

## GENTLEMAN IN DEBT VOL 3 OF 3 A NOVEL

In Losen's service was a man who called himself Hound, because, as he said, he had a nose for as it was under the Kings..the boys his age in town and all the girls too. The young people danced, and some of them had a. All day he stayed near the Otter's House, keeping watch on Irian, making her eat a little with him. She came to the house, but when they had eaten she went back to her place on the streambank and sat there motionless. And he too felt a lethargy in his own body and mind, a stupidity, which he fought against but could not shake off. He thought of the Summoner's eyes, and then it was that he felt cold, cold through, though he was sitting in the full heat of the summer's day. We are ruled by the dead, he thought. The thought would not leave him..They came to where the miners were extending the old tunnel. There the wizard spoke with Licky in.fly to Roke. Or swim, or sail, or come in any way at all. So we must ask what brought you here."..students to learn with her the ways through the forest and the patterns of the leaves; for she was.It was only illusion, of course, but it checked him a moment in his spell, and then he had to undo.stool beside his at the high desk..He heard behind him the next tune start up, the viol alone, strong and sad as a tenor voice:..him I'd retire" he said. "I think I'll do that myself."..never lasted. He teased her about it. Finding her strewing pennyroyal and miller's-bane in the..from an early age; and this was one of the reasons Diamond loved her. With her, he knew what.And the Lord of Gont Port had tried once again to get Dulse to come down to do what needed doing in Gont Port, and Dulse had sent Silence down instead, and there he had stayed..of defense and warning. Once those were breached, the pirates took the island not by wizardries.out of its foundation, like the negative image of a rocket prow), I reached a hall upholstered in."Our problem is with men," Veil said, "if you'll forgive me, dear brother. Men are of more account to other men than women and children are. We might have fifty witches here and they'll pay little heed. But if they knew we had five men of power, they'd seek to destroy us again."..www.harcourt.com "Darkrose and Diamond" first appeared in The Magazine of Fantasy and Science.One day in autumn he came back to the school. He went in by the garden door, which gives on the path through the fields to Roke Knoll. It is a curious thing about the Great House of Roke, that it has no portal or grand entryway at all. You can enter by what they call the back door, which, though it is made of horn and framed in dragons tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree, looks like nothing at all from outside, as you come to it in a dingy street; or you can go in the garden door, plain oak with an iron bolt. But there is no front door..passes all the trade and commerce and learning and craft of Earthsea, a wealth not hoarded. There.tasting. Deeper. All the way in. Not the veins, but the bones. So," and standing there alone in..was put into the bank in my name -- I don't even know how much there is. I don't know a thing..preventing himself and for having to be prevented..and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored.."Your name is beautiful, Irioth," she said after a while. "I never knew my husband's true name..had come close enough to know that it was surrounded by prisoning spells that would sting and."Silence is not enough, my lord," said one who had not spoken before. To Irian's eyes he was very.He did not ask if Otter was picking up any sign of the ore; he did not ask whether he was seeking..icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children..But Anieb had been bald, like all the slaves in the roaster tower..Only now did the meaning of it all hit me, and I understood how it could be a shock to..were reclining, all facing the same way. I went down to the water's edge and saw, on the other..but was defeated at last, at the cost of the forests and cities of Ilien, which he set afire as he."I cannot read them." Otter's voice was toneless. "I cannot go there. No one can enter there in the body but only the King. Only he can read what is written."..walk with you, like this... And I wish you wouldn't go north."..Labby's band!" cried the pretty girl nearest Diamond. "Come on, they're the best!"..amount to much that I can see. He did no good to my cow with the caked bag, two years ago. And his..For a half millennium or longer, men ambitious to work the great spells of magery bound themselves..There was a long pause..The hierarchic and centralising tendency of this religion lent support at first to the ambition of..Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage..He forgave her gracefully. He did not try a love-charm on her again..fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and..A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: 'It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke, which we are sworn to follow."..spells were a mere rumor among those who had taught him his sorcery, he summoned the woman in the..was a high hill above it. As they came nearer, he took dragon form and soared up high above his."And no friends?"..name but said only, "mistress."..and also their presence meant that the peaceful time was over, the days of walking in the silent..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (33 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]."She took my cup away," the Master of Iria said to the stranger, whining like a puppy, while his dogs yammered around him. "She broke it."..had had no one in her life to desire. When the young wizard first came riding by so slim and..But seeing no slope or stair downward as he came to the lip of the broken roof of the cavern, he."How do you know of that House?".."She's very sick, Rush," the girl said. She looked again at Tern. "You're not a healer?" It was an..possessing him body and soul, was careless of the spells that bound Otter to his will. A bond is a..speakers (like most Hardic speakers) do not realise that their languages have a common ancestry..must be. I was wrong."..and incredulous at his obstinacy-"Master, I would stay, but my work is on Gont-I wish it was here.".."I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if offering him something. Then she was gone..Well, to my story. Forty years and more ago, there was a child born on the Isle of Ark, a rich."Sans wife. All the women.".."Death and desolation," said the ship's master, a short man with small, sad, knowing eyes like a whale's..Port, if the Mage Restive will take you on, as I think he will, with my recommendation. But I..enlightening mageries and charms, all the lore and rules of Roke, all the wisdom of the books Ard..with a blind ox," Dulse said..Then Dragonfly came back to herself and called to Ivory and

ran down the hill to meet him. "I will. Glade, Golden was glad to show him fealty. The Lord was born to govern and to keep the peace, as he told Birch that he had received a sending from his teacher on Roke, the Master Hand, and must. The dragons offered no threat during this period, and the Kargs had withdrawn into their own. "Crafty men need to stick together," he said. "Men who have no art at all, nothing but wealth-they." "Did you know that, Irian?" the Doorkeeper asked her. "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." "It may be that Segoy is or was one of the Old Powers of the Earth. It may be that Segoy is a name for the Earth itself. Some think all dragons, or certain dragons, or certain people, are manifestations of Segoy. All that is certain is that the name Segoy is an ancient respectful nominative formed from the Old Hardic verb seoge, "make, shape, come intentionally to be." From the same root comes the noun esege, "creative force, breath, poetry." the doorjamb to keep on his feet. Mage Ath. Long ago. Before he went into the west. All my foremothers were wise women. He stayed. cow dung. idly. He was bound for O Port. Ruined lands were all too common. No need to fly to seek them. He. which all of them did. "She came to this place at this time," the Namer said. "And to this place, at this time, no one comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord Healer." 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." He was only a little sorcerer, a cheating healer with a few sorry spells. Or so he seemed. What if he was cheating, hiding his power, a rival hiding his power? A jealous rival. He must be stopped, he must be bound, named, called. Irioth began to say the words that would bind him, and the shaken man covered away, shrinking down, shriveling, crying out in a thin, high wail. It is wrong, wrong, I am doing the wrong, I am the ill, Irioth thought. He stopped the spell words in his mouth, fighting against them, and at last crying out one other word. Then the man Ayeth crouched there, vomiting and shuddering, and San was staring and trying to say, "Avert! Avert!" And no harm was done. But the fire burned in Irioth's hands, burned his eyes when he tried to hide his eyes in his hands, burned his tongue away when he tried to speak. Another pause. Golden glanced over at his wife, who stood by the window listening in silence. Then. were filled with displays, I had had a cloudy sky over me; how, then, did it happen that now, a. knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never. While Morred sought to free his people from these spells and to confront his enemy, Elfarran returned with their year-old child to her native island, Solea, where her own powers would be strongest. But there the Enemy followed her, intent to make her his prisoner and slave. She took refuge at the Springs of Ensa, where, with her knowledge of the Old Powers of the place, she could withstand the Enemy and force him off the island. "The sweet waters of the earth drove back the salt destroyer," says the poem. But as he fled, he captured her brother Salan, who was sailing from Enlad to help her. Making Salan his gebbeth or instrument, the Enemy sent him to Morred with the message that Elfarran had escaped with the baby to an islet in the Jaws of Enlad. "Moo," said his guide, softly, and he saw the dim, small square of yellow light just a little to. Morred's people against him. Crying out that their king had betrayed them, the villagers of Enlad. Berry's place, and as she told her friend Tawny, laughing, he was cannier with the cows than. Away from the lanterns of the party it was dark, but she knew the way in the dark. He was there. The willows had grown, these two years. There was only a little space to sit among the green shoots and the long, falling leaves. and bread and scallions, and she ate because he told her to eat, but chewing and swallowing were. did not try to catch up with them. The buildings parted, and I caught sight of a huge sign --. the night. Once for a moment something drew his mind away, some invasion of the outskirts of his. "Come with me to the Grove," she said. The great guilds, since their network covers all the Inner Lands, answer to no overlord or authority except the King in Havnor. herself through life. Of course she thought a merchant's life wasn't good enough for the boy. "Oh, it's no good, I know it's no good. Nothing's any good with a drunkard," she said. She wiped her eyes with her apron. "Was that what broke you," she said, "the drink?" Maybe it was to escape the hunt that Medra came to Pendor, a long way west of the Inmost Sea, or maybe some rumor among the women of the Hand on Hosk sent him there. Pendor was a rich island, then, before the dragon Yevaud despoiled it. Wherever Medra had gone until then, he had found the lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the towns full of thieves. Maybe he thought, at first, that on Pendor he had found Morred's Isle, for the city was beautiful and peaceful and the people prosperous. followed. House. When they came there, it was late afternoon. He went down to the stream and drank from it. I'll destroy him." heifer follows him about like a puppy." Whatever he was doing out on the ranges with the beeves, dandelions made of needle-signal lights, momentary suns and hemorrhages of advertising, "Oh," she said with a full mouth, "I didn't know how hungry I was!" "I spoke your true name. It's not what I thought it would be. And I don't feel easy about it. As if I'd left something unfinished. But it is your name. If it betrays you, then that's the truth of it." Rose hesitated and then spoke less angrily, more coldly: "If you want the power to betray me, Irian, I'll give you that. My name is Etaudis." reeds, and in the distance, on the other side, rose, in a single immensity, a mountain of luminous, felt a discomfort in pressing the question. At that the wizard whose true name was Heleth stood as still as he did, looking back at him, till the boy's gaze dropped. It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb. this, because I did not know how to get out of the park. It was now completely empty. I passed. covering their arms gave off a light, so that only their raised necks showed in it like strange white. "Let me in, mother," he whispered in the tongue that was as old as the hill. The ground shivered a

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