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The Not so Legendary Age of Legends

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THE NOT SO LEGENDARY AGE OF LEGENDS

Every single utopian society to date, that men have tried to sustain has failed. So what was different about the Age of Legends?

CHORA DOPE

In any given population, except for Wheel of Time fans who like me are probably gentle and kind nerds who sit at the computer all day, there is what I like to call the "asshole" factor. Now it's a funny name but you'll notice it's true. It doesn't take many people to make a plan go awry, probably no more than seven or ten out of a hundred people. You know the ones, the guys and girls who always swear in traffic, who always call and write to complain about something and are generally just making mountains out of molehills. But the simple existence of these "assholes" is what prevents a Utopian society. So in the Age of Legends something was done about this. I know this is presented in a humorous tone but it might just be true.

We know that in the Age of Legends chora trees lined every city and that a city without chora trees was unthinkable. We also know that anyone who sits under a chora tree experiences a natural sense of peace and well being, this coming from Rand's point of view in the Shadow Rising when he went to Rhuidean. So here is what I now postulate... or theorize actually. In the Age of Legends chora trees were used to ensure a natural calm over the people. Now I don't know if chora trees utilized the one power, or produced a natural tranquilizer, but they probably doped the population into harmony somehow. Not only this but there are more ethnically questionable techniques incorporated in the Age of Legends.

OATH RODS

By the way I just wanted to throw a bit in here, that may help clarify something in the prologue to the "Eye of the World." Remember when Ishamael says to Lews Therin, "Once you summoned the nine rods of dominion." To me it just seems likely that the oath rods are the nine rods of dominion... because 1) their rods and 2) they dominate people. Well... anyway as we all know Aes Sedai were made to swear on an oath rod to ensure their obedience and servitude to the people. But at

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the same time this probably wasn't done to all Aes Sedai, I remember one of the Forsaken said they went over to the Shadow because they had wanted to "Bind" her, I'm just speculating that it was taking the Oaths she was talking about. I think it was Semhirage. Most channelers probably didn't want to sacrifice their long life spans, but I'm guessing they earned ranks by taking the oaths... well anyway. This is another way that the population of the AOL was shackled by the ruling government of the age.

THE HIGH SEAT

This is another thing I nabbed from the "Eye of the World Prologue" where Ishamael says to Lews Therin "Once you sat on the High Seat." Ever since then I've been waiting for a seat or some kind of throne to appear in the books. And with the Seanchan and the Crystal throne I think I now know what the High Seat is. If you will recall that one of the Seanchan, I'm sorry I'm moving and I don't have my books with me for reference, said that they were filled with ecstasy and awe when sitting in front of the Empress who sits on her Crystal Throne. I know it's a stretch but when there's so little evidence it's the only way to make a theory and support... but I'm guessing the Crystal Throne is probably the High Seat from the Age of Legends but now on Seanchan. Now... for the purpose of the High Seat.

From the way the Seanchan soldier described the Crystal Throne I'm thinking that it's a ter'angreal that helps with mass compulsion. Notice how loyal all the Seanchan are to the Empress "may she live forever" and RJ keeps dropping hints about what fanatics they all are? In the Age of Legends this was probably used by the head of the Aes Sedai (The Tamrilyn?) to control the Aes Sedai beneath them or the populace itself. If this is true there'd probably be no darkfriends seeing as how they'd all be too compelled out of their minds to swear to the shadow, and I haven't been able to work around this so I'd appreciate your comments. My guess is that use of the High Seat was prohibited, because Compulsion is just a bad thing I guess. But as I said I'm not sure.

P.S. If anyone has a guess as to what the Ring of the Tamrilyn is I'd like to hear it. My guess is it's an angreal of some sort.

StoneDogAiel says: First of all...nicely well thought out theory. I do however disagree on some points. 1. I don't know what the Nine Rods of Dominion are, but I do know that Aes Sedai didn't start swearing on the Oath Rod until after the Trolloc Wars. 2. I personally think that the High Seat was just what they called the Amyrlin Seat in the AOL. 3. Which brings up that the Ring of Tamyrlin was the symbol of office, just like the modern day stole.

Anyways, like I said, quality theory. Nice Job. 😊

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