

HE'S
OF NO USE
TO ANYONE
IN SUCH A
STATE.

DO
WE...JUST
LEAVE?



...SKATH
MAY BE A
DRUNK,
BUT...



NO!
I'LL BE
READY!
I'LL--



HELLO?





OFF TO BATTLE. THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE JOINED BY LORD SKATH HIMSELF...



...BUT I HEAR TELL HE RAN OFF LIKE A COWARD. PITY.



SKATH'S BATTLES ALWAYS MADE FOR THE BEST STORIES. I WOULD'VE LIKED TO HAVE HEARD A NEW ONE.



THE PEOPLE FOLLOW A *SHE-DEVIL* TODAY, TO EJECT RUSA SANDAK AND HIS ILK FROM OUR LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD.

I'D THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD BEEN LEFT BEHIND... BUT SINCE I HAVE COMPANY--



--WOULD YOU CARE TO JOIN ME IN DRINKING TO *THEIR* VALOR?

MEANWHILE...

**SONJA!
WATCH
OUT!**

**WHAT IS
GOING ON UP
THERE?**


**ONE
WARRIOR
LANDING IN
A MOAT IS
HARDLY WORTH
THIS FUSS--**

**UNLESS...
I AM NOT
ALONE IN THE
WATER.**

**GODS. ARE
THEY ACTUALLY
STOPPING A
BATTLE TO SEE IF
I WILL KILL OR BE
KILLED?!**

**W-WHAT
IS SONJA
DOING?! HAS
SHE GONE
MAD?!**





SHE IS BRAVE!
SHE IS **WONDROUS!**
LOOK UPON THE FLAME-
HAired WARRIOR WOMAN,
MY PATRONS, AND SEE
THAT HEROES STILL
EXIST!

HEROES!
THOSE RARE
INDIVIDUALS THAT
ARE ADMIRIED BY
ALL, HIGH-BORN
OR LOW!



FARMERS AND
SOLDIERS, YOU CAME
TOGETHER IN BATTLE,
BUT THAT NEED NOT BE!
YOU ALREADY HAVE SO
MUCH IN COMMON--AND
NOW, **THIS EXPERIENCE**
WILL **BIND YOU AS**
FRIENDS!




THIS BATTLE
BETWEEN **WOMAN**
AND **BEAST!**
THIS--

RUSA
SANDAK!

--eh?



HE
CAME.



YOU ARE
A **PLAGUE**. YOU
SAY **WHATEVER**
YOU **MUST**
TO ACHIEVE WHAT YOU
WISH--AND I AM
TIRED OF IT.

YOU ONCE
TOLD ME THAT A
CHALLENGE WOULD BE
WELCOME AT ANY TIME.
I CHALLENGE YOU NOW.
IN FRONT OF MY
PEOPLE. **FOR MY**
PEOPLE.