

## A GENTLEMAN OF LEISURE

Dulse thought sometimes in those years about sons and fathers. He had quarreled with his own father, a sorcerer-prospector, over his choice of a teacher; his father had shouted that a student of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving..It would be Berry at the door, though why he knocked she didn't know. "Come in, you fool!" she."If Roke was now what it once was, known to be strong, those who fear us would come again to destroy us," said Veil..(used to protect from fire, wind, and madness), Sifl ("speed well"), Simn ("work well") are used.of power from the kings to the priests. King Thoreg received him with honor, but Intathin the High.had done..rock hovered in the air, and when he flipped his fingers downward it fell to earth..think; he could not remember. "Stay with me," he said, and did not know who he spoke to. He was..When he was on Orrimy, Medra had learned to read the common writing of the Archipelago. Later,.with you drawing you to the particular attention of the Master Summoner."..on Gont, he knew that. But he was tired of teaching, and didn't want another prentice underfoot.. "Yes," she said. "I'm sorry." Her hand was still on his knee. She said, "We can make love if you want"..the cattle, the cattlemen will pay you, and you can pay me then. Call that surety, if you like.."You saw it? You saw that?" She clenched her hands, imagining that flight..He was so distraught that when he made up his mind to call Silence he could not think of the opening of the spell, which he had known for sixty years; then when he thought he had it, he began to speak a Summoning instead, and the spell had begun to work before he realised what he was doing and stopped and undid it word by word..of riding twenty or thirty miles to restock, they wanted to cut the tongue out of a steer that had..was weakened then."..He nodded. "Left myself halfway," he said. He looked up; the Patterner was coming towards them, wide awake now..around one another, in groups of six, eight, blocking the way across the entire thoroughfare, came..THE HARDIC LANDS..will not go dry." They dug down carefully and came to the water; they let it leap up into the..But something else was occupying me. I sat half supine, my legs stretched out..voice, but not a beggar's accent..He slept there, on the ground. At sunrise he got up and walked by the high road over to Re Albi..He did not go into the village, but past it to the little house that stood alone to the north at..She did not speak. I went up to her, bent over the chair, took hold of her by her cold arms..A curl of fire, a wisp of smoke drifted down through the dark air..softly in the tops of tall trees, on beyond the gardens..the men of greed. What good can any art be used that way? It's wasted. It goes wrong, or it's..He could no longer see the chambers and passages of the cave as he had seen them with the..within it. Then Otter could call to Anieb. At once she came into his mind and being, and was there..The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making, in which the name of a thing is the thing..of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring..times better than he ever did."..that the working of any spell would rouse Gelluk. But at last, rashly, and in dread, for such..no shadows here, only the dark, but he went forward, and went forward, until he saw Anieb before..though I did not know whether they were mirrored reflections of this one or reality -- letters of..rate he came with a very good prenticing fee paid beforehand in gold and ivory. If he had the..offer, which would have been natural, perhaps, but painful to the father, the owl who had --..My teacher was with me, and his teacher with him," Ogion said when they praised him. "I could hold the Gate open because he held the Mountain still." They praised his modesty and did not listen to him. Listening is a rare gift, and men will have their heroes..with what is real, and the words it works with are the true words. So true wizards find it hard to..down again and tried to hold still. The spellbonds around his chest kept him from breathing..opens all the greater spells; and he spoke..bright the hawk's flight..around them, a few lights glimmering, pulsing, so that they were encircled now by an orange..with you-"..buzzed. I followed suit. A tickling wind blew on my fingers, and when I withdrew them, they..Tern left late that year on his journey. He had with him a boy of fifteen, Mote, a promising weatherworker who needed training at sea, and Sava, a woman of sixty who had come to Roke with him seven or eight years before. Sava had been one of the women of the Hand on the isle of Ark. Though she had no wizardly gifts at all, she knew so well how to get a group of people to trust one another and work together that she was honored as a wise woman on Ark, and now on Roke. She had asked Tern to take her to see her family, mother and sister and two sons; he would leave Mote with her and bring them back to Roke when he returned. So they set off northeast across the Inmost Sea in the summer weather, and Tern told Mote to put a bit of magewind into their sail, so that they would be sure to reach Ark before the Long Dance..breasts and festered eyes, who spat the spittle that ran from her poisoned mouth, and wiped her..and he ceased to think of anything at all. They dumped him into a mule-cart like a sack of oats.."My Lord Patterner, will you defy our Rule and our community, that has been one so long, upholding..would not show up until she was out on the open sea) he could not keep from his teachers what he..When Veil came up from town to bring them the last of the late peaches, they laughed; peaches were.."Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you need a room for the night, I have one. Or San might, if you're going to the village."..He told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must go at once, on what business he could not say, of course, but it should not take long once he was there; a half-month to go, another to return; he would be back well before the Fallows at the latest. He must ask Master Birch to provide him an advance on his salary to pay for ship-passage and lodging, for a wizard of Roke should not take advantage of people's willingness to give him whatever he needed, but pay his way like an ordinary man. As Birch agreed with this, he had to give Ivory a purse for his journey. It was the first real money he had had in his pocket for years: ten ivory counters carved with the Otter of Shelieth on one side and the Rune of Peace on the other in honour of King Lebannen. "Hello, little namesakes," he told them when he was alone with them. "You and the cheese money will get along nicely."..Summary: Explores further the magical world of Earthsea through five tales of events which

occur.nothing, only shining plates in the ceiling and a small depression for the feet, padded with a spell that would hide him from them all..King Maharion himself, the story says, journeyed to Selidor to "weep by the sea." He retrieved Erreth-Akbe's sword and set it atop the highest tower of his palace..could come up with was the stereotyped question: The heap moved, and roused up slowly. They saw it was the curer, just as he had been, no fires or shadows, though looking very ill. "Come on," Gift said, and got him on his feet, and walked slowly up the street with him..He did as he often did, made a little design out of whatever lay to hand: on the bit of sand on."Child, don't be ridiculous.."buildings, windowless, black, seemingly lifeless, for they were without more than light -- not the."Master Hand," said the Doorkeeper, "she asked to enter as a student, and I saw no reason to deny her.."but there's no more in that than a few drops. It's scarcely worth burning for so little. If you.the harbor, the piers, the fishing boats, only when he was outdoors and away from Hemlock and his."I made the wrong choice.."to rejoin the broken halves of the Ring and so remake the Rune of Peace. He and Tenar brought the.village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting,.face in his hands, fighting against the shame of tears.."But we met, we sat, and we could not choose. We said this and said that, but no name was spoken. And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other breath. Words came to me and I spoke them. I said, Hama Gondun! And Kurremkarmerruk told them this in Hardic: "A woman on Gont." But when I came back to my own wits, I could not tell them what that meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen..perfectly chaste, though he laughed at himself a little for it..he fought against but could not shake off. He thought of the Summoner's eyes, and then it was that."Don't be angry," I said, emptying the cup, and poured myself another one.."Mistress," said Hawk, "may I tell you a story?.."If you share his power he won't harm you. To fear a power, to fight a power, is very dangerous..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (23 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].It isn't me. I still don't know who I am. I'm not Irian!" She fell silent abruptly, having spoken."Ah," said one of the women, the taller of the two, and she laughed. But she did not answer the gesture..He traveled far in the Archipelago, even out into the East Reach. He never went to the same town or island twice without years between, letting his trail grow cold. Even so he began to be spoken of. The Child Taker, they called him, a dreaded sorcerer who carried children to his island in the icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children about the Child Taker, as an encouragement to distrust strangers.."He told me what it's like," Dragonfly said. "You walk up through the town, Thwil Town. There's a door opening on the street, but it's shut. It looks like an ordinary door.."dead. And in that vision, Anieb had walked on this side of it, not on the side that went down into..There was an old man by our door..The Master of Iria of Westpool, Birch, didn't own the old house, but he did own the central and..As far as the mind goes..effectively as the central government of the Archipelago..Mouth. Then seeking further he heard in his mind a name spoken; but he did not speak it..mica. With a sharp rending crack the glittering stone split apart. Under it was darkness..So it was. For the rest of his life, Medra kept the doors of the Great House on Roke. The garden door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed in that house as the centuries passed through it. And still the ninth Master of Roke is the Doorkeeper..among the leaves..round the mountain. He's there now.."A flicker of complacency showed in Otters tired, battered young face. "No," he said. "I don't..The cowboys were discussing whether or not it was safe to eat the meat of a steer dead of the..metal truly flowed; I felt a hot gust, everything went out -- I stood in a glass pavilion. It was in..you do, either, ever. So go!"..he had enough of the pure metal, the next stage was to refine it yet further into the Body of the..But he looked up, not at Ged but at Gift, silent in the hearth corner.."For us," said Ember. "For us who live, in hiding, neither killed nor killing. The dead are dead. The great and mighty go their way unchecked. All the hope left in the world is in the people of no account.."..courtesy, and because neither Gully or Otak seemed names well suited to him. An otak, she had..Rush glanced from one to the other with her keen, bright eyes. "Not only a handy man," she said, "but a crafty man. Well, you're not the first.."..Morred and Elfarran married, and the poem describes their reign as a brief golden age, the.."We are four against him," said the Patterner..there scarcely knew of him. In this isolation he began to practice certain arts that are not well..He watched the staff that stood on the shining floor. In a little while he saw it quiver very..man's legs ached and his feet hurt. But it was a good bed, a feather bed, warm, and he need not..Thunder?..The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny..The Summoner, who had been standing with his back to them, facing the fireless hearth, turned round. "The names witches give each other are not our concern here," he said. "If you have some interest in this woman, Doorkeeper, it should be pursued outside these walls - outside the door you vowed to keep. She has no place here nor ever will. She can bring only confusion, dissension, and further weakness among us. I will speak no longer and say nothing else in her presence. The only answer to conscious error is silence.."..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..She drank her lemonade -- that's what I called the sparkling liquid, in my thoughts -- and again I..between Sans house and the tavern..paused a while, her long head turning to look slowly round the Isle of Roke, gazing longest at the.."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?".west of Ensmer, Ath confronted the great dragon Orm. Accounts of this meeting vary; but though.opened, I began walking..The hillside in front of him trembled, writhed, and opened. A gash in it deepened, widened. Water.rooted to the spot, but the other person, a stout individual in orange, fell down, and something."Why can't we build fishing boats, the way we used to?" he asked, and his father said, "Because.He looked at the dark water. It reflected nothing..HOUND STAYED IN ENDLANE. He could make a living as a finder there, and he liked the tavern, and."What it does is make him behave, make him have to. You know. . . maybe some.must go she would go. She did not understand danger. She had no wisdom but her innocence, no amour.when the group of thirty or more men came past the little house and approached them. They were.The Herbal still hesitated. "This lady is not of our council," he said at last..labyrinth, the deepest pits filled with unmoving water. "Never was much silver, and the.wondered what "singing" meant -- perhaps "you're kidding me"?.A pause. "This," Diamond said. His voice was level. He looked neither at his father nor his mother..Under the huddle of the grey cloak his hands found only a huddle of clothes and dry bones and a.Then Losen cursed and cried, and his slaves brought him wine, and the mage went out, bowing, and.appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by.have a man of very great power, a mage, wandering about Earthsea not in his right mind, and maybe.grayish and dark like the stones. Her chin and breasts were shiny with the spittle that ran from."Your majesty is sending forth his fleets," Early said to the staring old man in the armchair in the palace of the kings. "A great enemy has gathered against you, south in the Inmost Sea, and we are going to destroy them. A hundred ships will sail from the Great Port, from Omer and South Port and your fiefdom on Hosk, the greatest navy the world has seen! I shall lead them. And the glory will be yours," he said, with an open laugh, so that Losen stared at him in a kind of horror, finally beginning to understand who was the master, who the slave..and disappeared as if blown out. In the next flash I saw an entrance. I heard voices. I entered.This harmony generally prevailed through the reign of Maharion. In the Dark Time, with no control over wizardly powers and widespread misuse of them, magic came into general disrepute.."Well, he ran out. Or. . . he could always lie"."We went farthest east," Azver said. "But do you know what the leader of an army is, in my.Speech means Willow. "I don't entirely understand it. I think you don't understand it at all. Take."That's very clever," Golden said..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (47 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].The five tales in this book explore or extend the world established by the first four Earthsea.foot of the hill he came into a lane. It led him through farmlands that looked well kept, though.away, instead of sinking into the blank misery of all his nights in that room, he stayed awake.. "You're crazy," she said, very angry. It was a sweet anger. Why could not more anger be sweet?.Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village

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