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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.

EDITORIAL

"There is a crowd ahead," I said, "at the public boards."
"They seem angry," he said.
(Magicians of Gor)

The former administrator and ubar in times of war, sends kind regards and great thanks to all citizens who supported him during his long reign. However all good things come to an end and now he needs to concentrate on different things at the moment.

I want to say a big thank you to all the warriors who helped defeat the allied armies of our enemies during the times of war. Our caste achieved great things, although no one expected that. It is these deeds which bought honor to our homestone.

We have good people in town, and only a few things will change. I trust Sherman as new administrator fully, because he was administrator before I came to Landa (April 2001 barbarian calendar).

I know if we all get behind him he will lead us to a powerful Landa.

Rarius Yuroki,
Head builder and head of the yellow caste of Landa,
editor of the Landa Times,
former Admin and Ubar of Landa

CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- LANDA SCHEDULE

Friday 09/08/2012 2 pm SLT

Meeting of the HoY slaves, kennel

- NEWS

NEW ADMINISTRATION OF LANDA

As we announced already, Landa is going through some changes.

Yuroki has stepped down and is the Head Builder. Since he is a wonderful builder, we are pleased to have him in that role. He will also continue the Landa Times and the HoY bank.

Sherman has accepted his position as Admin once again and will be working hard to move Landa into a positive direction.

We will need your help as well. I hope our citizens who have not been here in quiet some time, may want to look in again.

Lady Dez

ELECTION OF THE ADMIN

The Honorable Admin of Landa, Sir Yuroki, has stepped down and wishes to work as Head Builder of Landa. I have once again taken on the position of Admin on a temporary basis, until Council chooses to vote it permanently.

Sherman Easterwood

THE DECISION

by Bee

After an earthquake below the mighty Thassa, a massive Tsunami rose up in the ocean as it came closer to Landa the sea retreated. Yuroki knew what was happening having seen one before he shouted his girls and they ran for the high ground the wave when it hit shook the island.

As the water drained back he was left with only two girls a third had perished ,swept into the boiling maelstrom left behind as the wave retreated.

A corner of landa was destroyed the buildings were washed away, some trees and the hills were all that remained of this once beautiful scenic corner.

Looking about himself he thought he had angered the priest kings in some way and he must make amends, if he was not to follow his beautiful slave to the cities of dust.

He went to the main city not one stone had been damaged the buildings were untouched. The crowd welcomed him fearing he had been drowned Pray to the priestkings citizens he commanded.

Yuroki then went immediately to the temple prayed to the priest kings. Feeling saddened by this tragedy. Firstly he prayed for forgiveness, then gave thanks for the saving of the great city. Slowly he then walked to where his slaves waited on the terrace sat down and began to ponder the future.

In the warm sunshine he dozed, as he slept he had a vision: the kajirae held his hands. "Master master" they called thinking their master was ill. Startled awake, it was then he made his decision He almost ran to his office to make his plans. Notes were sent to the ruling class he would relinquish the Administrator and all the other officers he held. He would go back to his first love the builders caste. There was a lot of rebuilding to do after the tsunami so with compasses, dividers and square he set to work on the plans. The vision he had been given by the priest king as he dozed on the terrace was to become a reality.

- THE LEGEND OF BLESSED KLEPIOS

by His Holiness Adilokos I , High Initiate of Landa

Since the Sardar Temple now resides in "his" valley, perhaps it is time to tell the story of Blessed Klepios, or as we know him Klepios of Blessed Memory.

Kleprios' origins are lost in antiquity. Some state he was from Earth, that legendary home of many. Some state he was Gorean by birth, but all agree that he lived, in that ancient time, with the Priest-Kings, along with the other founding members of the White Caste.

Kleprios was the first physician of the Initiates Caste, bringing with him, down the mountain, many cures and remedies taught him by the Priest-Kings.

It is known that Blessed Klepios was an irascible man, temperamental and even at times, violent. He was opinionated and headstrong and very probably a thorn in the side of his caste-brothers. On the positive side, he was a gifted healer and brilliant chemist.

When the question as to the placement of the very first Temple arose, the Ur-Valley on

the Eastern Sardar slopes, was chosen over Klepios' strident objections. His choice, a wide valley lower on the sides of the Sardars, was rejected because of its distance from the Priest-Kings' home. We now know that Blessed Klepios' choice was the correct one. It has taken thousands of years, but the Temple now stands atop the caverns Klepios had selected as the ideal place.

Not only was Klepios a gifted chemist, it is thought that it was he who had developed an early version of the Longevity Serum. Certainly it is known that he lived with the Initiates in the Ur valley for some 200 years before leaving to dwell in the valley of his choice, where, regular communications between himself and the Order persisted for some 300 years more.

In the 250th year of the Order, Klepios and the High Initiate quarreled over a theological question and the hot-tempered healer announced his decision to pursue the eremitical following of a "hermit Initiate", whereupon he left the Ur-Valley temple and moved to what is now known as Klepios Valley.

Amazingly enough, the hermit kept in regular contact with the Temple, even, to the surprise of all, sending large quantities of gold, coined, and stamped with the Kef letter, marking Klepios' mintage. When queried in a letter as to the origins of the gold, the answer was short and unadorned. "I make it. Ask again and it shall cease coming altogether. Curiosity ill becomes an Initiate!" To this day we do not know the origin of the precious metal.

Communications continued for 317 years. The final message was a three word note, reading only "Leave me alone!" All further messages from the Ur Temple were to no avail, they went unanswered and it is presumed that the hermit had fled or died.

Since moving to the Klepios Valley, the Initiates have been carefully exploring the caverns here. There is a chamber with three crystal stalactite-stalagmite columns along with a large wall-carving done in ancient cuneiform. There are inscriptions carved here and there around the caverns and a large sacred lake is in the main chamber. Bathing in this lake seems to have a very salutary effect upon the health of the bather.

No doubt Klepios, if he is at all aware, is gratified that, at long last, the Order has taken his advice. There are legends of hidden chambers in the caverns, and of a fantastic gold mine, but so far, none have been found.

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

[We got some new citizens, we will introduce them in the next issue of the Landa Times - too much work at the moment.]

CASTE REPORTS LANDA

WHITE CASTE

White Caste Report Sept 3rd 2012 (Barbarian Dating)

Change is in the air and many things are shifting.

Great Sardar Temple has been rebuilt in the Valley of Klepios, a larger, greener, lower valley in the Sardars. While the original Sardar Temple stood at the Palisade, it was in an isolated valley, nowhere near an entrance. The new Temple stands across from one of the Great Gates of the Sardars. High Initiate is to be Blessed Terek, who has ably filled that post before. He will also be handling affairs at the Temple of the Moons in Arcadia with which the Sardar Temple now has regular communications by a string of beacon fires and mirrors.

Arcadia Temple of the Moons. The new High Initiate will be Blessed Terek, until a replacement Initiate can be sent.

Landa Temple: A recent shake-up in administration has startled Landa residents, but the Temple remains steady. High Initiate is Adilokos, as before.

Monastery of Ukunga: We have heard little from the MOnastery. Further news will of course be welcomed.

Tabor Temple has returned to the capable hands of Blessed Tiberius Brouwer.

Following the deaths of so many postulants and novices in the Sardar Quake, several new Initiates have been graduated to the ranks.

Novice M'Thain is now Blessed M'Thain and assigned to the new Sardar Temple.

We welcome Facilitator Darius who joins his brother Facilitator Quintius.

Blessed Edred has moved from the Kassau region to the Sardar Temple, there to join Blessed Terek, Blessed Ubiquitous, and the temple staff.

The listing of Temples and Initiates will be updated soon to reflect these changes.

I remain, humbly in service to the Priest-Kings

His Holiness
Adilokos I
~(O)~
One Of Three
By Rank Among the White
High Initiate of Landa

YELLOW CASTE

[OOC] WHATEVER YOU WANT

Citizens of Landa,

As the builder of the city please ask me if you require anything making , Do you need to modify your shop: do you need furniture? Do not buy expensive things. I can make almost everything you may need (except sex beds and so on which need a lot of sophisticated scripts). I build things for FREE only for citizens of Landa.

We prefer low prim items in the city , so even the difference between one or two primms can count.

Landa is southern and tropical. please do not put northern things outside your private rooms, we try to keep the city as in character as you are.

Rarius Yuroki, Head Builder 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

MERCHANT CASTE

- HOY SLAVERHOUSE

The slave Mahasin (Marlena Follet) has been released. The slave Muhan drowned in the Thasse during the storm which had hit the shores of Landa. The slaver of House or Pardar is missing too, but his things are still there, so he did not leave Landa.

SOUTHERN TRADE ALLIANCE

News from the True Southern Trade Alliance of Gor

Citizens of the TRUE SOUTHERN TRADE ALLIANCE, joined together to form a Magna Carta:

We vow to promote justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for trade with safety of passage, promote the general well-being and secure the Blessings of the Priest Kings upon we the members.

This Alliance was forged out of necessity to work together. Build trade and to unify the south against invaders especially from the North and the Vosk region (as the false Southern Trade Alliance from Meqara has been exposed as a front organization of the Vosk League) who's sole aim was to disrupts the mutual trade investments of our Ports, Cities and Oases.

City of Landa, The Kasbah of the Guard of the Dunes, the Oasis of Klima, the Kasbah of Seraphina, the Oasis of the Two Scimitars, the Oasis of Nine Wells, the Oasis of the Sand Sleen, the City of Kasra, Jazirat al Khusuf, Unkunga regions, Isola de Katoteros, Mandara - Oase der Diamanten, City of Ichrak, City of Suri

The city of Tor is candidate for membership. That will be decided very soon. Port Quanali has closed. We regret that.

- OOC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE LANDA ADMINISTRATION

A THANK YOU

I feel a few words of thanks are necessary.

I would like to thank Yuroki for his loyalty to Landa, for his time and for all the hard work he has put into the city.

He build most of the buildings. He build the tunnels, he also landscaped both sims. He created the news paper and the bank. All this, while recruiting and running a city. One will be hard pressed to find a man so devoted to the task before him.

Thank you Yuroki. We appreciated your hard work and we are happy you will remain with us.

Lady Dez

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)

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
Isle of Landa Trade Group (ask Sherman)
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

Admin: Sherman Easterwood

White caste: Adilokos (Ugurusu Resident)
Yellow Caste: Rarius Yuroki (Yuroki Uriza)
Blue caste: Dezire Sciarri, Head scribe
Red caste: NN
Green caste: Cordelia Fjelstad (Minnie Rae)
Black caste: Saurion of Lydius (Khampoh Resident), Master Assassin
Merchant caste: NN

Moderators:

Sherman Easterwood, Admin
Yuroki Uriza, Head Builder
Saurion of Lydius (Khampoh Resident), Master Assassin
Hina Mhia

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
Admin of Landa

HOUSES FOR RENT IN LANDA II (combat sim)

-Houses in the Landa II residential area are for rent. Interested should be Landa Citizens for at least 2 weeks and should have a history of avid RP within the City and will continue to be actively contributing to the life in Landa. (you stand to lose your house if you are more in the house than in the city)

-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.

If you want to rent a house, please get in touch with me. Should I be offline, you will reach me per e-mail deziresciarri@live.com or send me an IM.

GM WARE

If you need GM ware goods ask Yuroki, we have our own server in Landa.

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 owner: Rarius Yuroki

Hoy accountant and scribe: wendie Lemon

Hoy agent: Raschid Hassanein

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)

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.

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

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

We are looking for:

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

We are NOT looking for:

admins, Ubars, Tatrixes, Builders

- THE LANDA TIMES

The landa times is looking for correspondents all over Gor. Ask Yuroki Uriza for details.

KNOWLEDGE

CASTE OF BUILDERS

Library of Landa

Is part of the High Castes.

Includes Architects, Draftsmen, Stone Masons and other such People.

Their color is Yellow.

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year; later in the day a Warrior will, similarly, place his arms before the Stone, to be followed by other representatives of each caste. Most significantly, while these members of the High Castes perform their portions of the ritual, the Guards of the Home Stone temporarily withdraw to the interior of the cylinder, leaving the celebrant, it is said, alone with the Priest-Kings."

Book 1, Tarnsman of Gor, page 68

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Book 1, Tarnsman of Gor, page 197

"The road, like most Gorean roads, was built like a wall in the earth and was intended to last a hundred generations. The Gorean, having little idea of progress in our sense, takes great care in his building and workmanship. What he builds he expects men to use until the storms of time have worn it to dust. Yet this road, for all the loving craft of the Caste of Builders which had been lavished upon it, was only an unpretentious, subsidiary road, hardly wide enough for two carts to pass. Indeed, even the main roads to Ko-ro-ba were a far cry from the great highways that led to and from a metropolis like Ar."

Book 2, Outlaw of Gor, page 25

"...Similarly men of such castes as the Physicians and Builders make use of the fairs to disseminate and exchange information pertaining to their respective crafts."

Book 2, Outlaw of Gor, pages 47 - 48

"In the streets of Tharna shortly after the end of the revolt the caste colors of Gor began to appear openly in the garments of the citizens. The marvelous glazing substances of the Caste of Builders, long prohibited as frivolous and expensive, began to appear on the walls of the cylinders, even on the walls of the city itself. Graveled streets are now being paved with blocks of colored stone set in patterns to delight the eye. The wood of the great gate has been polished and its brass burnished. New paint blazes upon the bridges."

Book 2, Outlaw of Gor, pages 247 - 248

"It is little wonder that the cities of Gor support and welcome the fairs. Sometimes they provide a common ground on which territorial and commercial dispute may be amicably resolved without loss of honour, plenipotentiaries of warring cities having apparently met by accident among the silken pavillions.

Further, members of castes such as the Physicians and Builders use the fairs for the dissemination of information and techniques among Caste Brothers, as is prescribed in their codes in spite of the fact that their respective cities may be hostile. And as might be expected members of the Caste of Scribes gather here to enter into dispute and examine and trade manuscripts."

Book 3, Priest-Kings of Gor, page 9

"The man from the Caste of Builders then sat cross-legged on the ground and took from the pouch slung at his waist a tiny, cylindrical Gorean fire-maker, a small silverish tube commonly used for igniting cooking fires. He unscrewed the cap and I could see the tip of the implement, as it was exposed to the air, begin to glow a fiery red....screwing the fire-maker shut, replaced it in his pouch."

Book 3, Priest-Kings of Gor, page 138

"It might be mentioned, for those unaware of the fact, that the Caste of Merchants is not

considered one of the traditional five High Castes of Gor the Initiates, Scribes, Physicians, Builders and Warriors. Most commonly, and doubtless unfortunately, it is only members of the five high castes who occupy positions on the High Councils of the cities. Nonetheless, as might be expected, the gold of merchants, in most cities, exercises its not imponderable influence, not always in so vulgar a form as bribery and gratuities, but more often in the delicate matters of extending or refusing to extend credit in connection with the projects, desires or needs of the High Councils."

Book 4, Nomads of Gor, page 84

"The walls were crowded, and I supposed many upon them used the long glasses of the Caste of Builders to observe the field of the stakes."

Book 4, Nomads of Gor, page 113

"Of special interest to me was the fact that this room, primitive though it might be, was lit by what, in Gorean, is called an energy bulb, an invention of the Builders. I could see neither cords nor battery cases. Yet the room was filled with a soft, gentle white light, which the physician could regulate by rotating the base of the bulb."

Book 7, Captive of Gor, pages 93 - 94

I was also instructed in the Double Knowledge - that is, I was instructed in what the people, on the whole, believed, and then I was instructed in what the intellectuals were expected to know. Sometimes there was a surprising discrepancy between the two. For example, the population as a whole, the castes below the High Castes, were encouraged to believe that their world was a broad, flat disk. Perhaps this was to discourage them from exploration or to develop in them a habit of relying on commonsense prejudices something of a social control device.

On the other hand, the High Castes, specifically the Warriors, Builders, Scribes, Initiates, and Physicians, were told the truth in such matters, perhaps because it was thought they would eventually determine it for themselves, from observations such as the shadow of their planet on one or another of Gor's three small moons during eclipses, the phenomenon of sighting the tops of distant objects first, and the fact that certain stars could not be seen from certain geographical positions; if the planet had been flat, precisely the same set of stars would have been observable from every position on its surface.

I wondered, however, if the Second Knowledge, that of the intellectuals, might not be as carefully tailored to preclude inquiry on their level as the First Knowledge apparently was to preclude inquiry on the level of the Lower Castes. I would guess that there is a Third Knowledge, that reserved to the Priest-Kings.

Tarnsman of Gor Book 1 Page 41

The Chamber of the Council is the room in which the elected representatives of the High Castes of Ko-ro-ba hold their meetings. Each city has such a chamber. It was in the widest of cylinders, and the ceiling was at least six times the height of the normal living level. The ceiling was lit as if by stars, and the walls were of five colors, applied laterally, beginning from the bottom - white, blue, yellow, green, and red, caste colors. Benches of stone, on which the members of the Council sat, rose in five monumental tiers about the walls, one tier for each of the High Castes. These tiers shared the color of that portion of the wall behind them, the caste colors.

The tier nearest the floor, which denoted some preferential status, the white tier, was occupied by Initiates, Interpreters of the Will of the Priest-Kings. In order, the ascending tiers, blue, yellow, green, and red, were occupied by representatives of the Scribes, Builders, Physicians, and Warriors.

Torm, I observed, was not seated in the tier of Scribes, I smiled to myself. "I am," Torm had

said, "too practical to involve myself in the frivolities of government," I supposed the city might be under siege and Torm would fall to notice.

I was pleased to note that my own caste, that of the Warriors, was accorded the least status; if I had had my will, the warriors would not have been a High Caste. On the other hand, I objected to the Initiates being in the place of honor, as it seemed to me that they, even more than the Warriors, were nonproductive members of society. For the Warriors, at least, one could say that they afforded protection to the city, but for the Initiates one could say very little, perhaps only that they provided some comfort for ills and plagues largely of their own manufacture.

Tarnsman of Gor Book 1 Pages 61 - 62

The Home Stone of a city is the center of various rituals. The next would be the Planting Feast of Sa-Tarna, the Life-Daughter, celebrated early in the growing season to insure a good harvest. This is a complex feast, celebrated by most Gorean cities, and the observances are numerous and intricate. The details of the rituals are arranged and mostly executed by the Initiates of a given city. Certain portions of the ceremonies, however, are often allotted to members of the High Castes.

In Ar, for example, early in the day, a member of the Builders will go to the roof on which the Home Stone is kept and place the primitive symbol of his trade, a metal angle square, before the Stone, praying to the Priest-Kings for the prosperity of his caste in the coming year; later in the day a Warrior will, similarly, place his arms before the Stone, to be followed by other representatives of each caste. Most significantly, while these members of the High Castes perform their portions of the ritual, the Guards of the Home Stone temporarily withdraw to the interior of the cylinder, leaving the celebrant, it is said, alone with the Priest-Kings.

Tarnsman of Gor Book 1 Page 68

"The women of the Walled Gardens know whatever happens on Gor," she replied, and I sensed the intrigue, the spying and treachery that must ferment within the gardens. "I forced my slave girls to lie with soldiers, with merchants and builders, physicians and scribes," she said, "and I found out a great deal." I was dismayed at this - the cool, calculating exploitation of her girls by the daughter of the Ubar, merely to gain information.

Tarnsman of Gor Book 1 Page 108

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Tarnsman of Gor Book 1 Page 197

The road, like most Gorean roads, was built like a wall in the earth and was intended to last a hundred generations. The Gorean, having little idea of progress in our sense, takes great care in his building and workmanship. What he builds he expects men to use until the storms of time have worn it to dust. Yet this road, for all the loving craft of the Caste of Builders which had been lavished upon it, was only an unpretentious, subsidiary road, hardly wide enough for two carts to pass.

Outlaw of Gor Book 2 Page 25

Four times a year, correlated with the solstices and equinoxes, there are fairs held in the plains below the mountains, presided over by committees of Initiates, fairs in which men of many cities mingle without bloodshed, times of truce, times of contests and games, of bargaining and marketing.

Torm, my friend of the Caste of Scribes, had been to such fairs to trade scrolls with scholars from other cities, men he would never have seen were it not for the fairs, men of hostile cities who yet loved ideas more than they hated their enemies, men like Torm who so loved learning that they would risk the perilous journey to the Sardar Mountains for the chance to dispute a text or haggle over a coveted scroll. Similarly men of such castes as the Physicians and Builders make use of the fairs to disseminate and exchange information pertaining to their respective crafts.

Outlaw of Gor Book 2 Page 47

"Let it be done," said the men, first one and then another, until there was a sober chorus of assent, quiet but powerful, and I knew that never before in this harsh world had men spoken thus. And it seemed strange to me that this rebellion, this willingness to pursue the right as they saw it, independently of the will of the Priest-Kings, had come not first from the proud Warriors of Gor, nor the Scribes, nor the Builders nor Physicians, nor any of the high castes of the many cities of Gor, but had come from the most degraded and despised of men, wretched slaves from the mines of Tharna.

Outlaw of Gor Book 2 Page 170

The marvelous glazing substances of the Caste of Builders, long prohibited as frivolous and expensive, began to appear on the walls of the cylinders, even on the walls of the city itself.

Outlaw of Gor Book 2 Page 248

Further, members of castes such as the Physicians and Builders use the fairs for the dissemination of information and techniques among Caste Brothers, as is prescribed in their codes in spite of the fact that their respective cities may be hostile.

Priest-Kings of Gor Book 3 Page 9

My Chamber Slave's accent had been pure High Caste Gorean though I could not place the city. Probably her caste had been that of the Builders or Physicians, for had her people been Scribes I would have expected a greater subtlety of inflections, the use of less common grammatical cases; and had her people been of the Warriors I would have expected a blunter speech, rather belligerently simple, expressed in great reliance on the indicative mood and, habitually, a rather arrogant refusal to venture beyond the most straightforward of sentence structures.

Priest-Kings of Gor Book 3 Page 52

"My father," she said, "was of the Caste of Physicians."

So I thought to myself, I had placed her accent rather well, either Builders or Physicians, and had I thought carefully enough about it, I might have recognized her accent as being a bit too refined for the Builders.

Priest-Kings of Gor Book 3 Page 62

On a green field somewhere, I had no idea where, a man in the garments of the Caste of Builders, emerged from what was apparently an underground cave. He looked furtively about himself as though he feared he might be observed. Then, satisfied that he was alone, he returned to the cave and emerged once more carrying what resembled a hollow pipe. From a hole in the top of this pipe there protruded what resembled the wick of a lamp.

The man from the Caste of Builders then sat cross-legged on the ground and took from the pouch slung at his waist a tiny, cylindrical Gorean fire-maker, a small silverish tube commonly used for igniting cooking fires. He unscrewed the cap and I could see the tip of

the implement, as it was exposed to the air, begin to glow a fiery red. He touched the fire-maker to the wicklike projection in the hollow tube and, screwing the fire-maker shut, replaced it in his pouch. The wick burned slowly downward toward the hole in the pipe. When it was almost there the man stood up and holding the pipe in both hands trained it at a nearby rock. There was a sudden flash of fire and a crack of sound from the hollow tube as some projectile hurtled through it and shattered against the rock. The face of the rock was blackened and some stone had been chipped from its surface. The quarrel of a crossbow would have done more damage.

"Forbidden weapon," said Sarm.

The Priest-King monitoring the observation cube touched a knob on his control panel.

"Stop!" I cried.

Before my horrified eyes in the observation cube the man seemed suddenly to vaporize in a sudden blasting flash of blue fire. The man had disappeared. Another brief incandescent flash destroyed the primitive tube he had carried. Then once again, aside from the blackened grass and stone, the scene was peaceful. A small, curious bird darted to the top of the stone, and then hopped from it to the blackened grass to hunt for grubs.

"You killed that man," I said.

"He may have been carrying on forbidden experiments for years," said Sarm. "We were fortunate to catch him. Sometimes we must wait until others are using the device for purposes of war and then destroy many men. It is better this way, more economical of material."

"But you killed him," I said.

"Of course," said Sarm, "he broke the law of Priest-Kings."

Priest-Kings of Gor Book 3 Pages 138 - 139

It might be mentioned, for those unaware of the fact, that the Caste of Merchants is not considered one of the traditional five High Castes of Gor the Initiates, Scribes, Physicians, Builders and Warriors.

Nomads of Gor Book 4 Page 84

The walls were crowded, and I supposed many upon them used the long glasses of the Caste of Builders to observe the field of the stakes.

Nomads of Gor Book 4 Page 113

The new Administrator of Ar was a man named Minus Tentius Hinrabius, an unimportant man except for being of the Hinrabian family, prominent among the Builders, having the major holdings in the vast, walled Hinrabian kilns, where much of Ar's brick is produced.

Assassin of Gor Book 5 Page 16

The room was innocent of the energy bulbs of the Caste of Builders.

Assassin of Gor Book 5 Page 39

"As you might have surmised," said Misk, "your city is being rebuilt. Those of Ko-ro-ba have come from the corners of Gor, each singing, each bearing a stone to add to the walls. For many months, while you labored in our service in the Land of the Wagon Peoples, thousands upon thousands of those of Ko-ro-ba have returned to the city. Builders and others, all who were free, have worked upon the walls and towers. Ko-ro-ba rises again."

Assassin of Gor Book 5 Page 60

"This is the basket hitch," I told her, gesturing for her to put out one hand. "It is used for fastening a carrying basket to hooks on certain tarn saddles."

I then illustrated, she cooperating, several other common knots, among them the Karian

anchor knot, the Pin hitch, the double Pin hitch, the Builder's bend and the Builder's overhand.

Assassin of Gor Book 5 Pages 81 - 82

On the other side of the belt, there hung a slave goad, rather like the tarn goad, except that it is designed to be used as an instrument for the control of human beings rather than tarns. It was, like the tarn goad, developed jointly by the Caste of Physicians and that of the Builders, the Physicians contributing knowledge of the pain fibers of human beings, the networks of nerve endings, and the Builders contributing certain principles and techniques developed in the construction and manufacture of energy bulbs.

Assassin of Gor Book 5 Page 84

"Do not fear," said Ho-Tu. "They cannot see you."

I studied the glass that separated us. The two girls strolled near the glass and one of them, lifting her hands behind her head, studied her reflection gravely in the mirror, retying the band of silk which confined her hair.

"On their side of the glass," said Ho-Tu, "it seems a mirror."

I looked suitably impressed, though of course, from Earth, I was familiar with the principles of such things.

"It is an invention of the Builders," said Ho-Tu. "It is common in slave houses, where one may wish to observe without being observed."

Assassin of Gor Book 5 Pages 114 - 115

Meanwhile the intrigues of Cernus, of the House of Cernus, threaded their way through the days and events of the spring and summer in Ar. Once in a Paga tavern I heard a man, whom I recognized to be one of the guards from the iron pens, though now in the tunic of a Leather Worker, declaring that the city needed for its Administrator not a Builder but a Warrior, that law would again prevail.

Assassin of Gor Book 5 Page 231

I, Tarl Cabot, am a simple man, poor in many qualities, one who is doubtless much excelled. There is little, I suspect, that I could do better than many others. I am a man who is surely next to nothing, one unworthy of note. Yet I think there is one talent I have, though it is unimportant and unworthy, a gift toward which I have mixed feelings, a gift which is both boon and curse, one which has caused me feelings of horror and guilt, and yet to which I have owed my life and that of those I have loved. It is a gift I have sought not to exercise, a gift I have feared, and sometimes would put aside, but cannot do so. He who is a Singer must sing; he who weaves the beautiful rugs of Ar or Tor must weave; the Physician must heal; the Builder build; the Merchant buy and sell; and the Warrior must fight.

Assassin of Gor Book 5 Pages 340 - 341

The man carried a long glass of the builders.

Raiders of Gor Book 6 Page 185

From the stern castle of the Dorna, then, with a long glass of the builders, I observed, far across the waters, the masts of the ram-ships, one by one, lowering.

Raiders of Gor Book 6 Page 197

As the beat dropped, I took out the glass of the builders and scanned the horizon.

Raiders of Gor Book 6 Page 201

The new girl had been Rena of Lydius of the Builders, one of the five high castes of Gor.
Captive of Gor Book 7 Page 85

Of special interest to me was the fact that this room, primitive though it might be, was lit by what, in Gorean, is called an energy bulb, an invention of the Builders. I could see neither cords nor battery cases. Yet the room was filled with a soft, gentle, white light, which the physician could regulate by rotating the base of the bulb.

Captive of Gor Book 7 Page 93

I could probably have Claudia Tentia Hinrabia, of the Builders, who had been the daughter of Claudius Tentius Hinrabius, once Ubar of Ar, but she was now without family.

Hunters of Gor Book 8 Page 174

In taking companionship with one of the Warriors she would raise caste, for the Warriors on Gor are among the high castes, of which there are five, the Initiates, Scribes, Physicians, Builders and Warriors. In many cities only members of the high castes may belong to the city's high council.

Slave Girl of Gor Book 11 Pages 113 - 114

The fairs, too, however, have many other functions. For example, they serve as a scene of caste conventions, and as loci for the sharing of discoveries and research. It is here, for example, that physicians, and builders and artisans may meet and exchange ideas and techniques.

Beasts of Gor Book 12 Page 44

The women of a given caste, it should be noted, often do not engage in caste work. For example, a woman in the Metalworkers does not, commonly, work at the forge, nor is a woman of the Builders likely to be found supervising the construction of fortifications.

Fighting Slave of Gor Book 14 Page 209

I wore the robes of a woman of high caste, today the yellow of the Builders.

Kajira of Gor Book 19 Page 100

"That Earth is real is in the second knowledge," said one of the men, a fellow wearing the yellow of the Builders, a high caste.

"I was taught that, too," said the fellow with him, also in the yellow of the Builders. "Do you think it is really true?"

Kajira of Gor Book 19 Page 388

Some two years ago the merchants and builders had opened the road of Cyprianus, named for the engineer in charge of the project, which led to the fairs rather from the southwest.

Players of Gor Book 20 Pages 99 - 100

Initiates commonly wear white and have their heads shaved. They also, supposedly, and perhaps actually, on the whole, abstain from alcohol and women. They count as one of the five high castes, the others being the Physicians, Scribes, Builders and Warriors.

Dancer of Gor Book 22 Page 279

Even more sophisticated Goreans, however, if not of the Scribes or Builders, have been noted to speculate that lightning is the result of clouds clashing together in the sky, showering sparks, and such.

Renegades of Gor Book 23 Pages 18 - 19

The traditional high castes of Gor are the Initiates, Scribes, Builders, Physicians and Warriors.

Renegades of Gor Book 23 Page 368

We looked at the tall, cylindrical structure which lay on a promontory, at the southwestern most point of the harbor. It was perhaps one hundred and fifty feet high. It tapered upward, and was perhaps some twenty feet in diameter at the top. It was yellow and red, in horizontal sections, the colors of the Builders and Warriors, the Builders the caste that had supervised its construction and the Warriors the caste that maintained its facilities. It was as much a keep as a landmark. At night, in virtue of fires and mirrors, it served as a beacon.

Renegades of Gor Book 23 Page 411

"It is a lower-caste garment!" she said. "I am of high caste!" Ina was, I had learned, of the Builders, one of the five high castes on Gor, the others being the Initiates, Physicians, Scribes and Warriors.

Vagabonds of Gor Book 24 Page 378

"It is too easy," he said. "It is unworthy of me! It is beneath my attention. It would be an insult to my skills! There is no challenge!"

"It is too easy?" I asked.

"Would you come to a master surgeon to have a boil lanced, a wart removed?" he asked.

"No," I admitted.

"To one of the Builders to have a door put on straight?"

"No," I said.

"To a scribe to read the public boards!"

"No!" said Marcus.

Magicians of Gor Book 25 Page 285

The high castes are normally accounted five in number - the Warriors, the Builders, the Physicians, the Scribes, and the Initiates.

Witness of Gor Book 26 Page 225

"She is at war with herself," said the young man. "She has deeply ambivalent feelings about her own body, its beauty and needs, her own emotions, the true meaning of her sex."

"That war can be ended here," smiled a man in yellow robes, those of the Builders.

Prize of Gor Book 27 Page 69

Though this was not known to Ellen at the time, the scarlet denoted the caste of Warriors, one of the five high castes of Gor, the others being the Initiates, Physicians, Builders and Scribes.

Prize of Gor Book 27 Page 231

Common Gorean, you see, does not use an "Arabic notation," but represents various numbers by letters, combinations of letters, and such. Most figuring is done on an abacus. It is said, interestingly, that some of the higher castes, for example, the Scribes and Builders, have a secret notation which facilitates their calculations.

Prize of Gor Book 27 Pages 471 - 472

"Can they see us?" she asked, desperately.

"Perhaps," I said. "They may have a glass of the Builders."

Swordsmen of Gor Book 29 Page 88

"The walls of Ar," I said, "are doubtless being rebuilt."

I must not make my serious concerns too obvious.

"With soaring hearts and singing," said a fellow.

"And the flute girls who so tormented and mocked the earlier dismantlers of the walls?" I asked.

"Collared, naked, sweating, under the lash," said a fellow, "they now struggle to bear stones to the builders."

Swordsmen of Gor Book 29 Page 118

Colors in the Gorean high cultures, as in most cultures, have their connotations or symbolisms. Too, in the Gorean high culture, certain colors tend to be associated with certain castes, for example green with the Physicians, red, or scarlet, with the Warriors, yellow with the Builders, blue with the Scribes, white with the Initiates, and so on.

Swordsmen of Gor Book 29 Page 146

I reached into one of the boxes, and placed my hand on the egg.

"It is warm," I said.

"It is a matter of fluids," he said. "There are two, one to keep the egg viable, another, later, to induce hatching."

"I see," I said.

The matter, I gathered, was in effect a chemical incubation. I supposed we owed this development to the Builders or Physicians. I supposed the Builders, some of whom concerned themselves with industrial and agricultural chemistry, might have been paid to inquire into such matters. The Physicians, I thought, would have regarded such research as beneath the dignity of their caste.

Swordsmen of Gor Book 29 Pages 409 - 410

"The glass," I said to him, with urgency. "Give me your glass!"

He removed the sling from his shoulder, to which was attached the case which holstered the glass of the Builders.

Swordsmen of Gor Book 29 Page 576

He handed me the Builder's glass.

I was familiar with this instrument because I was one of several regularly sent aloft, to the platform and ring, that the horizon might be scanned, that large sea life might be noted, that land or a ship might be sighted.

Mariners of Gor Book 30 Page 185

The glass of the Builders was on its strap, across my chest.

Mariners of Gor Book 30 Page 191

I let the glass of the Builders, in its sling, drop to my hip.

Mariners of Gor Book 30 Page 251

Aeacus handed me a glass of the Builders. It was difficult to focus, and there was much movement. I twisted the glass into focus.

Mariners of Gor Book 30 Page 344

Whereas all natural societies are characterized by rank, distance, and hierarchy,

acknowledged or not, I think there is no Gorean caste, from the highest to the lowest, which does not regard itself as the equal or superior, in one way or another, to that of every other. Where would society be without the Builders, the Merchants, the Metal Workers, the Cloth Workers, the Wood Workers, the Leather Workers, the Peasant, with the great bow, the ox on whom the Home Stone rests?
Mariners of Gor Book 30 Pages 365 - 366

ONLINISM OF THE WEEK

BLONDES OF GOR

A blind Ex Wagon Master of the Kassars enters a Ladies Bar by mistake. He finds his way to a barstool and orders a drink. After sitting there for a while, he yells to the bartender, "Hey, you wanna hear a blonde joke?"

The bar immediately falls absolutely quiet. In a very deep, husky voice, the woman next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, sir, I think it is just fair - giving that you are blind - that you should know five things:

1 - The Tavern Keeper is a blonde girl.

2 - The bouncer, a former ferocious Panther Girl is a blonde girl.

3 - I'm a 6 feet tall, 160 LB. blonde woman who almost managed to become the only registered Woman Assassin in all of Gor.

4 - The woman sitting next to me is blonde and is a slave Trainer who wields the meanest kurd in all of Gor.

5 - The lady to your right is a blonde and is a Lady Warrior.

Now think about it seriously, Not for long Free Male. Do! you still wanna tell that joke?

The blind man thinks for a second, shakes his head, and declares, "Nah, Not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times."

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