

THE STEPPES OF HYRKANIA.



“LIKE FLOCKS THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD
WING AND FLAP AND FLY
IN TERROR FROM A RINGING SHRIEK—
THE TRUE KING OF THE SKY!



“THERE COMES A BIRD OF FEARSOME GRACE
HUNTING FAR ABOVE
TO SHADOW KHITAI'S GOLDEN CRANE
AND PATHENIA'S DOVE

“TO REND CIMMERIA'S RAVEN,
AND ZAMORA'S MOCKING JAYS...



“...TO SHRED STYGIA'S IBIS
IN ITS BRIGHT AND PIERCING GAZE!



“THE FALCON FLIES,
THE FALCON FALLS,
DROPS DEADLY AS A STONE—



“TO SAVE OUR
LAND, TO SERVE
OUR KING—”

♪ WE HAIL
THE FALCON
THRONE! ♪





SONJA!
PLEASE, PLEASE
GET BACK--

SONJA, NOT
EVEN YOU CAN TAKE
DOWN A **BLOODY**
ARMY!

HMPH.

I CAN STEAL INTO
A CAMP BY NIGHT AND
SLIT THE THROAT OF
WHATEVER SNAKE
LEADS THEM--

AND THEN THEY'LL
KILL YOU. SONJA,
IT'S BEEN A **WEEK**,
AND MORE HYRKANIANS
FLOCK TO GENERAL
TAERGA'S BLACK
TALONS EVERY DAY.

WHAT OTHER
HYRKANIAN IS GOING TO
STAND UP FOR THE REST
OF US FOREIGN-BORN
WHO ARE LEFT?!

SONJA, SAVAS WOULDN'T
JUST KILL YOU, HE'D KILL
YOUR **LEGACY**.

SAVAS WANTS YOUR
LEGEND. IF HE POSSESSES
YOU, HE HAS THE SINGLE
MOST TERRIBLE WEAPON
HE COULD DREAM. PEOPLE
WILL FOLLOW YOU.

...IF YOU CAN
GIVE THEM A
PATH.

MIDYAN...

I AM NO QUEEN,
NO POLITICIAN,
NO ORATOR TO
GOAD THEM TO
MY BANNER...I DO
NOT HAVE SAVAS'
OR TAERGA'S GIFTS
FOR THAT.

SAY YOU WERE
ENCHANTED WHEN YOU DEFIED
HIM, ENSLAVED BY SOME
FOREIGN WITCH--

HOLD YOU UP
AS A MARTYR! AND
TO HIS CAUSE!

IF YOU DIED, HE'D
JUST HAVE AN EVEN
EASIER TIME WRITING
HIS WORDS INTO
YOUR MOUTH!

YOU CAN MAKE
THEM LAUGH, BUT TO
MAKE THEM FIGHT,
WE'D NEED...

AN ORATOR!

AN ORATOR!



OH, MITRA...
THIS IS ONE REUNION I MIGHT ACTUALLY ENJOY.

NOT MORE OF YOUR SEVERAL EVIL EXES, RIGHT?
NOT THE TIME FOR COMEDY. GOT IT.
SORRY, I DO THAT.



DERKETO'S TITS. THEY HAVEN'T BURNED THIS PLACE?!

AFTER HYRKANIA CONQUERS THE WORLD, I HAVE NO DOUBT SAVAS WILL REPAINT IT AS A TEMPLE TO HIS ROYAL MAJESTY. HE ALWAYS DID HAVE A WEAKNESS FOR BEAUTIFUL THINGS.

AS FAR AS PARAMOURS PAST AND PRESENT, YOU WILL LIKE LYNA. SHE IS ONE OF THE MOST GIFTED ORATORS IN THE KNOWN WORLD--

SHE HAS STUDIED IN SO MANY NATIONS, LEARNED ITS INTRIGUES AND PHILOSOPHIES-- WAS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST EVER TO BE DECLARED A SCHOLAR OF THE SYMPOSIUM--



LYNA WOULD--

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