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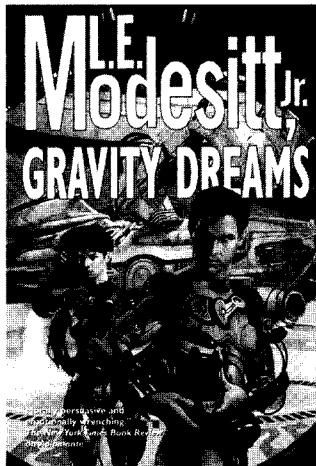
L.E. Modesitt, Jr.

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One of the bestselling SF/Fantasy writers of our decade has written another gem of a story. The new book is not another installment to his fabulous series (Recluse and Spellsong) but is in fact a new stand-alone novel. The world is set in the distant future, where Eric K. Drexler's nanotechnology has gone awry. Technology is the basis which separates the two distinct societies, the Mites and the Demons. The Mites are the descendants of the old Earth culture that had destroyed themselves with nanotechnology. Mite technology is crude in comparison to the nano-based technology the Demons use. The Mites are just a bit more advanced than our current tech base. What Drexler proposes from his groundbreaking book, *Engines of Creation*, is the basis for the Demon's high-technology.

Our story begins with Tyndel, a Dzin Master in training from the Dorcha. Dzin is a religious philosophy proposing enlightenment through rational awareness. A Rykasha Demon would rather describe Dzin as a masterful indoctrination method to keep a society static and unchanging. Fear of nano-based technology from the ancient Legends keeps them so. Tyndel is a scholar candidate, he has just graduated to Junior Master of Dzin. He is assigned to a small village called Hybra that borders the Demon lands, near Henvor.



As a school teacher, Tyndel finds that a student in his class is ignorant and insolent to the teachings of Dzin. He seeks the source—his parents. After a confrontation with the father, he is bound and contaminated with an old Demon nano-virus. Tyndel, a Dzin Junior Master, is now a Demon that he has been taught to hate. He can either die the Demon's death (like in Henvor) or seek the border to the Demon lands and exile himself forever. His choice is not made for him; his wife Foerga gives her life to save his and he cannot waste what was given for him, so he flees.

As he reaches the threshold of the Demon lands, he will undergo changes, both inside and out. As a Demon, Dzin mastery has its advantages; former Dzin masters were able to become space pilots. Space pilots are rare amongst the Demons, they are the highest paid and most respected among Rykashan society.

But beware, there is a powerful being in Overspace, some think it's God. Space pilots have been reported lost, all with crew and cargo. Will Tyndel survive? What will he find in Overspace? Will he have gravity dreams? Or nightmares beyond imagination?

Gravity Dreams is another fantastic L.E. Modesitt, Jr. book. I seriously could not put this down until I had read the whole thing. If you are a Modesitt fan, this novel is a must read. If you've never read L.E. Modesitt, Jr. before, this is a great place to start. And if you like this, you have to read *Of Tangible Ghosts*, *The Ghost of the Revelator*, and most definitely his Recluse series and his Spellsong Cycle, both listed below. —Jason C.

These L.E. Modesitt, Jr. titles are also available:

The Saga of Recluse

The Magic of Recluse

The Towers of the Sunset

The Magic Engineer

The Order War

The Death of Chaos

Fall of Angels

The Chaos Balance

The White Order

The Spellsong Cycle

The Soprano Sorceress

The Spellsong War

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