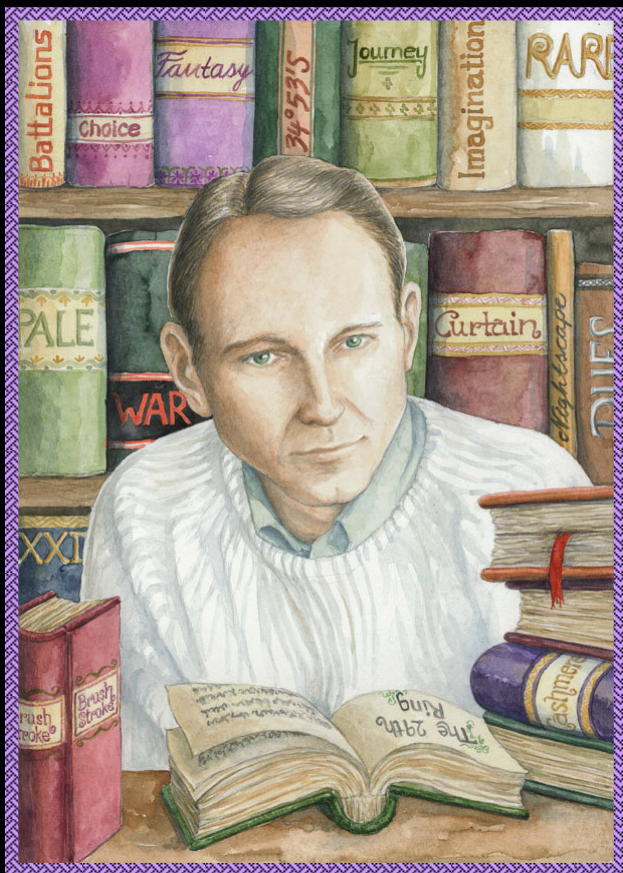


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You're the Best!

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clutching at the lavender and golden skirts of the Turta Mountains—the Sea of Pearl and Darhan Steppe becoming mere memories of fast fading and far-off vistas. Journey the veiled paths of east and west—crossing the threshold of The Archives at Ocher to ponder the mysteries therein and long concealed!

Shy of summits rising abruptly out of lush, carpeted valleys harboring Ancient and Towering Corridors of Jade...hold your breath for a moment, as you gaze out across the vast

Battle Plain of Uvus Nuur—at the kaleidoscopic and perplexing splendors that are Sunrise and Sunset at the Rim of the World!

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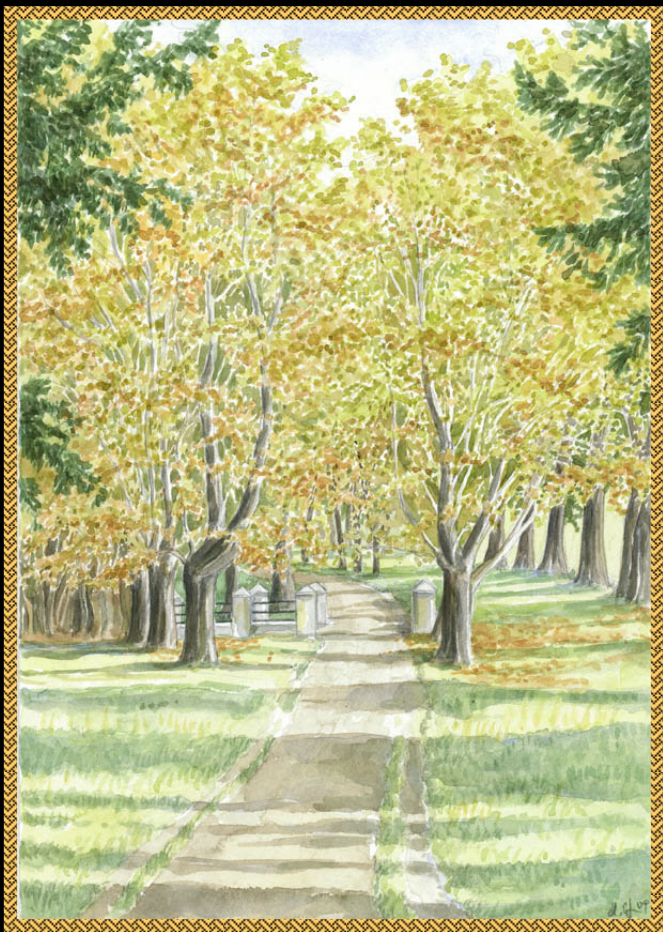
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# LORD GRANGER — WAYFARER Jaquarasquar™ and Philosopher Soldier DARK CHAMPION of the AMETHYST™

ENDEAVORING TO IMPEDE the downward spiral of society is a tall order—this, while also attempting to set a conciliatory tone that might prevent future decay, and total and irreversible collapse *In the Land of Granger's Birth™*!

Even so, that is *Wayfarer's™* mighty goal during this, the middle of a lifetime that has thus far seen and experienced more than any man would have ever bargained for—particularly with his wits about him.

*Lord Granger's™* early days saw a young and proud man who transformed himself from a farmer into a soldier. In the process, he worked tirelessly to hone the skills and techniques requisite to any man who becomes a near merciless *Jaguarasquar™* (hunter-slayer).

During the *Great Conflict of Violence and Affliction™*, *Lord Granger™* found himself fully cognizant of what had become a steadfast and ambitious soldier-commander's unwavering allegiance to the political and economic strategy laid down by his liege lord on behalf of the privileged *Citizens of the Headship of the Realm™*.

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ship philosophy in respect to its regional vision *In the Land of Granger's Birth*™.

Today, however, success in perhaps the last remaining of his life's great enterprises shall be measured in a different way than that dictated by the near heartless loyalties of the past.

*Wayfarer*™ must now assume the guise and heady role of the *Dark Champion of the Amethyst*™. This, as he carries out the thorny but intriguing navigation that shall carry him across the shadowy and choppy sea encompassing *Sunrise and Sunset at the Rim of the World*™.

Yes, these are the horizons standing before and behind *Wayfarer*™. They are the farthestmost known boundaries of all the folding and unfolding geographical and topographical creases and furrows that stretch out across the length and breadth of the land — traversing and enveloping the matrix that arrays the constants and variables of all of life's equations and solutions *In the Land of Granger's Birth*™.

An intelligent, courageous and dedicated individual, *Wayfarer*™ now finds that he can only be loyal to his principles; those he cares deeply for; and the realm's majority. He has thus thrown off loyalty to any liege lord or group of wealthy, powerful and privileged individuals — in favor of the aggregate of the *Citizens of the Heart, Foundation and Vulnerable of the Realm*™.

The *Dark Champion*™ will soon find himself saving those he can, while warning and cajoling those he cannot — never forgetting his priorities, which just naturally include his personal belief system.

*Wayfarer*™ has become a *philosopher soldier* whose viewpoint and beliefs have evolved over time — the end re-

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sult being a recipe of experience, knowledge and understanding that simply cannot be denied and should never be underestimated.

*Wayfarer's*™ manner and style now integrate a bit of a magical approach to the resolution of quandaries and fierce dilemmas that he must face and overcome. Even so, a near continuous subconscious lament for his violent past simmers just below the surface—siphoning off energy that could be factored into routine decision making.

The former *Jaguarasquar's*™ enormous task includes recovering *The People's Key to the Realm—The Charter of Irrevocable Freedoms, Rights and Privileges*™, and delivering it to an appropriate archive for safekeeping.

In that respect, gathering storm clouds indicate that this will most likely be the archive residing in the land of lavender far to the south. The end result, of course, depends upon how he is received by the liege lord presiding over the land of *Ocher*™.



He knows full well that although he returns the material document—the most important aspect of *The Charter*™ is the symbolism associated with national will, pride and equality that is so closely associated with it.

During this time of trial and ordeal, the *Dark Champion's*™ allies are few, whether they be the expected mortal ones—or those of immortal bent. And the latter





maintain the champion's balance, by providing the edge that he invariably needs over the enemies of his cause. Standing at the highest summit of the Turta Mountains, the *Terrestrial Architect*™ sternly bids that any nomadic wanderer take a deep breath and look all about him—before descending into the valleys below, where carpets of lushness lie at the feet of the *Ancient and Towering Corridors of Jade*™.<sup>1</sup>

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