

NATIVE PLANTS NOTEBOOK

"Where?" he whispered, and then said the word aloud in the language all things understand that have no other language..Next day he had Licky send him the boy. He looked forward to seeing him, to being kind to him, teaching him, petting him a bit as he had done yesterday. He sat down with him in the sun. Gelluk was fond of children and animals. He liked all beautiful things. It was pleasant to have a young creature about. Otter's uncomprehending awe was endearing, as was his uncomprehended strength. Slaves were wearisome with their weakness and trickery and their ugly, sick bodies. Of course Otter was his slave, but the boy need not know it. They could be teacher and prentice. But prentices were faithless, Gelluk thought, reminded of his prentice Early, too clever by half, whom he must remember to control more strictly. Father and son, that's what he and Otter could be. He would have the boy call him Father. He recalled that he had intended to find out his true name. There were various ways of doing it, but the simplest, since the boy was already under his control, was to ask him. "What is your name?" he said, watching Otter intently.."How does he hold them all?" the Namer said. "Herbal, you were here when Sparrowhawk and Thorion were challenged by Irioth. His gift was as great as Thorion's, I think. He used it to use men, to control them wholly. Is that what Thorion does?"..sea, until in a final terrible flight they passed the Dragon's Run and came to the last island of.grew darker. The girl then folded it -- it was not a plate at all -- into the shape of a pancake and.The name and office of archmage were invented by Halkel, and the Archmage of Roke was a tenth Master, never counted among the Nine. A vital ethical and intellectual force, the archmage also exerted considerable political power. On the whole this power was used benevolently. Maintaining Roke as a strong centralising, normalising, pacific element in Archipelagan society, the archmages sent out sorcerers and wizards trained to understand the ethical practice of magic and to protect communities from drought, plague, invaders, dragons, and the unscrupulous use of their art..years with no summer, the birth of sickly and monstrous young to sheep and cattle, the birth of."Go with the water," said Ayo..frozen gold fire. In recesses along the walls were hundreds of booths; people ran into these, burst."Say it, then."."Do you sew things?"."It was only a beast healer's manual," Crow admitted, when they were sailing on and he had calmed down. "'Spavined," I saw, and something about ewes' udders. But the ignorance! the brute ignorance! To roof his house with it!"."If he wants a party, he'll have it," she said. Their voices were alike, being in the higher register but dark-toned, and held to an even quietness, contained, restrained. She perched on a stool beside his at the high desk..Of them all it was the Herbal, the healer, who was the first to move. He went up the path and knelt down by Thorion. "My lord," he said, "my friend.."never see the place where he was. He did not know what was coming next, and did not understand.stare, as long as they did not concern me directly. Curiously, the people who gaped at us on.Havnor, they say. There they say the women of the Hand have kept the old arts. And they teach.She did not know what he meant, but did not ask, preoccupied: "You say he makes me his reason for you to meet together."..She was in his charge, in his care, he had known that when he saw her. Though she came to destroy Roke, as she had said, he must serve her. He did so willingly. She had walked with him in the forest, tall, awkward, fearless; she had put aside the thorny arms of brambles with her big, careful hand. Her eyes, amber brown like the water of the Thwilburn in shadow, had looked at everything; she had listened; she had been still. He wanted to protect her and knew he could not. He had given her a little warmth when she was cold. He had nothing else to give her. Where she must go she would go. She did not understand danger. She had no wisdom but her innocence, no amour but her anger. Who are you, Irian? he said to her, watching her crouched there like an animal locked in its muteness..settle the quarrel. Though the Master there would still be quarrelling with me if he didn't keep.paces from me; he had a thin, matted mane; he stretched, once, twice; with a slow undulation of."Animals, too?"..only because it had a weatherworker of its own aboard, who raised a wave to swamp the stolen boat..himself, riding back to Westpool, and laughed. "I do indeed," he said aloud. The black mare nicked.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.."island. Later, with the help of the high priestess of the Tombs of Atuan, Arha-Tenar, Ged was able.Queen, while Rose sat with them, and Little Tuly sat on Tuly's knee. And if not a happy ending..within a century or so conquered or absorbed most of the other Kargad kingdoms, of which there had.the winding stairs, out of the tower, past the barracks, away from the mines. They walked through."Maybe I came to destroy him."."He lived here," Dory said, a glimmer of pride breaking a moment through her helpless pain. "The Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed here. With them."..Come home with me."..a girl, and a year younger than Diamond, and a witch's daughter. He wished his son would play with.The Doorkeeper shook his head, agreeing..Silence shook his head..he would spellbind Gelluk and hurl him into the refining fire, he would bind him and blind him and.his power lay..while I work with the beasts."..did not see him, only my countrywoman Tenar of the Ring. She said she was not the woman they.None of the mages answered him. In the silence, the men with him murmured, and a voice among them said, "Let us have the witch."."You did?"..still very sore..They crossed a courtyard with a well in it. She knocked at a side door, and a girl opened it..flowers. I put my hand to my nostrils. It smelled like a thousand scented soaps at once..barked and bayed and rushed after her..increase his soldiery and the fleets he sent out to take slaves and plunder from other lands. As.wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer."."Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very strange-looking, having pale reddish skin, long pale hair, and narrow eyes the colour of ice. His speech was also strange, stiff and somehow deformed. "Silence is the answer to everything, and to nothing," he said..again and choose an Archmage. The king had had no place among us, he said. And "a woman on Gont"..When Azver rejoined the other men

there was something in his face that made the Herbal say, "What is it?".storm of ideas and feelings, a passion of rage, vengeance, pity, pride..Erreth-Akbe, sailing into the bay "with sails worn transparent by the eastern winds," could not pause to "embrace his heart's brother or greet his home." Taking dragon form himself, he flew to battle with Orm over Mount Onn. "Flame and fire in the midnight air" could be seen from the palace in Havnor. They flew north, Erreth-Akbe in pursuit. Over the sea near Taon, Orm turned again and this time wounded the mage so that he had to come down to earth and take his own form. He came, with the dragon now following him, to the Old Island, Ea, the first land Segoy raised from the sea. On that sacred and powerful soil, he and Orm met. Ceasing their battle, they spoke as equals, agreeing to end the enmity of their races..were indeed great crafts with their own mysteries and masteries, but Gelluk seemed to know nothing.Men and women of the Hand had joined together on Roke a hundred or more years ago, forming a league of mages. Proud and secure in their powers, they had sought to teach others to band together in secret against the war makers and slave takers until they could rise openly against them. Women had always been leaders in the league, said Ember, and women, in the guise of salve sellers and net makers and such, had gone from Roke to other lands around the Inmost Sea, weaving a wide, fine net of resistance. Even now there were strands and knots of that net left. Medra had come on one of those traces first in Anieb's village, and had followed them since. But they had not led him here. Since the raid, Roke Island had isolated itself wholly, sealed itself inside powerful spells of protection woven and rewoven by the wise women of the island, and had no commerce with any other people. "We can't save them," Ember said. "We couldn't save ourselves.".few leaves in my mouth and chewed them; they were young, bitter; for the first time since my.When she was thirteen the old vineyarder and the housekeeper, who were all that was left of the household, told the Master that it was time his daughter had her naming day. They asked should they send for the sorcerer over at Westpool, or would their own village witch do. The Master of Iria fell into a screaming rage. "A village witch? A hex-hag to give Irian's daughter her true name? Or a creeping traitorous sorcerous servant of those upstart landgrabbers who stole Westpool from my grandfather? If that polecat sets foot on my land I'll have the dogs tear out his liver, go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went back to his vines, and thirteen-year-old Dragonfly ran out of the house and down the hill to the village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting, barked and bayed and rushed after her..They sat unspeaking. The crisis passed. Heleth relaxed a little and even smiled. "Very old stuff,".away from Master Hemlock, he began to think about Darkrose, and went on thinking about her and.and the lay of the land on Semel, and the mountain whose name is Andanden. So I came to the High.They went there together and stayed till the winter came. In the year that followed, they built a little house near the edge of the Thwilburn that runs out of the Grove, and lived there in the summers..what she pleased in order to have her do at last what he pleased, and the game, he thought, was.over the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle,.spring where Rose had named her ten years ago. She stood there; the dog sat down beside her and.fellow in a worn sea-cloak. Ivory flourished his staff a little in greeting him. The sorcerer.I practically fled. It was no window. A television screen. I quickened my pace. I was.semen. I am Turren and he is me...".file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (58 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].If only I knew what all that meant.. "Double-hearted? You? You gave up wizardry because you knew that if you didn't, you'd betray it.".Her mother Ayo and her mothers sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked. Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have done nothing without your daughter," he said..In a busy street leading down to the busy wharfs of Gont Port, the wizard Ogion stopped short. The.had found a ship to take him back to Havnor. He had told her he'd never go back to Westpool; the.binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for.When I closed the gate behind me, it was all I could do to keep from running. My knees.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (46 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].life. But this gift, this undeniable gift t the rock hovering, the unblown fife -- Well, it would.home truths..A good sign, thunder, Dulse thought. It would stop raining soon. He pulled up his hood and went."Spoken like a man," said Veil with her gentle, wounded smile..like diamonds..maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island,.made himself comfortable in his coil of cable and watched the stars. Looking west, he saw the four."He won't be angry? They say wizards have short tempers. Full of pride..". "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..corridor, bands, white as milk, flowing downward. The handrail of the escalator was soft, warm; I.the bodies of his men till they "living, seemed the black thirst-dead of the desert." To spare his.knelt by the loud-running water, but an otter slipped into it and was gone..are one..She considered herself, sitting in the deep silence of the Grove. No bird sang; the breeze was down; the leaves hung still. Am I ensorcelled? Am I a sterile thing, not whole, not a woman? she asked herself, looking at her strong bare arms, the slight, soft swell of her breasts in the shadow under the throat of her shirt.. "I didn't say anything wrong," I defended myself. "I only wanted to know. . . Why are you."Irian of Way, my lords," said the Doorkeeper. They were all silent. He motioned her to come.Language of the Making, dated back to a time before the separation. The best evidence in the poem."Got in?".trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the.much for good manners, he thought..Great House. The walls we built to keep all evil out. Or in, as the case may be..Elfarran. To pledge his troth he gave her a silver bracelet or arm ring, the treasure of his.stride out of the stableyard without a word, the ugly hound she favoured trotting after her. It.pounded behind me; a girl ran toward the singer, pursued by someone; with a short, throaty laugh.sweeps half manned, Medra's staying spell half

spoken, when the witchwind struck..his superiority. He only wished there were someone to repeat her sayings to, one of his old."Beautiful, you are beautiful," he told her, breathing her grassy breath, leaning against her."I won't go," he said. "Anywhere. Ever." .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (88 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].Sunbright had not been gone three days when a new stranger appeared in town: a man riding up the tongue, though cows and chickens paid no attention to his outbursts. He had never been angry at.She left him standing at the waymeet, on the level ground, and walked up the hill path for a.offering him something. Then she was gone..people cheered and clapped them when they finished the dance, sweating and panting. "Beer!".parents, and go to the Great Port, or to Roke. Half your year's fee, which I'll return to you,."Thank you," he said, opening the gate for the heifer, who went to greet her mother, while he.Veil, with her gentle voice and smile, was implacable. She told Medra that though she had consented to his remaining on Roke, it was to keep watch on him. "You broke through our defenses once," she said. "All that you say of yourself may be true, and may not. What can you tell me that would make me trust you?".great forest of Faliern..believe everything I said?". "Irian," he said, and now her name came easily, sweet and cool as spring water in his dry mouth..village. He still would not let her go, holding the rain-wet, stiffened body against him as if to.storm of praise ran through him..go in."..the connotations of the rune translated into Hardic. The names of commonly used runes such as Pirr."Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had -- perhaps -- hatched out an eagle..have a good time, go to the real, dance, play tereo, do sports, swim, fly -- whatever one wants."."It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he said, "I can't do it by myself."..nothing," he said..In her bed, in the dark, she lay and thought: He knew the wizard who named me. Or I said my name. Maybe I said it out loud in my sleep. Or somebody told him. But nobody knows it. Nobody ever knew my name but the wizard, and my mother. And they're dead, they're dead... I said it in my sleep....energy and hope. He told himself not to trust this man, but he longed to trust him, to learn from.weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know.peoples..remembering her father, but the motion of the leaves and shadows drew it on. She saw him drunk,.But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed.farther into the room. "The Master Changer you have met," he said. He named all the others, but."Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her.all come to be considered unclean, the belief was already widespread that men must prepare.his feet, and the cliffs under that, and the roots of the island in the dark under that. In the.woman's gaze returned to his face..On the High Marsh Dragonfly.went to the door to see what she loved best to see, the sky before sunrise. Looking down from it.When he came to himself, sick and weak from the poison and with an aching skull, he was in a room."Do people still live there?" Medra asked, and the master said, "Witches," while his brother said,.rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the.message to the wise women," he said, and the villagers showed him Ayo's house. As he stood in the."What do you want to learn?" asked the taller woman in her mild voice.

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