
I FEAR I'VE MADE A GRAVE MISTAKE.
JOINING THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF BARSOOM, COMING TO THE BADLANDS...
I ONLY EVER INTENDED TO FIND THE TRUTH. DISCOVER WHO I TRULY AM.
BUT SO FAR, I'VE ONLY DISCOVERED HOW LITTLE I KNOW OF BARSOOM.
THE REAL BARSOOM. BEYOND THE JEDS AND DIPLOMATS, GILDED PALACE HALLS...
I'VE HAD MY SHARE OF ADVENTURES, BEEN AT THE BLADE'S EDGE MANY TIMES--
BUT I'VE NEVER FACED ANYTHING LIKE THIS.
THIS ERROR OF JUDGEMENT?
IT MAY BE THE LAST ONE I EVER MAKE.


WAKE, LITTLE FLOWER! IT IS NO TIME FOR SLEEP!
ALAS, I WILL LIVE TO MAKE MORE MISTAKES.
BUT I RESOLVE TO LEARN FROM THOSE THAT HAVE BROUGHT ME HERE. I WILL BE BETTER.
THERE! YOU LIVE!
YES, BURMA... I LIVE. BUT WHERE ARE WE?
ISSUS DID NOT FAVOR US IN BATTLE, LITTLE FLOWER.
WE'VE BEEN TAKEN PRISONER.
WHAT OF THE OTHERS?
I'M...I'M NOT SURE.
IT WAS CHAOS! WE WERE OVERTAKEN BY THE RED WITCH AND HER DECEPTION!
WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE, REGROUP AND ATTACK BEFORE—


YOU HAVE THE FIRE, MY CAPTAIN...BUT WE ARE TRAPPED.
WE SHOULD WAIT THIS OUT.
I CAN NOT AFFORD TO WAIT!
EVERYTHING IS AT STAKE, AND I'M STUCK IN A CAVE!
I REFUSE TO SURRENDER HERE, TO WASTE ANOTHER MOMENT.
WE'LL FREE OUR SQUAD AND TAKE DOWN...WHOEVER THESE OPPONENTS ARE!
HAVE YOU ALREADY FORGOTTEN OUR DEFEAT? IT WAS YOU, LITTLE FLOWER, WHO LED US HERE.
YOU HAD US FOLLOW THE RED WOMAN, REFUSED TO HEAD BACK TO CAMP.
YOU ARE STRONG, LARKA, BUT YOU MUST THINK OUTSIDE YOURSELF.
PERHAPS IT'S TIME YOU DID REST, YES?
I TOLD YOU--THERE'S NO TIME. WE HAVE TO FIGHT, NO MATTER THE COST. I MUST--
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT ONE WITH SOME FIRE IN 'ER.
TIME WE GET PROPERLY ACQUAINTED, SOLDIER GIRL.


HELIUM
WE'LL NEED A DISTRACTION. FOLLOW MY LEAD.
HELP! PLEASE, GUARDS!
WHO GOES THERE?!
TWO GUARDS APPROACHING.
THERE'S A CRAZY MAN! HE LOOKS LIKE THE WARLORD, AND HE'S TRYING TO ESCAPE!
CARTER! WE MUST GATHER THE REST OF THE GUARD AND PURSUE!
OR YOU COULD DO THAT.
LET US BE ON OUR WAY, JOHN CARTER. THE GATES OF HELIUM AWAIT.
THAT WAY! I SAW HIM HEADING TOWARDS THE SQUARE!


COUNCILMAN VALORIS, I HAVE... I HAVE URGENT NEWS.
TELL ME, GUARDSMAN... WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU MUST INTERRUPT ME IN MY STUDY?
IT'S...IT'S THE WARLORD, SIR. JOHN CARTER. HE APPEARS TO HAVE FLED. WE ARE PURSUING HIM, BUT FEAR HE HAS—
WORRY NOT, LOYAL SOLDIER. I KNEW CARTER WOULDN'T ABIDE UNDER HOUSE ARREST. HE HAS PLAYED HIS ROLE MOST EXPECTEDLY.
THIS IS ALL PART OF A GREATER PLAN. HELIUM IS *MINE*, AND THERE IS NO ONE LEFT TO STAND IN MY WAY.
A NEW DAY DAWNS, AND HELIUM WILL BE *FREE*.
NOW EXCUSE ME, I MUST FINISH PREPARING MY ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE.