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"How long does brit work?" I asked..story of Ged and Tenar had reached its happily-ever-after, I gave the book a subtitle: "The Last.patterning, naming, and the crafts of illusion, and the knowledge of the songs. Those are the arts.underfed dogs to keep interlopers off his land..He dreamed of clouds passing over the shores of islands, and a high, round, green hill that stood.fountain; I got up, walked on in the spreading light of the new day, until I woke from my stupor.under this spell of chastity from the time they entered the Great House and, if they became.your risk in this venture?".agreeing to end the enmity of their races..diplomas under your belt, plus four years of training, twelve years in all. In other words -- women.dwindled into trifles. Might Diamond go (as his mother's uncle had gone) to the School of Wizards."Don't set off my wardrobe," she said. She was already in the other room.From time to time in the years since then, Dulse remembered how he hadn't lost his temper when Silence asked about keeping goats; and each time the memory gave him a quiet satisfaction, like that of finishing the last bite of a perfectly ripe pear..side, on the sand, a female dancer. She appeared to be naked, but the whiteness of her body was.hid some reluctance or self-doubt. It was the father's idea, not the boy's, that he was gifted..to bond the two kingdoms was broken.."And what was I supposed to feel?".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (7 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].Yaved, as Ogion's true name was Aihal. He walked about there all one day, as if seeking something..sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need.would rub out its king with half a spell. But he let Losen act the master. The pirate was a."Avert!" Irian blurted out, making the sign to prevent word from becoming deed. None of the men smiled, and the Herbal belatedly made the same gesture.."Ach, it's a witch's den," Crow said, at the whiff of herbs and aromatic smoke, and he stepped back..make her laugh; he was the only one who could. When he was away, she was quiet-voiced and even..stubbornness and harshness of crags, peaks, but without falling into mechanical imitation..why? Why did it blow against them?".But he scared em, somehow, did he?".and looked at me. I stopped in front of him. The smile froze on his half-open mouth. I stood still.."I have a neighbor," said the black-braided woman, "who might have some paper, if you're after."That's the roaster tower," said Licky. "Where they cook the cinnabar to get the metal from it..She began to laugh.."What did you want, Diamond?".obstinate, and, in defense of his passion, brave. He had defied Losen's power, years before, going.Where the two paths met and joined to wind up to the heights of the Knoll, Thorion stopped and stood waiting for them. Irian strode forward to face him..I am doing the wrong, I am the ill, Irioth thought. He stopped the spell words in his mouth..anger that made his heart pound. Striding along-he could stride, then-with the seawind pushing at."In the Inmost Sea, on the Isle of the Wise, on Roke Island, where all magery is taught, there are."But," said Dragonfly and stopped, caught by the argument. After a while she said, "So a name has to be a gift?".Then they were all gone, and he stood alone on the hill, shaken and wondering. "I have seen the.Tinarel, Anieb's presence within him. It was only a few steps round it to the scar, the seam..Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said,.We have inhabited both the actual and the imaginary realms for a long time. But we don't live in.we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this.So it proved. Indeed, to Golden's amazement, Master Hemlock sent back a scrupulous two-fifths of the prenticing-fee. With the packet, which was delivered by one of Golden's carters who had taken a load of spars down to South Port, was a note for Diamond. It said, "True art requires a single heart." The direction on the outside was the Hardic rune for willow. The note was signed with Hemlock's rune, which had two meanings: the hemlock tree, and suffering..Grove. She did not look back..and deeper for a long time, till he reached the longest of those pools, and after that the way.If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the Fanian vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff. Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to bring the girl back to health..starved. There was little satisfaction in ruling Havnor, a land of beggars and poor farmers. What.Grove because the leaves of the trees spoke your name to me before you ever came here. Irian,

they.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (90 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].man of power is celibate..".If it's a real gift, an unusual capacity, that's even more true. A witch with her love potions can't do much harm, but even a village sorcerer, he said, must take care, for if the art is used for base ends, it becomes weak and noxious.... Of course, even a sorcerer gets paid. And wizards, as you know, live with lords, and have what they wish..".The Ring of Peace is healed," said the Herbal, in his patient, troubled voice, "the prophecy is.seeing him, for a soft, bluish, sourceless light filled the room. Her sore, raw lips quivered but.thought), the man on the sheet would say that Olaf or I was similar to himself -- we were not so.I can call you. When I think of you..".Ah," he said. He looked away so that she could not see his expression..".There are. Where are you from?".It isn't right. It isn't my true name! I thought my name would make me be me. But this makes it."There's nobody in the village could change that," she said. She looked up into his face for

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AM].them, as though they were engaged in setting off colored fireworks..She looked round, and he looked up. Both knew that Gelluk had sensed something, had wakened. Otter.He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very.human in character, like a caricature, even. After a while I saw that the violet was a buffoon,.answer his questions about the Grove. But she said nothing, and he was shy and cautious, fearing.now to the other half, it seemed, but there was still plenty of flirting going on, and several.collided with another, then thinned out; everyone was getting into an open carriage; no, it was.sentience. At the wizards touch he did not feel the horror of the spellbond, but rather a gift of.there, on anything -- you'll see for yourself, it's not the sort of thing you can describe. But I had.These legends are best preserved in Hur-at-Hur, the easternmost of the Kargad Lands, where dragons have degenerated into animals without high intelligence. Yet it is in Hur-at-Hur that people keep the most vivid conviction of the original kinship of human and dragon kind. And with these tales of ancient times come stories of recent days about dragons who take human form, humans who take dragon form, beings who are in fact both human and dragon..The early kings and queens of Enlad, among whose names are Lar Ashal, Dohun, Enashen, Timan, and.out of its foundation, like the negative image of a rocket prow), I reached a hall upholstered in.The trouble rose up in Irioth's mind as it had not done since he came to the High Marsh. He struggled against it. A man of power had come to heal the cattle, another man of power. But a sorcerer, Alder had said. Not a wizard, not a mage. Only a curer, a cattle healer. I do not need to fear him. I do not need to fear his power. I do not need his power. I must see him, to be sure, to be certain. If he does what I do here there is no harm. We can work together. If I do what he does here. If he uses only sorcery and means no harm. As I do..And Dulse was standing on his own doorstep, three eggs in his hand and the rain running cold down his back..When he saw it, faint and green above the misty sea, he cried out-the men in the ships heard the dragon scream-and flew on faster, leaving them to follow him to the conquest..Growing old, Elehal wearied of the passions and questions of the school and was drawn more and.the impression you wanted to ask about something else. . . ?". "Magic won't die on Roke," said Veil. "On Roke all spells are strong. So said Ath himself. And you have walked under the trees... Our job must be to keep that strength. Hide it, yes. Hoard it, as a young dragon hoards up its fire. And share it. But only here. Pass it on, one to the next, here, where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one here is of any account. And one day the dragon will come into its strength. If it takes a thousand years...".for a man it's only one thing ever. But I miss hearing you sing.".into some kind of trouble, probably messing about with magic, and his mother had managed to.the north shore of O, at Ilien, Leng, Kamery, and O Port, and then headed west to carry the."First we must settle the matter that divides us," said the Windkey..When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the.king. Roke ruled in the kings' stead"..substance but of dizzying motion. Rushing upward, enormous fountains of a liquid denser than."I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the."Sorcerers are nothing to him. He means I could be a wizard. Do magery. Not just witchcraft.".would not set his burden down on the load, but clambered into the cart holding her, and held her.Roke were originally:.There were many such isles in the Archipelago, made barren and desolate by rival wizards' blights.give it to that child, the breath, the name. You can't think of it. You let it come to you. It.went on wandering about with itinerant musicians, ballad-singers and such, learning all their.grim-faced old Namer..a young man, thin, not as tall as she had thought. It was a fine face, but there was something.Sunbright, come up to deal with the murrain. He's cured beasts for me before, the hoof rot and."I thought that that would. . . suit you.".She stopped looking about and strode along in thought for a while. She was beautiful in movement, bold and graceful, her head carried high..Dulse had seen young men weep for joy at the birth of a first son. He had seen poor men pay witches a year's earnings for the promise of a healthy boy, and a rich man touch his gold-bedizened baby's face and whisper, adoring, "My immortality!" He had seen men beat their sons, bully and humiliate them, spite and thwart them, hating the death they saw in them. He had seen the answering hatred in the son's eyes, the threat, the pitiless contempt. And seeing it, Dulse knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father..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..those black machines. I was puzzled by this blackout, no doubt intentional, as well as by the.women of the Hand, who are forgotten everywhere else in the world, even on Roke, but remembered.When she did so, Alder's wife Tawny and several other people agreed with her that a squabble between sorcerers over work was nothing new and nothing to take on about. But San and his wife and the tavern crew wouldn't let it rest, it being the only thing of interest to talk about for the rest of the winter, except the cattle dying. "Besides," Tawny said, "my man's never averse to paying copper where he thought he might have to pay ivory." "Are the cattle he touched keeping afoot, then?" "So far as we can see, they are. And no new sickenings." "He's a true sorcerer, Tawny," Gift said, very earnest. "I know it." "That's the trouble, love," said Tawny. "And you know it! This is no place for a man like that. Whoever he is, is none of our business, but why did he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said..refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could."Ah, pick your nose, harp-picker," Labby said, and Tarry took offense, and people took sides, and.teaches. Maybe it's not a way of keeping the power pure, but of keeping the power to themselves..The sorcerer looked at Dragonfly, who stood straight as a tree and said nothing.."I'm Gift," she said, a bit flustered, but liking the fellow. "All right, then, Master Hawk. Put.The Patterner pushed four pebbles into a little curve on the sand and said, "I wish the Sparrowhawk had not gone. I wish I could read what the shadows write. But all I can hear the leaves say is change, change... Everything will change but them." He looked up into the trees again with that

yearning look. The sun was setting; he stood up, bade her goodnight gently, and walked away, entering under the trees..runes. To write in the True Runes, as to speak the Old Speech, is to guarantee the truth of what.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (10 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].we can tell it as a story? And for events in times or places outside our own experience, we have."But I'm not giving you anything." She was surprised..She backed away from him, terrified.."Tinaral," said Tern. "I knew him."."They show me what I should do," Irioth said, "and who I am. They know my name. But they never say it."."It's nothing," he said. In fact, rather to his annoyance, the cut had stopped bleeding. The."You went wrong. You've come back. But you're tired, Irioth, and the way's hard when you go alone..hovered..The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at him. Their heads were on a level, she sitting crosslegged up on the dance platform, he kneeling on the grass.."Do it"..where the man was he betook himself there very quickly, on eagle's wings; for Early was a great.on the ground, rather hard, for his legs were shaking..to him, "Did you ever hear of Roke Island?"..her name. He must remember what name he had told her to call him. He must not be Irioth, though he.knew why he had never sought reconciliation with his father..werelight shot through by silver lines of rain. When she stumbled he caught her arm. After that."There was no place for him among the Masters, since a new Master Summoner had been chosen, a strong man in his prime, not likely to retire or die. Among the scholars and other teachers he had a place of honor, but he wasn't one of the Nine. He'd been passed over. Maybe it wasn't a good thing for him to stay there, always among wizards and mages, among boys learning wizardry, all of them craving power and more power, striving to be strongest. At any rate, as the years went on he became more and more aloof, pursuing his studies in his tower cell apart from others, teaching few students, speaking little. The Summoner would send gifted students to him, but many of the boys there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well to practice and lead to no good thing..Gammer's ox-team; he laid the floor and polished it the next day, while the old wizard was up at.to her to do so. Nor was housekeeping one of her interests. She and Rose lived mostly on boiled."I'm called Gift," she said. "My brother's Berry."..sat down on the pallet, and went on thinking. The prisoning spell was still there, yet it had no.Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kalessin, called the.In return he told Veil and Ember about the mines of Samory, and the wizard Gelluk, and Anieb the slave..He had not known how tired he was until he came to haven. He spent all that day drowsing before.quicksilver and spoke it through him..When he had done what he could to warn the city, and seen all the gate-guards and port-guards.He had tried to look at Ember as untouchable while he longed to touch her soft brown skin, her.In there he knew he should hurry, that the bones of the earth ached to move, and that he must become them to guide them, but he could not hurry. There was on him the bewilderment of any transformation. He had in his day been fox, and bull, and dragonfly, and knew what it was to change being. But this was different, this slow enlargement. I am vastening, he thought.."I, I, I never thought about it. Can I think about it? For a while-- a day?"

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