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To be Radchaai is to be civilised.

~Ann Leckie

Unity, I thought, implies the possibility of disunity. Beginnings imply and require endings.

~Ann Leckie

Without feelings insignificant decisions become excruciating attempts to compare endless arrays of inconsequential things. It's just easier to handle those with emotions.

~Ann Leckie

Let every act be just, and proper, and beneficial.

~Ann Leckie

If you're going to make a desperate, hopeless act of defiance you should make it a good one.

~Ann Leckie

Good necessitates evil and the two sides of that disk are not always clearly marked.

~Ann Leckie

What, after all, was the point of civilisation if not the well-being of citizens?

~Ann Leckie

It's the people without the money and the power, who desperately want to live, for those people small things aren't small at all.

~Ann Leckie

Things happen the way they happen because the world is the way it is.

~Ann Leckie

When one is the agent of order and civilisation in the universe, one doesn't stoop to negotiate. Especially with nonhumans.

~Ann Leckie

Surely it isn't illegal here to complain about young people these days? How cruel. I had thought it a basic part of human nature, one of the few universally practiced human customs.

~Ann Leckie

Or is anyone's identity a matter of fragments held together by convenient or useful narrative, that in ordinary circumstances never reveals itself as a fiction? Or is it really a fiction?

~Ann Leckie

If there was anything any Radchaai considered essential for civilised life, it was tea.

~Ann Leckie

Falling didn't bother me. I could fall forever and not be hurt. It's stopping that's the problem.

~Ann Leckie

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