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EDITORIAL

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

"They seem angry," he said.

(Magicians of Gor)

The City of Landa continues to try and find a suitable end to the war that rages between it and some member cities of the STA.

The Ubar of Landa has offered several proposals to cities to end the conflict, all have been rejected by our enemies. Landa continues to try and be honorable and reasonable, even though others make it difficult.

Landa will not compromise its values and honor, in search of peace. All cities should negotiate in good faith, just as Landa has. So far all of Landa's proposals have been turned down but not a single city has made its own reasonable proposal for peace.

Once again, Landa stands as the only city involved in the conflict trying to peacefully bring the conflict to an end.

Sherman Easterwood
Praetor of Landa

CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- LANDA SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

Red Caste meeting (06/06/2012, 2.30 pm SLT)
Hall of the warrior's building

Red Caste training in the Arena

FRIDAY

(06/08/2012)

Meeting HoY slaves only, HoY Kennel (06/08/2012, 1 pm SLT)

Free training in the Arena (3.00 pm SLT)
Visitors are very welcome!

- NEWS

LANDA TALKS WITH THENTIS

Even after Thentis attacked Landa, the Ubar of Landa sent his Ambassador to request a meeting with the Ambassador of Thentis. Thentis accepted the invitation and sent two envoys to Landa. The Times has obtained an excerpt of the conversation between the Ubar of Landa and Thentis representatives.

Some Quotes / Extract:

[13:47] Coley Bladewood Moore (coley.cortes) chuckled at his comment, "the alliances are of who is aligned within. Every city in that alliance is there for one another because they make that decision Sir. And a joke? If I were you Sir, I would chose your words properly. I don't think any of this is a joke. I take this very seriously and so should you."

[13:50] Rarius Yuroki (yuroki.uriza): well..i will tell you something about jokes....Meqara was allie of Landa and they broke that alliance and attacked me inside my own city without annoucement. Then:: Fina and Meqara voted us out of the STA because we won the war against Turia who declared war against Landa without a reason. Third: Meqara shot our Ambassador Nicco i had send to Port Meqara. S who is the joke?

[13:51] Rarius Yuroki (yuroki.uriza): is that an acceptable behaviour for members of the

red caste? they did not follow the codes and they are sleens for me if you are talking about Meqara. What is invisible yet more beautiful than diamonds? that is the codes...and meqara broke them all

[13:54] Xavior Gandt looks to the man sitting across from him and speaks evenly to him, "Sir i do not doubt that you have valid reasons why you are at war with cities inside the STA, However Sir the fact remains that we are Aligned with cities in that alliance in a military maner. Lady Coley i sugest we deliver the Ubars message." at that he falls silent once more

[14:04] Rarius Yuroki (yuroki.uriza): if Thentis will sign an alliance with Meqara,,well: that would mean Thentis backs to shoot ambassadors and to break alliances without a reason and that would mean too that Thentis would be in war with landa automatically...i wanted to talk to you to avoid that, so do you have any proposals?

[14:05] Rarius Yuroki (yuroki.uriza): and then we can talk about Fina, that is different because they fought with honor.

(...)

[14:08] Xavior Gandt nods as he looks to the man, "I understand your point sir, but in truth we where to deliver a message to you from our UBar we speak as you see calmly in hopes that somthing may come of this. That message sir is that he would like to meet with you in Thentis and he Garantees your safety."

[14:11] Rarius Yuroki (yuroki.uriza): i will not go to Thentis as long i dont know if they follow the codes there, i am a suspicious man who survived a lot of assaults because of that, nothing personal,,but have no objections to meet him elsewhere, a place which is neutral....and to make it clear: it was Fina which started hostile actions against Landa:: the declaration of war was only a logical consequence as Fina declined all our proposals,,if they would leave the STA Landa will stop the war immediately.

14:12] Rarius Yuroki (yuroki.uriza): landa was member of the STa and they voted us out because we won the war against turia

[14:12] Rarius Yuroki (yuroki.uriza): but turia declared war against landa, they were conceited and expected to win but that was an epic fail

(...)

[14:14] Rarius Yuroki (yuroki.uriza): you were honest and have spoken frankly..Thentis is allie of Fina , i was considering a proposal if thentis could stay neutral somehow because we do not want to destroy fina and enslave theis citizens or kill them, our aim is that they leave the STA only..i am talking about fina only

[14:15] Xavior Gandt: well sir in that we have a problem.. the city of thentis is directly allied with full military provisions with Fina

(...)

[14:17] Rarius Yuroki (yuroki.uriza): if Thentis will back Meqara or do not have any proposal to stay neutral in this war, i dont know about i should talk with your Ubar....if you want to avoid a war you have to talk to Fina, they declined everything, so i dont know what to do...he shrugs and lifts his palms

(...)

[14:30] Xavior Gandt takes the papers and looks to yuroki as he stands and places them on the table in front of him away from the fire, "Sir i can not take these or even look at them i am not permitted by my Ubar and therefore i would dishonor myself if i did so. as i said you can bring them up to him in the city of thetis under his full protection. now if that is not your wish i believe these talks are concluded.

"[14:30] Rarius Yuroki (yuroki.uriza): nods, i will lead you to the gates then

BREAKING NEWS: THE FARMER OF LANDA AND HIS FAMILY ARE MISSING

The farmer of Landa, Mick, and his slaves and his nieces Amelia and Ribbon are missing!

[02:15] Post-It Note: Note 3 from Yuroki Uriza

[02:15] Post-It Note: the peasant Mick and his nieces are missing, I will pay 20 copper for any useful information where they are

[02:09] Targa (targa.runner): i see a note on the board that yuroki is asking for information

[02:09] Targa (targa.runner): that seems strange

[02:10] Targa (targa.runner): because my brother mick would say a word if he has left

[02:10] Targa (targa.runner): that puzzles me

[02:11] Targa (targa.runner): i heard rumors that someone has put out a black hand contract on mick

[02:11] mahasin (marlena.follet): ohh really? turns pale

[02:11] Targa (targa.runner): tell your master from me the following

[02:16] Targa (targa.runner): "he can be sure of my sword, if someone wants to harm mick and/or his family..i will hunt the responsible people down...i still circle the land on my tarn...so he can be sure on that...and if i get killed myself on that quest..i do not care...because my spirit will haunt the people until they beg to get their throats cut themselves...if anything happens to my Brother Mick or his family...i will not rest until honour is done....independant if Mick is here at Landa or elsewhere..he was and is a very honourable man...we fought together and my sword will protect him and his family...so the ubar can count on me...that i protect our people..even if he is not at landa anymore"

ARCADIA

by Tar, Head Merchant of Landa

The usual source of paga for Tar the Head Merchant of Landa has recently dried up. Tar had been seeking high and low for a new one to fill his dwindling supply he so desperately needs for the greater success of his growing and thriving business throughout the cities and ports of Gor.

Traveling to many ports and making multiple inquiries through his sources he finally heard that Sir Nephtides jarl in Arcadia had a large supply of various kinds of paga. Tar was seen leaving the Port of Landa with lilith, the first girl of the Ubar of Landa. The Landa Times

has learned that Tar was headed for the Port of Arcadia. Notices on the board confirmed this to be true and now we can report what took place in this important trade with one of Landa's staunchest allies.

Tar and lilith arrived at the docks of Arcadia hearing the sounds of a mighty and fearless jarl singing something about drinking Turian wine and enjoying the life of being a smuggler. Tar looked down at lilith and grinned as he heard these happy excited words from his old friend who has built a successful and lucrative business unrivaled anywhere in Gor. Tar was greeted and welcomed by the jarl Nephtides by a nickname that Tar is becoming famous for throughout Gor, the Copper Polisher. The Copper Polisher and Nephtides grasped hands and renewed the friendship that began many months ago when a trade and currency exchange agreement was set up between their two cities. It was reported that the jarl had his eye on the slave lilith that accompanied Tar more than it was on the business at hand!

The jarl of Arcadia whistled his smugglers tune with gusto as he turned toward the edge of the docks and the tune from his lips soon changed to a sharp sound. Soon after the change of the sound of the jarl's whistle the Merchant of Landa and lilith looked up as they heard the roaring sound of beating wings. Nephtides jumped aboard his giant War-Tarn and yelled loudly to watch what his newly acquired bird could do. The jarl, then began circling around the docks and accurately aimed rocks began falling from the sky hitting the ground in a tight circle around the Copper Polisher and the slut of Landa. It was reported that lilith was hugging Tar's thighs tightly as her slave body shook with a startled fright. As the rocks fell from the sky the jarl yelled out loudly above the sound of the War-Tarns beating wings and falling rocks, "Tar! This is a raider welcome maneuver! Welcome to Arcadia!"

To say the least the Head Merchant of Landa and kajira were amused and greatly impressed.

Soon after the "raider welcome maneuver" the War-Tarn slipped from view for a few moments and came back with graceful speed and a basket attached beneath its belly. Tar and the slut soon were flying over the north coast of Arcadia across the jarl's beautiful isle with its spectacular views. It was noticed that there was much evidence that Arcadia's beekeeping and vineyards had grown considerably. Tar noticed a new building he had not seen before wondering to himself what this could be used for. It was later learned this building could have something to do with the currency production of Arcadia.

The newly acquired tarn of Arcadia is a crossbred with the heaviest War-Tarn and the largest seaborne tarn that Arcadia could find. It is very poor at aerial maneuvers, because of its size but is perfect for the "raiders welcome maneuver" and for transporting heavy loads so often needed by Arcadia in its transport of the many and varied products produced and used in trade and sale.

Tar and the lilith were soon back on the ground and it was noticed that lilith was rubbing her buttocks, evidently her landing from the tipped basket was not as soft as was the merchants.

Tar took sample tastes generously offered by Nephtides and decided on the purchase of the brown paga, well-known for its potency and satisfaction when served by a well-trained kajira in the taverns. A source told the Landa Times that the merchant was dipping his fingers into the cups of paga he had been sampling and secretly reaching behind him

and a certain kajira in a discreet manner was licking his fingers.

Tar and Nephtides bickered and bargained for quite sometime and finally the words of Nephtides was heard, "So I say, that deal is made Sir," and both men were reported to be smiling thinking each had bested the other. Brown paga in exchange for a load or two of dried fruits and a number of trees from Landa. The detail of the agreements were unobtainable by this reporter. Tar always keeps his deals and agreements to himself never sharing their details. This is why the reputation of Tar is one that is reputedly astute and the reason why he is usually always welcomed to Ports and cities throughout Gor. His discretion makes this merchant's business a successful and lucrative one.

There has been talk that Arcadia has a mint and that the jarl of Arcadia has some secret he wants to share with the Initiate of Landa. This reporter will delve into these rumors and report what he has learned in a later article.

Needless to say, the Head Merchant of Landa and the Ubar of Landa's girl made it back safely and profitably to Landa's docks. The jarl of Arcadia will personally deliver the paga to Landa's docks upon his great War-Tarn. Tar has announced, "There will be celebrating and many girls in the Tavern of Landa upon the arrival of Nephtides in a few days with my barrels of paga."

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

THE LANDA SOCIAL SCENE

MERCHANTS OF GOR TOURNAMENT IN LANDA

Lilith, slave and First Girl of House of Yuroki, brought honor to the Ubar of Landa and won the Merchants of Gor tournament. Lady Elpi (elpida Nikolaidis), House of Hydraconis, won the second prize, Zygon Vollmar the third.

CASTE REPORTS LANDA

WHITE CASTE

Building and renovations continue at the Sardar Complex.

The Great Library has been completed and has been given a generous donation of a stunning statue of an Initiate, carrying the Caste staff surmounted by a golden ring. The 10 meter tall statue is carrying a stack of books in his other hand. All in all the effect is quite impressive..

The Library stands near the Great Temple Archives, a gigantic pyramidal structure holding artifacts from the ruined Ur-Temple which was found during excavations near the Iarl caves. The archive also holds many of the Orders oldest treasures: scrolls from the First Ones. Also in the Archives, one may find the very oldest indications of contact with and worship of the Priest Kings, actually predating our Order. These neolithic altars, artifacts and the gateway to a temple far older even than the Ur, are housed within.

Also housed in the Pyramid now are the Temple Treasury (Moved from its former underground redoubt) and research areas.

The Crystal Classroom has been demolished as classes will all now be held within the Great Library in a far more comfortable place.

We now have need of an Initiate to act as temple Treasurer. We are hoping to place the Great Sardar Temple on the Landa Currency System and positions in the Great Temple will become actual paying employment.

All interested are encouraged to contact either An'Trev Olathe (Dorian Trevellion) High Initiate of Landa, or Adilokos, Preceptor of the Great Temple (Ugurusu Resident).

As time goes forward, we will be solidifying the hierarchy and structure of the White Caste of the Great Sardar Mission, and will be seeking to incorporate outlying Temples for a more cohesive RP.

May the Priest Kings bless your days.

I sign myself

An'Trev Olathe

~O~

High Initiate of Landa

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, 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.

These are just a few services available from the Blue Caste. 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

GREEN CASTE

Landa needs active physicians!

MERCHANT CASTE

- APPOINTMENT

The merchant Tar (Tarrie Chiuuh), Officer and Agent of Hoy Bank of Landa, has been appointed Head Merchant of Landa.

Rarius Yuroki
Ubar of landa

- OOC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE 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 "travellers" of Gor are outlaws. Merchants wear a white and golden tunic in Gor.

GATE POLICY OF LANDA 11.0

- Slaves cannot open the outer main gate alone (only OOC) but they can get in and out through the small door if they have ICly chores to do at the docks.
- Slaves are not allowed to linger outside or on the docks, especially if strangers are there. Unless their owners had allowed it. However, should you get captured while lingering outside, the owner will be help responsible.
- 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 FW 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 if they show their 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 Dez)
Landa Pending Citizen
Order of the Great Landa Temple

HEADS OF CASTES IN LANDA

White caste: An'Trev of the House of Olathe (Dorian Trevellion)
Blue caste: Dezire Sciarri, Head scribe
Red caste: Rarius Yuroki (Yuroki Uriza), Ubar
Green caste: Judy(girl Beck)
Black caste: Saurion of Lydius (Khampoh Resident), Master Assassin
Merchant caste: Tar (Tarrie Chiuh)

Praetor: Sherman Easterwood

Moderators:

Yuroki Uriza (Ubar)
Saurion of Lydius (Khampoh Resident), Master Assassin

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 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.

ADVERTISEMENTS AND JOB OFFERS

LADY JJ'S ART GALLERY IN LANDA

Welcome to my Art gallery. I have many sketches on view of people who you may recognise so please feel free to drop in any time you wish to look round. I am adding new ones all the time so keep visiting. For Landa residents I charge just ten coppers for a sketch of a single person. so why not have one done of yourself, your loved one or your slave. Or even all three as they make wonderful gifts. My gallery is in the main square in Land so please come along.

"Art in a Gorean city is taken seriously; it is regarded as an enhancement of the civic life. It is not regarded as the prerogative of an elite, nor is its fate left exclusively to the mercies of private patrons." (Kajira of Gor, page 106)

Lady JJ

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

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.

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.

- CITY OF LANDA

The city of Landa is recruiting all castes. Lower castes are welcome too!

We are looking for:

[high castes] Physicians, ambassadors, scribes (cryprographers), warriors,
[low castes] Animal handlers, Artisans, bakers, bargemen, bleachers, butchers, entertainers, charcoal ,akers, carvers, fishermen, goat keepers, harnessers, leather workers, merchants, mind healers, money lender, lighters, musicians, players, rencers, rug makers, sailors, tarn keepers, tavern owner, Tharlarion keepers, urt hunters,

We are not looking for:

[high castes] admins, Ubars, Initiates
[low castes] artists, bankers, cloth workers, metalworkers, perfumers, peasants, potmakers, weavers, slavers, woodsmen

- THE IANDA TIMES

The landa times is looking for correspondents all over Gor.

ROLEPLAY

- CLEANING AND FEEDING ANIMALS

by Waya Babii, slave of Cyric

/me smiles and humms a tune as she enters the animals pen, she gently pets the baby bosk standing at the gate as then she walks over to the other animals and checks them for their healthy .. "you all look great" she says as then she kneels down at the vulo's pen to see if there are any eggs she can gather, she sees about seven and then walks into the barn to get the cleaning tools, she takes the shovel and a big bucket where she can gather the poop in and smiles thinking of her time in the north when they made roof covers from the poop for the winter starts.

/me walks back out and starts to move the bull bosk over to clean the poop under him... she laughs hearing the bull complain when she pushed him aside. she then gathers the rest of the poop from the grass and fills the bucket with it, looking around to see if there is nothing left she walks back into the barn and sets the bucket next to the wall. Then she walks up on the barn attic and throws down a bale of hay to feed the bosks and goat... climbs down the stairs and brings the hay bale outside and spreads it over the grass in front of the animals which immediatly starts to eat from it.

/me turns back into the barn and grabs a clean bucket and walks over to the river to fill it with water for the animals to drink.

/me takes the milk bucket and walks over to momma bosk, i pet her and whispers to her.. are you ready to fill this bucket with milk as she sits down on the small stool and takes the tits in between both hands and gently starts to pull them one by one, knowing the bosk will stand still cause she is busy eating, pulling the titts in constant ritme till they give milk and again i hum a tune while her head rests against the bosk body as she fills the bucket with warm fresh milk. when the bucket is full she stands up from the stool and takes the bucket inside the barn and gets ready to gather the vulo eggs.

/me takes the small basket from inside and gets back out to the Vulo cage, opens it and gathers the seven eggs and gently lays them into the basket, "the free will welcome your fresh eggs ladies" she says as she sets the basket on top of the cage and takes the food and drinking bowl from inside the cage, cleans it inside the barn and fills both of them with fresh water and grain and places them back into the cage.

/me double checks every animal and then takes the basket with eggs inside the barn to pick up the bucket with milk to bring it into the city.

- PET PEEVES

1. People in RP sims that don't RP.
2. Whiners.
3. Cheaters.
4. Abbreviations. Spell the whole word, you'll appear less stupid.
5. This kind of falls into the abbreviation category, but usage of lol, brb, np, btw, and things like that in an RP setting really drives me nuts.
6. Gestures. They have ABSOLUTELY no place in an RP sim. I don't care how "cute" you think it is.
7. Mini-map whores. I try my best to refrain from using it period, but every now and then it's nice to know where I am in the world. However, people who use it to locate folks just irks me.

(taken from the profile of Samara Fehr)

KNOWLEDGE

The following article is not my work. It is a notecard that has been circulating around Gor for some time and I think it bears reading - or REreading for those who have already seen it.

An'Trev Olathe (Dorian Trevellion)

The Problem with SL Gor

Celadori Sakai and Quinn Zanzibar

The problem with SL Gor is that it assumes and translates the books to be static, without realising that Gor only works in dynamic space! It is often forgotten that even by strict storyline in most of the Gor books, Tarl Cabot (the Gorean archetype – or the representation of everything that is Gor) is beckoned to Gor, and he returns (seemingly once every 1000 Gorean years) for one reason alone – TO CREATE A REVOLUTION!

That is; nearly each story in the book is about how Gor had become stagnant and is forgetting the meaning of what it is to be Gorean when Tarl Cabot returns revitalise them, revolutionise them, and get them to remember their honor. Each story was about returning the HONOR to Gor.

People who roleplay Gor forget this. They forget the dynamic nature of it – they take every rule spoken by a Gorean in the book to be an unwavering code. Firstly, that is a fallacy. There are several rules within Gor that Tarl fights against because he feels it is against everything that is Gor! A little insight is required if one is to take the essence of Gor and apply it into their own lives. One needs to understand the nature of Tarl Cabot.

Tarl Cabot even questioned the Priest Kings, the prolific “Gods” that oversaw the land – the very beings that were thought to bring him in to Gor, his adherence to honor was so very intact that even when a Priest King stepped out of line, Tarl fought for what is right – creating an entire transformation. Tarl Cabot’s Gor was never about the rules! In applying these Gorean situations to roleplay, one must understand that honor is paramount. One must be illuminating in transforming Gor into RP.

But humans for the most part, and in general, don’t like to do that – they would rather be literal, unthinking, and create a mass of bricks and walls to represent what Gor is to them. It becomes more about the look of it, the sake of appearances, rather than the HEART of it. The heart gets lipservice, nothing more.

And that, is why SL Gor does not work for most folks. Oh, they may insist that it does, but I have seen its functionality, studied the history of it for several years – when they insist that it does work, it is merely a lie they tell themselves.

You may say that most cities in SL Gor are disney (they do not stick to the books). I have

seen the birth of so many SL Gor cities, as well as their imminent demise. And each time a city was born, its creators swore that this would be the first City true to Gor. And each time, unflinchingly, they would make the same mistakes as their predecessors. It becomes obvious after repeated error that sticking to the surface of a book is not the solution. As a result, the creators of the city start to bend their own rules, only to be accused of being Disney. The problem is, rules should not have been the core of their philosophy to begin with.

Only a few Masters did I meet who knew the truth of what I speak – and they were able to make Gor a fulfilling experience, and are perhaps evolving still today, taking the essence of Gor to new heights – understanding fully that the book is a stepping stone – an insight into the state of mind. It is not a book of laws – it is a book of revolutions.

Make no mistake, nowhere here do I mention that one should make things up, that one should fabricate according to their every whim an idea of Gor that has nothing to do with Gor itself! I am saying – REMEMBER THE ESSENCE! Apply it! Do not make it a bunch of laws! It will not work. Because it will not be adaptive to every situation – it will be stagnant, unyielding, and ultimately, unenlightening.

Yes, there are laws, but they are secondary. First, there is honor! And honor cannot be a law! There must be honor among men of steel, and honor within the heart of the kajira. This sort of honor is kindled. You can't write a law that all men should be honorable and expect to validate it! That's why SL Gor does not work. Steps must be taken to create an environment that encourages and enthuses honor among the society. Then, it is Gorean. Otherwise, it is a piece of dung not worthy of even being called Disney.

People are too concerned with appearances – on how things are named and called, when it is actually meaningless to one's transformative experience of Gor. It is foolishness. Gor evolves! One must understand this. The books clearly reveal it! You need to be aware that in applying Gor to a lifestyle (something John Norman clearly never intended), a few questions need to be asked about functionality. It is the obvious and rational step to take.

But questions of functionality are not being asked! Rulers or creators of a City are not discussing and pondering from their past mistakes exactly which part of John Norman's Gor can be translated into a lifestyle, and exactly which part needs some holes filled in, so that one can stay true to the essence of Gor. Instead we have slaves quoting books! Utterly ridiculous!

If we are to have rules, then first rule is that the slave who ventures to quote a book shall have her throat slit. For nothing is less Gorean! Goreans do not interest themselves in the thinking of slaves! And that is another reason why SL Gor does not work. A Gorean does not bargain with slaves – yet SL Gor is full of this bargaining, happening each and every second.

But mostly, SL Gor does not work because the slavegirl is a modern day human woman sitting behind the safety of a computer screen treating Gor as – fantasy roleplay. In most cases, this would be the accurate situation; The slavegirl actually does not fear the imminence of death that exists on Gor – it is just words on the screen!

AND FOR THIS REASON YOU CANNOT DIRECTLY TRANSLATE THE BOOKS!
Because you are dealing with humans roleplaying Goreans! Not Goreans being Goreans. So, you must adapt – to intergrate the one facet that wasn't in the books – a city full of

humans feigning Goreanism. For this reason, it becomes imperative to inspire honor in the roleplayers – to take them through scenarios, to reward it. Only in that way can we kindle human RPerS to get into the Gorean mind. This may be the only solution to making Gor work as a lifestyle or a roleplay.

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ONLINISM OF THE WEEK

AYE? WHAT IS THAT?

The word "Ai" appears in the books as an exclamation and not with the meaning of Yes.

"I think it will do you good to feel this," I said, shaking out the five, soft, broad blades. I then went behind her.

"Ai!" she cried, struck. "It hurts, so!" she wept, now, a moment later, beginning to feel the pain in it's fullness, now on her stomach, disbelief in her eyes."

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