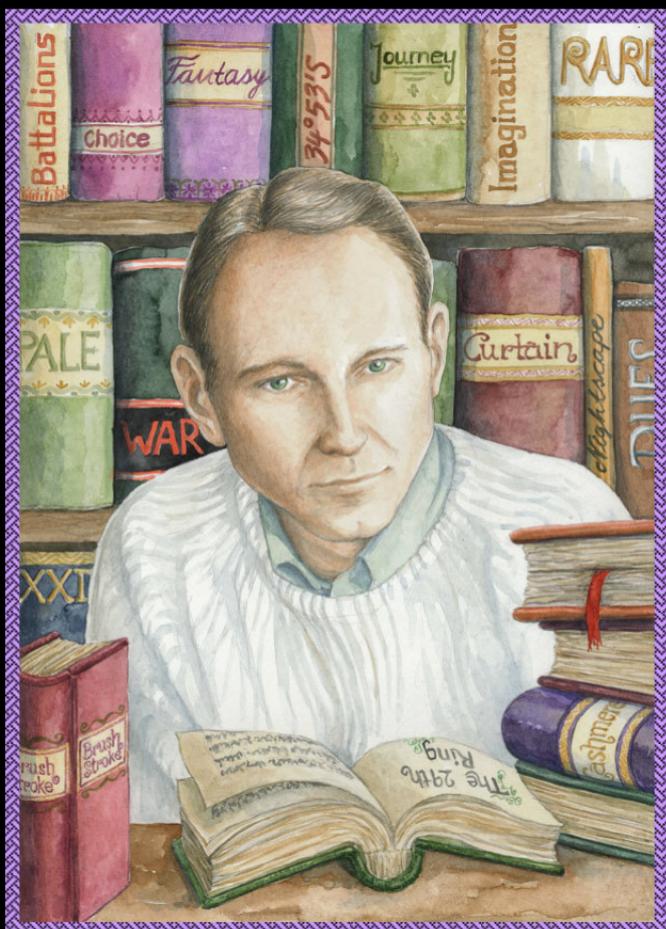


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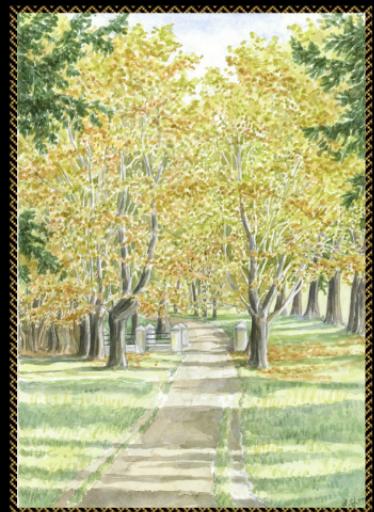
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You're the Best!

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KNOLL on the BATTLE PLAIN of UVUS NUUR™
WAYFARER and SAVIOR the HADASAN STALLION

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The TRIO of FREEDOMS

THE TRIO OF FREEDOMS is rooted in one's liberty to pursue, acquire and practice a *personal belief system*.

In the case of *Lord Granger*™, of course, he has gone far beyond mere faith.

In *Wayfarer's*™ case, his personal convictions are in fact protected by an enchanted relationship with the *Terrestrial Architect*™—by way of *The Nymphs of the Turtal Mountains*™. Thus, he is able to pursue his convictions without fear of retribution.

There are five faeries in particular, whose business it is to look after the best interests of *Lord Granger*™. They are the delightful quintet of *Pumila*™, *Balsamea*™, *Persica*™, *Stellata*™, and *Mariana*™.

In turn, all—including the *Terrestrial Architect*™—are over watched by the heavenly *Designers*™.

JAGUARASQUAR™

WAYFARER™ has always been willing to risk and even to sacrifice his *life and limbs, sight, hearing and physical and mental health* for the freedom of a personal belief system.

However, as a practical matter—and for some years prior to his personal conversion and redemption—*Lord Granger*™ was compelled by duty to liege lord and land to put his personal convictions aside. This became particularly evident when those personal beliefs interfered



with carrying out the life-and-death missions put to the unit of *Jaguarasquars*™ that *Wayfarer*™ commanded in the field.

Jaguarasquars™ are a near merciless military force of *hunter-slayers*. Incorporated in that force are units of light cavalry whose accomplished horsemen can dismount and fight with the skills of both archers and light infantrymen. As a matter of course, they must subsist and live off the land at some distance from the front, rear and/or flanks of an enemy force's main body.

Because of their stand-alone nature, *Jaguarasquars*™ train intensely in the expertise of survival in the countryside and forests. Likewise, they are expertly skilled in the use of the sword, knife and *Hadasan Arc*™—this, either while mounted on horseback as cavalry, or when necessary while afoot as infantry.



Each *Jaguarasquar*™ unit has 580 lightly armed soldiers and battle horses assigned to it—and is principally organized around a light and mobile 10-man mounted headquarters unit, and 6 mounted line units of 95 men and equine mounts assigned to each.

Each 95-man line unit is itself loosely organized around a light and mobile 5-man headquarters unit and 3 line units of 30 men each—the latter consisting of 9 squads with 10 *Jaguarasquar*™ warriors and mounts assigned to each.

An otherwise simple and direct *Jaguarasquar*™ mission can often become complex—thus requiring quick thinking leading to instant planning, either from the saddle or from the ground.



The customary and more or less precisely dictated mission of a *hunter-slayer* unit is to screen and perform reconnaissance-in-force. That is, the unit is tasked to gather data (reconnoiter), and engage the enemy as a matter of course—almost always on behalf of a larger friendly body of heavy cavalry or heavy infantry.

While scouts merely reconnoiter, *Jaguarasquars*™ hunt down, engage and kill to the last individual each and every member of smaller enemy units whom they happen to encounter during their screening mission.

By the same token, *hunter-slayers* are instructed to avoid all enemy forces larger than their own.

If allowed the opportunity by the vanquished to do so, *Jaguarasquars*™ may selectively demonstrate mitigated aggressiveness—that is, compassion and leniency. This, to those surface dwellers from the battlefield who seek to live in peace and harmony alongside the citizens *In the Land of Granger's Birth*™. These few of the compromised enemy, *hunter-slayer* field commanders have the independent authority to capture, interrogate and repatriate.

On the other hand, *Jaguarasquars*™ never show mercy to the likes of the hideous creatures from the dark side.

After all, one's duty to one's fellows must come first above all else when life is threatened on the field of battle—the field of honor. That duty is integral to honor—the loyalty to protect and support the flanks, backs and fronts of one's fellow soldiers during the heat of battle and the intelligence unknowns of reconnaissance-in-force.

Inherent to that duty, honor and loyalty is never hesitating to slay the enemy, i.e., to kill any being, when faced with the unavoidable need (*not* simply desire or re-



quirement) to do so. A soldier unable or unwilling to kill in defense of his fellow soldier is the weakest link in the military chain of command. It is this weak link that can lead to the loss of skirmish, battle, war—and even entire realms and lands.

EXPRESSION

THE SECOND of the three *freedoms* is part and parcel of one's liberty to speak one's mind, i.e., *express one's opinion*. This inherent choice and free will, however, cannot by tradition and law infringe upon the freedoms, rights and privileges of other citizens of the realm.

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SUNRISE and SUNSET at the RIM of the WORLD
In the LAND of GRANGER'S BIRTH

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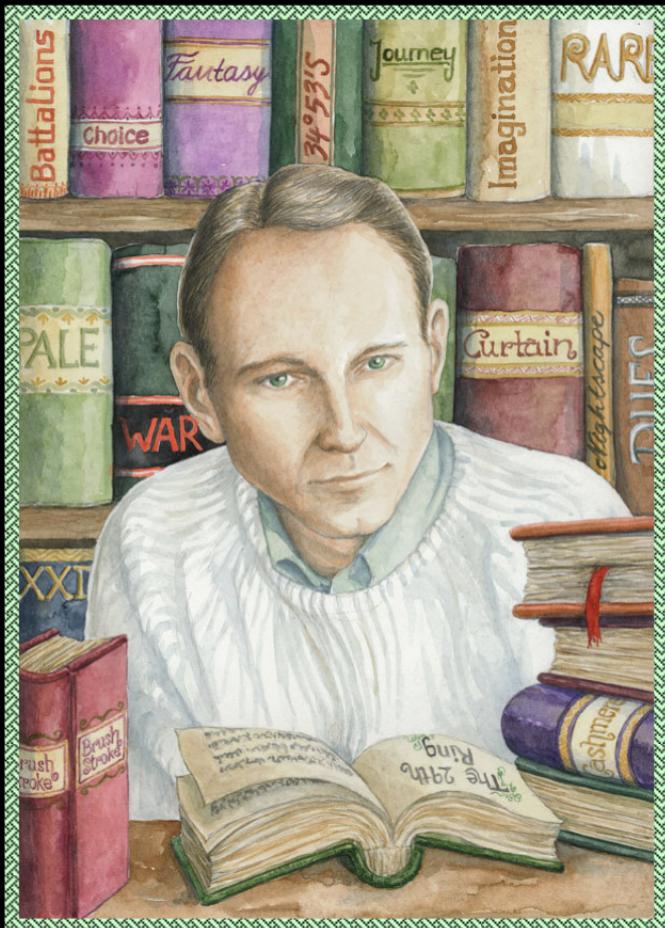
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