

THE LANDA TIMES

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EDITORIAL

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

“They seem angry,” he said.

(Magicians of Gor)

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

Sherman Easterwood

Magistrate of Landa

Co-Editor the Landa times

[OOO]

Gor in SL is ever changing. There are many different ideas of what SL Gor should be and how it should be played. No matter your view of SL Gor, either BTB or Evolved, following sim rules will make everyone's experience more enjoyable. Before going to a sim you are not familiar with take the time to read the rules and laws. Follow them and don't assume that all are the same. When visiting abide by their rules and laws and you will find a rewarding RP experience.

Sherman Easterwood

CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEW CITIZENS

Dark (DarkMoon Faith), warrior, and his slaves Mira (Amy Somersley), Maya (Aeariel bathori) and Mora (Belle Torkelsonn)

Blade Snowdrop, black caste

alika (Teardrop), baker

River Woodford, physician

Quirina seaside, Musician

Taliesin (Taliesin1 Resident), entertainer and poet

New HoY Slaves:

Rani (Scherezade Soulsinger)

Raeven (Swords)

NEWS

- KUR AT THE DOCKS

A Kuri was spotted at the dock. He did not entered the city or even depart the ship. The reason for his visit is unknown.

- SOUTHERN TRADE ALLIANCE

Magistrate Sherman Easterwood attended a meeting of the Southern Trade Allilance (STA). Landa has been a member of the allilance since it was established. This is a trade allilance made up of southern cities that trade together and defend their trade from interruption by Northern attacks. The STA is made up of Sais, Loyalair, Fina, Victoria, Rahr, Besnitt, Tetraptoli, Nyuki, Jad, Rose Isle, and Turia. Landa is seeking trade from all.

Landa produces many items for trade. There is sugar, dates, cocoa, fruits, vegetables and palm wine. The favorite of many visitors is Landa Palm Wine. There has been talks of a still capable of producing enough wine to service both the needs of Landa and to increase the amount available for export.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE ADMIN

- MASTER ASSASSINE

Blade Snowdrop is under contract to be Master Assassine in Landa.

- [OOC] AFK

Everyone who sits either on the wall or at the city square and puts his meter to away with out anyone else there will be kicked to their home. Please step besides or stay in an house if you need to be AFK.

- [OOC] GATE POLICY OF LANDA

>> Slaves may not open the gate alone (only OOC)

>> Do not open the gate for strangers without asking for name and homestone and caste (keep the log that you will be able to tell the story)

>> you may open the gate for people who want to look around, perhaps if they are considering to settle here, but golems do not like strangers, you can give them a tour OOC too

>> people without an homestone and without a caste are outlaws and not allowed to enter (except people who want to settle here, but make that clear OOC):

"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)

>> Warriors who do not wear the dress (RED tunic) of a warrior will not be recognized as warriors

>> Merchants are allowed to enter (caste colors: White and Gold)

>> Laws of Landa: "Do not attack a slave or free woman if there are no male defenders unless the free woman or slave attacks you or uses threatening or disrespectful language to you."

>> Strangers are not allowed to carry bows and crossbows inside the city walls

>> Never mention the secret tunnels and entrances

THE LANDA SOCIAL SCENE

- FREE COMPANIONSHIP

The City of Landa was all aglow and the ground floor of the Palace was all abuzz. Landa Warrior Trajan Taur and Lady Starshadow had their FC Ceremony performed by Landa Magistrate Sherman Easterwood. Among those in attendance were Head Scribe Lady Dezire Sciarri, Head Physicain Lady Hecate Simon, and Vito Castaignede, the Blessed One.. After the ceremony the happy couple went to have some time alone to celebrate the happy event.

Lady Starshadow will begin learning under Head Physician Hecate soon. Landa wishes the happy couple a long and successful life together.

Third day of the first passage Hand of the year 10172 (contract signed by the admin First day of the fifth Hand of the month En'Kara 10172 Contasta Ar)

- GOSSIP

Did you see this one?

As I walked to the city this morning, I could not believe my eyes.

A Lady of high standing from another city. Do we really want to call her a Lady? Her chest almost bare, and her veil, lets just say, almost there.

Chuckles.

Maybe she would look better in silks?

REGIONAL NEWS

- VOSK LEAGUE RISES

"I knew something of the Vosk League. Its headquarters was in the town of Victoria, on the northern bank of the Vosk, between Fina and Tafa."

"Renegades of Gor" Page 346

An alliance of 19 towns (Fina, Forest Port, Hammerfest, Iskander, Jasmine, Jort's Ferry, Point Alfred, Port Cos, Ragnar's Hamlet, Sais, Siba, Sulport, Tafa, Tancred's Landing, Tetrapoli, Turmus, Ven, Victoria, White Water) formed to keep the Vosk River clear of pirates and to promote trade

"Guardman of Gor" page 235

Victoria, the home of the Vosk League is back and growing and has joined forces with the trading power of Tafa to form a new Vosk League. This league is dedicated to promoting roleplaying by trade interaction, manufacture of roleplay goods and formulating a monetary exchange policy. All merchants of Vosk ports are invited to join the new group (Vosk League - Merchants) and join with us in forming a coalition of merchants, scribes and others who will drive the type of roleplay we all miss - creating a story and interacting with others who have done the same.

Once the group is started gathering members, we will schedule meetings to be held in Tafa to discuss and formulate our plans for cooperation between the cities and shared roleplay. Agenda items will include different roles, the manufacture, scripting and distribution of roleplay goods and where to find them or create them, deliver methods and roleplay events for shipping and delivery such as caravans, ships or tarn delivery, coinage and monetary systems and work on an exchange base for each of our cities plus any other topics needed to be discussed.

Contacts for more information are:

-Jeffrey Hawksby - Administrator of Tafa

-Meletius (mel.fitzcarraldo) - Head Merchant of Victoria

The Vosk League is forming once again, this time with a defined goal and a plan to bring shared roleplay back to our cities! Join now and begin the conversation and idea exchange in the group listed below:

CASTE REPORTS

RED CASTE

Dokis (Beck), commander of Landa, left because of an unknown reason and without informing the High Council and the administrator.

The Isle of Landa is now looking for an experienced commander to organize the red caste.

GREEN CASTE

Tal All,

Your Physicians have once again been very busy, We have a new apprentice Lady River, please give her a warm welcome, we also Held a class on first aid this past saturday, while only 3 were in attendence i was asked to give the class again for the city of Tabor and i await meeting with their High Physician and scheduling this class, i also hope our warriors would like to have the class given to them! Any citizen interested in basic first aid please feel free to contact me i can go over the basics with you one on one if you like, all should know how to stabalize someone to get them to a physician. Many good wishes to our citizens!

Sincerely
Hecate Simon
High Physician
City of Landa

BLUE CASTE

"The scribes, of course, are the scholars and clerks of Gor, and their divisions and rankings within the group, from simple copiers to the savants of the city." (Tarnsman of Gor)

The Scribe has a deep love of learning and scrolls
Yet, in spite of his incomparable eccentricities, his petulance and exasperation, I felt drawn to the man and sensed in him something I admired - a shrewd and kind spirit, a sense of humour, and a love of learning, which can be one of the deepest and most honest of loves. It was this love for his scrolls and for the men who had written them, perhaps centuries before, that most impressed me about Torm. In his way, he linked me, this moment, and himself with generations of men who had pondered on the world and its meaning. Incredible as it may seem, I did not doubt that he was the finest scholar in the City of Cylinders, as my father had said. (Tarnsman of Gor)

The Blue Caste is available to the citizens of Landa, to help them in many ways. We have already produced employment contracts and 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 produced a FC Contract and the

Magistrate performed a FC Ceremony. These are just a few services available from the Blue Caste. As High Scribe, I am available to help all citizens with matters relating to the Blue Caste.

Prices for our services are negotiable.

~Lady Dez
High Scribe for the City of Landa

MERCHANT CASTE

- HOY BANK

The branches of HoY has had many changes in the recent future. There was a new branch opened in Port Cos and a merchant Aurius Deed has been contracted to work there. The City of Piedmont ordered their coins from the mint in Landa. The Council of Piedmont is considering the opening of a branch there. Lady Viki left Imperial Ar and is now in Port Cos to assist with the new branch there.

- FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES

The HoY Bank in Landa and its branches in Port Cos, Imperial Ar und Oasis of Klima accept and convert:

Coins of Landa (made by the mint of Landa)
Coins of Port of Victoria (made by Deb alcott)
Coins of Treve (Tarn system)
Coins of Oasis of Klima (made by the mint of Landa)
Coins of Vonda (made by Jarvis Quan)
Coins of Thentis
Coins of Port Kar
Coins of Sais
City of Turia
Coins of Tafa Trading Post (made by the mint of Landa)
Coins of Besnitt (made by the mint of Landa)
Coins of Port Cos (made by the mint of Landa)
Coins of Piedmont (made by the mint of Landa)

Coins of Tampica (made by the mint of Landa, under construction)
Coins of Minus (made by the mint of Landa, under construction)

Fluctuations in exchange rates are possible.

Coin merchant and HoY banker Imperial Ar: Raschid Hassanein
Coin merchant and HoY banker Port Cos: Aurius Deed
Coin merchant Oasis of Klima: Zorane Silverfall

BLACK CASTE

Attached, please find a notice from our Assassin. I would suggest to stay far away from his tent..

Lady Dez, Head scribe of Landa

ADVERTISEMENTS AND JOB OFFERS

- [OOC] HOUSES FOR RENT IN LANDA II

-Houses in the Landa II residential area are for rent. The cost is \$3 L per prim, for example a house with 100 prims would be \$300 L per week. You will be charged according to how many prims you will need. No more then 150 prims for the smaller ones and the bigger houses 200 prims.

If you want to rent a house, please get in touch with Deziere Sciarri. IMs will reach her even when offline, or per e-mail deziresciarri@live.com

- SLAVERHOUSE OF YUROKI (HoY)

We need warriors or mercenaries who can escort our female agents if they need to travel. Four copper coins paid monthly

- BANK OF LANDA

The HOY needs an experienced Head merchant (men only) who is able to act and to travel independent.

We need merchants who would be able to establish trading connections with cities which use similar coin systems, such as as Thentis, Sardar, Victoria, Rarn, Port Kar, Turia and so on. Two copper coins paid monthly. To make your own coins and income would be possible.

- CITY OF LANDA

The city of Landa needs a tavern keeper.

OOO ROLEPLAY EXAMPLES

- SLAVE CHORES

Slave chores are an importpart part of any slaves responsibilities. They keep them busy and out of trouble. Some are long and descriptive and others (just as important) are quick and effective. I post ones that I have received here. If any Master or Mistress have chores done by their slave, please get them to me and I will post them here.

KNOWLEDGE

WARRIOR CODES

~Quotes; Codes of the Warrior~

The Codes the Warriors live by, are harsh, but then so is Gor.

"The Code of the warriors was, in general, characterized by a rudimentary chivalry, emphasizing loyalty to Pride Chiefs and the Home Stone. It is harsh, but with a certain gallantry, a sense of honor that I could respect. A man could do worse than live by such a code."

--Tarnsman of Gor, page 41

Living By the Sword:

In the codes of the warriors, there is a saying; "Be strong, and do as you will. The swords of others will set you your limits."

--Marauders of Gor, page 10

"Within the circle of each man's sword," say the codes of the warrior, "therein is each man a Ubar" "Steel is the coinage of the warrior," say the codes, "With it he purchases what pleases him"

--Marauders of Gor, page 10

"Warriors, it is said in the codes, have a common Home Stone. Its name is battle."

--p.343, Renegades of Gor

"I am of the Warriors," I said. "I will take by the sword what women please me."

--p.348, Beasts of Gor

What is it, Bran Loort, that separates men from sleen and larls?" asked Thurnus.

"I do not know," said Bran Loort.

"It is the codes," said Thurnus.

"The codes are meaningless noises, taught to boys," said Bran Loort.

"The codes are the wall," said Thurnus.

"I do not understand," said Bran Loort.

"It is the codes which separate men from sleen and larls," said Thurnus. "They are the difference. They are the wall."

"Slave Girl of Gor" pg 226-227

Honor:

".....Indeed, there is a saying on Gor, a saying whose origin is lost in the past of this strange planet, that one who speak of Home Stones should stand, for matters of honor are here involved, and honor is respected in the barbaric codes of Gor."

--Tarnsman of Gor, page 27

"If it turned out badly, what I did, I would have no defense other than I did what I did for my friend-for him- and for his brave kind, once hated enemies, whom I had now learned to know and respect. There is no loss of honor in failing to achieve such a task, I told myself. It is worthy of a warrior of the caste of Warriors, a swordsman of the high city of Ko-ro-ba, the Towers of the Morning"

--Nomads of Gor, page 8

"I am a warrior," said the young man proudly. Kamchak signaled the archers and they came forward, their arrows trained on the young man. He then threw, one after another, a dozen bags of gold to the floor. "Save your gold, Tuchuk sleen," said the young man. "I am a warrior and I know my codes."

--p.315, Nomads of Gor

"Are you of the Warriors?" asked Labenius.

"Yes," I said.

"Hear," said Labenius to his men. "He is of the Warriors."

"He says he is," said a fellow, glumly.

"What is the 97th Aphorism in the Codes?" inquired Labenius.

"My scrolls may not be those of Ar," I said. To be sure, the scrolls should be, at least among the high cities, in virtue of conventions held at the Sardar Fairs, particularly the Fair of En'Kara, much in agreement.

"Will you speak?" asked Labenius.

"Remove the female," I said.

"He is a Warrior," said one of the men.

One of the men lifted the bound Ina in his arms, one hand behind the back of her knees, and the other behind her back, and carried her from where we were gathered. In a few moments he returned. "The female is now out of earshot?" inquired Labenius, staring ahead.

"Yes," said the fellow, "and she will stay where I left her, on her back, as I tied her hair about the base of a stout shrub." "The 97th Aphorism in the Codes I was taught," I said, "is in the form of a riddle: 'What is invisible but more beautiful than diamonds?'"

"And the answer?" inquired Labenius.

"That which is silent but deafens thunder."

The men regarded one another.

"And what is that?" asked Labenius.

"The same," said I, "as that which depresses no scale but is weightier than gold."

"And what is that?" asked Labenius.

"Honor," I said.

"He is of the Warriors," said a man."

--p.304-305, Vagabonds of Gor

FreeWoman submission:

"I can force you to take me," she said. "How?" I asked. "Like this," she responded, kneeling before me, lowering her head and lifting her arms, the wrists crossed. She laughed. "Now you must take me with you or slay me," she said, "and I know you cannot slay me." I cursed her, for she took unfair advantage of the Warrior Codes of Gor.

--Tarnsman of Gor, page 109

Taking of a slave from another:

"Yield her or I will have my tharlaron trample you," he snapped, "or would you prefer to be spitted on my lance?"

"You know the codes," I said evenly. "If you want her, you must challenge for her and meet me with the weapon of my choice."....

....."Done!" he cried, fastening his lance in its saddle sheath and slipping from the back of the tharlaron. "I challenge you for her!"

"The sword," I said.

"Agreed," he said.

---Tarnsman of Gor, page 116

Sword Brother:

One who has shed your blood, or whose blood you have shed, becomes your sword brother, unless you formally repudiate the blood on your weapons. It is a part of the kinship of Gorean warrior regardless of what city it is to which they owe their allegiance. It is a matter of caste, an expression of respect for those who share their station and profession, having nothing to do with cities or Home Stones.

--Tarnsmen of Gor, page 119

Honorable Death:

"We anticipated," said Samos, "that your humanity would assert itself, that faced with a meaningless, ignominious death in the marshes, you would grovel and whine for your life." In my heart I wept. "I did," I said. "You chose," said Samos, "as warriors have it, ignominious bondage over the freedom of honorable death." There were tears in my eyes. "I dishonored my sword, my city. I betrayed my codes."

--Raiders of Gor, page 310.

"I am of the Caste of Warriors, and it is in our codes that the only death fit for a man is that in battle, but I can no longer believe that this is true, for the man I met once on the road to Ko-ro-ba died well, and taught me that all wisdom and truth does not lie in my own codes."

--Priest Kings of Gor, page 14

"Flee!" she said.

"I am of the Warriors," I said.

"But you may die," she said.

"That is acknowledged in the codes," I said.

"What are the codes?" she asked.

"They are nothing and, and everything," I said. "They are a bit of noise, and the steel of the heart. They are meaningless, and all significant. They are the difference. Without the codes men would be Kurii."

"Kurii?" she asked.

"Beasts, such as ice beasts, and worse," I said. "Beasts such as the face you saw in the sky."

"You need not keep the codes," she said.

"I once betrayed my codes," I said. "It is not my intention to do so again." I looked at her.

"One does not know, truly what it is to stand, until one has fallen. Once one has fallen, then one knows, you see, what it is to stand."

"None would know know if you betrayed the codes," she said.

"I would know," I said, "and I am of the Warriors."

"What is it to be a warrior?" she asked.

"It is to keep the codes," I said. "You may think that to be a warrior is to be large, or strong, and to be skilled with weapons, to have a blade at your hip, to know the grasp of the spear, to wear the scarlet, to know the fitting of the iron helm upon one's countenance, but these are things are not truly needful; they are not, truly what makes one man a warrior and another not. Many men are strong, and large, and skilled with weapons. Any man might place upon his brow the helm of iron. But it is not the scarlet, not the steel, not the helm of iron which makes the warrior." She looked up at me. "It is the codes," I said.

"Abandon your codes," she said.

"One does not speak to slaves of the codes," I said.

--p.340, Beasts of Gor

I had been so much a fool as to be sad. That is not the mood in which to enter battle, even the battle which one knows one cannot win, even the ultimate battle in which knows one is doomed to defeat. Do not be sad. Better to take the field with laughter, with a joke, with a light heart, with a buoyant heart, or to go forward with sternness, or in fury, or with hatred, or defiance, or calculation, but never with self pity, never with sadness. Never such things, never them! The warrior does not kill himself or aid others in the doing of it. It is not in the codes.

--p.446, Vagabonds of Gor

ONLINISM OF THE WEEK

ASSASSINES

There are so many roleplay and onlinisms about Assassins that we pull them together here:

Assassins may own a slave:

The Assassin turned to the man in a black apron, a fat, grimy man, who wore a soiled tunic of white and gold, stained with sweat and spilled paga.

"Collar," said the Assassin.

The man took a key from a line of hooks on the wall behind him.

"Seven," he said, throwing the Assassin the key.

The Assassin caught the key and taking the girl by the arm led her to a dark wall, in a low-ceilinged corner of the sloping room. She moved woodenly, as though numb. Her eyes seemed frightened.

Assassin of Gor Book 5 Page 8

Assassins are not served different:

The following serve shows a slave girl ordered to serve an Assassin:

"Serve him wine," said he, "or you will be stripped and thrown into a pen of male slaves."

The girl turned and withdrew, then approached again, climbing the stairs, delicately, as though timidly, head down. Then she leaned forward, bending her knees slightly, her body graceful, and spoke, her voice a whisper in my ear, an invitation, "Wine, Master?" as though offering not wine, but herself. In a large house, with various slave girls, it is thought only an act of courtesy on the part of a host to permit a guest the use of one of the girls for the evening. Each of the girls considered eligible for this service, at one time or another during the evening, will approach the guest and offer him wine. His choice is indicated by the one from whom he accepts wine.

I looked at the girl. Her eyes met mine, softly. Her lips were slightly parted. "Wine, Master?" she asked.

"Yes," I said, "I will have wine."

She poured the diluted wine into my cup, bowed her head and with a shy smile, backed gracefully down the stairs behind me, then turned and hurried away.

Assassin of Gor Book 5 Page 89

KITCHEN

Not once the word "Servery" is mentioned in the books, but kitchen is.

"There was the odor of food in the kitchen, and of spilled drink. There were several yards of sausages hung on hooks; numerous canisters of flour, sugars, and salts; many smaller containers of spices and condiments. Two large wine jugs stood in one corner of the room. There were many closed pantries lining the walls, and a number of pumps and tubs on one side. Some boxes and baskets of hard fruit were stored there. I could see the bread ovens in one wall; the long fire pit over which could be put cooking racks, the mountings for spits and kettle hooks; the fire pit was mostly black now, but here and there I could see a few broken sticks of glowing charcoal; aside from this, the light in the room came from one small tharlarion oil lamp hanging from the ceiling."

"Assassin of Gor" pages 271/2

BAZI TEA

There is not a Bazi Tea Ceremony" ever mentioned in the Books.

"'Make me tea,' I said.

'Is it ready?' I asked. I looked at the tiny copper kettle on the small stand. A tiny kaiila-dung fire burned under it. A small, heavy, curved glass was nearby, on a flat box, which would hold some two ounces of the tea. Bazi tea is drunk in tiny glasses, usually three at a time, carefully measured. She did not make herself tea, of course. She lifted the kettle from the fire and, carefully, poured me a tiny glass of tea. I took the glass."

"Tribesmen of Gor" page 139

"Tea is extremely important to the nomads. It is served hot and highly sugared. It gives strength then, in virtue of the sugar, and cools them, by making them sweat, as well as stimulating them. It is drunk three small cups at a time, carefully measured."

"Tribesmen of Gor" page 38

"In the cafes I had feasted well. I had had verr meat, cut in chunks and threaded on a metal rod, with slices of peppers and larma, and roasted; vulo stew with raisins, nuts, onions and honey; a kort with melted cheese and nutmeg; hot Bazi tea, sugared and later, Turian wine."

"Tribesmen of Gor" page 48

"Hot Bazi Tea I wanted. This is an important trade item in the north. I now knew why. The southern sugars are also popular. I had originally supposed this was because of their sweetness, there being few sweet items, save some berries, in the north. I now began to suspect that the calories of the sugars also played their role in their popularity."

"Beasts of Gor" page 206

"There was a cup and a pitcher of Bazi tea on the counter. Bazi tea is a common beverage on Gor. Many Goreans are fond of it."

"Kajira of Gor" page 332

doing 3 Steps back

In no place of the books did a girl do three steps back, therefore there is no quote to that.