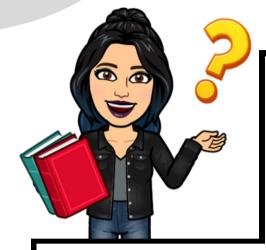
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**Recap** Today's class introduced **"The Wife's Story" by Ursula K.** Le Guin. We are about to explore the work of Ursula K. Le Guin, one of the greatest fantasy and science fiction writers of our time. "The Wife's Story" is a classic piece of fiction and a student favorite. I truly hope you enjoy!

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## Who is Ursula K. Le Guin?

Ursula K. Le Guin, born in 1929 in Berkeley, California, was an influential

American author known for her science fiction and fantasy works. She received many prestigious awards and is famous for books like "The Left Hand of Darkness" and "A Wizard of Earthsea," blending genres with philosophical and sociopolitical themes, especially around gender and cultural diversity. Le Guin's writing was celebrated for its rich world-building, deep characters, and thought-provoking narratives that challenged readers to reflect on societal issues.

## "The Wife's Story" by Ursula K. Le Guin.

Here's a short bullet point summary of the beginning of the story:

- The narrator describes her husband as a gentle, kind father and husband, always good-natured and loving with their children.
- She recalls their early relationship, how they met, and how he was well-liked and respected in the community, particularly for his singing at Lodge Meetings.
- However, strange changes started happening during the dark of the moon; her husband would leave for hunting trips and return tired, acting strange, and smelling unusual.
- The narrator noticed a disturbing shift when their youngest child became frightened of her father, crying and begging for him to "go away," signaling something ominous had changed in him.

**Reminder:** The diction of the narrator, the wife, resembles that of someone living in the country, so some of the phrasing and grammar can sound "off" to our New York ears.

An example: "... he was over here pretty near all the time"

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## Homework:

Finish pages 5 & 6 in your packet for vocabulary practice. Due to some upload issues, if you need a new copy of the workbook, please reach out ASAP.

Note: If you decide to read ahead before next class, please don't spoil it for your classmates!