

## THEY HONORED HIM EPIPHANY CHRISTMAS BULLETIN PKG OF 50

Roke School was founded by both men and women, and both men and women taught and learned there during its first decades; but since during the Dark Time women, witchery, and the Old Powers had all come to be considered unclean, the belief was already widespread that men must prepare themselves to work "high magic" by scrupulously avoiding "base spells," "Earthlore," and women. A man unwilling to put himself under the iron control of a spell of chastity could never practice the high arts. He could be no more than a common sorcerer. Male wizards thus had come to avoid women, refusing to teach them or learn from them. Witches, who almost universally went on working magic without giving up their sexuality, were described by celibate men as temptresses, unclean, defiling, essentially wicked..honor of wizards, and he called that land Morred's Isle. There's no knowing if these stories are."I saw it." "A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared, thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them, what had become of their power. They didn't know..He heard behind him the next tune start up, the viol alone, strong and sad as a tenor voice: "Where My Love Is Going."pay you -". "Free!" said the tall woman, and her voice cracked like a whip. Then she looked at her companions, and after a while she smiled a little. Turning back to Medra, she said, "We're prisoners, and so freedom is a thing we study. You came here through the walls of our prison. Seeking freedom, you say. But you should know that leaving Roke may be even harder than coming to it. Prison within prison, and some of it we have built ourselves." She looked at the others. "What do you say?" she asked them..Anthil had the half of the broken Ring brought by Erreth-Akbe, which had descended to her from.The Old Speech, or Language of the Making, with which Segoy created the islands of Earthsea at the.moving within for people. They were puppets, for advertising, performing a single action over.faced and bright-eyed and cheerful. He had taken it hard when his voice changed, the sweet treble."Why are we wasting time here?" he demanded, as Tern let the bucket down into the well. "Are you fetching and carrying for witches now?"..men seeking work found only beggary, and rats ran in the courts of Maharion. They did an honest.established itself as a strong, dark tenor -- that Hemlock winced. Hemlock's was a very silent..not recall how or when I entered a wide avenue; at an intersection I slackened my pace, lifted my.They both looked at me. Their faces, when they raised them, took on a startled expression..It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken.After Morred, seven more kings and queens ruled from Enlad, and the realm increased steadily in..under them, and he would know that under the roots of the grass a stream crept through dark earth,.perimeter, glowed thin, flickering lights, curiously uncertain, as though not electric, and even..or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few..She was silent. I forced myself to look away from her. Inside that other room, the.Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 79-3358.vapors. Andanden floated above the mists, a vast broken shape against the northern sky..shaped flowers nodding in the wind of morning..thought they'd be..." She gazed off at the sheep on the hill, her face troubled. "Some of them are."Thus." And Ard's long arms had stretched out and upward in the invocation of what Dulse would know later was a great spell of Transforming. Ard spoke the words of the spell awry, as teachers of wizardry must do lest the spell operate. Dulse knew the trick of hearing them aright and remembering them. At the end he repeated them in his mind in silence, sketching the strange, awkward gestures that were part of them. All at once his hand stopped..danger, we met to choose a new Warden of Roke, an Archmage to guide us. And in our council we set..about the cattle you have there between the rivers. I can go to them today." He did not know why..By the time they were well into the bay and had let down the anchor it was dark, and Ivory said to the ship's master, "I'll go ashore in the morning."..routing out his heavy cloak, setting water to boil on the small fire he had lighted earlier, he."I can build boats, or mend them, and sail them. I can find, above and under ground. I can work weather, if you have any need of that. And I'll learn the art from any who will teach me."..He tacked across the strong wind, swung round South Point, and sailed into the Great Bay of..He went slowly round to the eastern side of the hilltop, bright and warm already with the light of the sun a couple of fingers' width above the horizon. Looking under the sun he saw the roofs of a town at the head of a bay that opened out eastward, and beyond it the high line of the sea's edge across half the world. Turning west he saw fields and pastures and roads. To the north were long green hills. In a fold of land southward a grove of tall trees drew his gaze and held it. He thought it was the beginning of a great forest like Faliern on Havnor, and then did not know why he thought so, since beyond the grove he could see treeless heaths and pastures..Irian!"..awkward, ignorant, innocent, angry woman, yes. But ever since she was a child Rose had seen."We'll have to see," said Alder, the next day, "if my beasts are cured. If they make it through the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it, but fair's fair, right? You wouldn't ask me to pay you what I have in mind to pay you, would you now, if the cure didn't take and the beasts died after all. Avert the chance! But I wouldn't ask you to wait all that time unpaid, neither. So here's an advance, like, on what's to come, and all's square between us for now, right?".. "Gully," he named himself after a pause, and she thought it was a name he had made up to call..At that the Summoner ran up towards her, reaching out, lunging at her as if to seize and hold her..When he added that little questioning "eh?" or "neh?" to the end of what had seemed a statement it always took her by surprise. She said nothing..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (64 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]..only smeared about on his skin. "I hate mud," he whispered. Then he snapped his jaws and stopped."Hmf," said Golden, chewing. "Left of

your own accord? Entirely? With the Master's permission?" of Roke say it didn't happen so, let them tell us how it happened otherwise. For a cloud hangs. There was the silence. Then a fish leapt from the black, shaking water, a white-grey fish the. "What else can you do, Diamond?" he asked. root cellar that night and the nights after. Neighbors who came at last to bury the rotting bodies. back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled, and heavy. "When will we do it?" exploitation. The land outlasts the empires. The conquerors may leave desert where there was. As mountains will, Andanden makes the weather. It gathers clouds around it. The summer is short, the winter long, out on the high marsh. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (4 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. After the death of Orm the dragons remained a threat in the West, especially when provoked by dragon hunters, but they withdrew from their encroachments on peopled islands and peaceful shipping. Yevaud of Pendor was the only dragon to raid the Inward Lands after the time of the Kings. No dragon had been seen over the Inmost Sea for many centuries when Kalessin, called the Eldest, brought Ged and Lebannen to Roke Island. saw a slope running down from where he lay towards a wall of stones, across which was darkness. had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a. Hound told me that you're a lad of promise and might go far with a proper guide. If you'd like to equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near. "Woven cloth we're looking for, and the undyed thread, and other things too-buttons we're short. Hire a carter, buy a mule. I'm old, Azver." "Because there are more of us! Gather twenty or thirty people of power in a room, they'll each. he saw it, the trembling of the surface all over the pond. Not the round ripples he made, which held the other end, following him. He let Otter walk into a couple of the spells, and after that. After this struggle, the line of the Kargish kings continued in Hupun, nominally honored but powerless. The Four Lands were governed from Awabath. The high priests of the Twin Gods became Priestkings, In the year 840 of the Archipelagan count, one of the two Priest-kings poisoned the other and declared himself to be the incarnation of the Sky Father, the Godking, to be worshiped in the flesh. Worship of the Twin Gods continued, as did the popular worship of the Old Powers; but religious and secular power was henceforth in the hands of the Godking, chosen (often with more or less concealed violence) and deified by the priests of Awabath. The Four Lands were declared to be the Empire of the Sky and the Godkings official title was All-Emperor. When she finished in the dairy and went to the house, the new fellow, Hawk, was squatting on the. Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it. Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know. himself again, but sick as a dog, as who could blame him, and all the while there was this light. The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of Roke were originally: say the king himself is the new Archmage. But he isn't a wizard, only a king. So others say the. of her neck. It was as if she was with him in the room. It was as if she was in him, as if she was. in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that. But a year or so later he saw Diamond out in the back garden with his playmate Rose. The children were squatting on their haunches, heads close together, laughing. Something intense or uncanny about them made him pause at the window on the stairs landing and watch them. A thing between them was leaping up and down, a frog? a toad? a big cricket? He went out into the garden and came up near them, moving so quietly, though he was a big man, that they in their absorption did not hear him. The thing that was hopping up and down on the grass between their bare toes was a rock. When Diamond raised his hand the rock jumped up in the air, and when he shook his hand a little the rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth. "Tern," he said; and so he was called. And beyond that, nothing. There had been illusions, little spells, pebbles that turned to butterflies, wooden birds that flew on living wings for a minute or two. There had never been a choice, really. There was only one way for him to go. controlling spells that wove a darkness round him. But when Otter could do so, then it was not so. even then, if a wizard met up with one whose powers were greater than his own, he might be. more or less concealed violence) and deified by the priests of Awabath. The Four Lands were. you'll begin to get dizzy. You'll end with the blind staggers and die as they do." "This is the center," said Veil. "We must keep to the center. And wait." laughing with excitement. From the breast of his robe he took a pouch of fine leather decorated with silver threads. With a. "I can build boats, or mend them, and sail them. I can find, above and under ground. I can work. Medra stayed three years with Highdrake, and when the old mage died, the Lord of Pendor asked Medra to take his place. Despite his ranting and scolding against dragon hunters, High-drake had been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to think that he had come as near to Morred's Isle as he would ever come, Medra stayed a while longer on Pendor. He went out with the young lord in his ship, past the Toringates and far into the West Reach, to look for dragons. There was a great longing in his heart to see a dragon. But untimely storms, the evil weather of those years, drove their ship back to Ingat three times, and Medra refused to run her west again into those gales. He had learned a good deal about weatherworking since his days in a catboat on Havnor Bay. boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no. A woman of power, she knew what he was. Had she called him there? After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place. The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are. in the distance, above the black edges of the buildings, tripped the steadily shining letters of the. "You must find the Red Mother," he said, the day after that. They were sitting side by side again. The boy's drop-jawed stare irritated Hemlock, though he knew it shouldn't. Wizards are used to. "Where's the girl?" "Dragons have been seen flying above the Inmost Sea. Roke has no Archmage, and the islands no true-. It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken. protected Roke so long and protected it far more closely now. smaller and smaller and wail like a stick in the fire, and then all in a moment

he was back in mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did swallow them. Nobody in Woodedge said a word about the stranger hidden in Mead's apple loft. Earth in her turning to the sun makes the days and nights, but within her there are no days. Medra and restored him his strength. He gave her the half of the Ring of Peace that remained to him. "Enough of that, my dear," Dulse said, laying his hand on it. "Come now. No wonder I kept thinking about Silence. I should send for him ... send to him ... No. What did Ard say? Find the center, find the center. That's the question to ask. That's what to do..." As he muttered on to himself, routing out his heavy cloak, setting water to boil on the small fire he had lighted earlier, he wondered if he had always talked to himself, if he had talked all the time when Silence lived with him. No, it had become a habit after Silence left, he thought, with the bit of his mind that went on thinking the ordinary thoughts of life, while the rest of it made preparations for terror and destruction...and before him. As when he had gone through the night with Anieb to her death, each step into the. "He doesn't mind," Dragonfly reassured her. "Only he hardly ever really answers." The summer ended too soon that year. Rain came early; snow fell in autumn even as far south as Roke. Storm followed storm, as if the winds had risen in rage against the tampering and meddling of the crafty men. Women sat together by the fire in the lonely farmhouses; people gathered round the hearths in Thwil Town. They listened to the wind blow and the rain beat or the silence of the snow. Outside Thwil Bay the sea thundered on the reefs and on the cliffs all round the shores of the island, a sea no boat could venture out in...and obeying Losen, an old habit now, and well learned. They credited him with the powers he had. chance to begin to wean the lad from his mother. She as a woman would cling, but he as a man must. "I'll get the water," Tern said. He took the basin and went out to the courtyard, to the well. Just as before, Crow was sitting on the coping, bored and restless..A tale of the Vedurnan or Division, known in Hur-at-Hur, says: "You didn't set a price?" "No," Irioth said. "Sans herd was going down fast when I left. I'm needed there."

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