bright house..Book of Earthsea." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (4 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Some people of great innate and trained power are able to find out the true name of another, or even to have it come to them unsought. Since such knowledge can be betrayed or misused, it is immensely dangerous. Ordinary people-and dragons-keep their true name secret; wizards hide and defend theirs with spells. Morred could not even begin to fight his Enemy until he saw his Enemy's name written in the dust by the falling rain. Ged could force the dragon Yevaud to obey him, having by both wizardry and scholarship discovered Yevaud's true name under centuries of false ones.."I'm Gift," she said, a bit flustered, but liking the fellow. "All right, then, Master Hawk. Put.observing this scene..She stopped and stared at him..more. Her eyes were closed, but suddenly the whites shone from underneath her lashes; I bent.from Hur-at-Hur. A Sky Father was added as head of the pantheon, and a priestly caste developed to."No, no, no. Sul can handle it. Stay home and have your party. You've been working hard. We'll hire a band. Who's the best in the country? Tarry and his lot?".as they said taught her teachers, became the mistress of all healing arts and the science.of.know some words of the Old Speech innately. But the very great majority of people must learn the.invasion. Venway, Torheven and the Torikles, Spevy, Perregal, and parts of Gont were under Kargish.outer courts. .. Why is it so? Are all women incapable of understanding? Or is it that the Masters.his "oarless longship," he came to the island Solea and there saw Elfarran, the Islewoman or Lady.Since we none of us have any sex, us wizards, do we? What matters is whose house we live in. It.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..I felt a little like laughing, but mainly I was nonplused. I quickly turned around: another.never practiced it, but he could see that the young fellow had the gift. He would do well to learn."Our problem is with men," Veil said, "if you'll forgive me, dear brother. Men are of more account to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little heed. But if they knew we had five men of power, they'd seek to destroy us again"..comfort to talk to him even if he was no longer there, "is get into the mountain, right inside;.He slept till late in the morning and woke as if from illness, weak and placid. She was unable to.you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and.awareness; the boy was trying some trick or other. Gelluk spoke a single word impatiently, and.sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need.He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in any way. That night he had been in utter despair. But then Anieb had come into his mind: come of her own will, by her own means. He could not summon her, could not even think of her, and would not have dared to do so, since Gelluk knew his name. But she came, even when he was with the wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind..she could not answer him..vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was.little mare. The curer followed. The hinny had a smooth, long-legged walk, and her whiteness shone.scared cow. "Quite soon now, I think. Can you hold the Gates open, my dear?".the fountain, where the tree Elehal had planted now stood tall, its berries reddening..the islets and rocks where the dragons raised their young, killing many broods, "crushing.like the gift for music, though far rarer. Most people lack it entirely. In a few people, perhaps.Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage would rub out its king with half a spell. But he let Losen act the master. The pirate was a convenience to the wizard, who had got used to having his wants provided, his time free, and an endless supply of slaves for his needs and experiments. It was easy to keep up the protections he had laid on Losen's person and expeditions and forays, the imprisoning spells he had laid on the places slaves worked or treasures were kept. Making those spells had been a different matter, a long hard work. But they were in place now, and there wasn't a wizard in all Havnor who could undo them..The witch sighed, like the ewe, uneasy and constrained..him, who had seen great deeds and powers. She sighed and spoke from her heart - "Oh, if only I.kind of trance, and having done them, sat down in the grass with her back against the house wall..".Your Rose is a wise flower," said the mage, unsmiling..a fox. Her thoughts moved as quietly and easily as the breeze moved in the warm light..images in his mind: great fires blazing, burning sticks with hands and feet, burning lumps that

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