



BY
THEIR FIRES,
I CALL THEM
TWENTY
THOUSAND
STRONG.

CHELLA, DAUGHTER OF
CHEYK OF THE BLACK
EARS, BROUGHT BACK
WORD OF THE ARMY AT
THE CROSSROADS.



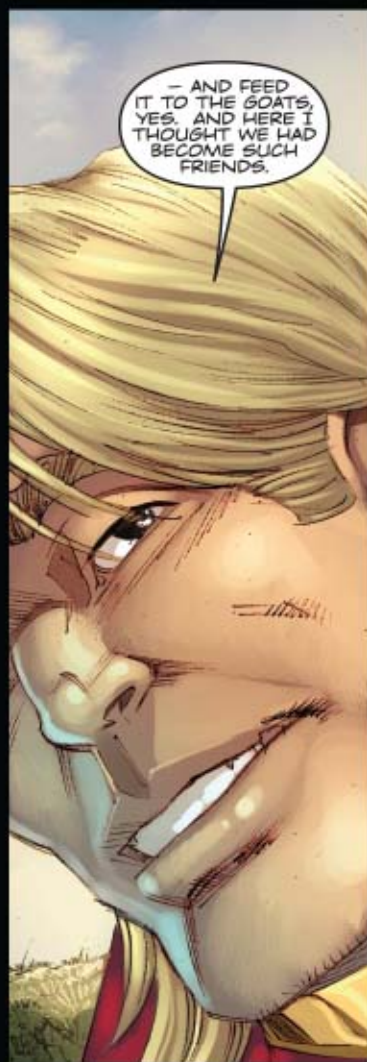
YOUR
FATHER?

OR MY
BROTHER JAIME,
WE SHALL KNOW
SOON ENOUGH.



TYRION WONDERED
WHAT HIS FATHER
WOULD MAKE OF HIS
LITTLE ARMY. TRUTH
BE TOLD, HE DID NOT
KNOW WHAT TO MAKE
OF THEM HIMSELF.

WAS HE THEIR
COMMANDER OR THEIR
CAPTIVE? MOST OF
THE TIME, IT SEEMED
A LITTLE OF BOTH.



THEY TROTTED DOWN TOWARD THE RIVERLANDS AND THE GREEN FORK OF THE TRIDENT.

AND TIMETT RODE ALONE.



EVERY CLAN IN THE MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON FEARED THE BURNED MEN, WHO MORTIFIED THEIR FLESH WITH FIRE TO PROVE THEIR COURAGE.

BUT EVEN THE OTHER BURNED MEN FEARED TIMETT, WHO HAD PUT OUT HIS OWN EYE WITH A RED-HOT KNIFE WHEN HE REACHED THE AGE OF MANHOOD.



THEY PASSED BLACKENED FIELDS AND BURNED HOLDFASTS. TYRION SAW NO BODIES, BUT THE AIR WAS FULL OF CARRION CROWS.

THERE HAD BEEN FIGHTING HERE AND RECENTLY.





HALF A LEAGUE FROM THE CROSSROADS, A BARRICADE HAD BEEN ERRECTED. BEHIND THE LINE, A CAMP SPREAD OUT TO THE FAR DISTANCE.

SER FLEMMENT!



TYRION!
WE FEARED YOU DEAD. THESE... COMPANIONS OF YOURS...

BOSOM FRIENDS AND LOYAL RETAINERS. WHERE WILL I FIND MY LORD FATHER?

HE HAS TAKEN THE INN AT THE CROSSROADS FOR HIS QUARTERS.



THE INN AT THE CROSSROADS! PERHAPS THE GODS WERE JUST AFTER ALL.



LORD TYWIN'S CAMP SPREAD OVER LEAGUES. CHELLA'S ESTIMATE OF TWENTY THOUSAND COULD NOT BE FAR WRONG.

BETTER AND BETTER. THE MORE IMPRESSED THE MOUNTAIN BRIGANDS WERE WITH THE POWER OF THE LANNISTERS, THE EASIER THEY WOULD BE TO COMMAND.

THE INN AND ITS STABLES WERE MUCH AS HE REMEMBERED THEM, THOUGH LITTLE MORE THAN TUMBLED STONES AND BLACKENED FOUNDATIONS MARKED WHERE THE REST OF THE VILLAGE HAD STOOD.



A ROOM, A MEAL, AND A FLAGON OF WINE. THAT WAS ALL I ASKED.



THE LAD WON'T STEAL YOUR MARE, SHAGGA. IF HE DOES, CHOP OFF HIS MANHOOD AND FEED IT TO THE GOATS.

IF YOU CAN FIND ANY.



MY MEN WANT MEAT AND MEAD. SEE THAT THEY GET IT. AND WHERE IS MY FATHER?

IN THE COMMON ROOM WITH LORD KEVAN, M'LORD.

