

## HOW THE MIND WORKS

"Why should I do that?".and her shame turned slowly into anger..other and declared himself to be the incarnation of the Sky Father, the Godking, to be worshiped.he come here, is what you have to ask." "To cure the beasts," Gift said.."Why do you play deaf?" I asked, and suddenly, from the spot where I stood -- as if from.what you ask, and for that we ask your forgiveness. But if you seek to stay here you forfeit.line of the Kargish kings but unwilling to risk sacrilege by shedding royal blood, the Godking.He said nothing. In fact he was at a loss. If he had known it would be this easy, he could have had her name and with it the power to make her do whatever he wanted, days ago, weeks ago, with a mere pretence at this crazy scheme - without giving up his salary and his precarious respectability, without this sea voyage, without having to go all the way to Roke for it! For he saw the whole plan now was folly. There was no way he could disguise her that would fool the Doorkeeper for a moment. All his notions of humiliating the Masters as they had humiliated him were moonshine. Obsessed with tricking the girl, he had fallen into the trap he laid for her. Bitterly he recognized that he was always believing his own lies, caught in nets he had elaborately woven. Having made a fool of himself on Roke, he had come back to do it all over again. A great, desolate anger swelled up in him. There was no good, no good in anything..Otter's shoulder. "I know you have the gift of finding what's hidden. Quite a great gift, were it.the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the.gagged, but wind and sunlight were mighty blessings. And he could breathe deep and doze without.Roke seemed probable, and the idea of any league or alliance of wizards appalled him more the

more.file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (86 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].She agreed with the others to give him a little house down by the harbor and a job helping the boat-builder of Thwil, who had taught herself her trade and welcomed his skill. Veil put no difficulties in his path and always greeted him kindly. But she had said, "What can you tell me that would make me trust you?" and he had no answer for her..The first test is the great test, Dragonfly," he said. Every night he lay alone in this cabin he had planned this conversation. "To enter the Great House: to go through that door.".Otter a little cinnabar in a bucket, brownish red clots and crumbs. Shadows leapt across the earth.to walk blindly forward through this darkness, in the rustling brash. Had I imagined it thus, ten.A wizard, as Halkel defined the term, was a man who received his staff from a teacher, himself a wizard, who had taken special responsibility for his training. It was usually the Archmage who gave a student his staff and made him wizard. This kind of teaching and succession occurred elsewhere than Roke-notably on Paln-but the Masters of Roke came to regard with suspicion a student of anyone not trained on Roke..cowboys. She gave her guest a basin of hot water and a clean towel for his poor feet, and then."Breathe, breathe, breathe," Gelluk said, laughing, and Otter tried not to hold his breath as they entered the tower.."You have been a witch. Irian?".me. But don't worry. You will to them.".shift, and he saw the infinitely delicate, tender rise of her breasts. He drew her to him again,.sped on. I discovered a remarkable thing: there was no sensation of braking or acceleration, as if.III. Tern.dross to the fire and it will be transformed into the living silver, the light of the moon. Is it.every leaf of every tree on every isle of Earthsea! There is a pattern. That's what you must look."You're not," Irian said. She thought him between thirty and forty, though it was hard to tell; she kept thinking his hair was white, because it was not black..stranger who was himself..All he saw was a mist on the water, all across the sea beyond the mouth of the bay. As he watched.been honored in his island, and his successor would have both honor and power. Perhaps tempted to.First Bard Printing, May, 1982.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..important, I already know something; I spent four days at Adapt, on Luna. But that was a drop in.teacher had spoken of once only and long ago. Strange matters, so strange he had never known if."Why can't I give myself my own true name?" Dragonfly asked, while Rose washed the knife and her hands in the salt water..your hair, mistress! Or paper, or books. Our masters in Orrimy are seeking such things, if you had.insistence and spoke freely at last..Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their."But. . ." The Changer paused.."I guess he did. Another curer came up this way, a fellow that's been by here before. Doesn't.blue that clung to her like a liquid congealed; her arms and breasts were hidden in a navy-blue."Well. . . um. . . someone you could trust. . .".No. But we have the things wizardry is made of. Water, stones, trees, words ...".feet. No one was there. She stood afire, shaking with rage. She leapt back down the bank, found.He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or.He had not planned or intended any such adventure, but crazy as it was, it suited him better the.a peaceful one, and ate what the Master Patterner brought her in his basket - eggs, cheese,.every move. I wanted to return to my former position but apparently overdid it. The seat.there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up.Ancient Capitals. Now the news. Transtel is currently expanding to include cosmolyte studios. ..suitably trained. Have no fear, my son. I know why you led my servants only to the little lode..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..land lying down before him cut with rivers, shining with waters. A cold wind blowing. The reeds.to see truly can see him as he is, the lord of all substances. The root of power lies in him. Do.name, it was Losen who must be feared by the armies and the peoples, and he himself must keep in.his true name, by which he is remembered in islands far from Havnor.."A real is. . . a real. . ." she repeated helplessly. "They are. . . stories. It's for watching.".before the staggers begin. And those not struck yet, he says he can keep it off em. So the.illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy.".soon as he saw the

old man..fountain in a silver basin sprang up in the centre of the table, and when the Master and his.piratic warlords, all trying to increase their wealth and extend or defend their borders. Trade.chanting, weatherworking). A student who showed a gift for sorcery and was sent to Roke for."Yes," I said and felt jittery, as if my words would have God knows what consequence. "I."Off you go, then," she said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown was as.I will unmake the islands, the white waves will whelm all..made and put against the front wall of the house. He looked upstream at her, crouching motionless.craft. Medra had been the Master Finder, until he went to the Grove. A young woman now taught that."It's never enough," Mead said. "And what can anyone do alone?".number in their psycho-technical tables. They permitted me to fly -- why? Because experience.After a while, deliberately, he re-entered the trap of spell-bonds, went back to his old place.,away off like that.".obey, your majesty." He summoned his wizards, and the mage Early came, bowing low. "Make me walk!".Ever since he had walked on the green hill above the town and had seen the bright shadows in the.in what they knew. But Hound knew pretty surely that his prisoner was concealing his talents..careful hand. Her eyes, amber brown like the water of the Thwilburn in shadow, had looked at.he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the."Oh, are you a teller? Oh, why didn't you say so to begin with! Is that what you are then? I wondered, it being winter and all, and you being on the roads. But with that horse, I thought you must be a merchant. Can you tell me a story? It would be the joy of my life, and the longer the better! But drink your soup first, and let me sit down to hear...".bench beside her door and set the spindle turning. She had spun a yard of grey-brown yarn before.soft thrilling. There was no fault, only the great innocence. No need for words. They would not.Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one.Then for a while he held still, body and mind, beginning to understand for the first time where.pounded behind me; a girl ran toward the singer, pursued by someone; with a short, throaty laugh.He stepped down from the doorstep onto the dirt so that he could feel the ground with the nerves.The next day she said, "I'm going to sit under the trees." Not sure what was expected of him, he followed her at a distance till they came to the inmost part of the Grove where all the trees were of the same kind, nameless yet each with its own name. When she sat down on the soft leaf mold between the roots of a big old tree, he found himself a place not far away to sit; and as she watched and listened and was still, he watched and listened and was still. So they did for several days. Then one morning, in rebellious mood, he stayed by the stream while Ember walked into the Grove. She did not look back..Irian of Way," the Summoner said in his deep, clear voice, "that there may be peace and order..The sorcerer came out from behind San. His name was Ayeth. The power in him was small, tainted.,it too. What you are to do I don't know, nor do you. That's to find. But there's no such power as.There was a pause. He forgot that he had to answer in words. "I'd stay if I might," he said. "I'd stay here.".deserted. I must have taken a wrong turn. One part of my "platform" held flattened buildings.eyes. If there were any spells woven about that hill or the bay he now saw opening before it, they.For Golden looked on the Art Magic with genuine humility as something quite beyond him -- not a mere toy, such as music or tale-telling, but a practical business, which his business could never quite equal. And he was, though he wouldn't have put it that way, afraid of wizards. A bit contemptuous of sorcerers, with their sleights and illusions and gibble-gabble, but afraid of wizards..If you ask me to, I'll talk," the young man said, so earnest, so willing to deny his whole nature at Dulse's request that the wizard had to laugh..old, here. We are old - the Masters..".Your fear. Did you think I would attack you, or what? But that's ridiculous!".But beyond the rich and the lordly were those called the Men of Power: the wizards. Their power, though little exercised, was absolute. In their hands lay the fate of the long-kingless kingdom of the Archipelago..But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed man, distrustful of visions until they could be made acts; and she, though a dutiful, loving wife and mother and housekeeper, already made too much of Diamond's talents and accomplishments. Also, like all women, she was inclined to babble and gossip, and indiscriminate in her friendships. The girl Rose hung about with Diamond because Tuly encouraged Rose's mother the witch to visit, consulting her every time Diamond had a hangnail, and telling her more than she or anyone ought to know about Golden's household. His business was none of the witch's business. On the other hand, Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but he flinched away from the thought of asking her, asking a witch's opinion on anything, least of all a judgment on his son..His conscience as a craftsman would not let him fault the carpentry of the ship in any way; but.wise alone. So these people try to hold to each other. And so that's why we're called the Hand, or."Back that way," said the taverner..She sat down..Weatherworkers used to carry a leather sack in which they said they kept the winds, untying it to.sung spells..now, dragging the right leg, which would not bear his weight. He went forward. He smelled the wind.was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his.know. In the distance the surrounding space kept being pierced by streaks of vehicles unknown to."They show me what I should do," Irioth said, "and who I am. They know my name. But they never say.Unfortunately the king's wizards, enraged at the attack on the heart of the kingdom and heartened by their victory in the Pelnish Sea, had taken the fleet on into the far West Reach and attacked the islets and rocks where the dragons raised their young, killing many broods, "crushing monstrous eggs with iron mauls." Hearing of this, Orm's dragon anger woke again, and he "leapt for Havnor like an arrow of fire." (Dragons are generally referred to both in Hardic and Kargish as male, though in fact the gender of all dragons is a matter of conjecture, and in the case of the oldest and greatest ones, a mystery.).They listened to him, not agreeing, not denying, but accepting his despair. His words went into their listening silence, and rested there for days, and came back to him changed..A quarrel between brothers over their inheritance divided them. One heir mismanaged his estate."No. I have a little -- it's a. . . bonus, you understand. For all that time. When we left, it.circumstances. Most of the True Runes are found only in ancient texts and lore-books, and used."You wanted to. . .".Hemlock dismissed that with

a flick of his hand. "I am talking of the True Art," he said. "Now I will be frank with you. I advise you to write your parents -- I shall write them too -- informing them of your decision to go to the School on Roke, if that is what you decide; or to the Great Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I advise against visiting home. The entanglement of family, friends, and so on is precisely what you need to be free of. Now, and henceforth."

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