

## THE BOOK OF POLLY

looked up at her face. No thought was clear in her mind, but words repeated themselves: I could go. "I think I've found my little finder," said Gelluk. His voice was deep and soft, like the notes of. On his rides, he sometimes passed an old house on a hill among great oaks. When he turned off the village lane up the hill, a pack of scrawny, evil-mouthed dogs came pelting and bellowing down at him. The mare was afraid of dogs and liable to buck and bolt, so he kept his distance. But he had an eye for beauty, and liked to look at the old house dreaming away in the dappled light of the early summer afternoons..true as he said it. Perhaps he wanted to spite them. Perhaps he wanted to get rid of them..then. The thought of the ship and the chained men in her swallowed his mind as the black sea had.She went to the wall, and it opened like a small bar. She stood in front of the opening..Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished..heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he.It's been a joy to me to go back to Earthsea and find it still there, entirely familiar, and yet.other, only me, what would I want a name for? ". "They're men of the Hand, Dory, one short and pretty and one tall and proud, and they say they're.sending he smiled a wide, sweet smile. But he looked old. He had never looked so old. Ogion had."Dirt's easier to keep clean," he said, knowing the struggle already lost. It was true that all you had to do with a good hard-packed clay floor was sweep it and now and then sprinkle it to keep the dust down. But it sounded silly all the same..harm. Only truth.".He went on to the foot of the street. It opened into a small market square. People were gathered.must be. I was wrong.". "What do you want to learn?" asked the taller woman in her mild voice..Erreth-Akbe's gifts in magic became apparent when he was still a boy. He was sent to the court to."Every reason," said the Summoner..She asked no more questions. She never argued; it was one of her virtues.. "Your turn to talk," she said, looking at me over her cup..the lake. I stood, dumbstruck and enraptured; the wind brought faint, fading echoes of music,,supposed to be, so they sailed on with seven other ships, south a ways, and met up with a fleet.Semere's cow pasture. You can see the ways from there. You need to find the center. See where to.His voice was the voice of the slave in the stone tower. It was she who knew the true name of quicksilver and spoke it through him..She looked westward over the reed beds and willows and the farther hills. The whole western sky was empty, clear. She stood still and her soul seemed to go into that sky and be gone, gone out of her..Seeing I had made a mistake, although I did not know what kind of mistake, I muttered.and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the.wizards friends? No more than they have wives, or sons, some would say.... Once he said to me that."No," his wife said in her soft, level voice, "we aren't.".The eagle came, circling and screaming over the valley, the hillside, the willows by the stream.. "I'm looking for a bed for the night.".gave the wizard immediate and ultimate power over him. Now he had no hope of resisting Gelluk in."No. A bathing suit. . . But there were groups of people in my day, they were called.gift.". "I doubt the Doorkeeper would defy it lightly," said one of them Irian had not noticed till he spoke, though he was a big man, white-haired, aw-boned, and crag-faced. Unlike the others, he looked at her as he spoke. "I am Kurremkarmerruk," he said to her. "As the Master Namer here, I make free with names, my own included. Who named you, Irian?". "What could you do from outside?".sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of.The curer said nothing to the cowboy but went straight to the mule, or hinny, rather, being out of."Where's the girl?". "I don't know it, sir.".enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, "Memory, memory," Hemlock said. "Talent's no good without memory!" He was not harsh, but he was."Something to drink? Prum, extran, morr, cider?".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/Desktop/Ursula%20K.%20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt."No. But we have the things wizardry is made of. Water, stones, trees, words ...".Spiro, Atale, Blekk, Frosom"; the entire carriage seemed to melt, pierced by shafts of light; walls.Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know.They had little trust in men. A man had betrayed them. Men had attacked them. It was men's ambitions, they said, that had perverted all the arts to ends of gain. "We do not deal with their governments," said tall Veil in her mild voice.. "Well, and afterward?".The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are.and lifted her up. She stood submissively. Her head fell back, I saw her teeth glistening; I did not.political center of the country. Erreth-Akbe's visit seems to have coincided with the final shift."We knew there was a great gift in her," Ayo said, and then fell silent for a while. "We didn't.from women, and they want men to make the decisions for all. Now what compromise can we make with.silence that might have been awe or disapproval or mere stolidity. "This is a nice little town, ".Mage..him, the way he spoke of the animals. He would have a way with them, she thought. He was like an."Shall we go?" he said to the cowboy, who set off at once with a wave to Gift and a snort from his."The woman with you defies the Rule of Roke," the Windkey said. "She must leave. A boat is waiting at the dock to take her, and the wind, I can tell you, will stand fair for Way.".lions. . .overlooked?". "He does. But, admitting it unlikely, admitting it impossible - if we did defeat him - if he went back into death and left us here alive - what would we do? What comes next?". "They said you should give me my name," said Dragonfly. "Father fell to raging. So that's that.".The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are all remote descendants of the Old Speech. None of these languages serves for the making of spells of magic..lie about their art. In their heart they know that their lie, spoken, may change the world..running his hands over the wood and talking to it, that he couldn't see why they made a fuss over."Why not? Why does it have to be a witch or a sorcerer? What do you do?".But when the lore-books of a wizard came into a warlord's

hands he was likely to treat them with. 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..triple beat on his tabor, and they were off into a sailor's jig..where the paths seemed never to be quite where she remembered them, and often led on far beyond. The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero: leaving Nais, I had not encountered a single passer-by. The escalator was very long. A wide street. half open, as if she were drinking, no sign of effort on her face, nothing but a stare, as though she. "Did Nemmerle know you were coming to work with me?" You must make your choice alone, as a man. Do you understand that?" Golden was earnest, seeing his. "I was told there's a murrain among the cattle here." Now that he wasn't all locked up with cold. He had lost something and had to find it. He did not know what he had lost, but it was in the. Language of the Making, dated back to a time before the separation. The best evidence in the poem. increase his soldiery and the fleets he sent out to take slaves and plunder from other lands. As. be wrong to make too much of it, but probably it should not be discouraged.. seek to have their way. And you put men who've always had their way together with women who've had. man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not. "This way, this way," Gelluk murmured. "No harm will come to you." They came to the doorway of the. "I'll keep the door," Medra said. "Being lame, I won't go far from it. Being old, I'll know what. guess and made one quick gesture toward the stone tower. .... deals were profitable. It was as if good fortune stuck to him and he could not shake it off. He. House, but inside the wood it was all shadows.. cliffs he could not climb. He made the spell and said the word once more, and as a sea tern flew. The boy was barely seventeen, and he himself just forty-five. In his prime. He had been feeling. "Everything's perilous," Dragonfly said, gazing now through the sheep, the hill, the trees, into. down. "Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute. "Asleep." Azver nodded towards where she lay, curled up in the grass above the little falls.. old weavers' quarter. They grew flax on Pody, and there were stone retting houses, now mostly. She got him onto his bed, pulled the shoes off his feet, and left him sleeping. Berry came in late. a man called Early, who would have liked to find the young upstart who defeated his master Gelluk.. go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a. "I don't know. They gave me all kinds of shots. Is it so important?" She was silent. I forced myself to look away from her. Inside that other room, the. us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord.. "Why did you break your Rule for me? Was it fair to me, who can never be what you are?".. spells, and so on, often invoked or drew upon the Old Powers. But the learned wizards of Roke had. boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there. He looked up into the darkness. After a while he moved his good hand a little, and the faint light flowed out of it.. nothing at all. He sat down near her. She looked down, as if studying the skeleton of a last-. joke. I had had enough of his direct approach and joviality. If asked about it (or so, at least, I. had done.. Gelluk was sure that without him Losen's rubbishy kingdom would soon collapse and some enemy mage. All spells use at least a word of the Old Speech, though the village witch or sorcerer may not clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as they are spoken.. The Hand, a loose-knit league or community concerned principally with the understanding and the ethical use and teaching of magic, was established by men and women on Roke Island about a hundred and fifty years after Maharion's death. Perceiving the Hand as a threat to their hegemony, the mage-warlords of Wathort raided Roke, and killed almost all the grown men of the island. But the Hand had already stretched out to other islands all around the Inmost Sea. As the Women of the Hand, the community survived for centuries, maintaining a tenuous but vigorous network of information, communication, protection, and teaching.. "Don't move," in a low, amicable voice. He sensed great power in the young man, enough that he was. human beings with a powerful gift of magic, or through the ancient kinship of humans and dragons.. "Listen, what I said before, that was just a joke, really. . .". breakfast. So it was with warm food in his belly and a certain chill courage in his heart that he. Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked. them, that they did not want to talk to him. He was afraid of doing wrong to them.. Witches were to learn only from one another or from sorcerers. They were forbidden to enter Roke. a peaceful one, and ate what the Master Patternner brought her in his basket - eggs, cheese.. either side of the raised walkway that ran down the middle. Several times I mistook the figures

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