






YES, WE TRAINED TO DEFEND THE REALM.  
BUT SO DID OUR PREDECESSORS.  
AND OUR PREDECESSORS' PREDECESSORS.

THEY WERE NEVER  
CALLED UPON TO PUT THAT  
TRAINING INTO ACTION, THOUGH.  
TO STAND BETWEEN THE FORCES  
OF DARKNESS, AND THE  
GOOD PEOPLE OF OUR  
KINGDOM.

BUT WE *HAVE* BEEN.  
AND IT IS THE MOST SACRED  
OF GIFTS. NOT BECAUSE THEY  
WILL SING SONGS ABOUT THIS  
MOMENT--THOUGH THOSE  
SONGS *SHALL*  
BE SUNG!

NOT BECAUSE  
THEY WILL RAISE  
MONUMENTS IN OUR  
HONOR--THOUGH  
THOSE MONUMENTS  
*SHALL* BE  
RAISED!



NO, IT IS A GIFT BECAUSE IT MEANS WE HAVE  
BEEN *CHOSEN*. BY FATE, AND I ASK YOU--  
WHAT MORE CAN A MAN ASK FOR? THE GODS  
HAVE LOOKED DOWN UPON US, AND  
THEY HAVE SAID--



--"I  
CALL  
UPON  
YOU!"





THIS ISN'T GLORIOUS,  
IT'S SUICIDE. WE COULD USE  
GUERRILLA TACTICS, STRIKE  
FROM THE JUNGLES PAST  
THE WALL, MAYBE MAKE AN  
ACTUAL IMPACT INSTEAD  
OF SIMPLY BEING  
SLAUGHTERED...

THEN SAY  
SOMETHING, AMALA.  
SAI MAY LISTEN.  
HE TRUSTS YOUR  
JUDGMENT.



I CAN'T.  
IT'S NOT MY  
PLACE.

RANK MEANS  
NAUGHT IN DEATH,  
AMALA!



PLEASE,  
YOU CAN STOP THIS.  
JUST SAY SOMETHING.  
SAY SOMETHING  
BEFORE IT'S  
TOO --





THIS WAY!  
THE NOISE CAME  
FROM OVER HERE, I'M  
QUITE CERTAIN.

NNNG...

AH-HA!  
I'WOULD SEE ONE  
OF THEM *SURVIVED*,  
TOMLIN. REMARKABLE!  
THAT *NEVER*  
HAPPENS.





WHO ARE  
YOU? WHAT  
ARE--

LOWER  
YOUR CRUDE  
WEAPON, WOMAN.  
I AM PRINCE  
BRYCEMERE.



THIS HERE IS  
TOMLIN, CHIEF  
FIREMANCER OF  
MY COURT. YOU'LL  
FIND HE DOESN'T  
HAVE MUCH TO  
SAY THESE  
DAYS.




WE TRAVELLED  
HERE TO CONFIRM  
RUMOURS THAT  
TERONAK WAS RAISING  
AN ARMY IN AN ATTEMPT  
TO ONCE AGAIN INVADE  
OUR KINGDOM...

ONLY TO DISCOVER  
THAT TERONAK'S  
ARMY HAS ALREADY  
ARRIVED--AND THAT  
YOUR PEOPLE,  
CHARACTERISTICALLY,  
FAILED AT THEIR  
*ONLY* JOB.



WATCH YOUR  
TONGUE.





THESE  
PEOPLE--**MY  
FAMILY**--THEY  
GAVE THEIR LIVES  
TRYING TO DEFEND  
THIS KINGDOM.  
THEY DID NOT  
FAIL. I--



...I FAILED.  
I FAILED  
THEM.





WELL, AT LEAST YOU CAN ADMIT TO YOUR INADEQUACIES. AND TRUTH BE TOLD, I'VE NEVER KNOWN A COMMONER TO SURVIVE AN ENCOUNTER WITH TERONAK'S ARMY.

TERONAK.

I SAW HIM. IN THE BATTLE.

YOU'RE GOING AFTER HIM?

WELL, OF COURSE. IT IS MY DESTINY TO SLAY TERONAK.

TAKE ME WITH YOU.

HM. YOU KNOW THESE LANDS WELL?

YES.

THEN YOU'RE OF USE TO ME. VERY WELL. GATHER WHAT YOU NEED FROM YOUR QUARTERS, AS FAST AS YOU CAN. OUR QUEST TO SAVE THE KINGDOM BEGINS NOW.