

NOT LONG NOW.

SHUT UP, UNLESS YOU WANT YOUR FACE SMASHED IN.

HE'S GOT THEM.

THE EUCALYPTUS FORESTS OF AUSTRALIA, 1921.

IT HAS LONG BEEN SAID THAT TIME HEALS ALL WOUNDS. IT IS A HOPEFUL MESSAGE OF SURVIVAL AND OPTIMISM.

BUT CLOSER EXAMINATION RENDERS IT A FALSEHOOD. WHAT IF THE WOUND IS UNENDING?

WHAT IF THE WOUND IS IN TIME ITSELF?

HAS HE--?

I WILL NOT WARN YOU AGAIN, CUR.

THE TRUTH IS, OUR WORLD IS FULL OF UNHEALABLE PAIN.

GRIEVOUS WOUNDS THAT BLEED LONG AFTER ALL WHO LIVE IN THE TIME OF THEIR INFLECTING HAVE CEASED TO BE.

AND THIS MAN...

...ESON DUUL...





TAKE THE MALE'S CARCASS.
KILL THE REST.

IT SHALL BE DONE, LORD.



WAIT. LOOK. THESE MIGHT BE THE LAST THYLACINE CUBS IN THE WORLD, MATE.

YOU CAN'T JUST... YOU CAN'T JUST KILL THEM. THERE'S NO REASON FOR IT!



OH, BUT THERE IS, FAITHFUL GUIDE.

OUR MASTER, ESON DUUL... HE IS NOT AS OTHER MEN. YOU ARE LESS AKIN TO HIM THAN THE MOTH TO THE EAGLE.

WHEN HE KILLS A TROPHY, HE WANTS NO OTHER TO FOLLOW HIM.

WHAT IF THEY, BY CHANCE, BAGGED A GREATER KILL?



SO WHEN HE HUNTS, HE HUNTS TO EXTINCTION.

WHEN HE WANTS A THING, HE DESTROYS ANYONE WITH ANY CLAIM.

AND WHEN HE WANTS A WOMAN--



--HE MAKES CERTAIN NO OTHER HUNTER WILL FOLLOW HIS TRAIL TO HER BED.

IT IS NOT FOR SUCH AS US TO QUESTION.

"BUT... BUT THIS IS WRONG. HE'S A MONSTER."



AND YOU ARE A FOOL WITH NO VISION.

CARL. THIS GENTLEMAN HAS NOT BEEN HOUSEBROKEN.

VERY GOOD, STEPHANIE.



I WARNED YOU. YOU CAN'T SAY I DIDN'T.



HAVE THE SURVIVING GUARD BRING THE TROPHY.

AND TEFF...

YES, LORD?



I'LL BE NEEDING A WOMAN.

HYRKANIA,
THE HYBORIAN
AGE.

IT WAS SAID OF
THAT DAY, BY
THOSE WHO
WITNESSED IT...

... THAT THE SHE-DEVIL
WHO CAME ACROSS
THE DESERT AND INTO
THE TINY, FORGOTTEN
VILLAGE OF SHURAI,
PROVISIONLESS AND
WATERLESS, ON FOOT...



... A SMALL TOWN
KNOWN FOR ITS
ABUNDANT
POPULATION OF
DRUNKARDS IS
RARELY SHORT OF
FOOLS.

SHE WAS KNOWN
THROUGHOUT HER
HOME COUNTRY AS
THE SHE-DEVIL.



... CARRIED A
VISAGE SO GRIM
THAT ONLY A
FOOL WOULD
CONFRONT HER.

SADLY...

INCREDIBLY LETHAL
IN COMBAT, BUT NOT
UNWELCOME, FOR
ALL THAT, AS IT WAS
ALSO KNOWN THAT
SHE ENJOYED BOTH
ALE AND OTHER
PLEASURES OF THE
FLESH IN
ABUNDANCE.



BUT SOMETHING WAS
DIFFERENT THAT DAY,
AND THE WISE GAVE HER
A WIDE BERTH INDEED.