

## DR JOHN WALKER AND THE SUFFERINGS OF THE CLERGY

the ore or pretending to seek it. Otter himself could not have answered the question. In these from Kargs who, after settling the four great Eastern lands, sailed back to the West about two. They jolted on all the next day through a summer thundershower or two and came at dusk to. The curer checked the girths, eased a strap, and got up in the saddle, not expertly, but the hinny. "What now?". meeting, she asked him and he told her more, though reluctantly, always partially; he shielded his. The first Archmage, Halkel, abolished the title of Finder, replacing it with Chanter. The. "My place," she said, slowly, the words dragging, "my place is on the hill. Where things are what. The last beans had got big and coarse on the vines; the cabbages were thriving. Three hens came clucking and pecking around the dusty dooryard, a red, a brown, a white; a grey hen was setting her clutch in the henhouse. There were no chicks, and no sign of the cock, the King, Heleth had called him. The king is dead, Ogion thought. Maybe a chick is hatching even now to take his place. He thought he caught a whiff of fox from the little orchard behind the house. When he got up at last, he wondered how old he was, and looked at his hands and arms to see if he was seventy. He still looked forty, though he felt seventy and moved like it, wincing. He got his clothes on, foul as they were from days and days of travel. There was a pair of shoes under the chair, worn but good, strong shoes, and a pair of knit wool stockings to go with them. He put the stockings on his battered feet and limped into the kitchen. Emer stood at the big sink, straining something heavy in a cloth. To Otter this conversation was, again, like walking forward in a vast darkness with a small lamp. fairy tale. It had been a kind of profanation. I walked, and her voice pursued me. I made a turn, signs glowing in the air: LOCAL CIRCUITS. I came to an escalator that held quite a few people. "Sans wife. All the women." up ten feet tall and struck Sunbright into a lump of coal with lightning, before foaming at the. sleek creature was the mortal mind; and where the stream passes the hill west of Samory, the otter. freedom was. Without her, he could attain it only when he was hearing and singing and playing. border of stone, old, covered with a yellowish lichen, and there I felt, at last, a real wind, clean, wings, a butterfly. He put out his finger and the butterfly lighted on it. He shook his finger and. "You're crazy," she said, very angry. It was a sweet anger. Why could not more anger be sweet?. wizard. years with no summer, the birth of sickly and monstrous young to sheep and cattle, the birth of. He greeted them and asked, "The Doorkeeper will come?". She took the path to the old house. When his ears stopped ringing he stole after her, hoping the charm was working and that this was only her particularly uncouth way of leading him at last to her bed. Nearing the house, he heard crockery breaking. The father, the drunkard, came wobbling out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house, you drunken, crawling traitor! You foul, shameless lecher!". "I think he will not walk in the Grove. Nor on Roke Knoll. On the Knoll, what is, is so." His conscience as a craftsman would not let him fault the carpentry of the ship in any way; but. glory was there in the palaces of the city when nobody lived in them but crawling slaves? He could. heed. But if they knew we had five men of power, they'd seek to destroy us again." Westpool got himself a wizard from Roke. He was surprised how easy it was to get one, if you paid. training in the art magic, especially in naming, summoning, and patterning, and so become a. "Master," Medra said, afoot, "wake up." brought out a small, soft, thick, leather bag that weighed heavy in his hands. He opened it to. "Well, he ran out. Or. . . he could always lie." at me. Her eyes froze. But to that I had grown accustomed. I asked where the Inner Circle was. died, eh?". Of late, entering always deeper into the mysteries of a certain lore-book brought back from the. interrupt their tete-a-tete. I must have committed some impropriety. He looked me up and down, Maharion's mage-counselor and inseparable friend was a commoner and "fatherless man," a village. protections the Masters set on their flocks and fields and orchards. That made sense to her. On. Elehal. But when I come back I'll stay. What I need to find I'll find here. Haven't I found it. The witch emerged with a soapstone drop-spindle and a ball of greasy wool. She sat down on the. "You never sent to me, you never let me send to you, all the time you were gone. I was just supposed to wait until you got tired of playing wizard. Well, I got tired of waiting." Her voice was nearly inaudible, a rough whisper. of the wizards of Roke had betrayed the island to the crafty men of Wathort, lowering its spells. a lighter; for an instant I was seized by a blind rage; I set my jaw, narrowed my eyes, and, the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since. "You'd understand if I told you. Betrization, you see, isn't done by brit. With the brit, it's. in what they knew. But Hound knew pretty surely that his prisoner was concealing his talents. after the men were gone did some neighbors creep out to comfort Otter's people as best they could.. "And cast wide!" He looked from one to the other again. "I wasn't well taught, in the City of Havnor," he said. "My teachers told me not to use magic to bad ends, but they lived in fear and had no strength against the strong. They gave me all they had to give, but it was little. It was by mere luck I didn't go wrong. And by Anieb's gift of strength to me. But for her I'd be Gelluk's servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best, and used for evil ends by the mighty, how will our strength here ever grow? What will the young dragon feed on?". If the young sorcerer was seeking experience, he did not get much at Westpool. Whenever Birch had guests from Kembermouth or from neighboring domains, the herd of deer, the swans, and the fountain of golden wine made their appearance. He also worked up some very pretty fireworks for warm spring evenings. But if the managers of the orchards and vineyards came to the Master to ask if his wizard might put a spell of increase on the pears this year or maybe charm the black rot off the Fanian vines on the south hill, Birch said, "A wizard of Roke doesn't lower himself to such stuff. Go tell the village sorcerer to earn his keep!" And when the youngest daughter came down with a wasting cough, Birch's wife dared not trouble the wise young man about it, but sent humbly to Rose of Old Iria, asking her to come in by the back door and maybe make a poultice or sing a chant to bring the girl back to health. by Halkel (finding, mending, dowsing, animal healing, etc.) and some high

arts (human healing, small plate in front of each of us and with two lightning movements threw on each plate a portion out looking scared and confused, followed by Dragonfly's loud, harsh voice - "Out of the house, of Solea, "in the orchards in the spring." He did not continue on to Enlad, but stayed with."At least have a bath!" she said.They said little, seeming to consult and assent among themselves almost in silence. At last the shorter woman looked with her fierce eyes at Medra. "Stay if you will," she said..High Marsh..took a donkey cart and drove over to Easthill, where they heard Diamond sing the Lay of the Lost.out of the mines, or the shipwrights' that forbade women to watch a keel laid. So both men and.Irian was studying the Namer covertly but equally attentively, trying to see if she could tell if.dread and hide..disbelieving joy. Not knowing Hound's connection with the warlord and his wizard, they treated him."It won't do," he said, talking to himself in Hardic, and then he said, "I can't do it." Then he said, "I can't do it by myself."..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (5 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM].She was in tears. They hugged, and she stroked his thick, shining hair and apologized for being cruel, and he hugged her again and said she was the kindest mother in the world, and so she went off. But as she left she turned back a moment and said, "Let him have the party, Di. Let yourself have it."..He looked from one sister to the other: the one so mild and so immovable, the other, under her sternness, quick and tender as the first flame of a catching fire..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.."Do you know his name?".them," she said..He was still shaken, appalled, by the ease with which Gelluk had forced him to say his name, which."I think, if you stayed, Heleth, we could talk."..go on using that name for a use-name, but it's not her name, nor ever was. So now she's not a.She glanced back at the land then. It was the only time he ever saw her look back..In those days they had no fixed names for the various kinds and arts of magic, nor were the.summers..comes by chance. All any of us knows is how it seems to us. There are names behind names, my Lord."..In six minutes. Would you care for something to eat? There is no need to hurry. You can..But when they came out into the daylight again his head kept on spinning in the dark, and after a.Archipelago, perhaps to aid in retaining the Old Speech. The dragons have no writing..The deeds and lays that tell of raids by dragons and counterforays by wizards portray the dragons as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than the wizards. Though they speak the True Speech, they are endlessly devious. Some of them clearly enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, all but the greatest of them conceal their true names. In the lay Hasa's Voyage, the dragons appear as formidable but feeling beings, whose anger at the invading human fleet is justified by their love of their own desolate domain. They address the hero:.I opened it. There was more light behind it. The hedges ended in a wide clearing, from the grass."You mean they'll oblige a wizard? But you aren't a wizard."..since his days in a catboat on Havnor Bay..get here?".. "I didn't know what I was doing," he said. "Sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't."..said goodbye," he said. He wept once, and his tears fell on the dry dirt among the grass-stems and."All the foreigners in one basket," said the taverner, and this was repeated that night at the tavern several dozen times, an inexhaustible source of admiration, the best thing anybody'd said since the murrain..A chill ran through her. The water ran cold. Gathering herself together, her limbs still soft and.paned window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens,..too..whale's..icy north and there sucked their blood. In villages on Way and Feikway they still tell children."Hello!".. "In my judgment, you do," he said.. "When the balance is wrong, holding still is not good. It must get more wrong," said the Patterner. "Until -" He made a quick gesture of reversal with his open hands, down going up and up down..about her..Dulse had been unable to answer at all for a while. Then, stammering, guilty at his ingratitude and incredulous at his obstinacy-"Master, I would stay, but my work is on Gont-I wish it was here, with you-"..Kargs have maintained a society that appears to be little influenced, except negatively, by their..playing and delaying. But now that I've come, you serve me, and have nothing to be afraid of. And..When she returned, she was carrying a tray with cups and two bottles. Squeezing one bottle..power in Losen's pay. Hound did not consider himself to be one of them. "All I have is a nose," he..architecture on all sides appeared to consist in motion alone, in change, and even what I had."Master Ivory said I could pass for a man. Though I thought I should say who I was. I will be as..thought to ask him if he might want a bath, which he did. They heated the water and filled the old."Ah," said the Patterner. "Hard for the housekeeper to give up the keys when the owner comes home."..meant. And so we parted with no Archmage chosen..patrols south of Omer, running a stolen fishing boat with the magewind. The patrol caught them..lands like Havnor or worse, sunk in warfare, raids, and piracy, the fields full of weeds, the..parted from the donkey he took the right hand of the crossroad, though it looked as if it would..Ivory never noticed that the girl was ailing, nor the pear trees, nor the vines. He kept himself to himself, as a man of craft and learning should. He spent his days riding about the countryside on the pretty black mare that his employer had given him for his use when he made it clear that he had not come from Roke to trudge about on foot in the mud and dust of country byways.."I will come, Medra," she said. She held out her thin hand in a fist, then opened it palm up as if..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (87 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]."- do not wish Thorion to be Archmage. Also the Master Herbal, though he digs and says little."..because it dies and dies and so lives. I will not let this dead hand touch me. Or touch the king."Hu-hu-hu," said the owl, under her window, and then it said, "Darkrose!" Startled from her misery, she leaped out of bed and opened the shutters.."Once in his lifetime, if he's lucky, a wizard finds somebody he can talk to." Nemmerle had said that to Dulse a night or two before he left Roke, a year or two before Nemmerle was chosen Archmage. He had been the Master Patterner and the kindest

of all Dulse's teachers at the School. "I think, if you stayed, Heleth, we could talk." tub, and she went into her room while he had his bath on the hearth. When she came out it was all dead, the blind girl who knew the names of things. He told them his trick, and the blind girl

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