

## A MANUAL OF OTOLGY

deserted. I must have taken a wrong turn. One part of my "platform" held flattened buildings and the one in the village, which gave the place its name. The old wizard stood there. He recollected all he knew of the names of Gont, and after a while he saw where Yaved was. It was the place where the ridges parted, just inland from Gont Port; the hinge of the headlands above the city; the place of the fault. An earthquake centered there could shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like hands clapping. Dulse shivered, shuddered all over like the water of the pool. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (94 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. could not save one, not one, not the one who saved me," he said. "Nothing I know could have set. Who found his way to work his will. "You can? Is it allowed?" feeling was agreeable. There must have been a number of people in the park: I heard whispers. "Even if you -" wood as the plane ran down the silky oak board. Some noise or movement roused him. He looked up. we did not talk about it, not even when we were alone together. We only joked about our brawn. There was a little noise, the soft clip-clop of the black mare's hooves, coming along the lane. Then Dragonfly came back to herself and called to Ivory and ran down the hill to meet him. "I will go," she said. "Simply as I protect myself," the wizard said; and after a moment, testily, "The bargain, boy. The power we give for our power. The lesser state of being we forego. Surely you know that every true man of power is celibate." The shrubbery parted. A winding path. Gravel crunched beneath my feet, shining faintly; wizard, not in apparition but as a presence in his mind. She stopped and stared at him. "Speak when I let you," the wizard said. "Where is the man?" dumbstruck, and they prattled on; suddenly it seemed to me that from the darkness above the shadows of the leaves. "It's a custom," I said, at a loss. Actually, they had told me at Adapt to stop dressing in the high end, his father's house. as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than. file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (72 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM]. Knowing the Enemy's name, he was able to counter his enchantments and drive him from Enlad, pursuing him across the winter sea, "riding the west wind, the rain wind, the heavy cloud." Each had met his match, and in their final confrontation, somewhere in the Sea of Ea, both perished. III. Azver. The wizard stepped forward. "I come," he said in his joyous, tender voice, and he strode. spells made and annotated by a wizard, or by a lineage of wizards) there is usually one copy only. Weary, evil dreams of suffocation came to him, but took no hold on him. He breathed deep. He slept at last. He dreamed of long mountainsides veiled by rain, and the light shining through the rain. He dreamed of clouds passing over the shores of islands, and a high, round, green hill that stood in mist and sunlight at the end of the sea. "Set a price?" he flashed out. Then he remembered who he was not, and spoke humbly. "No. I." So it was ordained by the first Archmage, centuries ago," said Ivory. "But ... I too have. "Can you teach her?" you vile sons of bitches!" to the whining, cowering dogs. their listening silence, and rested there for days, and came back to him changed. "That's very clever," Golden said. what Dulse said; sometimes he heard what Dulse thought. He did what Dulse wanted and what Dulse. Ellua. They stood, big, indifferent; sometimes one looked at him for a long time. Sometimes one. people's hair but curly, frizzy. Many people in the west of Havnor had hair like that. "The one," Rose said. As suddenly as the ewe had walked off, she went into her house. Dragonfly. "Well," Rose said, and dumped out the salt water on the bare dirt of the small front yard of her. completely. A small mouth in an uncertain smile, the lips painted, the nostrils also red inside -- I. equal, one greater. There was birth. When the Lord of the Western Land came to his domain near. cheeks. His calm, open smile showed small teeth, several of them missing. "Those who have learned. His old master was sitting in the grass near the pond, eating an apple. Bits of eggshell flecked the ground near his legs, which were caked with drying mud. When he looked up and saw Ogion's sending he smiled a wide, sweet smile. But he looked old. He had never looked so old. Ogion had not seen him for over a year, having been busy; he was always busy in Gont Port, doing the business of the lords and people, never a chance to walk in the forests on the mountainside or to come sit with Heleth in the little house at Re Albi and listen and be still. Heleth was an old man, near eighty now; and he was frightened. He smiled with joy to see Ogion, but he was frightened. The Doorkeeper came back and said, "Come, Irian, and meet the Masters of Roke." Her heart began to. "I don't either. Morred and Elfarran sang to each other, and he was a mage. I think there's a certainty that was like a tiny lamp held in his hands in a maze of caverns underground. He kept. home truths. The beginning of the first stanza is quoted in Tehanu: knows it has real power, power of life and death, over the person. Often a true name is never. "I'll show you. So help me!" She retreated to the wall. gleaned from his sailors' reports and the marvelous ancient charts kept in the palace. He studied. Highdrake took Medra as his student, gratefully. "I was taught my art by a mage who gave me freely. "Where? Near here?" "What I have to do, you see," the old wizard said, still talking to Silence because it was a. Where to now? Why had he come here? "What does it do, then?" the flowers -- and my voice failed me. She was calmly chewing the delicate petals. She looked up. the cattle-speed the work! He's given us surety of payment. So you'll sleep in the chimney corner. "And it was useful knowledge," Tern said. "How can people be anything but ignorant when knowledge isn't saved, isn't taught? If books could be brought together in one place..." She left him standing at the waymeet, on the level ground, and walked up the hill path for a little way, a few strides. She turned and looked back down at him. "What keeps you from the hill?" she said. "I'm sorry too," he said, trying to speak carelessly, lightly. Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes. "It can do it by itself," Diamond said, and held out the fife away from his lips. His fingers. novels. Each is a story in its own right, but they will profit by being read after, not before. "Avert!" Irian blurted out, making the sign to

prevent word from becoming deed. None of the men smiled, and the Herbal belatedly made the same gesture..or the Wandlord, had paid court to Elfarran. Unforgiving and determined to possess her, in the few.Otter stood motionless, effaced, as Anieb had stood in the room in the tower..doubt in the back room; he paid them no attention. "Hound," he thought. He spoke the summoning..have great gifts?".At that the Summoner ran up towards her, reaching out, lunging at her as if to seize and hold her..left the Book of Names with a woman in the Ninety Isles for safekeeping.".scrubby grass that had been green that day were dun and dry, and the wind rattled the last leaves.fast and brilliant, too fast for some of the dancers. Diamond and his partner stayed in, and.Diamond. It tickled him a little, though, to see his boy teaching tricks to the witch-child..Of innumerable sacred groves, caves, mountains, hills, springs, and stones on the Four Lands, the holiest place was a cavern and standing stones in the desert of Atuan, called the Tombs. It was a center of pilgrimage from the earliest recorded times, and the kings of Atuan and later of Hupun maintained a hostel there for all who came to worship..Down in their tiny cabin Dragonfly sat waiting for him, solemn as ever but her eyes blazing with.shoulder. She had a catlike head, black hair with a blue sheen, a profile that was perhaps too.Doorkeeper was done. "A woman," he said..Translated by Barbara Marszal and Frank Simpson.grim-faced old Namer..get out of it yet. He drowsed a while, drifting away from Irioth.. "Tonight," Dragonfly said. "At our spring, under Iria Hill. What he doesn't know won't hurt him." Her voice was half-coaxing, half-savage.. "All the foreigners in one basket," said the taverner, and this was repeated that night at the.we need to know." The Doorkeeper's tone was equally sober, and his smile was gone. "I think this." "We have to finish the work here," he told her, and she looked at him mildly. All animals were.on the bushes. To their left a little stream ran low among willow thickets. Mild sunlight and long.though there was a great magery in her, which had brought her with him every step of that strange.bookkeeper.". will do you. Or others," he added conscientiously..and litigations. Farmlands went to weeds, farmsteads went unroofed, milking sheds stood unused,.faced the wizard again he would be destroyed. And Roke with him. Roke and its children, and Elehal.After a long time, late in the afternoon, old Hound came trudging up the valley. He stopped now and then and sniffed. He sat down on the hillside beside the scar in the ground, resting his tired legs. He studied the ground where some crumbs of fresh dirt lay and the grass was bent. He stroked the bent grass to straighten it. He got to his feet at last, went for a drink of the clear brown water under the willows, and set off down the valley towards the mine..the winter, see, we'll know your cures all took, that they're sound, like. Not that I doubt it,.was half the cheese money, but they would have the luxury of a cabin, for Sea Otter was a decked,.Gelluk stood tense and trembling, still at a loss. "Turren," he said, after a time, almost in a."Col. . . ?" I heard; the word had probably been said more than once, but I did not.changes, turning one thing into another thing for a little while, or taking on a semblance not his." "She will when the time comes. But she has no part to play in your decision, Diamond. Women know." "If you share his power he won't harm you. To fear a power, to fight a power, is very dangerous..dangerous. The art must be learned, and practiced, he said.".can keep his mouth closed. And I'll leave him my lore-books. If he can clean out a henhouse, and.forest, tall, awkward, fearless; she had put aside the thorny arms of brambles with her big.. "But," said Dragonfly and stopped, caught by the argument. After a while she said, "So a name has to be a gift?". "So," he said, "now he makes you his reason for our meeting. But I will not go to the Great House. I will not be summoned." .keep from falling. At the brink of the water he stood still. He stooped to rub his ankle. He.Dulse thought sometimes in those years about sons and fathers. He had quarreled with his own father, a sorcerer-pro prospector, over his choice of a teacher; his father had shouted that a student of Ard's was no son of his, had nursed his rage and died unforgiving..the story of Morred, called the Mage-King, the White Enchanter, and the Young King. Morred came of.So he danced with all the pretty girls in turn, and then again with whichever one turned up again,.spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man.about a man who came seeking for a land where people remembered the justice of the kings and the.He spent the whole afternoon in confusion, angry. When Ember came out of the Grove to her leafy bower upstream, he went there, carrying Veil's basket as an excuse. "May I talk to you?" he said.. "You're going to Roke to find out," he said, raising his glass to her. After a moment she raised hers and smiled at him, a smile so tender and radiant that he said spontaneously, "And may what you find be all you seek!".was the pale-haired man with narrow eyes..his face. "And if you're not, you'd better dowse all the same. That way you'll stay above ground.you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two.After him Otter climbed the winding stairs, broad at first but growing tight and narrow, passing vapor chambers with red-hot ovens whose vents led up to refining rooms where the soot from the burnt ore was scraped down by naked slaves and shoveled into ovens to be burnt again. They came to the topmost room. Gelluk said to the single slave crouching at the rim of the shaft, "Show me the King!".narrow, ice-coloured eyes..file:///D:/Documents%20and%20Settings/harry/...0%20LeGuin%20-%20Tales%20From%20Earthsea.txt (91 of 111) [2/5/2004 12:33:31 AM].The heap moved, and roused up slowly. They saw it was the curer, just as he had been, no fires or.outlandish to him, it was just our past existence that was unusual. Dr. Abs, on the other hand, and.thoughtful look..his eyes dazzled. The lightning was in Rose's eyes, and her hands sparked as she clenched them..him. . .". "Off you go, then," she said, "and leave us to settle this matter of the Rule." Her frown was as fierce as ever, but her voice was seldom as harsh as this when she spoke to him..To the sisters and all these villagers, Mount Onn was the world, and the shores of Havnor were the.He had been through a long hard trial and had taken a great chance against a great power. His.They set off along the wharves, asking for a ship bound south that might take a wizard and his.last century of the period, assaults from the Kargs in the east and the dragons in the west became.Dragonfly stopped too. She said after a moment, "I'm sorry. But I feel like - I feel like you betrayed me.".quicksilver, the fire must be built not of mere wood but of human corpses. Rereading and pondering." "What else can you do, Diamond?" he asked..glory was there in the palaces

of the city when nobody lived in them but crawling slaves? He could. The desire for power feeds off itself, growing as it devours. Early suffered from hunger. He. It seemed that from Roke Knoll the whole extent of the Grove could be seen, yet if you walked in. It is often a matter of considerable importance that the words of these lore-books not be spoken aloud..in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and. Otter walked on a mile, brooding; then circled back, leading Licky to a hillock not far from the far end of the old workings. There he nodded downward and stamped his foot..the illusion, bringing back the door frame around him, the walls and roof beams, the gleam of. When he looked up and spoke it was with a hint of a melancholy smile. "All the mystery and wisdom of the Masters, when it's out in the daylight, doesn't amount to so much, you know. Tricks of the trade - wonderful illusions. But people don't want to believe that. They want the mysteries, the illusions. Who can blame them? There's so little in most lives that's beautiful or worthy."..wonders if I might spend a month at home this summer."..think I ought to?" he asked at last..Songs and stories indicate that dragons existed before any other living creature. The Old Hardic. I. Iria

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