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HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

HE TOOK AN ARROW IN THE NECK AS THE RHUND WARRIORS MADE THEIR RETREAT INTO THE FOREST.

WAS IT AAREK THAT PULLED THE STRING?



NO. HE'LL TAKE THE CREDIT FOR IT, BUT IT WAS A LUCKY SHOT BY ONE OF HIS SAVAGES.

UNLUCKY FOR US.

WE MIGHT HAVE WON TODAY'S BATTLE...

...BUT WE'VE SUFFERED A TERRIBLE LOSS THIS NIGHT.



AND NOW THEY'LL LOOK TO YOU, HROLF.

HALLVARD WAS A FEAR SOME WARRIOR AND A GREAT LEADER.

THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND LOOKED TO HIM FOR PROTECTION AND STRENGTH.



ME?

AS HALLVARD'S ONLY SON, YOU ARE HIS HEIR.

HIS TITLE, AND HIS WAR, ARE NOW YOURS.



UNCLE?

BUT YOUR FATHER ALWAYS INTENDED FOR YOU TO TAKE HIS PLACE AT THE HEAD OF THE TABLE...WHEN THE TIME CAME.

IT'S TRUE THAT YOU'RE STILL YOUNG, LAD.

AND NOW IT HAS, MUCH TOO SOON.





MANY YEARS LATER...



KING HROLF?

WHAT IS IT, SCOUT?



THEY'RE COMING.

TWO-DOZEN RHUND WARRIORS ON FOOT.

AT THE HEAD OF THE PACK.

HOW MANY?

AND THE WOLF?



YOU'VE DONE WELL, SOLDIER.

QUICKLY NOW.

RUN AND TELL MHORD TO PREPARE HIS TROOPS FOR THEIR ARRIVAL.

YES, MY KING.



LAXDALE WARRIORS!

READY YOURSELVES!

THE ENEMY APPROACHES!

