

John Flanagan Quotes

*Men, Horse, Said, Thinking, Halt, People, Two, Littles, Eye, Way, Eyebrows,
Mean, Kings, Waiting, Looks, Trying, Ideas, Might, Warrior, Simple*

A good leader is someone who knows what he's bad at, and hires someone who's good at it to take care of it for him.

~John Flanagan

Keep practicing," he told her. "Until I get it right?" she said. But he corrected her. "No. Until you don't get it wrong.

~John Flanagan

If everything is done for me... how will I ever learn?

~John Flanagan

You can always win points. Winning people's respect is a lot more important.

~John Flanagan

It's surprising how often history is decided by something as trivial as bad shellfish.

~John Flanagan

I will remember this word," he said. "Shenanigans. It is a good word.

~John Flanagan

Success tended to make the unorthodox acceptable

~John Flanagan

I'll be needing a bridesmaid', she said. 'A tall one. That way, I'll look more petite and feminine.

~John Flanagan

Sometimes," Halt continued, "we tend to expect a little too much of Ranger horses. After all, they are only human.

~John Flanagan

How can you stay so calm?" It helps if you're terrified.

~John Flanagan

Well, we can ride together for a while longer. The highway south is farther along this way. I'll be glad of some cheerful company." "First time anyone's said that about me," Halt replied.

~John Flanagan

An ordinary archer practices until he gets it right. A ranger practices until he never gets it wrong.

~John Flanagan

Always expect something to go wrong," he told him. "Believe me, if you're wrong, you're not disappointed. If you're right, you're ready for it.

~John Flanagan

Never give up because, if an opportunity arises, you have to be ready to take it.

~John Flanagan

She didn't like the fact that she had reduced a man - no matter how evil he might beâ€”to a drooling idiot.

~John Flanagan

You're an Apprentice! You're not ready to think!" Gilan and Halt. The Ruins of Gorlan.

~John Flanagan

It's a sword, not a fairy wand, you know.

~John Flanagan

I thought I'd stumbled on Sleeping Beauty and her ugly sister,' said another voice, 'waiting for the kiss of true love to wake them from their slumbers. Forgive me if I didn't oblige.

~John Flanagan

Ah, Signor Halt,' he said uncertainly, 'you are making a joke, yes?' 'He is making a joke, no,' Will said. 'But he likes to think he is making a joke, yes.

~John Flanagan

You know, Gilan, sarcasm isn't the lowest form of wit. It's not even wit at all." -Halt

~John Flanagan

Failure is just a few seconds away from success.

~John Flanagan

Sometimes, life threw up problems that even the wisest, most trusted mentor couldn't solve for you. It was part of the pain of growing up. And having to stand by and watch was part of being a mentor.

~John Flanagan

Don't concentrate on the obvious. They might want you to miss something else.

~John Flanagan

Very impressive. Where did you learn that?" Made it up just now.

~John Flanagan

He'd just have to lie there and die, watched over by strange stars who didn't know him, didn't care for him. It was very sad, really.

~John Flanagan

It's the Kalkara. they're hunting.

~John Flanagan

Tug looked nervously at his master. Horses aren't supposed to fly, he seemed to be saying.

~John Flanagan

If they invent a four legged chicken," Will said, "Horace will think he's gone to Heaven.

~John Flanagan

Then the two friends leaned back and watched the sun rise clear of the trees. "Best time of day," said Will. Yes," Horace agreed. "What's for breakfast?

~John Flanagan

I am the lord of Redmont Fief. He is my tenant. I am his commander. End of story. Ipso facto. Case-o closed-o.

~John Flanagan

"Halt looked up at the trees above him. "Why does this boy ask so many questions?" he asked the trees. Naturally, they didn't answer.

~John Flanagan

"I'll build mine tomorrow," Horace said through a mouthful of food. "This is excellent, Will! When I have grandchildren, I'll name them all after you!

~John Flanagan

He had lost control over his own body, he realized dully.

~John Flanagan

Then, driven by the same impulse, they kissed him--Aylss on the left cheek, Evanlyn on the right. And then they glared daggers at each other. -pg 372

~John Flanagan

But then, in his lifetime, Halt had often ignored what was technically legal. Technicalities didn't appeal to him. All too often, they simply got in the way of doing the right thing.

~John Flanagan

Will raised both eyebrows. 'Well, you learn a new thing everyday,' he said reflectively. 'In your case, that's no exaggeration,' Halt said, completely straight-faced.

~John Flanagan

You're a dead man, Arratay," Jerrel said through clenched teeth. Halt smiled. "That's been said before. Yet here I am.

~John Flanagan

The battle, if you could call it that, lasted no more than a few seconds.

~John Flanagan

Got to keep losing horses," he said drowsily. "Bad habit.

~John Flanagan

Shall I call the others back in?" He nodded. "Why ask me? It's all of you who are making the decisions.

~John Flanagan

Remember no one expects you to be Halt. He's a legend, after all. Haven't you heard? He's eight feet tall and kills bears with his bare hands.

~John Flanagan

Yes, I'm back," he said, "And look who I ran into." Horace grinned at him. "I hope you ran into him hard." "As hard as I could.

~John Flanagan

Don't worry, chief. We've got these Tualaghi surrounded - from the inside." "Exactly," Erak replied dryly.

~John Flanagan

You spoil your horse, Halt said. Will glanced at him. You spoil yours. Halt considered the thought, then nodded. That's true.

~John Flanagan

"Would you trust him with your life, Halt?" Gilan interrupted, and Halt looked up at him. "Yes," he said quietly. Gilan patted his shoulder once more. "Then trust him with his own," he said simply.

~John Flanagan

"They have terrified my poor wife and threatened my very person!" Halt eyed the man impassively until the outburst was finished. "Worse than that," he said quietly, "they've wasted my time.

~John Flanagan

Anyone can make a mistake.... It's how they learn from it and recover from it that shows their true worth.

~John Flanagan

Now I know that if you wait until you think you are ready, you'll wait your whole life

~John Flanagan

Sometimes I'm so devious I confuse myself.

~John Flanagan

Halt shook his head. Frankly, he'd seen sacks of potatoes that could sit a horse better than Erak

~John Flanagan

"Now, if you two will excuse us, we'll get back to the relatively simple business of planning a war," he said. -Baron Arald

~John Flanagan

Horace normally didn't need anyone else to save his life. He was pretty skilled at doing it for himself.

~John Flanagan

Halt Halt," said Gilan stepping out into the open.

~John Flanagan

Never take your eyes off them," Horace said to Gilan, in an admonishing tone. "Didn't MacNeil ever tell you that?"

~John Flanagan

It formed into small drops on his weather beaten features, drops that rolled down his cheeks. Strangely, some of them tasted like salt.

~John Flanagan

Shut up, Axl!" he whispered fiercely. "If you want to break your neck, do it quietly or I'll break it for you.

~John Flanagan

Have you seen them?" he asked. Arrow looked at him disinterestedly. Will frowned. Not talking, eh?" he said. "Maybe you're a little hoarse." He cackled briefly at his own wit.

~John Flanagan

It was safe to assume that the rider would be carrying a weapon of some kind. After all, there was no point in wearing half armor and going weaponless.

~John Flanagan

Who are you, gaijin? What do you know about honor?' 'I'm called Chocho,' Will said... 'Chocho?' Arisaka shouted, goaded beyond control. 'Butterfly? Then die, Butterfly!

~John Flanagan

The young gentleman is correct," he said. Halt raised an eyebrow. "He may be correct, and he is undoubtedly young. But he's no gentleman."

~Halt and General Saprستي speaking of Will

~John Flanagan

Strange, he thought, how seldom people tend to look up" - Will

~John Flanagan

What is this Chocho business?' Will muttered to himself. But his friends overheard the comment. 'It's a term of great respect,' they chorused, and he glared at them. 'Oh, shut up,' he said.

~John Flanagan

Do you have a death wish?" he asked. Will grinned at him. I'm just relying on your judgment," he replied. "I can't keep track of everything in my head.

~John Flanagan

It would be unthinkable bad luck to be betrayed by a rumbling stomach.

~John Flanagan

But...what if I mistime it?" Gilan smiled widely. "Well, in that case, I'll probably lop your head off your shoulders." Horace and Gilan

~John Flanagan

Stig: 'Of course, she'll sail rings around Wolfswind,' Hal: 'Then why didn't you tell him that?' Stig: 'I like my head where it is.

~John Flanagan

There's nothing honorable in a man who hides behind a blue woman's hanky.

~John Flanagan

Face your fears, Halt had always thought him, and more often than not they fade like mist in the sunshine

~John Flanagan

Sometimes, he thought, all you could do was wait.

~John Flanagan

He didn't look back. He never did

~John Flanagan

Problems postponed have a habit of solving themselves

~John Flanagan

But if we're going to kill them all, we might as well make an occasion of it.â€• Toshak shrugged. â€œDo as you wish,â€• he said. â€œOccasion or not, as long as they're all dead, I'm happy.

~John Flanagan

You're a very amusing fellow," he told Halt. "I'd like to brain you with my ax one of these days." Erak to Halt.

~John Flanagan

People will think what they want to," he said quietly. Never take too much notice of it.

~John Flanagan

Sometimes people can be too intellegent for their own good. Too much thinking could confuse things.

~John Flanagan

I said, names aren't important," he repeated. There was a silence between them for some seconds, then the Ranger said: "Do you know what is important?" Will shook his head. "Supper is important!

~John Flanagan

Idiots, Halt muttered. If we were here to cause trouble, we could simply ride them both down

~John Flanagan

Hunting party," Horace said Both Halt and Will looked at him sarcastically. "You think?" Will said. "Maybe they found the deer and

brought him back to repair him.

~John Flanagan

He smiled as Will handled the flask gingerly. 'there's a glass bottle inside, but it's padded with straw and protected by the leather covering. It's quite safe. Just be careful how you handle it.

~John Flanagan

Always expect trouble in the desert. Then you usually won't meet it.

~John Flanagan

She knew more about these situations than she realized, he thought. She'd spent years at Duncan's side. "When in doubt," he added, "be pompous.

~John Flanagan

He could bear the dying, but not the disappointment.

~John Flanagan

The mace prodded Will in the back again. That little habit was starting to annoy him and he was tempted to take the weapon from the sergeant major and do a little prodding of his own.

~John Flanagan

Arm there," she said. "Other arm, idiot. Now hand there...okay, ready? We're going to start with your left foot. On three. One. Two... What the devil is he doing here?

~John Flanagan

The sun was trembling on the brink of the world, the shadows at their longest, and they still had several kilometers to go.

~John Flanagan

Let's face it, she can't have simply disappeared...can she?" Horace

shrugged. "That's what I keep telling myself," he said morosely. "But somehow it looks as if she has.

~John Flanagan

It's not what I expected," he said. "They're far more organized than our intelligence had led us to believe.

~John Flanagan

I'm not really interested in being king. I prefer to work for a living

~John Flanagan

If and perhaps.... The language of procrastination and uncertainty. That's just people looking to justify their own lack of action.

~John Flanagan

Men... performed better when they understood why they were being asked to carry out a task.

~John Flanagan

As he poured carefully, Arrow's head turned toward the sound. The horse made a low grumbling noise in his throat. "Hold your horses," he said. Then he laughed. It seemed absurd to say that to a horse.

~John Flanagan

My friend is the man who gives me a book I ain't read." Abraham Lincoln

~John Flanagan

Fanatics," Halt said. "Don't you just love 'em?"

~John Flanagan

You may believe you're an excellent rider," he called, "but there are a score of Temujai back there who actually are.

~John Flanagan

It was not polite for a Temujai general to allow his emotions to show.

~John Flanagan

You've always said I should have an inquiring mind," she said. "I have. But not an interrupting one.

~John Flanagan

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