

THIS WAS THE TIME
BEFORE YOUR
PEOPLE.

THE IMMORTAL
LORDS, THE *IVIRS*,
RULED THEN.

AND THE WICKED RACE
OF *ESU* CRAWLED IN THE
DUST. THE *ROHKSHASUS*,
THE *MOURMO*, THE
HYEDRA, THE *DAYTIAS*.

MIGHTIER THAN ANY
OF THESE HORRORS,
FRIGHTFUL TO ALL,
WAS *RATHRAQ!*
RATHRAQ AND HIS WAR
HOUND, *SLANJAU*.



THEN, THE EARTH WAS TO PASS TO MORTAL HANDS, AS IS THE WAY OF THINGS. EACH TO HIS TIME, AND THEN NO MORE.

BUT THE ESU STOOD HARD. THEY WOULD NOT SEE THEIR HOUR END. WAR CAME!

ALL-FATHER, AYATAL, SENT IWIR WARRIORS TO CLEAR THE LANDS OF SIFFA, AND XOTLAHA, AND SELTEMM. WARRIORS BRAVE, BUT ONLY RATHRAQ HAD SLANJAU.

ONLY RATHRAQ'S BLADE WAS HAMMERED IN THE OLORRON FORGE.



UHHH, OKAY... WHO'S THIS "RATHRAQ"?

THAT THE FIRE-GUY FROM LAST NIGHT YOU'S TALKIN' ABOUT?



I AM RATHRAQ!

XOTLAHA AND NUSKU NOW HOLD MY BODY. THIS HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO YOU MOMENTS PAST.

YOUR "BODY?" WHAT? YOU SAID THEY HAD A MUMMY.

AND THIS IS THE FIRST I'M HEARING ANY NAMES. "NUSKU"? YOU'RE MAKING THIS HARD TO FOLLOW.



HEY, HIT "PAUSE," YEAH?

NEED SOME MOVIE SNACKS!



NUSKU IS A DEMON OF FLAME.

RIGHT. THE FIRE-GUY. I CAN SEE WHY YOU'D WANNA AVOID HIM.



