

# THE IANDA TIMES

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Any news, articles, poems, gossip, schedules, paintings, jokes you have, please send them to the editor. You are looking for a free companion, a slave, an assassin? Advertisements are very welcome.

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## EDITORIAL

"There is a crowd ahead," I said, "at the public boards."

"They seem angry," he said.

(Magicians of Gor)

A killer has entered Landa. As is the case with most Black Caste, nothing is known of him. He wears the mark and is on the hunt.

The city is required to allow the killer access to the city but we do not have to stand by and do nothing, if a citizen is attacked. Stay alert, Landa Scarlets are on alert to do their job.

Do not let this man scare you from your daily duties. As always Landa will fight for its own.

Soon the killer will no longer be in Landa.

Sherman Easterwood

Praetor of Landa

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## CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- LANDA SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

Red Caste training in the Arena (03/14/2012, 2 pm SLT)

FRIDAY

(03/16/2012)

OPEN HOUSE AND GATES IN LANDA (no raids between 10 am and 5 pm SLT)

Visitors are very welcome!

Meeting HoY slaves only, HoY Kennel (03/16/2012, 12 pm SLT)

Topic: Gorean medicines and slave wine

Red caste: warrior code and aphorisms class part 2 (2 pm SL time), teaching room of the slaverhouse (upstairs)

Quiz: Gorean Knowledge

WARRIORS ONLY

SATURDAY

Mock raid (03/18/2012, 3 pm SLT)

- NEWS

- A MARKED KILLER IN LANDA

Tal Brothers,

when we came back from our journey to Atria...we faced an assassin at the gates..the mark of the hunt on his forehead.

dues to the laws i had to give him entry..he stays at the Inn...please find the conversation attached.

Honor and Steel

Targa

## BEHAVIOUR OF LANDA CITIZENS TOWARDS ASSASSINES

5.1 Warriors may not interfere with a black wearing the mark but this does not mean they have to stand back and do nothing while you kill someone in front of them.

5.2 Warriors ARE permitted to protect the mark and defend against the assassin at any point after weapons are drawn. Warriors are also permitted to follow assassins, track their

movements, or to form defensive rings around their commanders.

BE ON ALERT!

- NEW WARRIOR

It is with sincere pleasure that I would like to welcome Sir Daffid Etzel . Sir Daffid will be a member of the scarlet caste.. Please make him feel at home.

~Lady Dez

- ALLIANCE WITH ATRIA

The High Council of Landa took up regular business this week. An alliance with Atria was approved. However, an alliance with Callera was rejected. Landa will continue to be friendly to all those who do not threaten her but as always reserves the right to defend herself against all enemies.

- ADMIN RECIEVED A LETTER

Yuroki

seems three of your slaves were wandering about here in atria so i have detained them and will hold the beasts until you can come and reetrive then

Slaver of Atria

Arris Vesuvino

FOR SLAVE OWNERS

Please keep in mind that your slave is your property and if the slave is not registered and you don't have slave papers, anyone can come and might take that slave away from you.

Please have acquisition papers, or check at least if there has been a previous owner and your slave has been let go, then take your girl/boy to get a physical, that is important. The phys. needs to place a seal on the report. Come to the head scribe and get the slave papers made for your Property.

Thank you.

Lady Dez

Head Scribe of Landa

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## THE LANDA SOCIAL SCENE

### - BLACK GIANI INN MENUS - EXAMPLES

Lady Talora proudly announces today's Special:

Landa Caviar, Red Beans  
chunks of spicy bosk meat smothering

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fried sa-tarna chips covered with melted cheese and  
and roasted tomatoes and onions.

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Apple Cobbler  
whipped thick and sweetened cream

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your choice of Beverage.

~ Salad with verr Cheese Dressing~

~For the Entree, Thassa Wing fish with Sul Chips and dipping sauces~

~Desert will be Cherry Pie covered with heavy cream and served with your choice of beverage ~

### - LADY DEZ MEAL DELIVERY

climbs up the stairs after entering the library presuming that is where the Head Scribe's desk would be. Eyes scanning the length of the hallway catching a glimpse of a desk at the far end, moving slowly carrying the heavy tray with the meal the Lady ordered. Reaching her desk places it to the side, a cover over it to trap in the heat to keep warm the Fried cosian wingfish filets, resting next to them sul chips with little bowls of tarter sauce and spicy ketchup to accompanied the flavor; thinks about the bowl of salad dressed with a creamy verr dressing and to top it off a big slice of cherry pie, with a golden brown lattice top. Sees a scrap of an empty scroll on the desk, her fingers picking up the quill and leaves a note for the Lady "I hope this meal will be delicious and filling and bring you warmth when you get back"

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## CASTE REPORTS LANDA

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### WHITE CASTE

Brief report today as I am in tranist.

The Great Sardar Temple dispatched Adilokos to investigate a report of something crahshed in the city of Ar. So far we have discovered nothing unusual, and Adilokos will be

returning to the Sardars shortly.

I, Khered will be continuing my education, in Gorean History and Law with an eye toward acquiring a degree in both fields.

The course syllabus for the Scholarum is completed, and the classes are now being organized. Dates will be announced following the Waiting Hand and the New Year celebrations. The main classroom is completed and ready for use. There will be TWO class sessions for each segment, per week, giving those in European time zones an equal chance to participate. Each class will be taught twice, and notecards of the classes will be prepared so that the classes can be given again, or kept as a set in reference libraries. I will offer a full set of classes when they are completed, to any library wishing a set.

The Great Sardar Temple wishes to thank Joshao Rogerian for service above and beyond the call of duty, even though he will deny it ever happened.

Also, Temple Librarian Adilokos is being elevated to the rank of Preceptor. he has a spiffy new robe and has 3 times the workload. Congratulations, Adi. We know you can do it.

Due to scheduling, there will not be an article in the Landa Times from me today

I remain

Khered

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Landa High Initiate

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## BLUE CASTE

The Blue Caste is available to the citizens of Landa, to help them in many ways.

We have already produced employment contracts and are working with the High Physician to ensure that all slave papers are in order. A Blue is serving as the Magistrate/Praetor, he is available to help you address any legal problems that may arise. We produce FC Contracts and you can have your FC Ceremony performed by either of us.

Lady JJ is progressing well with her training. We expect her to be a full Scribe very soon.

As Head Scribe, I am available to help all citizens with matters relating to the Blue Caste.

Prices for our services are negotiable.

((Remember to protect your property, get your slave papers here, ask me for a discount))

~Lady Dez

Head Scribe for the City of Landa

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## RED CASTE

## - ABOUT THE KILLER

Tal Brothers,

it is now the 3rd day, since the assassin entered our walls with his mark on his forehead. It becomes more and more clear, that he might seek for our Commander, so stand on his feet..when our Commander is around...eye him closely...and if it comes to a fight....((the black one must do the first move)) and he wins...one of us gives him the rest...i count on you..be there. My Brothers Dade Blecher and Torlok, will be around and help as well. Just that you know.

Ehre und Stahl

Targa

## - APPOINTMENT

Tal Brothers,

on behalf of our Commander Rarius Yuroki, i am honoured to announce the appointment of Sir Daffid Etzel to Lieutenant of Landa. Please welcome him in his duties. Congrats Brother!

Honour and Steel

Targa

Captain of Landa

## - PYRO LEFT LANDA BECAUSE OF AN UNKNOWN REASON

[17:18] Post-It Note: I have gone on a personal matter, much love to all of Landa but i feel like ive done as much as i can for Landa.....Love you all.....Pyro

He did not even talk to me, sorry, but that is cowardly, I do not even know why he left.

The grumpy Admin

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## REGIONAL NEWS

### - MUDSLIDE THAT DESTROYED ALL OF BESNIT

the rains are heavy .... seems it has been raining for days on end..... she sits in the city watching then she hears the cracking in distance ..... startled by the noise she runs to the wall to see what is going on ..... she notices the mud..... OMG she screamed ..... RUN!!!!!!!! SHE SCREAMED RUN!!!!!! she just barely was able to ring the bell through out the city..... she jumped from the wall and ran as fast as she can ..... worn out she made it to safety she turns to see OMG she cries looking back towards what was once the City of Besnit just to see a handful of people and nothing but the mud and debris of what use to Besnit ..... OMG she falls to her knees ..... the city she cries ..... the city it is gone ..... dropping her head to her hands ..... it gone ..... everything .... everyone .....

gone .... gone as she cries and falls to the ground into the mud passing out ..... when she awakes she finds herself in the arms of her friend Lady Callie and her girl nadira..... OMG she ask what happened ..... what will we do ..... Where would we go ? She picks herself up drenched in mud and rain and she leads the few survivors to Turia where they will find refuge.

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- OOC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE ADMIN

TAGS OF THE SCARLET CASTE

- Warriors who are here too seldom will get the tag "Landa City Guard" from now, not "warrior".

You have to earn the title "warrior" now - joining the weekly training and raids (if you are not here almost daily we cannot count on you if we would plan a raid or if Landa is in danger).

- If i am not here, Targa is in charge.

The grumpy Admin

TOURIST OFFICE OF LANDA STILL CLOSED

Goreans are suspicious of strangers. People looking for a new home should have an reasonable storyline and roleplay in the city first or walk around as an OOC observer.

"Pikes on the walls of Gorean cities are often surmounted with the remains of unwelcome guests. The Gorean is suspicious of the stranger, particularly in the vicinity of his native walls. Indeed, in Gorean the same word is used for both stranger and enemy."  
(Outlaw of Gor)

"Wanderers" and "travelers" of Gor are outlaws. Merchants wear a white and golden tunic in Gor.

GATE POLICY OF LANDA 10.0

- Slaves cannot open the outer gate alone (only OOC)

- Warriors, when they are in the city, must be alert and open the gates even if their pants are down. No ifs butts or maybe's about it.. If they don't want to be bothered with protecting the city, they need to go to Landa II. The reason for this is very important. FW and slaves can not be attacked with out Warriors around. but furring Warriors or Warriors who are busy in IMs are the same as no warriors around. It is dangerous to have a Warrior in the city who is not present.

- Free women are allowed to open the gate, when no Warriors are here. A free woman is safe from attack with out Warriors around,
- Do not open the gate for strangers without asking for name and home stone and caste (keep the log that you will be able to tell the story in case of trouble)
- You may open the gate for people who want to look around, perhaps if they are considering to settle here, but goreans do not like strangers, you can give them a tour OOC too
- People without an Home Stone and without a caste are outlaws and not allowed to enter (except people who want to settle here, but make that clear OOC):  
5.1 Any free found to have no caste shall be declared an outlaw. The law applies equally to men and women. Those unable to show evidence of their caste shall be arrested by Guardsmen and held subject to verification. Men found to be outlaws shall be executed. Women shall be enslaved and sold from the public block. Those calling themselves Pirates shall be considered no different than Outlaws. They shall be subject to the same penalties. (Caste Laws and public laws of Landa, chapter 4)
- Merchants are allowed to enter (caste colors: White and Gold)
- Rules of Landa:
  - Raiders or non-citizens of Landa can not attack a slave if there are no Warriors present, unless the slave attacks them, is threatening or disrespectful to them.
  - Raiders or non-citizens of Landa can not attack a free woman if there are no Warriors present, unless the free woman physically attacks them.
- Strangers are not allowed to carry bows and crossbows inside the city walls
- Never mention the secret tunnels and entrances

#### GROUPS IN LANDA

Isle of Landa Land Group (to rezz, to set home, to open the gates, to pass phantom doors)  
 Isle of Landa Slave House (slave gossip OOC, for example to get a tag of the privately owned slaver houses)  
 Landa Blue Caste  
 Landa Green Caste  
 Landa Council  
 Landa Merchant Caste  
 Landa Moderators  
 Landa Scarlet Caste  
 Landa's Free Women Society (ask lady Dadiyah)  
 Landa Pending Citizen  
 Order of the Great Landa Temple

#### HEADS OF CASTES IN LANDA

White caste: Brother Dorian (Trevellion)  
 Blue caste: Dezire Sciarri, Head scribe  
 Red caste: Rarius Yuroki  
 Green caste: Judy (Judygirl Beck)

Black caste: Saurion of Lydius (Khampoh Resident), Master Assassin  
Merchant caste: Ribbon (LaceyRibbon String)

Sherman Easterwood, Praetor

Moderators:

Yuroki Uriza (administrator)

Saurion of Lydius (Khampoh Resident), Master Assassin

Micka Toros, peasant

## LANDA COLLAR LAW

Slaves - Collars

Female adult slaves must wear locked slave collars at all times in public. Removal of the collar by one other than the slave's owner or without the order of a Magistrate is a crime punishable by fines and imprisonment.

Sherman Easterwood

Praetor of Landa

## HOUSES FOR RENT IN LANDA II (combat sim)

- It is important to understand that Landa II is meant for occasional enjoyment. It is not meant as an alternative for role playing in the City of Landa. We will be forced to take the house back if most of your time is spent in Landa II instead of in the city.

- No one should move into any house without first contacting Lady Dezire Sciarri. Should she not be online, you can reach her by e-mail at [deziresciarri@live.com](mailto:deziresciarri@live.com) or send just send her an IM.

-Currently there are 4 houses left, for rent, in Landa II. The largest is reserved for a large family or for multiple families to share.

- Houses in the Landa II residential area are for rent. Interested people should be Landa Citizens for at least 2 weeks and should have a history of avid RP within the City. After renting the house they should continue to actively contribute to life in Landa..

- The houses rent for \$300 L per week. We are low on prims, please make an effort to keep it at 100 prims or lower.

## GM WARE

If you need GM ware goods ask me, we have our own server in Landa. You can transport items between your Server and your meter HUD Note though that the Meter HUD can only carry 10 items at once.

Version 4.2 changes what items can be manufactured, so that now only Raw materials can be manufactured.

This is to prepare for the upcoming GM crafting which is one of the biggest project GM team has taken on.

With crafting then you will be able to craft other things from the raw materials, depending on avatar skill. (Yes for example blacksmith starts with little skill but can over time learn

more skill and make more advanced things). This is a big project with hundreds of items, levels and skills. We felt it was important to get out new RP server in advance so that users can start manufacturing level 1 raw materials which will be useful as soon as GM Crafting hits the street.

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## ADVERTISEMENTS AND JOB OFFERS

### HOUSE OF YUROKI (HoY) GOREAN SLAVERHOUSE

The House of Yuroki is a privately owned and run Slaver House. The owner is Rarius Yuroki (Yuroki Uriza). That means that it functions separately from any city council and administration. However, our purpose overall is to provide slaves to the cities for use in whatever means are necessary, and to eventually sell those slaves to citizens or if a long period of time goes by without interest and the slave is underused, to the highest gorean bidder at an invitational auction open to goreans from across Gor.

"Whereas members of the caste of slavers are slavers, not all slavers are members of the caste of slavers."

(Magicians of Gor pg 315)

#### - HOY BANK OF LANDA

- We need merchants who would be able to establish trading connections with cities which use similar coin systems. Two copper coins paid monthly. To make your own coins and income would be possible.

#### HOY BANK OF LANDA

Most cities have a Street of Coins, an area where banking is done. "Sometimes, of course, certain areas specialize in, or are known for, given types of services or products. Each city usually has, for example, its "Street of Coins." On such a street, or in such an area, its banking will largely be done. Similarly most cities will have their "Street of Brands," on which street, or in which area, one would expect to find the houses of its slavers. (Fighting Slave of Gor)

Landa has its own bank and coins. The bank is privately owned, but the company got a banking license from the city of Landa, the mint too.

#### - CITY OF LANDA

Landa (2 BTB sims) is recruiting

- a slaver
- a tavern keeper
- warriors
- coin mechants
- blacksmith / metal worker to run the mine

Proper caste colors required

Ask Rarius Yuroki (Yuroki Uriza) for details

We are also looking for:

Fishermen

Goat Keepers

Drovers

Perfumers

Artisans (sub castes: Painter, Pot Makers, Saddle Makers, Metal Workers, Blacksmiths, Leather Makers, Poets)

Cloth workers (sub castes: Rug Makers, Weavers, Carders, Dryers)

Woodsmen (sub castes: Wood Carriers, Charcoal Makers, Carvers)

Entertainers (sub castes: Singers, Musicians)

Cryptographers

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## OOO ROLEPLAY

### - PILGRIMAGE

The pilgrimage is a thrilling idea for role playing in Second Life Gor, it is the role play background itself and is a way for pilgrims to explore the amazing and wild world of Gor more or less in safety.

Pilgrims to the Sardar mountains have to endure endless journeys, have to travel through dangerous regions and visit a lot of cities, villages and camps.

The pilgrimage is not only an idea for the pilgrims, it also enriches the entire world of SL Gor.

Go !!! join the adventure, contact: Luqara Darkwatch

<http://www.ta-sardar-gor.net/index.php/en/>

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## KNOWLEDGE

### - THE CASTE SYSTEM ON GOR

Gorean society has a firmly established Caste System and almost all Free Persons belong to a Caste. The Caste system is a vital component of civilized Gorean society. In its most basic form, a Caste is your profession though there is much more involved than that. Your Caste defines your codes of conduct, generally limits those you interact with, sets your place within the Gorean hierarchy, and so much more. Your Caste defines much of who you are on Gor, far more than any job on Earth ever would.

There are three basic categories outside of the caste system: Priest-Kings, outlaws and slaves. Priest-Kings are the "gods" of Gor and live hidden away in the Sardar Mountains. A man who refuses to practice his livelihood or strives to alter status without consent of the Council of High Castes is by definition an outlaw. Outlaws belong to no city and usually live hidden in the forests, mountains or other isolated areas. Outlaws do not have identifying devices on their garb. Most cities will impale outlaws if they try to access the

city gates. There are few outlaws on Gor as being cut off from Gorean society so to such a degree is a great onus. Slaves are considered property and have no status in the caste system. Any Caste they once had is stripped from them when they are enslaved.

There are also some peoples who do not fall into these three primary exceptions but are still outside the caste system. There are some people who have lost caste or been deprived of caste for various reasons. Some are born outside of the caste system. A few occupations are not traditionally associated with a caste, like gardening, domestic service and herding. There are also cultures and peoples on Gor without any caste system. But these peoples are traditionally considered barbarians and not a part of civilized Gor. These include such cultures as the Wagon Peoples, Torvaldslanders, Red Savages and the Tribesmen of the Tahari. All of these people are not considered outlaws though and are able to enter cities relatively freely.

Caste is primarily governed by birth. Children take on the caste of their father. If the mother does not share the caste of the father, there might be a problem if their Free Companionship ended. In this case, it makes sense that the children would remain with the father as the children belong to his caste. Caste is far too important a matter to let the children go off with someone not of their caste. If mother and father shared caste, then the children could go with either parent. The books though do not make clear what happens to children when a Free Companionship ends.

The Caste system has little upward mobility though the opportunity does exist. Changing your Caste is generally not an easy task. Free Companionship is one method for free women to change their caste. Normally, relationships remain within the same caste. But, if of mixed caste, the woman can keep her own caste or take her partner's caste. This can serve to raise her caste. Generally, a woman would not change her Caste to a lower one. Though her Caste changed, the woman could not fully practice her new Caste until she had been properly trained and met all other prerequisites. Another way for man or woman to change is their caste is through a showing or lack of ability. This can serve to either raise or lower your caste. To lower your Caste through a lack of ability, the High Council of the Caste would have to make that decision. To raise your caste or willingly change caste, the High Council of the city must approve the change, based on your qualifications for the new Caste and the willingness of the new Caste to accept you. Women are promoted and demoted by the same criteria as men though it varies from city to city.

To most Goreans though, it is unthinkable to alter their caste. Most Goreans are proud of their caste, even peasants and labourers. It is recognized that all, or at least most, castes perform necessary, useful or commendable tasks. Their skills are appreciated by others and not generally looked down on. Each caste views itself as special in some way. Each Caste has its place and worth in Gorean society. Metal Workers state: "Where would the dwellers of cities be without us?" (Dancer of Gor, p.293) This is a way of saying that their skills are essential for civilization. Even the lowest Caste, the Peasants, consider themselves the "Ox on which the Home Stone Rests." They are the ones that provide the food for all other Castes.

Despite this respect for the place of each Caste within Gorean society, Caste discrimination is very common. "Language and city, and caste, however, are matters of great moment to them, and provide sufficient basis for the discriminations in which human beings take such great delight." (Beasts of Gor, p.156) Entertainment and Free Companionships generally follow Caste lines. There are paga taverns that cater to the

different Castes and a Peasant would not dare enter a High Caste tavern. Many Castes will not use the Long Bow because it is seen as a Peasant weapon and beneath higher castes. The Double Knowledge is a method of discrimination meant to keep the Lower Castes in their place. The Low Castes are generally not permitted to vote or be on the High Councils. The Castes are ranked from Highest to Lowest which alone signifies that some are better than others.

Castes are divided into High Castes and Low Castes. There are only five High Castes and include Initiates, Scribes, Builders, Physicians and Warriors. Each has its own color, respectively white, blue, yellow, green, red, which is also their ranking of order of importance. The High Castes elect the Administrator and Council of a city for stated terms. There are sub-castes of some of these castes. For example, cartographers and lawyers belong to the Caste of Scribes. The Lower Castes includes all the other established castes. These includes such castes as assassins, bakers, bleachers, carriers of wood (woodsmen), charcoal makers, cloth worker, cosmeticians, dyers, goat-keepers, growers of rence, leather workers, metal workers, musicians, peasants, potters, saddle makers, singers (poets), smiths, tarn keepers, vintners, and weavers. There are many more castes and some sub-castes. These castes are also ranked in order of their importance with peasants at the bottom of the ranking order.

Each caste has its own Caste Code to govern the conduct of its members. "The ethical teachings of Gor, ?, amount to little more than the Caste Codes---collections of sayings whose origins are lost in antiquity." (Tarnsman of Gor, p.40-41) Unfortunately the books provide little details on the Caste Codes for each different Caste. Only the Warrior Caste receives any significant details on its Caste Codes. These Codes are vitally important to the Caste members and are generally followed by all. "It is the codes which separate men from sleen and larls," (Slave Girl of Gor p.227) Failing to follow the Codes could lead to sanctions from your Caste.

Belonging to a Caste also gives you certain privileges. Charity is administered through the caste structure. Goreans do not favor begging and some even view it as an insult. When charity is in order, the caste or clan comes to the rescue. Caste Sanctuary, the protection of caste members in times of need, is another privilege. A Caste protects its own members and they form a cohesive unity. Caste rights are a matter of birth and you are entitled to them automatically, even if you never practice your caste work.

One commonly cannot practice a craft in a Caste until an apprenticeship is done though you might be able to do some subsidiary work in that craft without such practice. A Metalworker, who has not completed his apprenticeship, might be able to paint iron or transport it though he could not work the iron. An apprenticeship helps to guarantee the quality of the Caste's products and services. Thus a Caste will consist of full working members of the Caste, members in training, and non-practicing members. Women of a caste often do not engage in caste work. Women generally do not work in Castes where physical strength is required. For example, women of the Metal Workers do not commonly work at a forge and women of the Builder's do not supervise the construction of fortifications.

But, women do commonly work as Scribes and Merchants. There are even female slavers. Another notable exception is that of the Physician's Caste. The Physician's Caste though does restrict women in one way. The Caste will not permit a woman to practice medicine until she has first born two children. In many cities, at age fifteen, a woman of the Physician's Caste dons two bracelets. One is removed for each child born, and when

both are removed, she is allowed to practice medicine. The reason behind this is that it is understood that professional women tend not to reproduce themselves. This would serve over time to diminish the quality of the caste. Thus, the rule helps to preserve the future of the caste.

The future of the caste is vitally important to Goreans. The welfare of the caste takes priority over the ambitions of specific individuals. The welfare of a larger number of individuals is more important than the welfare of a smaller number of individuals. Caste is crucially important to Goreans in ways that those of Earth cannot easily comprehend. The importance of the caste to Goreans cannot be underestimated. Thus, the logic behind this restriction on women in the Physician's Caste should apply as well to the Warrior Caste.

Why would the Warrior Caste allow women to risk their lives in combat? There would be more women dying in combat which would lead to fewer births. In addition, dead women could not raise their existing children. Goreans would not want their children to grow up with mothers. This would all diminish the quality of the caste over time. With the welfare of the caste at stake, Warriors would not permit women to engage in combat. In addition, women would not want to endanger the welfare of the caste so they would accept their role in the Caste. This may be one of the strongest single arguments against female warriors.

There are a number of key differences between the High and Low Castes. First, each learns a different type of knowledge concerning their world. The Low Castes learn the First Knowledge that is a simpler knowledge with a number of falsehoods and half-truths. They learn that the world is flat and are not taught of the existence of Earth. The High Castes have the Second Knowledge. They know about Earth and most of the true information about Gor though they know little of the true nature of the Priest-Kings. Most of them would have uncovered these truths on their own anyway. There is a Third Knowledge belonging to the Priest Kings, a knowledge of the many secrets of Gor.

The Low Castes are also very superstitious normally. They are reluctant to reveal their true names. They thus have both a use name and a real name. Often only close relatives know their real name. High Castes usually use their names freely though the Lowers believe they have use names. Knowing a real name supposedly gives one power, a capacity to use the name in spells and insidious magical practices. Many of the Low Castes believe in magic and that some people can read thoughts. They believe the stories of the wizards and monsters of Anango.

There is an accent that differentiates the High and Low Castes, though some of the higher artisan castes speak almost like the High Caste. Illiteracy is common on Gor and is not taken as a mark of stupidity. Literacy usually follows by caste lines and many Goreans of the Low Castes cannot read. Even some of the High Castes, primarily warriors, may be illiterate. Some warriors feel that they should not be literate so they hide the fact that they can read.

The caste system is vital to the proper functioning of Gorean society. The caste system contributes considerably to the stability of society. It reduces competitive chaos, social and economic, and prevents the draining of intelligence and ambition into a small number of envied, prestigious occupations. By making each Caste important and instilling an attitude that the good of the Caste outweighs individual ambitions, people tend to remain in their Caste. Gorean society is not a battle over climbing a social ladder.

In your role-play, you should be proud of your caste and participate in Caste matters such as Caste leader elections. Goreans care about the future of their Castes. They place their personal desires below the welfare of their caste. If you are a Low Caste, remember the differences from the High Castes. Remember that you only have the First Knowledge and are likely illiterate. Respect those of Higher Caste than you. Follow your Caste codes.

#### - STATE SLAVES ON GOR

State girl: a state owned girl may have various duties, ranging from general cleaning to carrying messages. State tunics and collars are uniform, sleeveless and plain. Considered by most states an unenviable slavery.

"Magicians of Gor" p 340-341 and 376

"The female state slave of Ar wears a brief, gray slave livery, with matching gray collar. Save for the color it is identical with most common slave livery. About her left ankle is normally locked a gray steel band, to which five simple bells of gray metal are attached. Many years ago, in Ar and Ko-ro-ba, and several of the other northern cities, the common slave livery had been white but diagonally striped, in one color or another; gradually over the years this style had changed; the standard livery was also, now, commonly, slashed to the waist; as before, it remained sleeveless; these matters, as generally in the cut of robes and style of tunics, undergo the transitions of fashion. I smiled. One of the decrees of Marlenus, uttered at his victory feast, yesterday evening, to rounds of drunken cheers and applause, had been to decree a two-hort, approximately two and one-half inch, heightening of the hemline in the already rather briefly skirted livery of female state slaves; this morning I supposed this decree would be adopted by the private slave owners of Ar as well; indeed, I noted that already the effects of the decree were evident in the livery of the girls I passed in the halls. The hair of the female state slave of Ar, incidentally, is normally cut rather short and brushed back around the head; the common slave girl, on the other hand, normally has rather long hair, which is unbound." (Assassin of Gor, page 368)

"There are paga slaves," I said, "who must please their master's customers in his tavern. There are the girls who staff the public kitchens and laundries. There are rent slaves, who may be rented to anyone for any purpose, short of their injury or mutilation, unless compensation be rendered to the master. There are state slaves who maintain public compartments, and work in offices and warehouses. There are girls in peasant villages, and girls on great farms, who cook and carry water to the slave gangs. There are beauties who are purchased for a man's pleasure gardens. There are other girls who work in the mills, chained to their looms." --Beasts of Gor, pages 283-284

"I looked down at the street. It seemed dirty. This was not usual for Ar. Usually, once a week, the streets are swept and washed down. This is usually the responsibility of those whose buildings face the street, the larger avenues, squares and plazas, and such, being cleaned by state slaves." (Kajira of Gor, page 351)

"It could perhaps be mentioned that such work, cooking, cleaning and laundering, and such, is commonly regarded as being beneath even free women, particularly those of high caste. In the high cylinders, in Gorean cities, there are often public slaves who tend the central kitchens in cylinders, care for the children, but may not instruct them, and, for a tiny fee to the city, clean compartments and do laundering. Thus even families who cannot

afford to own and feed a slave often have the use of several such unfortunate girls, commonly captured from hostile cities. Free women often treat such girls with great cruelty, and the mere word of a free woman, that she is displeased with the girl's work, is enough to have the girl beaten. The girls strive zealously in their work to please the free women. Such girls, also, have a low use-rent, payable to the city, should young males wish to partake of their pleasures. Here again, the mere word of the free person, that he is not completely pleased, is enough to earn the miserable girl a severe beating. Accordingly, she struggles to please him with all her might. It is not pleasant, I fear, to be a public slave." (Captive of Gor, page 334)

City slave or Tower Slave: slave girl in any city, her duties in the apartment cylinders are largely domestic. (Book 3: Priest Kings of Gor, page 45)

- TRIVIA

Which caste certifies men to authenticate gold?

"In authenticated gold, naturally,' added Chino.

'Authenticated gold?' asked Petrucchio.

'Of course,' said Chino. 'If you have not had the coins authenticated, my friend, Lecchio, here, is certified by the caste of Builders to perform the relevant tests.'" --Players of Gor, page 343

True or false: When a slave is allowed to sit on a log, a rock or a shelf, they commonly sit with their legs turned to one side and thighs closely together.

"Her ankles could be seen, above her slippered feet, as the robes were lifted a bit, seemingly having been inadvertently disarranged as she sat. Her legs were turned to one side, and placed side by side, apparently demurely closed beneath her robes. Slave girls, when permitted tunics and permitted to sit, as on a log, a rock, a shelf, commonly sit thusly. This is not only congenial to a certain modesty, but men find it provocative." --Prize of Gor, page 392

(Taken from Sari's Daily "Quote from the Books" Trivia March 2012)

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ONLINISM OF THE WEEK

- TAL

Tal is used in the books by Free and slaves

"Tal,' I said, lifting my right arm, palm inward, in a common Gorean greeting."

"Outlaw of Gor" page 28

"Yet I had little doubt that the strong, large-handed men of Laura, sturdy in their work tunics, who stopped to regard us, would not appreciate the body of a slave girl, provided she is vital, and loves, and leaps helplessly to their touch.

"Tal, Kajirae!" cried one of the men, waving. Ute pressed against the bars, waving back at

him. The men cheered."

"Captive of Gor" page 87

"The girls stood straight, proud under the gaze of a warrior. 'Tal, Master,' said many of them, as I rode slowly by."

"Tribesmen of Gor" page 344

"I am Radish,' said Radish. 'I am Turnip,' said Turnip. 'I am Verr Tail,' said Verr Tail. Sandal Thong looked at me. 'I am Sandal Thong,' she said. 'Tal,' I said to them. 'Tal,' they said to me."

"Slave Girl of Gor" page 199

"He grinned a Tuchuck grin. 'How are the Bosk?' He asked. 'As well as may be expected,' said Kamchak. 'Are the Quivas sharp?' 'One tries to keep them so,' said Kamchak. 'It is important to keep the axles of the wagons greased,' observed Kutaituchik. 'Yes,' said Kamchak, 'I believe so.' Kutaituchik suddenly reached out and he and Kamchak, laughing, clasped hands."

"Nomads of Gor" page 44

## - SILKS AND COLOURS

Slaves wore any coloured silks at the will of their Masters and silk colours were not in any way connected with phases of training.

"The expression "red silk," in Gorean, tends to be used as a category in slaving, and also, outside the slaving context, as an expression in vulgar discourse, indicating that the woman is no longer a virgin, or, as the Goreans say, at least vulgarly of slaves, that her body has been opened by men. Its contrasting term is "white silk," usually used of slaves who are still virgins, or, equivalently, slaves whose bodies have not yet been opened by men."

"Blood Brothers of Gor" page 472

"Are you white silk?" I asked. "I am a virgin," she said. "Then you are white silk," I said."

"Explorers of Gor" Page 172

"Tela, when captured," he said, indicating a blonde, "begged to be permitted to be kept in white silk." He laughed. "After throwing her to a crew, for their pleasure, we put her, as she had asked, in white silk." "Amusing," I said. "She now often begs for red silk," he said.

"Perhaps we will one day permit it to her."

"Rogue of Gor" Page 197

"Among slaves, not free women, these things are sometimes spoken of along the lines as to whether or not a girl has been "opened" for the uses of men. Other common terms, used generally of slaves, are 'white silk' and 'red silk', for girls who have not yet been opened, or have been opened, for the uses of men, respectively."

"Dancer of Gor" Page 128

"To be sure, of course, the color of the garment, on Gor, would not be likely to be white, but, commonly, red or yellow. White, on Gor, is a color commonly associated with virginity. It is, accordingly, worn by few slaves."

"Guardman of Gor" Page 251

## - TO TASTE

No tasting for safety was ever required in the books, on the contrary, a slave could not drink from the Master's vessel. Two bowls were ordered for a taste, the only one that appears in the books, and it was no taste for safety, Tarl was just wondering if the smell was that of the coffee.

"Bring two bowls. I said.

Two? asked the girl.

The slave, I said, indicating Elizabeth, will taste it first.

Of course, Master, said the girl. (...)

"I had heard of black wine, but had never had any. It is drunk in Thentis, but I had never heard of it being much drunk in other Gorean cities. (...) Then I picked up one of the thick, heavy clay bowls. It was extremely strong, and bitter, but it was hot, and, unmistakably, it was coffee."

"Assassin of Gor" Page 106

"He extended his goblet to me. "Drink," he said, offering me the cup. I looked at the rim of the cup. I shook with terror. "A slave girl dares not touch with her lips the rim of that cup which has been touched with the lips of her master," I whispered."

"Captive of Gor" page 302

"When I had served him wine he gave me, too, to drink of the cup. This was, in its way, a great honor, and a token of his recognition as to how I stood to him. I still, of course, did not dare to drink from the same edge of the cup as he, the master."

"Slave Girl of Gor" page 442

"Why do you not drink? I asked her. 'A girl does not drink before her master,' she said. 'I see that you are not totally stupid,' I said. 'Thank you, Master,' she said."

"Guardsmen of Gor" page 296

## THIRD PERSON SPEECH

Yes slaves were required to use the third person, on several occasions, to teach them their place as slaves.

"Does Phyllis remember the lash?" asked Flaminius.

The girl's eyes widened with fear. "Yes," she said.

"Then say so," said Flaminius. I whispered in to Ho-Tu, as though I could not understand what was transpiring.

"What is he doing with them?" Ho-Tu shrugged.

"He is teaching them they are slaves," he said.

"I remember the lash," said Phyllis.

"Phyllis remembers the lash," corrected Flaminius.

"I am not a child!" she cried.

"You are a slave," said Flaminius.

"No," she said. "No!"

"I see," said Flaminius, sadly, "it will be necessary to beat you."

"Phyllis remembers the lash," said the girl numbly."

"Assassin of Gor" Page 131

"Master," she whispered.

"Yes?" I said.

"May I be taught to dance?" she asked.

"Who is 'I'?" I questioned.

"Alyena, your slave girl, Master," she whispered, "begs to be taught to dance."

"Perhaps she will be taught," I said.

"She is grateful," said the girl.

"Tribesmen of Gor" Page 91

"Do you want Darlene branded?" she asked.

"No," I said, "of course not!" I was surprised that she had spoken of herself as she did, using her name. This is not uncommon, of course, among female slaves."

"Fighting Slave of Gor" Page 147

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