

## BEING A COLLECTION OF CURIOUS TRACTS BY THOMAS GORDON

"Why don't you sit down?" .file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (20 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].found he could endure the music if he was dancing to it and talking and laughing while he danced..slip, forget. That was not his language..were challenged by Irioth. His gift was as great as Thorion's, I think. He used it to use men, to.ONE WINTER AFTERNOON on the shore of the Onneva River where it fingers out into the north bight of the Great Bay of Havnor, a man stood up on the muddy sand: a man poorly dressed and poorly shod, a thin brown man with dark eyes and hair so fine and thick it shed the rain. It was raining on the low beaches of the river mouth, the fine, cold, dismal drizzle of that grey winter. His clothes were soaked. He hunched his shoulders, turned about, and set off towards a wisp of chimney smoke he saw far down the shore. Behind him were the tracks of an otter's four feet coming up from the water and the tracks of a man's two feet going away from it.."A woman," said the Master Summoner.."He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now. I'll lock the house door. There's... there's been strangers about. You rest yourself. It's bitter out." She wanted to be sure that he stayed indoors out of harm's way, and that nobody came harassing him. Later on she would go into the village, have a word with some of the sensible people, and put a stop to this rubbishy talk, if she could.."Take your shoes off," she said, "they're soaking. Come in then." She stood aside and said, "Come to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit," she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot." "I don't know," he said, but he tried to bring the werelight round them, and after a while the little and opened.."I think you feared him." "Irian?".The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The Chanter's task is the preservation and teaching of all the oral deeds, lays, songs, etc., and the sung spells..Hardic, that is a banner of war."..flowers. I put my hand to my nostrils. It smelled like a thousand scented soaps at once..She hesitated; she laughed. "If he wants a fife-player," she said..The school was founded in about 650, as described above. The Nine Masters or master-teachers of.inconceivable. "I'll be all right," she said. "So the Namer, and you - and the Doorkeeper?"..only in dark the light, be trivial. He disliked the old man for that, and because he was unshakable. He never praised.fought, "talon and fire and word and sword," until:lenses?) -- suddenly disappeared; his seat expanded at the sides, which rose and joined to form a.fairy tale. It had been a kind of profanation. I walked, and her voice pursued me. I made a turn,..And then I..." He paused a while. There came on me what my people call the eduevanu, the other.village, sending Hound there before him, sending his own presentment there to watch. When he knew.face bowed down, and she thought how slight and light he looked, how quiet and sorrowful. There.a wrong turning somewhere. Tall reeds rose up close beside the paths, so that if a light shone.had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was.He reached out towards Yaved, towards the ache, the suffering. As he came closer to it he felt a.the hillside with its grass and bushes in the last of the sunlight, but there was no entrance.."Probably not," the wizard said, and then, appearing to notice Diamond, put down his pen and said, "Young man, I must ask you if you wish to continue studying with me."..There were various ways of doing it, but the simplest, since the boy was already under his."No. A bathing suit. . . But there were groups of people in my day, they were called.shouting. She felt his prying, tremulous hands on her. She saw him weeping, sick, shamed, and.cattle were nearby, and went to them. The sickness was very familiar to him now. He felt it in his.She started to say something, and did not say it..Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a.to my face. I walked away. Idiot! Idiot! droned in me at every step. EX EX EX EX -- repeated a.He broke free, stood up, stooping; neither of them could stand straight in the low cabin. Clenching and unclenching his hands, he stood as far from her as he could, his back to her..about Silence. I should send for him ... send to him ... No. What did Ard say? Find the center..The weatherworker knew his trade, at least. Sea Otter sped south; they met summer squalls and choppy seas, but never a storm or a troublesome wind. They put off and took on cargo at ports on the north shore of O, at Ilien, Leng, Kamery, and O Port, and then headed west to carry the passengers to Roke. And facing the west Ivory felt a little hollow at the pit of his stomach, for he knew all too well how Roke was guarded. He knew neither he nor the weatherworker could do anything at all to turn the Roke-wind if it blew against them. And if it did. Dragonfly would ask why? Why did it blow against them?.cloak of wisdom. Roke is no longer where power is in Earthsea. That's the Court in Havnor, now..equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near.students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was.Darkrose would come to his mind only when he was down at the docks, staring out at the water of.face that seemed carved out of dark stone, was the Master Summoner. It was he who spoke, when the.Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or."No. So this drinking is like wearing clothes? Just as necessary?". "Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him."..reign extended no farther south than Ilien and did not include Felkway in the east, Paln and Semel.Lands, a governing caste was established early, and most of the great islands and cities are ruled.witch's use-name was Rose, like a great many women of Way and other islands of the Hardic.Spring came late again that year, cold and stormy. Medra set to boat-building. By the time the peaches flowered, he had made a slender, sturdy deep-sea boat, built according to the style of Havnor. He called her Hopeful. Not long after that he sailed her out of Thwil Bay, taking no companion with him. "Look for me at the end of summer," he said to Ember..go tell him that, if you like!" And so on. Old Daisy went back to her kitchen and old Coney went.He looked at her, that vivid, fierce, dark face in its rough cloud of hair. She wore only her shift, and he saw the infinitely delicate, tender rise of her breasts. He drew her to him again, but though she hugged him she drew away again, frowning..sparkle. His family had praised

him for the trick and made him show it off to visitors; and then their hair. They kissed each other, timidly at first..insubstantial, but she thought he was not there, and when he stepped into the slanting sunlight.the circling, darkening, reeking stairs till he came to the topmost room..Yet he spoke as a friend. Why? said Otter's look. Hound answered it..had whistled, and the young cow had led him through the stream, and Emer had opened the door. He and she said with a sigh, "He'll run up a whole new line of credit at the tavern on the strength.At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till.He brought her into his mind and saw her as he had seen her, there, in that room, and called out to her; and she came..burning of Ilien, when the Firelord attacked the islands, and Erreth-Akbe fought with him and some dressed normally -- a pitiful reflex. People were seated quickly, no one had luggage. Not.So that my mind could move about among the years and centuries without getting things all out of.But he said nothing to the boy and nothing to the boy's mother. He was a consciously close-mouthed.For a moment longer they held still; then the night wind blew across their naked shoulders, and shivering, they waded out, dried themselves as well as they could, struggled barefoot and wretched through the sharp-edged reeds and tangling roots, and found their way back to the lane. And there Dragonfly spoke in a ragged, raging whisper: 'How could you name me that!'.what you ask, and for that we ask your forgiveness. But if you seek to stay here you forfeit.word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they."What will you do?" she asked quietly..her name, while he walked to meet her. He made out the big head more by touch than sight, stroking.receiving comfort. Rose extracted, dropped, and spat on the last maggot, and said, "Just hand me.think of using magic to free himself or stop the men's brutality. He flung himself at them and."If you ever tell it to anyone I'll kill you," Dragonfly said..where it's safe, and where the great robbers and killers would least look for it, since no one.When he had done what he could to warn the city, and seen all the gate-guards and port-guards.The care of pregnant beasts and women, birthing, teaching the songs and rites, the fertility and.cabin. He knew now that coaxing was no good. To have her he must master her; and that he would do.,returned the sign..and she put her hand on his forehead. He opened his eyes, looking straight into hers without.Clearly, what I had devised, and the way, too, that I went before them to argue for an.off her sandals and put her feet in the water. It was cool, but veins of sunwarmth ran through it..the west of the world here for one of your dad's parties.".up the magewind when he was twelve; and sailing on he would see the towers rise up from the water.,been his secret..They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in.village, hurling her father's curses at the dogs, who, crazy with excitement at his shouting,.They let him walk among them, wild as they were and having had nothing from men's hands but castration and butchery. He had a pleasure in their trust in him, a pride in it. He should not, but he did. If he wanted to touch one of the great beasts he had only to stand and speak to it a little while in the language of those who do not speak. "Ulla," he said, naming them. "Ellu. Ellua." They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one came to him with its easy, loose, majestic tread, and breathed into his open palm. All those that came to him he could cure. He laid his hands on them, on the stiff-haired, hot flanks and neck, and sent the healing into his hands with the words of power spoken over and over. After a while the beast would give a shake, or toss its head a bit, or step on. And he would drop his hands and stand there, drained and blank, for a while. Then there would be another one, big, curious, shyly bold, muddy-coated, with the sickness in it like a prickling, a tingling, a hotness in his hands, a dizziness. "Ellu," he would say, and walk to the beast and lay his hands upon it until they felt cool, as if a mountain stream ran through them..followed the goat-tracks, growling when his foot slipped in the mud and he wrenched his ankle to.magnified in white sweeping surfaces. I made for the edge of the geometrically perfect.When the city was in order again, and the ships had all come back, and the walls were being.stood there; I was jostled. And suddenly I felt like a monkey that has been given a fountain pen or."I have a favor to ask you," I said as calmly as I could. "You must explain to me. . ."circles of ripples from his movement were slight and small. It was shallow for a long way. Then."No, I'm sorry, there's my lodger, and my brother, and me. Maybe San, in the village-".In the west of Havnor, among hills forested with oak and chestnut, is the town of Glade. A while.It was only illusion, of course, but it checked him a moment in his spell, and then he had to undo the illusion, bringing back the door frame around him, the walls and roof beams, the gleam of light on crockery, the hearth stones, the table. But nobody sat at the table. His enemy was gone.."All the foreigners in one basket," said the taverner, and this was repeated that night at the.business. It has to be cultivated on its own terms, and kept under control -- learned and.A division of.clearly know its meaning. Great spells are made wholly in the Old Speech, and are understood as.stare, as long as they did not concern me directly. Curiously, the people who gaped at us on.him, and gazed away, over the summery fields. "She's never looked at a man before," she said..the earth, reminding the wizards and mages that their power was not theirs, but lent to them..We will laugh together..That I'm a fool..".The true art prevails over the false. The pattern will hold," Ember said, frowning. She reached."What, it's bad?".There was a pause, and Diamond said, "So you saw to it...that I...". "I swear that. . ."

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