



WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO TO THE CITY?

BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE THE TEMPLE IS, SONJA. THE GODDESS DOES NOT COME TO YOU—YOU MUST GO TO WHERE SHE DWELLS.

BUT WHY DO I HAVE TO GO SEE HER?



BECAUSE SCÁTHACH IS THE ONE WHO FIRST GAVE US THE SWORD AND TAUGHT US IN ITS USE.

SHE IS THE ONE WHO WATCHES OVER US AS WE BATTLE, AND DECIDES WHICH OF US WILL SPEND ETERNITY IN THE HALL OF HEROES...



EACH GENERATION MUST INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO HER, AND RENEW THE BOND BETWEEN GOD AND MORTAL, WHICH BEGAN WHEN SCÁTHACH SCHOOLED THE FIRST HERO IN THE ART OF COMBAT...

THAT IS WHY WE MUST TRAVEL TO THE CITY.



ARE WE THERE YET, PAPA?

NOT YET...



NOW WE'RE THERE.



DOES SCÁTHACH LIVE UP THERE?

NO SHE DOESN'T, CHILD, BUT IT IS A PLACE SACRED TO HER, AND WHERE WE CAN SPEAK TO HER AND BE CERTAIN SHE WILL HEAR US.

NOW I MUST MAKE THE FINAL ADJUSTMENT TO YOUR HAIR...

STAND STILL... I DON'T WANT TO KNICK YOU...



WHY DO I HAVE TO WEAR DAGGERS IN MY HAIR, MAMA?

SO SCÁTHACH WILL KNOW YOU AS ONE OF HER OWN, SONJA.

NOW HUSH, CHILD...



WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE GODDESS.



YOU DIDN'T WAKE ME UP SO I COULD TAKE THE WATCH.

YOU NEEDED THE SLEEP.



EVERYBODY UP!

THAT INCLUDES YOU, TOO, STYGIAN!

UGH

SARAH, NO MORE TEARS FROM YOU. YESTERDAY I LET YOU CRY BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO FACE THE HORRORS YOU SAW. BUT THE TIME FOR CRYING IS OVER. IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE-- IF YOU WANT THIS WORLD TO SURVIVE-- IT IS TIME TO FIND YOUR COURAGE.

TODAY YOU MUST DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT. NO ONE WILL THINK LESS OF YOU IF YOU CHOOSE TO RETURN TO YOUR FAMILIES - BUT IF YOU LOVE YOUR FAMILIES, AND WANT TO KEEP THEM SAFE, WE HAVE WORK TO DO.





WE FIGHT!

GOOD.



TEACHER, WE ARE ONLY GIRLS — WHY WOULD KINGS AND BARONS HEED US?

YOU TELL THEM RED SONJA SENT YOU. IF THEY DOUBT YOU, THEN SHOW THEM YOUR SKILLS.

THEY WILL KNOW THE TRUTH OF WHO TRAINED YOU. THERE IS NO OTHER GROUP OF GIRLS LIKE YOU ANYWHERE IN THIS WORLD.

YOU'VE ALL SEEN WHAT THAT SNAKE'S CAN DO, AND YOU KNOW WHAT HIS PLANS ARE.

THE ONLY CHANCE OF DEFEATING HIM IS TO BRING TOGETHER EVERY NATION, EVERY TRIBE — I WANT YOU TO RIDE AND SPREAD THE WORD, STEAL HORSES IF YOU HAVE TO, AND RIDE HARD. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SPLIT UP.

GRIZEL, HILDI, AND MAEVE: TRAVEL TO AQUILONIA AND WARN THEM THAT SUTEKH IS ON HIS WAY.

BE SURE TO REMIND THAT KING OF THEIRS THAT HE STILL OWES ME ONE!

YES, TEACHER.

NORIKO AND JIAN: YOU HAVE THE FARTHEST TO TRAVEL, AS I'M SENDING YOU BACK TO YOUR NATIVE LAND OF KHITAI — AND TAKE ZULA WITH YOU!

TARREN, ORENDA, AND KASA: YOU ARE TO TAKE THE NEWS TO TURAN, WHILE YANA, ISKA, AND GYTHA MUST WARN MY HOMELAND, HYRKANIA!

IT IS OUR HONOR, TEACHER.