

A TOURNAMENT TO REMEMBER

The first thing to notice is that in (2.2) Sir B admits that he lost a fight, so he can't be boastful.

Let's assume that Sir B is newbie, i.e. everything he says except the names is correct, and the names are wrong.

(2.2) => Sir B lost 2nd duel, and Sir C won 2nd duel (can't be Sir A because the name would be correct).

(2.3) => Sir B won 3rd duel, and Sir A lost 3rd duel (can't be Sir C because each pair of knights fights only once).

(2.3) => Sir A wears black armor.

(2.1) => Sir B wears gold armor (we know it's not black, and now he says about another knight wearing red).

=> Sir C wears red armor.

(2.1) => Sir C won 1st duel, and Sir A lost 1st duel (Sir B didn't fight in 1st duel).

Now, if we check these facts against the reports of Sir A and Sir C, we'll notice that:

In (3.3) Sir C claims he has defeated Sir B in 3rd duel, but he didn't fight in 3rd duel at all, so Sir C must be a liar.

In (1.2) Sir A claims that he has participated in 2nd duel (he's the knight in black armor), which is not possible, so he must be a liar too.

We get a contradiction, so our assumption that Sir B is newbie is not true.

This means that Sir B is a liar.

If we assume that Sir A is boastful and Sir C is newbie, we'll get a contradiction in their reports about 2nd duel:

Sir C says he fought against Sir A, and Sir A couldn't have fought in 2nd duel because he fought in 1st and 3rd.

Thus, finally, Sir A is newbie, Sir B is a liar and Sir C is boastful. From here,

(1.3) => Sir A won 3rd duel, and Sir C lost 3rd duel.

(1.1) => Sir A won 1st duel, and Sir B lost 1st duel (can't be Sir C again).

(1.1) => Sir B wears red armor.

(3.1) => Sir A rides palomino horse.

(3.3) => Sir A wears gold armor.

=> Sir C wears black armor.

(1.2) => Sir C won 2nd duel, and Sir B lost 2nd duel.

(1.2) => Sir B rides piebald horse.

=> Sir C rides chestnut horse.

If you mark the cells in the table which correspond to the facts (for example, in the first column "Liar" you mark row "Sir B", getting letter T) and read the letters in them left-to-right, you'll get the message TRY INCANTATIONS. Well, try that.

ANSWER: Incantations