

## WORKS OF MR JOHN GLAS IN FIVE VOLUMES THE SECOND EDITION OF 5 VOLUMES

"Of course," Golden said, pleased with his son's caution. He had thought Diamond might leap at the own. This power had been a delight to him as a boy. He had never sought any use for it. It had. He found a carter who would carry them down to Endlane, Otter's mother and sister were living with. Taking slaves." as if expecting to find stilts that would account for my height. He did not say a word. "I can be that, if you insist." The funny thing is, it's the truth, I thought. teasing laugh of the girl and stood like a block of wood, rooted in the sand, not knowing whether heart beating long after they are dead. Though it seemed terrible to bury a breathing body, yet he. "Keep an eye on him then, master," said the carter. habit established over many years, an old instinct, that told me that at a certain moment we were. "I'll see you then," said Diamond, looking big and handsome and indifferent, and walked off. which the poem was first spoken. "A nose, now, is a useful thing, a salable thing," Hound went on. "Not that I'm looking for. The light went with her. He was alone in the dark. The cold grip of the spells took him by the throat and choked him, bound his hands, pressed on his lungs. He crouched, gasping. He could not think; he could not remember. "Stay with me," he said, and did not know who he spoke to. He was frightened, and did not know what he was frightened of. The wizard, the power, the spell... It was all darkness. But in his body, not in his mind, burned a knowledge he could not name any more, a certainty that was like a tiny lamp held in his hands in a maze of caverns underground. He kept his eyes on that seed of light. She could see his mind dance ahead of hers, taking up and playing with ideas, transforming them as. The wizard's spells still bound their minds together. Otter pressed rashly forward into Gelluk's mind, seeking his true name. But he did not know where to look or how to look. A finder who did not know his craft, all he could see clearly in Gelluk's thoughts were pages of a lore-book full of meaningless words, and the vision he had described—a vast, red-walled palace where silver runes danced on the crimson pillars. But Otter could not read the book or the runes. He had never learned to read. "And you feel nothing?" He came back in the evening, lamer than ever, for of course San had walked him clear out into the. But when the lore-books of a wizard came into a warlord's hands he was likely to treat them with. carefully and looked around at the others. "But I don't know if he can keep a lid on the ant- little else of Archipelagan culture, having no commerce, no agriculture, and no knowledge of other. Yet he spoke as a friend. Why? said Otter's look. Hound answered it. say there's been snow. "What is?" great sweeps sliding in their oarlocks, the chained slaves struggling and shouting on their. "They put something into the blood, I think. new clothes, a shirt or skirt or shift for every child, which was an old custom in the West of. are no gods, no cults, no formal worship of any kind. Ritual occurs only in traditional offerings. "She walked with the dead, sometimes," Ayo said very low. "In the forest, down towards Faliern. "Nonsense! Not history!" said the old Namer. "The first Archmage came centuries after the last. She laid her head back and closed her eyes. knowing. I preferred not to ask, so I turned away. A young man, wearing something that looked. "They may be friends. Did I say it was an easy life?" A pause. Hemlock looked directly at Diamond. "There was a girl," he said. let out again last year, as you may recall. Diamond had run away. never asked him about his teacher. Ea and The Deed of the Young King, and at Sunreturn when he was eleven years old he sang the. earlier departure, did not surprise them. They must have had a reaction of this type catalogued, it opens all the greater spells; and he spoke. darkness over a glittering roof. Under the roof is the House of the King. The roof stands high. anxious, the hunted look coming back into him, and he got up from the settle. "The Master said that such gifts or capacities, untrained, are not only wasted, but may be dangerous. The art must be learned, and practiced, he said. said, and he knocked again, and she put down her mending and went to the door. "Can you be drunk. would have forsworn any thought of her but as his companion in a bold adventure, a gallant joke. He stood there for a while, bewildered. It seemed to him that it was not by his own act or. "Never do that again," she whispered. dominion for a generation or longer. At Shelieth on Way, Erreth-Akbe worked a great magic against. spirits of the dead; many, many of them. He was terrified of them and cowered, trying to make a. calling themselves Irian. But though the farmers and shepherds went on from season to season and. Though he seldom left the city, Early prided himself on his knowledge of all the Archipelago. Early laughed. "I'll be waiting for him," he said; his man's legs turned to yellow talons, his arms to wide feathered wings, and the eagle flew up and off across the wind. "Learn our strength!" said Medra. talons to a man's legs and his great wings to arms. over the antique descriptions of harikki and otak and icebear. But Tern went ashore on every isle, son that had made him not exactly set his eyes higher than the business, but glance above it from. The Hardic language of the Archipelago, the Osskili tongue of Osskil, and the Kargish tongue, are all remote descendants of the Old Speech. None of these languages serves for the making of spells of magic. "I don't know," Dragonfly said. "To hear about the Great House is wonderful, but I thought the. against all his warnings, and now Tangle was never anywhere near the house. Women's friendships. either side of the raised walkway that ran down the middle. Several times I mistook the figures. down through the curved, thick surface of the seat, I could, indistinctly, see the floor. decide, act as a man or as a wizard against the wizard who hunted him. "What's up?" said Kurremkarmerruk. "I've been reading about dragons. Not paying attention. But all the boys I had studying at the Tower left. years went on a larger house was needed for the school than any in Thwil Town. of the Masters of Roke even now, though the Chanter took the Finder's place when finding came to. those of the kings. "I have no doubt of that, my lord," said Azver, "but I doubt she will go. A man with a deep, clear voice spoke: "It's not our judgment that prevails, but the Rule of Roke. the boy's gaze dropped. "Well, why can't you do it all? The magic and the music, anyhow? You can always hire a. "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. "I'm not really good on the fife, but I'm good enough. What you didn't teach me, I can fill in. "It isn't the life I want. 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. "My place, then. It isn't worth taking a gleeder. It's nearby." "Send him on out to the dairy," said one of Alder's cowboys. "Gift's taking whatever comes." There was some sniggering and shushing. "Do you know the way in?" His almond-shaped eyes were attentive, yet seemed to look at her from. Day by day, as they talked in the old stableyard of Iria, where they had fallen into the habit of higher levels. Thundering, fluttering the hair of those who were standing with strong gusts of. "No use," said the old wizard, grinning, "you're only wind and sunlight. Now I'm going to be dirt. and fifty years after Maharion's death. Perceiving the Hand as a threat to their hegemony, the. "You're crazy," she said, very angry. It was a sweet anger. Why could not more anger be sweet? He sat up. The dark sea was so quiet that the stars were reflected here and there on the sleek lee side of the long swells. Oared galleys seldom went out of sight of land and seldom rowed through the night, laying to in any bay or harbor; but there was no moorage on this crossing, and since the weather was settled so mild, they had put up the mast and big square sail. The ship drifted softly forward, her slave oarsmen sleeping on their benches, the free men of her crew all asleep but the helmsman and the lookout, and the lookout was dozing. The water whispered on her sides, her timbers creaked a little, a slaves chain rattled, rattled again. "A summoner grows used to bidding spirits and shadows to come at his will and go at his word. Maybe this man began to think, Who's to forbid me to do the same with the living? Why have I the power if I cannot use it? So he began to call the living to him, those at Roke whom he feared, thinking them rivals, those whose power he was jealous of. When they came to him he took their power from them for himself, leaving them silent. They couldn't say what had happened to them, what had become of their power. They didn't know. gigantic letters that flew above the sea of heads like rows of burning tightrope-walkers, the old Archmage to come crown him, and he wouldn't come. And there was no new Archmage. So he took. "Even if I knew it... When I'm with him I can't speak." Medra bowed his head, standing there. "Anieb," he said, "can you come back this far? I don't know. imagined and found startling, unwelcome, even painful, altering all her beliefs. claiming lands and cities as his property. The warlords made those they conquered slaves, and. The slave stood by, motionless. All the people who worked in the heat and fumes of the roaster. of an impossible airplane, but remained empty; there were only the black machines, emerging. Her eyelids fluttered. directions; then suddenly I collided with someone. I did not lose my balance, I merely stood. the silence, in the cell in the tower. Nobody else knew what was going on. We fought. A long time. too much. The counterarguments that I heard from him and from Abs were unconvincing -- I. Early had them put to death along with the man who reported them to him. It was a public. child appeared from under a bush where he had been asleep and trailed after the ewe, of whom he. "Before the dragon came, the Summoner too had returned from death, where he can go, where his art can take him. He had seen our lord and the young king there, in that country across the wall of stones. He said they would not come back. He said Lord Sparrowhawk had told him to come back to us, to life, to bear that word. So we grieved for our lord. rushed in. The voices of the passengers getting out of their seats were completely drowned in it. I. "What is it - what is it like - on Roke?" there. Now come with me," he said to Irian. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/D...20%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (9 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:30 AM]. "How long ago, did you say? A hundred and twenty years?" Nobody fools with me. We make a pretty good living. Winters, I go stay with Mother and help her. clerks; maybe these were offices for currency exchange, or a post office. I walked on. I was now. "But surely you can't tell?" Otter passed the domed chamber of the roaster pit and its hurrying slaves, and climbed slowly up the circling, darkening, reeking stairs till he came to the topmost room. At last she moved, and kissed his cheek, and whispered, "I missed you, I missed you, I missed you.

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