



NO MERCY!



TANIN!

YOU GUTLESS HORN-SUCKERS! OPEN THIS GATE AND I'LL--

NO, VALEROS! THERE'S TOO MANY!



YOU'LL WHAT? LISTEN TO YOUR VARISIAN, WARRIOR. I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO OPEN THIS GATE, BUT ANY ATTEMPT TO TAKE REVENGE FOR A LAWFUL EXECUTION IS ITSELF PUNISHABLE BY DEATH. AND THIS TIME THERE WILL BE NO TRIAL.

SO WHAT'LL IT BE?



HEAUGH!



YOUR WATCH ISN'T FOR TWO HOURS.

COULDN'T SLEEP.

SO I HEARD, TANIN?

YEAH.



FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I'M SORRY.

NOT YOUR FAULT. WE'RE ADVENTURERS.

DEATH IS PART OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION. WE'RE ALL GONNA EAT IT IN THE END, SO WHO CARES IF IT'S NOW OR IN TEN YEARS?

YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT?

I USED TO.



IT'S DIFFERENT WHEN IT'S A FRIEND. I KNOW YOU AND TRININ... I MEAN, MERISIEL THOUGHT...

NAH, IT'S NOT THAT. I MEAN, SHE WAS FUN, AND A HELL OF A WARRIOR. BUT I KNEW HER, WHAT, A FEW DAYS? I DON'T KNOW MUCH--WELL, **ANYTHING** ABOUT LOVE, BUT I'M LED TO BELIEVE IT TAKES LONGER THAN THAT.

IT'S NOT LOVE. IT'S THAT SHE WAS ME.



WHAT DO YOU--

SHE WAS A WARRIOR LIKE ME. TALKED SHIT LIKE ME. HONESTLY, SHE WAS PROBABLY BETTER AT BOTH. A QUEEN'S GUARD, TOP OF HER GAME.

AND JUST LIKE THAT, SHE'S GONE. ONE BAD HIT, AND WHAT'S LEFT? A PILE OF MEAT AND A COUPLE OTHER ARROW-FODDER MERCS SITTING AROUND RAISING A FLASK, TOASTING A WOMAN WE NEVER REALLY KNEW.

IN A YEAR, WE WON'T EVEN REMEMBER HER NAME.



THAT'S...A LOT TO THINK ABOUT.

ISN'T IT, THOUGH? I'LL TAKE WATCH. YOU GO GET SOME SLEEP.

YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT COMPANY?

I BROUGHT SOME.



I'M NOT SURE THAT'S--

YOU KNOW WHAT? I'VE GOT SOME READING TO DO ANYWAY. I'LL TAKE THE NORTH SIDE.

TRY TO STAY UPRIGHT.



ONE FOOT IN THE GRAVE

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IT'S A
GIANT
FOOT.

WELL,
YEAH.

I GUESS I
JUST THOUGHT IT
WOULD BE SOMETHING
MORE...IMPRESSIVE,
YOU KNOW? A
FORTRESS--NO, A
FOOTRESS!

THAT'S
THE KORVOSAN
GUARD. I'VE GOT
A BAD FEELING
ABOUT THIS.
WAIT HERE.

