

DEEP IN THE NORTHERN WOODS OF HYRKANIA...



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NOOOO,  
PLEASE!

LET THE  
CEREMONY  
BEGIN. BRING  
THE VILLAGER  
FORTH.

GAAHH

YOUR  
BLOOD WILL  
NOW SERVE A  
HIGHER  
PURPOSE.

TO  
STRENGTHEN  
THE IMMORTAL  
MASTER...



TO  
HEAL HIS  
WOUNDS...



# KULAN GATH!

WELCOME BACK. I HAVE RECRUITED NEW FOLLOWERS FOR YOU, FROM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRYSIDE.

HHAGHHH!



NOT GOOD ENOUGH, PRIESTESS. FIND ME AN ARMY.

I WILL DESTROY MY ENEMIES ONCE AND FOR ALL.



MEANWHILE, NEAR THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF HYRKANIA



LERA!  
FLANK HIM.  
TOGETHER, WE WILL  
TAKE DOWN THIS  
TROLL IN OUR  
PATH!

≡SNARL≡  
WOMEN!

TO THE  
DEATH! JOIN  
US IN BATTLE,  
SIR MAX!



WAIT!!



SIR  
MAX, WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING?!

HEY THERE--  
MY NAME'S MAX.  
THESE ARE MY FRIENDS  
TAYA AND LERA.  
WHAT'S YOUR  
NAME?

?

ZERCAT.  
MY NAME IS  
ZERCAT.

NO  
ONE'S ASKED  
ME MY NAME  
BEFORE.

ZERCAT, LET  
ME TELL YOU  
A STORY...



WHEN I WAS A LITTLE BOY, MY FAMILY, MY ENTIRE CITY WAS DESTROYED BY AN EVIL SORCEROR. I FLED THROUGH A MAGIC PORTAL I CREATED.



I GREW UP IN ANOTHER COUNTRY, ANOTHER TIME, ACTUALLY. I FORGOT ABOUT MY CHILDHOOD, UNTIL A RED-HEADED WOMAN NAMED SONJA SUDDENLY SHOWED UP.




I REDISCOVERED MY MAGIC POWERS, AND SONJA HELPED ME AVENGE MY LOSS AGAINST THE SORCEROR KULAN GATH.

...NOW I FIND MYSELF HERE JUST TRYING TO FIND MY CHILDHOOD...



...AND THEN I MET LERA AND TAYA HERE WERE NICE ENOUGH TO HELP ME FIND MY OLD HOME.


*SNIFFE*  
THAT... THAT'S AN AMAZING STORY, MAX. KULAN GATH SLAUGHTERED MY VILLAGE WHEN I WAS JUST A YOUNG TROLL. SO I TOTALLY GET WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM.



GOOD LUCK! I HOPE YOU FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!

UNBELIEVABLE. I CAN NOT BELIEVE YOUR PLOY WORKED.

THANKS DUDE!!



SOMETIMES WORDS WORK BETTER THAN FORCE. GHANDI ONCE SAID, "NON-VIOLENCE IS THE GREATEST FORCE AT THE DISPOSAL OF MANKIND."

WHO?



OWE HOW MUCH FARTHER ON THESE HORSES?!

WE JUST HAVE THREE DAYS LEFT RIDE AHEAD OF US. WHAT'S WRONG, MAX?