

# THE SPIDER KING



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"HALLVARD  
IS DEAD."



TONIGHT  
HE DRINKS  
AND FIGHTS  
IN THE GREAT  
HALLS OF  
VALHALLA...



...WHILE WE'RE LEFT  
TO MOURN THE  
GREATEST KING THE  
LAXDALE CLAN HAS  
EVER KNOWN.





HOW DID IT  
HAPPEN?

HE TOOK  
AN ARROW IN  
THE NECK AS THE  
RHUND WARRIORS  
MADE THEIR  
RETREAT INTO  
THE FOREST.

WAS IT  
**AAREK** THAT  
PULLED THE  
STRING?



NO. HE'LL TAKE  
THE CREDIT FOR IT,  
BUT IT WAS A LUCKY  
SHOT BY ONE OF  
HIS SAVAGES.

UNLUCKY  
FOR US.

WE  
MIGHT HAVE  
WON TODAY'S  
BATTLE...

...BUT WE'VE  
SUFFERED  
A TERRIBLE  
LOSS THIS  
NIGHT.



AND  
NOW  
THEY'LL  
LOOK TO  
**YOU**,  
HROLF.

**HALLVARD**  
WAS A  
FEARSOME  
WARRIOR AND  
A GREAT  
LEADER.

THE PEOPLE  
OF THIS LAND  
LOOKED TO HIM  
FOR PROTECTION  
AND STRENGTH.



ME?

AS  
**HALLVARD'S**  
ONLY SON, YOU  
ARE HIS HEIR.

HIS TITLE,  
AND HIS WAR,  
ARE NOW  
YOURS.



UNCLE?

BUT YOUR FATHER ALWAYS INTENDED  
FOR YOU TO TAKE HIS PLACE AT THE  
HEAD OF THE TABLE...WHEN  
THE TIME CAME.

IT'S TRUE  
THAT YOU'RE  
STILL YOUNG,  
LAD.

AND NOW  
IT HAS. MUCH  
TOO SOON.









MANY YEARS LATER...



KING HROLF?

WHAT IS IT, SCOUT?



THEY'RE COMING.

HOW MANY?

TWO-DOZEN RHUND WARRIORS ON FOOT.

AT THE HEAD OF THE PACK.

AND THE WOLF?



YOU'VE DONE WELL, SOLDIER.

QUICKLY NOW.

RUN AND TELL MHORD TO PREPARE HIS TROOPS FOR THEIR ARRIVAL.

YES, MY KING.



LAXDALE WARRIORS!

READY YOURSELVES!

THE ENEMY APPROACHES!



