GAME OF THRONES

"The Last Hearth"

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COLD OPEN

INT. BALERION - DAENERYS TARGARYEN'S CABIN - SAILING - NIGHT

A cold breeze blows through the spacious cabin. DAENERYS TARGARYEN shivers beneath her fur blanket next to JON SNOW.

Daenerys clutches her arms as she tosses in her sleep, trying to shake an unprecedented nightmare.

EXT. THE NORTHERN SKY - NIGHT

Daenerys, panicked and alone, flies through the sky. She scans the sky above and a sea of clouds below her.

The sun cracks the horizon. It's DAWN. Instinctively, Dany covers her eyes but realizes...

... she is a DRAGON.

A SCREECH rings out. A painful scream, but one that is familiar.

VISERION -- he is alive, but undead.

Viserion lets out another screech and descends through the clouds below. He soars above a battlefield.

EXT. LAST HEARTH - DAWN

Surrounded by the ARMY OF THE DEAD, the FIGHTERS inside the stronghold make their final stand.

WIGHTS swarm like locusts, scouring the landscape and crushing everything in their path.

FROM ABOVE, wights move as one force to surround and infiltrate the castle. Viserion lets out another screech. Blue flame erupts from his mouth.

Daenerys can feel the force behind this action, and Viserion swoops in for another attack. Blue flame ignites the undead and men alike.

Viserion lands inside the courtyard of Last Hearth. The few remaining survivors look on in horror.

NED UMBER, the boy lord of Last Hearth, weeps. He and his men are surrounded.

Petrified, Daenerys feels an icy hand slide down her neck.

The NIGHT KING dismounts Viserion and places his hand on the dragon's scaled shoulder. He stares into Viserion's azure blue eye.

INT. BALERION - DAENERYS TARGARYEN'S CABIN - SAILING - SAME

Daenerys wakes and shivers. She breathes heavily. She pulls the blanket around her and finds...

...Jon Snow under the covers next to her.

Jon sits up, seeing something has happened.

JON SNOW What's wrong? Are we at White Harbor?

DAENERYS TARGARYEN No. But I dreamt the Night King had attacked.

JON SNOW It was just a dream.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN It seemed so real. Some place in the North. And...Viserion... (a beat) He was alive.

Jon gets out of bed. He grabs his black boiled leather coat, lined with white and gray fur, and throws it over Daenerys' shoulders. Jon sits beside her.

JON SNOW Watching him die...I'm sorry.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Jon, it was like I was inside him. Seeing what he saw, feeling what he felt. (a beat) Feeling his pain.

Jon holds Daenerys as they look out the porthole to the rising sun.

CUT TO MAIN TITLES.

END OF COLD OPEN

INT. WINTERFELL - GREAT HALL - DAY

SANSA STARK and BRAN STARK preside at the head table as NORTHERN LORDS clamor to be heard.

SANSA STARK

My lords, all of your concerns will be addressed, if you'll just wait--(your turn.)

LORD MAZIN House Mazin has been loyal for hundreds of years. We've never broken faith, not once. But now House Stark has broken faith with <u>us</u>!

NOISES OF AGREEMENT pass through the room. Sansa's expression is pained.

SANSA STARK House Stark has not broken faith, my lord. You chose my brother as your king because you had faith in his wisdom--

LORD MAZIN

A mistake!

LYANNA MORMONT We did not choose a King in the North to have him fall on his knees before a Queen in the South.

More MURMURS OF AGREEMENT.

SANSA STARK

(standing) Many of you have known me since I was a babe. You knew my parents, and their parents before them. Which one of you thinks me a fool or a traitor?

Silence. Their quarrel is with Jon, not Sansa.

SANSA STARK (CONT'D) Then trust me when I say this: Jon would die rather than betray you. (MORE) SANSA STARK (CONT'D) Whatever choices he has made, he made them for the North.

BRAN STARK

Jon is only a day's ride from Winterfell. Arya has already left to meet him. Wait for him. Hear what he has to say.

LORD MAZIN

And why should we wait here while winter buries our fields in snow?

BRAN STARK

The Night King and his armies have come through the Wall. Returning to your homes will not help you now.

LORD MAZIN

If the Wall has been breached, I'll be safer at Crossreach than here.

SANSA STARK

And who will be left for you to trade with -- fight with -- when the rest of Westeros is taken by the dead? Winterfell is the safest place we can be. We must hold strong, together.

Sansa sits. The murmurs in the room quiet, but they do not cease. Sansa and Bran share a concerned look.

EXT. CASTLE BLACK - COURTYARD - DAY

A single HORN CALL sounds, rousing DOLOROUS EDD, who is directing recruits in archery practice in the freezing morning air. He races to peer over the Wall.

Outside, an exhausted TORMUND GIANTSBANE and BERIC DONDARRION wait with an assortment of wounded and weary men in Night's Watch black.

DOLOROUS EDD Who goes there?

TORMUND GIANTSBANE A band of fucking minstrels. Who do you think?

DOLOROUS EDD How do I know you're not White Walkers? Beric ignites his drawn sword.

BERIC DONDARRION That good enough?

TORMUND GIANTSBANE Open the fucking gate.

Edd debates with himself, then nods to the guard to open the gate. The Eastwatch survivors drag themselves inside as Castle Black men rush to help them.

DOLOROUS EDD What in seven hells happened?

TORMUND GIANTSBANE Fucking dragon happened.

BERIC DONDARRION Eastwatch is gone. We're all that's left.

DOLOROUS EDD There were dozens of men there!

BERIC DONDARRION Well, there aren't any more.

DOLOROUS EDD Where is the Night King now?

TORMUND GIANTSBANE Headed south. You're guarding a prisoner who's already smuggled out. You might as well be pulling on your cocks for all the good you're doing now.

BERIC DONDARRION We need to go south and join the Northern armies.

DOLOROUS EDD We can't go south. We took vows. No Lord Commander has ever abandoned his post, not in the history of Westeros.

BERIC DONDARRION We're doing a lot of things that have never been done in Westeros. TORMUND GIANTSBANE You do what you like. I'm going south. Jon Snow is in Winterfell. He'll need our help.

BERIC DONDARRION I'm going too. (to Edd) You can be the Lord Commander who kept to your post. Or you can be the Lord Commander who saved the ass of everybody in Westeros.

That does it. Edd surveys the Eastwatch survivors and Castle Black men with different eyes.

DOLOROUS EDD They'll need to rest, and eat. Distribute armor. We'll leave at first light for Winterfell.

Beric and Tormund share a silent moment of triumph.

EXT. KINGSROAD (NEAR CERWYN) - DAY

ARYA STARK sits astride her horse. She's at the top of a hill, keeping a sharp lookout at the Kingsroad. A far-off screech makes her look up. Two dragons circle in the distance.

Arya watches, awed, until she notices a disturbance on the horizon. She squints. Dust emanates from thundering hooves, squeaking wagons, and the marching feet of the Unsullied.

As the procession becomes clearer, Arya kicks her horse into a canter, heading down the hill.

EXT. KINGSROAD (NEAR CERWYN) - DAY

As Arya's horse approaches the royal procession, she is loosely enveloped on all sides by advance Dothraki riders. RHOZO, a Dothraki bloodrider, approaches Arya.

> ARYA STARK I need to speak with Jon Snow.

RHOZO (broken English) Go home. You don't pass here.

ARYA STARK I will pass here. He is my brother. RHOZO (In Dothraki, to other riders) The little mouse has a death wish.

Rhozo pulls his arakh.

RHOZO (CONT'D) (to Arya) Go. Now. Or die.

Arya sighs and pulls Needle from her scabbard. Such a waste of a good Dothraki soldier.

ARYA STARK I do not want to hurt you.

RHOZO (in Dothraki) The mouse carries a stick!

The other Dothraki chuckle.

RHOZO (CONT'D) (to Arya) Go.

Arya dismounts.

ARYA STARK

No.

Arya holds her sword at the ready. Rhozo dismounts. He and Arya circle each other, ringed by watching Dothraki.

Without warning, Rhozo swings his curved blade in huge hacking motions, ludicrously powerful against Arya's skinny sword.

Arya doesn't flinch. She ducks and weaves, deflecting his blade, meeting strength with cunning and grace.

The procession draws closer. More voices and faces join the ring of Dothraki guards.

Rhozo lets out a yell and chops down with all his might. Arya meets him with Needle.

But Rhozo forces Arya to drop her sword. He grabs Arya around the waist, dropping his own weapon as he pushes her to her knees. Rhozo assumes the stance behind her, fumbling with his clothes, ready to take her from behind as Dothraki men take women. Arya pulls her Catspaw dagger from her belt and cuts Rhozo's hand. Rhozo lets go. Arya springs upright, driving the hilt of her dagger into Rhozo's temple.

Rhozo falls on his back. Quick as a flash, Arya stands over him, her dagger pointing toward his skull as Needle traces the bulge in his loincloth. His eyes widen as he registers the threat to both of his heads.

The circle of onlookers parts for two newcomers, but Arya doesn't take her eyes off Rhozo.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN (O.S.) What is the meaning of this?

ARYA STARK He needed a lesson in civility.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN (O.S.)

And who are you?

JON SNOW

Arya?

Arya glances behind to see Jon and Daenerys, who have caught up from the main procession on their horses. Jon slides off his horse, transfixed by the girl in front of him.

Arya sheathes Needle and turns her back on the Dothraki. Without a word, she jumps into Jon's arms. Jon closes his eyes and Arya smiles into his shoulder, fighting back tears.

JON SNOW (CONT'D)

How?

ARYA STARK (pulling away) Not here.

Arya turns to Daenerys, who has been watching this encounter with benevolent confusion.

ARYA STARK (CONT'D) I'm Arya Stark of Winterfell. Is there somewhere we can speak?

EXT. TARGARYEN CAMP - DAY

JORAH MORMONT walks through the activity as men and women set up camp. He carries a tankard of water and enters the largest tent.

INT. TARGARYEN CAMP - TENT - DAY

MISSANDEI, TYRION LANNISTER, and VARYS stand behind Daenerys and Jon, who sit at a low table with Arya. Jorah hands the water to Arya, who nods her thanks and drinks deeply.

ARYA STARK

The Northern lords are unhappy. They don't like being told they have a new queen. Especially a Southern one.

JON SNOW Have they disbanded?

ARYA STARK When I left, Sansa was convincing them to stay until your arrival. But they're not your only problem.

JON SNOW What do you mean?

ARYA STARK

The Army of the Dead is marching south. The Wall has been breached. The Night King rides into battle on a dragon that breathes blue fire.

Daenerys pales. She leans over and grips the edge of the table with white knuckles. Jorah moves to help her. Tyrion glances at Daenerys and tries to distract from her moment of weakness.

TYRION LANNISTER Blue fire? How do you know this?

ARYA STARK (deflecting) We got a raven.

Jon runs a tired hand over his forehead.

JON SNOW

If the Night King comes south and the banners have disbanded, we'll be as defenseless as babes.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN We are far from defenseless. We have the Unsullied, the Dothraki, and the dragons.

JON SNOW

It's not enough. The Army of the Dead is a hundred thousand strong, and growing with every kill. The Northern banners have fifty thousand men by themselves. We need their numbers to even the odds.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN How do we know if the raven's message is true?

Arya bristles.

ARYA STARK I would not come all this way if we didn't believe it to be true.

JON SNOW We should prepare. I'll need to speak with the banners as soon as

we arrive.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN You'll speak with them? Alone? You told me the Northern lords would come to accept me as their queen.

Jon touches Daenerys's sleeve lightly, and Arya notes the fond gesture.

JON SNOW And they will. But it took some time for me to see you as you are. It may take them time too. And time is something we have in short supply.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Have I traveled all this way to let someone else speak for me?

JON SNOW You've traveled all this way to win the heart of the North. Allow me to serve you by speaking with the Northern lords.

Daenerys looks to Tyrion, who nods.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN I need time to think.

JON SNOW Of course. (a beat) Arya, you must be tired. I'll show you to your tent.

Daenerys watches as they leave her behind.

EXT. TARGARYEN CAMP - DAY

Jon and Arya stroll through the camp. Spying Rhozo among a group of Dothraki, Arya's hand tightens on Needle.

JON SNOW No one will hurt you here. You have my word.

ARYA STARK You don't need to protect me.

JON SNOW What kind of brother would I be if I didn't?

ARYA STARK The smart kind.

Jon gestures to Needle.

JON SNOW Has it served you well?

ARYA STARK Better than you can imagine.

JON SNOW I'm sorry you had need of it.

ARYA STARK

I'm not.

JON SNOW Where did you get the dagger?

ARYA STARK Bran gave it to me.

JON SNOW How did Bran get a Valyrian steel dagger? ARYA STARK It's a long story.

Jon shakes his head.

ARYA STARK (CONT'D) How did <u>you</u> end up bedding a Targaryen?

JON SNOW

What?

Arya smiles, mischief dancing in her eyes. Jon snorts.

JON SNOW (CONT'D) You always were sharp. (beat) Are you disappointed in me?

ARYA STARK Father married a Southern girl. And yours has dragons.

Jon pulls Arya into a one-arm hug as they walk together.

INT. RED KEEP - COUNCIL CHAMBER - NIGHT

CERSEI LANNISTER sits at the head of the small council table with QYBURN at her right. They are alone at a table that once held more than half a dozen advisors.

CERSEI LANNISTER How long until the Golden Company reaches the Blackwater?

QYBURN They are at least a week away, Your Grace. More if the wind is uncooperative.

CERSEI LANNISTER We need them here. After that dragon whore's attack on our supply train, we have too few fighters by my measure.

QYBURN I understand, Your Grace. But there is another matter to consider.

Cersei unconsciously rests a hand on her stomach as she registers the threat in his words.

Oh?

QYBURN

There is some...unrest in the city, Your Grace. Rumors are spreading about Daenerys and her magical powers. Walking through flames and such.

CERSEI LANNISTER Crib tales for the feeble-minded.

QYBURN There are plenty of feeble-minded people in Flea Bottom who believe them. There's talk of supporting her claim to the throne.

CERSEI LANNISTER Is that so? (beat) Issue an order to the Gold Cloaks and the Queensguard. Anyone who utters a word in support of that white-haired witch is to be executed for treason.

Qyburn bows and leaves Cersei. She is now entirely alone, just her and a vast expanse of table where her loyal advisors should be.

EXT. THE SILENCE - DECK - SAILING - NIGHT

The huge ship creaks and moans on the waves. Strong winds gust as storm clouds hide the stars.

YARA GREYJOY is lashed to the mast. She is windswept, wet, and exhausted, but she still struggles at her bonds.

EURON GREYJOY drags KINVARA, the red priestess, by the arm. Kinvara is gagged and bound, but unlike Yara, she no longer struggles.

YARA GREYJOY Small cock, smaller brain -- Father was right about you.

EURON GREYJOY Your beloved father is a stain on the rocks. The carrion birds are shitting his opinions into the ocean. Euron lets go of Kinvara and moves toward Yara, the gleam of a madman in his eyes.

YARA GREYJOY A real brave man you are, stealing women and killing old men. Slaying your own kin. I can hardly breathe for fear of you.

EURON GREYJOY In the kraken's embrace, you'll be gasping for sure.

Euron grinds against Yara, who turns away in disgust.

EURON GREYJOY (CONT'D) Little Yara, you have no idea the plans I have for you. Watch.

Euron leads Kinvara to the ship's railing. Yara can't help but watch as Euron unsheathes his dagger. He caresses Kinvara's cheek with the blade.

> EURON GREYJOY (CONT'D) Shame. You're quite pretty. Or at least, you were.

Euron draws the dagger across Kinvara's forearm. He holds her arm over the side of the ship, letting her blood trickle into the dark waters below.

Yara searches Kinvara's face, which is strangely blank. Euron's face is a mask of maniacal joy.

> YARA GREYJOY Blood magic? Are you mad?

EURON GREYJOY The Drowned God, horse gods, fire gods, blood gods -- I pray to them all. And they all answer me.

Euron tilts his head back to soak in the gale, then smiles as the wind calms. The sails fill with a steady stream of air, and the ship moves smoothly through the now-gentle waves.

Yara looks at the clearing night sky in disbelief.

EXT. TARGARYEN CAMP - CLEARING - NIGHT

Arya sits by a campfire. The sounds of camp life swirl around her as she sharpens Needle.

Dothraki drums beat nearby, their rhythm matched by the scrape of Arya's blade against the whetstone.

SANDOR CLEGANE stumbles through the clearing, holding a wineskin. He collapses onto the grass. He stretches his feet out and rests his head on a log. Arya's hands pause mid-task.

SANDOR CLEGANE I heard there was a new cunt in camp. No one told me it was the Stark bitch.

Arya resumes sharpening Needle.

ARYA STARK Which am I then? A cunt or a bitch?

SANDOR CLEGANE You left me to be eaten by crows. You're both.

ARYA STARK How did you survive?

SANDOR CLEGANE Death isn't too keen on my company. (long beat) Why? You planning to arrange another meeting?

Arya tests Needle's point against her finger.

ARYA STARK

Might do.

SANDOR CLEGANE I think I just wet myself. (beat) Am I still on your fearsome little list then?

ARYA STARK

No.

SANDOR CLEGANE So what poor bastard is next on your list?

ARYA STARK I don't have a list anymore.

SANDOR CLEGANE Why? Lost your taste for killing?

ARYA STARK

My sword is as sharp as yours. Sharper, probably. The list helped me fall asleep. I sleep well enough now.

SANDOR CLEGANE So what do you plan to use your sharp little sword for, then? Cutting vegetables in the kitchens?

ARYA STARK Protecting what's mine.

Sandor regards her. She's calm, not the angry little girl he knew.

SANDOR CLEGANE You've gotten smarter.

ARYA STARK

And you've gotten stupid. You've drunk so much wine you couldn't fight off a child.

SANDOR CLEGANE Do you want to test that notion?

ARYA STARK

Sure. (beat) Let me go find a child.

Sandor laughs and raises his wineskin.

ARYA STARK (CONT'D) Then why are you here? Why pledge yourself to a queen you wouldn't die for?

SANDOR CLEGANE

Where else, little wolf? You think I'm going run to my cozy home, where my *loving* brothers and sisters are waiting for me. Bah!

This brings Arya up short.

ARYA STARK

You saved my life. You saved my sister's life. You went beyond the Wall with Jon. We could find a room at Winterfell, if you want it. Sandor catches her eyes, testing the truth.

ARYA STARK (CONT'D) You'd have to take a bath first.

Sandor relaxes, takes a swig.

SANDOR CLEGANE You high born cunts, all alike. Fancy ass clothes and castles.

Sandor offers Arya his wineskin. Arya drinks deep, then hands it back to him. She resumes sharpening Needle as the odd pair sit in comfortable silence.

EXT. TARGARYEN CAMP - CLEARING - NIGHT

Daenerys sits on a rock wall. Drogon nuzzles next to her. Dany strokes his snout.

Tyrion approaches but gives Drogon a wide berth.

TYRION LANNISTER Are you well?

DAENERYS TARGARYEN

Yes. (beat) No. No, I suppose not.

TYRION LANNISTER The loss of your dragon is a terrible tragedy.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN I know no one can understand. But these dragons <u>are</u> my children.

TYRION LANNISTER Children come in many forms. I had a niece and nephew once whom I loved like my own.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Were they raised from the dead and enslaved by the Night King?

TYRION LANNISTER No. Not last I heard.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN How can I save the North if I can't even save my own child? TYRION LANNISTER Northerners are proud people. They don't want saving. They want a leader. You are the best leader I have ever known.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN They've already chosen a leader.

TYRION LANNISTER They haven't met you yet.

Drogon moves away from the rock wall. Tyrion climbs up and sits beside Daenerys.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Jon would have me sit quietly while he speaks to the lords on my behalf.

TYRION LANNISTER Jon knows the North. But you cannot win over the people by sitting in silence.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN So what would you have me do?

TYRION LANNISTER The Starks carry a great deal of power in the North. <u>You</u> can offer power in the South. Show them all how beneficial this alliance could be.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN And if they decide they'd rather forfeit a powerful alliance than accept a Southern queen?

TYRION LANNISTER No one forfeits power, My Queen. Not in Westeros.

They sit together, the Queen and her Hand, watching her dragons take flight against the night sky.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

EXT. TARGARYEN CAMP - DAY

Unsullied, Dothraki, and common folk alike are breaking camp to continue marching to Winterfell. Excitement grows with each moment. Some people are only a day away from hot baths. Others are only a day away from brothels. And a lucky few are only a day away from loved ones.

Daenerys mounts her horse. Jon and Arya are already mounted on theirs.

With a screech, the dragons take to the air, circling lazily. Arya watches them go.

ARYA STARK I thought all those stories Old Nan told were fantasy. The dragons. The White Walkers. The Children.

JON SNOW

Aye.

ARYA STARK Can you picture her face if she could see this?

JON SNOW I imagine we'd be in for a bit of 'I told you so.'

The dragons swoop close to the procession.

ARYA STARK I wish father could see them.

JON SNOW I wish he could see you.

Jon reaches over and clasps her hand.

JON SNOW (CONT'D) Come on. Let's go home.

They urge their horses forward, but Daenerys is motionless as she watches two dragons fly overhead where three should be.

INT. CASTLE BLACK - LORD COMMANDER'S STUDY - DAY

Beric sits at the Lord Commander's desk, surrounded by paper, ink, and quills. Tormund and Dolorous Edd crowd him, leaning over his shoulder to look at the paper.

> DOLOROUS EDD Don't forget to tell them our numbers. They'll come if they know how fucked we are.

TORMUND GIANTSBANE How many men will we have if all the crows come to Castle Black?

DOLOROUS EDD Maybe two hundred and fifty, all told.

TORMUND GIANTSBANE Fucking Jon Snow. He said you had thousands on the Wall. We could have taken this place years ago.

BERIC DONDARRION Quit bellyaching, I'm trying to write.

DOLOROUS EDD What are you writing?

TORMUND GIANTSBANE Did you tell them about the dragon?

BERIC DONDARRION I think I managed to remember that part.

TORMUND GIANTSBANE And the giants? The huge fucking giants?

BERIC DONDARRION Do you want to write it yourself?

TORMUND GIANTSBANE Do you think we had a fancy lad school north of the Wall? Just tell them about the fucking giants!

Beric dots the paper with a flourish and holds it up.

BERIC DONDARRION Here. I told them about Eastwatch, and the dragon, and the bloody giants. I asked them to come to Castle Black so we can march south.

Edd takes the paper and studies it.

TORMUND GIANTSBANE What are you doing? You can't read it.

DOLOROUS EDD Shut up. Give me a quill.

Edd scratches his "X" on the paper and hands it to Tormund.

DOLOROUS EDD (CONT'D) Send this to Shadow Tower.

Tormund shakes his head as he leaves.

TORMUND GIANTSBANE (muttering) Catching ravens for crows.

DOLOROUS EDD (to Beric) Next. Winterfell.

Beric sighs and reaches for another slip of paper.

EXT. KING'S LANDING - FLEA BOTTOM - DAY

THREE YOUNG CHILDREN play in the street, ragamuffins with bare feet and bedraggled hair. Two boys sword fight with wooden sticks.

A LITTLE REDHEADED GIRL, maybe seven years old, climbs onto a crate.

LITTLE GIRL I am Daenerys Targaryen, the Unburnt! Kneel to me or I'll eat you with my dragons!

Passersby laugh as they go about their business. In the shadows, a Queensguard overhears and draws his sword. He stalks toward the child.

A RAVEN perches on the top of the broken tower, chattering at other birds. Abruptly its eyes turn milky-white, and it takes flight. A glittering train of movement becomes visible in the distance, curving along the road.

INT. WINTERFELL - GREAT HALL - DAY

Bran's eyes transition from milky-white to their natural brown as he comes out of his warg.

BRAN STARK

They're here.

Sansa, who was eating her breakfast, stands.

SANSA STARK I'll tell the Northern lords.

Sansa and Bran share a look before Sansa leaves.

EXT. WINTERFELL - COURTYARD - DAY

Sansa and Bran wait to receive the visitors. The Northern lords flank them, grim-faced and silent.

Ser Jorah, Ser Davos, and the Hound enter first. Sansa recognizes the Hound immediately, but her face betrays nothing.

Then Sansa spots Tyrion, and her face flickers with-something. Tyrion nods to her, then takes in the clenched jaws and tense shoulders of the receiving party.

> TYRION LANNISTER A warm Northern welcome.

Jon, Arya, and Daenerys ride through the gates. The Northern lords bow to Jon, but they refuse to do the same for Daenerys.

Jon dismounts and helps Dany off her horse. He guides her to Sansa, who curtsies to the Dragon Queen.

SANSA STARK Your Grace. Welcome to Winterfell.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Thank you. I've heard much about it on the journey from Dragonstone. Jon leaves Dany with Sansa and moves to Bran. He hugs his brother. When Jon pulls back, he studies the changes in the boy now a man grown.

> JON SNOW Bran, the last time I saw you...

BRAN STARK You said, 'We could go walking beyond the Wall, if you're not afraid.'

JON SNOW You heard me.

BRAN STARK Not then, but I did go beyond the Wall. Now I see things.

JON SNOW Arya said you've changed.

BRAN STARK Yes. Winter is here.

Jon pauses, taken aback. But Daenerys glides to his side, breaking the spell. Jon introduces her.

FROM HER HORSE, Arya smiles as she watches. Everyone she loves who is still alive is gathered here, right now, under her protective gaze.

Sansa intervenes with Bran and Daenerys.

SANSA STARK I hope Winterfell will please you. If there is anything you require, you need only ask.

Arya dismounts nearby.

ARYA I'd recommend the ale.

Sansa shoots her a reprimanding look. Daenerys tries to hide her smile.

Bran grabs Jon's wrist as Jon moves toward the Northern lords.

BRAN STARK I need to speak with you. JON SNOW Of course. Later. I need to address the lords. (to Sansa and Daenerys) Let's adjourn to the Great Hall. There is much to discuss.

Sansa gives him warning look. Jon nods.

INT. WINTERFELL - GREAT HALL - DAY

The Great Hall is stuffed to the eaves with Northern lords. Missandei, Jorah, Varys, and Tyrion fill the space behind the great table. Bran and Arya watch from the side as Jon stands before the lords, flanked by Daenerys and Sansa.

Jon motions to servants. They heave blocks of dragonglass onto the tables for all to see.

JON SNOW Dragonglass. As promised. We've already begun to fashion it into weapons.

LORD MAZIN And the Targaryen? Was she a nice little prize that came with it?

TYRION LANNISTER You are addressing Daenerys Stormborn, Queen of the Andals and the First Men, the Unburnt, Breaker of Chains, and Mother of Dragons.

LORD MAZIN She's just a Targaryen here.

JON SNOW She is my guest, and you will treat her with respect.

LYANNA MORMONT Respect is earned. House Stark has the respect and loyalty of Bear Island. But we don't recognize this Southern ruler as Queen of the Andals and the First Men.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN That's fair.

Everyone turns to look at Dany.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN (CONT'D) None of you know me. All of the North remembers the past misdeeds of my father. I am not my father. (a beat, to stare them in the eyes) Your king came south to ask me for dragonglass. I gave it. He asked me to fight the Army of the Dead north of the Wall. I went. He asked me to come to Winterfell with my armies and dragons to defeat the Night King. I came. That's what the North should remember about Daenerys Stormborn. I am a friend to the North, not your enemy.

LORD MAZIN A daughter of the Mad King is no friend of ours.

JON SNOW Children should not answer for the sins of their fathers.

From the crowd, SAMWELL TARLY stands. Jon is surprised -- and pleased -- to see him.

SAMWELL TARLY I'd like to speak. My name is Samwell Tarly.

Varys and Tyrion look at each other. They recognize that name. This is not good.

JON SNOW Yes, Sam. You have the floor.

SAMWELL TARLY I received a raven not long ago at the Citadel. It said that my father and brother had died.

TYRION LANNISTER (sotto)

Fuck.

SAMWELL TARLY My father was no great loss. A bad man, he was. But my brother--he wasn't like that. LORD MAZIN We've all lost loved ones, but why are you whinging about them?

SAMWELL TARLY Because they were killed by Daenerys Targaryen.

All eyes turn to Daenerys, who is completely blindsided.

TYRION LANNISTER (sotto, to Daenerys) The dragon fire. Father and son.

Dany remembers.

SAMWELL TARLY My father and brother refused to bend the knee, so Daenerys Targaryen had her dragons roast them alive.

Murmurs run through the Great Hall. Stunned, Jon turns to Dany. Then he looks back to Sam.

JON SNOW Sam, my deepest sympathies.

LORD MAZIN So is that the plan? Bend the knee or turn us to ash?

JON SNOW Of course not.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN

(to Sam) My lord, I am sorry for your loss. Your brother and father fought against me. I assure you, I took no pleasure in their deaths.

LORD MAZIN What a relief.

TYRION LANNISTER Hear her out. You may find you like what she has to say.

LORD MAZIN

And why should I heed the advice of a kinslayer? Am I supposed to trust a man who shoots his own father while he's taking a shit? JON SNOW Tyrion has my trust.

LYANNA MORMONT

You trust the Lannisters. You trust the Targaryens. Why should we have confidence in a king who has been blinded by our enemies?

JON SNOW

I assure you, my eyes are clear.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN My desire is the same as yours. We will defeat the Night King and the Army of the Dead.

LORD MAZIN

You don't know our desires. You are not of the North.

LYANNA MORMONT

House Mormont only has one leader -- the King in the North. Either your alliance ends, or House Mormont will be going back to Bear Island in the morning.

NORTHERN LORDS

Aye!

Disheartened, Daenerys and Jon look at the steadfast Northern lords.

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

INT. RED KEEP - THRONE ROOM - DAY

The throne room is the picture of opulence. Sunlight gleams off the Iron Throne and Cersei's silver crown. Cersei is holding court.

The little Flea Bottom girl is pushed in front of Queen Cersei.

CERSEI LANNISTER What brings you to my court, little dove?

Qyburn addresses the court.

QYBURN

She was found in Flea Bottom, Your Grace. She was pretending to be Daenerys Targaryen. She called herself 'the Unburnt.'

Murmurs race through the courtiers. Cersei holds up her hand to silence them. Then she holds out her hand to the little girl.

CERSEI LANNISTER Come, little dove.

The girl pads up the steps to the Iron Throne.

CERSEI LANNISTER (CONT'D) Tell me. How old are you?

LITTLE GIRL Almost seven, Your Grace.

CERSEI LANNISTER And what does a girl of seven know of Daenerys Targaryen?

LITTLE GIRL She has silver hair and three big dragons. She can walk through fire, and fly high as the clouds.

CERSEI LANNISTER And would you like to fly?

LITTLE GIRL Girls can't fly, Your Grace. Only Daenerys. LITTLE GIRL 'Cause she's the Dragon Queen. When she comes, her dragons will melt the snow. We will be warm again.

Whispers echo through the throne room. Cersei's smile stiffens. The little girl looks from person to person, trying to understand what she has done wrong.

> CERSEI LANNISTER You'd like to be warm, little dove?

Hesitantly, the little girl nods. Cersei smiles more widely.

EXT. WINTERFELL - CORRIDOR - DAY

Sansa walks down the corridor when Tyrion catches up with her.

TYRION LANNISTER

Lady Sansa!

Sansa turns.

SANSA STARK Lord Tyrion.

TYRION LANNISTER May I walk with you?

Sansa nods. They assume a slow pace, the air thick with shared history.

TYRION LANNISTER (CONT'D) That could have gone better.

SANSA STARK

Yes.

TYRION LANNISTER Are the Northern lords always so...unyielding?

SANSA STARK They're good, loyal men.

TYRION LANNISTER I'm sure they are. (beat) (MORE) TYRION LANNISTER (CONT'D) Daenerys is much the same, you know. If you give her a chance, I think you'll find--

SANSA STARK It's not me you need to convince.

TYRION LANNISTER

Of course. But I know how people see you here. We're a long ways from King's Landing. (long beat as they walk)

How have you fared since we last met?

SANSA STARK Well enough since we took back Winterfell. And you?

TYRION LANNISTER Oh, quite well, quite well. (beat) Well, there was a small incident with some slavers in Mereen, but it was all part of a larger plan.

> SANSA STARK (smiling)

Beat.

Ah.

TYRION LANNISTER I didn't kill Joffrey.

SANSA STARK I never thought you did.

TYRION LANNISTER You were wise to run.

SANSA STARK I was too stupid to know I was supposed to run. Littlefinger smuggled me out.

TYRION LANNISTER He has always been enamored of you.

SANSA STARK He should have saved himself the trouble. My suitors tend to meet with unpleasant fates.

TYRION LANNISTER Oh, I don't know. I'm doing all right. SANSA STARK (joking) You're not my suitor. And there was that incident with the slavers in Mereen. TYRION LANNISTER Well said, my lady. SANSA STARK (correcting him) Lady Stark. TYRION LANNISTER Of course. Lady Stark. (beat) I envy you that. SANSA STARK My name? TYRION LANNISTER Your certainty. I have always been a Lannister, and yet I have never been a Lannister. SANSA STARK (joking) The disgraced daughter and the demon monkey. I remember. TYRION LANNISTER (genuine) I'm touched. SANSA STARK (kindly) Lannisters are not welcome in Winterfell. A demon monkey, however... I should hope he would be very comfortable here.

TYRION LANNISTER (genuinely) That is most kind of you.

SANSA STARK No kinder than you were to me.

She pauses at an adjoining hallway. She turns to Tyrion.

SANSA STARK (CONT'D) I should see to the others. I am glad you are well, Lord Tyrion.

Tyrion bows and watches her walk away.

TYRION LANNISTER (sotto) It's good to see you, Lady Stark.

EXT. THE SILENCE - SAILING - DAY

Yara is dozing fitfully in her chains, still lashed to the mast in soiled clothes. Her mouth is bloody and swollen, as though she's been punched.

The sky is clear and bright, the sea calm. A beautiful day interrupted by a kick in the gut. Yara's eyes pop open. Euron stands over her.

> EURON GREYJOY Wake up. How can you sleep on such a beautiful day?

YARA GREYJOY It's easier to stay awake while the sun's up, if you have a cabin to sleep in at night.

EURON GREYJOY You could share mine. It's a nice little room. Cozy. Bed's just big enough for one. Or two, if one's on top.

Yara tries to muster up some spit to hawk at him, but she's too dry. Euron notices.

EURON GREYJOY (CONT'D) My poor niece. Are you hungry? (off her non-response) I think it's time to break the fast.

Euron puts two fingers in his mouth and gives a shrill dogwhistle. A sailor comes around the corner, bringing Kinvara, who is conscious but again strangely vacant.

> YARA GREYJOY (dawning realization) What are you doing? Why are you doing this?

EURON GREYJOY

You have to give them what they want. That's why the Iron Islands have always failed. The Ironborn are just takers. They rape, they reive. They think so small. But me, I give.

Euron takes hold of Kinvara and propels her to the side of the ship. Kinvara's eyes widen with fear as he pulls out his dagger. Euron winks at Yara, than slices Kinvara's throat and pushes her into the ocean.

YARA GREYJOY

Is that supposed to frighten me? I've killed a hundred men in worse ways than that.

EURON GREYJOY

(mock surprised) A hundred men you say! The Drowned God must fear the very ocean you sail on.

YARA GREYJOY

I will meet the Drowned God knowing that I am more of the Iron Islands than you will ever be.

EURON GREYJOY

Hang the Iron Islands. I am to marry the queen. Do you understand what that will make me?

YARA GREYJOY As dead as the woman you just pushed overboard. Cersei would never let you live.

Euron whispers in Yara's ear.

EURON GREYJOY

Nor I her. Once there's a crown on my head and my cock in her cunt, there will be no more reason for her. She will have a tragic accident.

YARA GREYJOY

And what reason is there for me? I can't make you a king. Do you plan to push me overboard too?

EURON GREYJOY Oh, no. Not yet. And you're wrong. You will make me a king. You're from the royal family of the Iron Islands. Your blood is precious.

Euron pulls a small bundle of meat and cheese from his pocket and pushes it into Yara's mouth.

> EURON GREYJOY (CONT'D) Eat up. Can't have you losing that pretty figure, now can we?

He walks along the deck, whistling "The Rains Of Castamere." In the waters below, something ENORMOUS and FAST pulls Kinvara's body beneath the waves.

EXT. WINTERFELL - GODSWOOD - DAY

Bran sits in his chair next to the weirwood tree, waiting. The leaves whisper in the wind. The sound of footsteps crunching in the snow punctures the stillness.

Jon and Sam appear, their breath lingering in the cold. Sam sits on the bench. Jon remains standing, looking up at the weirwood tree.

JON SNOW I took my vows under a tree like this.

BRAN STARK With Samwell Tarly. I know.

JON SNOW I keep hearing that you know things. But I don't understand <u>how</u> you know.

SAMWELL TARLY I told you. He's the Three-eyed Raven.

JON SNOW (joking) You only look like you have got two eyes to me.

BRAN STARK They said 'For the Watch.' When they stabbed you. (beat) Thorne never liked you. (MORE) BRAN STARK (CONT'D) But the others? They loved you. And you loved them.

JON SNOW How do you know that?

BRAN STARK You need to understand. The things I see, the things I know, they're <u>real</u>. And you need to know.

JON SNOW Bran, what happened to you beyond the Wall...I couldn't protect you.

BRAN STARK You know nothing, Jon Snow.

JON SNOW Do not say that.

Jon turns away.

SAMWELL TARLY Jon. Please. It's important.

Something in Sam's voice makes Jon turn back.

BRAN STARK I know you've always wondered. Who your parents were.

JON SNOW Are you saying you know who my mother was?

BRAN STARK

Yes.

JON SNOW

Tell me.

BRAN STARK You and I <u>are</u> related. But we're not brothers. Not even halfbrothers. We never were.

JON SNOW Of course we are.

BRAN STARK No. Your father wasn't a Stark. Your mother was. JON SNOW My mother...?

SAMWELL TARLY Lyanna. Your aunt. She gave birth to you in a tower in Dorne.

JON SNOW

No.

BRAN STARK Rhaegar Targaryen was your father.

Jon pales.

JON SNOW The Mad King's son? The man who stole Lyanna and raped her, and left her to die?

SAMWELL TARLY It wasn't like that. Jon, they were married. They were in love.

JON SNOW That's not possible.

BRAN STARK

It's true.

JON SNOW

(standing)

No! I'm Jon Snow, son of Eddard Stark, Lord of Winterfell and Warden of the North. I don't care what powers you say you have. That is who I am. Your brother.

BRAN STARK

You are Aegon Targaryen. The trueborn son of Rhaegar Targaryen and Lyanna Stark, and the true heir to the Iron Throne.

JON SNOW

How did I get here, then? Why would my father--your father--why would he raise me as a bastard and not tell me of my true parentage?

SAMWELL TARLY He was protecting you, Jon. You'd have done the same. Jon stares at the face on the weirwood tree, pondering his past, his future, his present.

INT. WINTERFELL - CRYPTS - DAY

Torchlight flickers over the statue of Ned Stark, throwing his carved face into relief. Jon stands before Ned's tomb, speaking to the stone as though Ned himself were standing in front of him.

> JON SNOW I never wanted anything more than to be your son. To be true born. Eat at your table. Carry your name.

There's a pause, as though he's waiting for Ned to answer. But of course, there is no answer.

> JON SNOW (CONT'D) You told me next time I saw you, you'd tell me about my mother. Were you going to tell me the truth? Or would I have lived and died without knowing?

Footsteps echo in the crypt. Sansa appears, her red hair and pale skin gleaming in the torchlight.

SANSA STARK Bran just told me.

Jon gestures at Eddard's tomb.

JON SNOW I have so many questions for him, and I will never have the answers.

SANSA STARK Look at me. You are the heir to the Iron Throne. You cannot run from this.

JON SNOW I don't want the Iron Throne! I just want to be a Stark, to be part of this family. (beat) I don't even know what to call myself.

SANSA STARK Call yourself what you want. Names change.

(MORE)

SANSA STARK (CONT'D) I've been called Lannister, Bolton, traitor, whore. What does it matter what your name is?

JON SNOW It matters! All I've ever wanted is to have your name.

SANSA STARK

You have <u>us</u>. Me, and Arya, and Bran. You are father's child as surely as any of us.

JON SNOW How can you say that when you know what I am?

SANSA STARK Because I see him in your eyes. I hear him in your words.

JON SNOW How can I be a dragon in the North or a wolf in the South?

SANSA STARK It's what you are. How can you be anything else?

JON SNOW I've already pledged my word that Daenerys will sit on the Iron Throne.

SANSA STARK You know the truth now. That is more important than your promises.

JON SNOW I'll not break my vow.

SANSA STARK

You've pledged yourself to Daenerys. There's no reason she can't pledge herself to you.

JON SNOW Honor demands-- (that I keep my vow.)

SANSA STARK Father was ruled by honor, and I watched his head fall from his shoulders. (MORE) SANSA STARK (CONT'D) There is no honor in forfeiting your claim because you're too stubborn to do what's right for your people.

(beat) The King in the North is the rightful heir to the Iron Throne. Do you not understand what that means for everyone who looks to you?

JON SNOW They'll flay me alive when they find out I'm half Targaryen.

SANSA STARK They're scared. They want to know you won't abandon them. That you'll protect them.

JON SNOW You told me yourself that no one can protect anyone.

SANSA STARK That doesn't mean you shouldn't try. Targaryen or not, they're still your people. Be their king. Tell them what they need to hear.

Sansa gazes up into Ned's stone face.

SANSA STARK (CONT'D) It's what father would have done.

EXT. GODSWOOD - DAY

Daenerys trails through the snow, running her hands over the frost-caked trees. She's never seen forests like this. She's never felt the cold burn of snow.

She comes across Bran sitting by the weirwood tree and hesitates.

BRAN STARK There's no need to be afraid.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN I'm not afraid. May I join you?

Bran nods.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN (CONT'D) Arya said you can see things. That you know unknowable things.

BRAN STARK

Your dragon.

Daenerys sits on the bench.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Can you see him?

BRAN STARK

Yes.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Where is he?

BRAN STARK A hundred leagues north. Not far.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Is he hurt? Can he feel pain?

BRAN STARK I do not know. Can the dead feel?

DAENERYS TARGARYEN How do I save him?

BRAN STARK A white walker cannot be saved. Only destroyed.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN A dragon is not a slave. Viserion is still in there.

BRAN STARK He's not your Viserion anymore.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN I can feel him calling to me. I will find a way to win him back.

BRAN STARK Not until the sun rises in the west and sets in the east.

Daenerys is startled by his words.

BRAN STARK (CONT'D) Why are you really here? DAENERYS TARGARYEN You <u>know</u> why I'm here. To save my dragon. To save the North. To be queen of Westeros.

BRAN STARK You know you will never sit on the Iron Throne.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN I know no such thing.

BRAN STARK But you do. Have you forgotten what you saw in the House of the Undying?

DAENERYS TARGARYEN (to herself) The throne. Covered in snow.

BRAN STARK You did not touch the throne, nor sit upon it. You turned away.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN It was only a dream. Less than a dream; a moment of madness.

BRAN STARK There can be truth in dreams and madness.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Can you see into the future? Can you tell me true that I will never rule?

Bran looks up at the weirwood and its blood red leaves.

BRAN STARK The future branches. There are many possibilites.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Then I will rule, because I <u>must</u>. I made a promise to bring change to Westeros. I will not rest until it comes to pass.

Bran regards her sadly, this woman who cares so much, yet knows so little and refuses to accept his counsel.

BRAN STARK You should speak to Jon. He's waiting for you, on the wall.

Bran turns back to the weirwood. After a moment, Daenerys stands.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Someone once told me that I couldn't have children.

BRAN STARK The witch. Mirri Maz Duur.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Is it true?

BRAN STARK It's a prophecy. Prophecies surround you.

Daenerys nods and leaves Bran sitting alone beneath the weirwood tree.

END OF ACT THREE

EXT. WINTERFELL - CRENULATIONS - NIGHT

Daenerys glides along the walkway in the lightly falling snow. Flakes cling to her silvery hair like tiny jewels. She joins Jon, who's brooding at the vast expanse before him.

> DAENERYS TARGARYEN I can see why you like it here. It's peaceful, in its way.

JON SNOW You should have seen it before, in the summer.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Was it very different?

JON SNOW

Yes. It was.

She takes note of his sadness.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN What is it?

JON SNOW There is something I need to tell you. I swear, I didn't know.

Daenerys takes a step back.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN

Go on.

JON SNOW

You know I was raised a bastard. I never knew who my mother was. I thought she was someone my father met on the road when he was off to fight in Robert's rebellion. But I was wrong.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN You've learned her name.

JON SNOW Aye. And my father's. Lord Stark protected me all these years -from the truth. DAENERYS TARGARYEN Why did he need to protect you?

JON SNOW Because the rebels were slaughtering Targaryen babes in their sleep.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN I don't understand.

Jon gently turns her to face him. She searches his eyes.

JON SNOW Eddard Stark wasn't my father. My father's name was Rhaegar Targaryen.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Rhaegar Targaryen?

She laughs out of pure disbelief.

JON SNOW He married my mother, Lyanna Stark, in secret. They named me Aegon. Aegon...Targaryen.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Rhaegar's children were murdered in the rebellion. So was he.

JON SNOW It's the truth.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN The truth? You are Northern. You live in ice and snow. You are no dragon.

JON SNOW Aye, the North is in my blood, but I <u>am</u> Aegon Targaryen.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Bran told you this?

JON SNOW Aye. And Samwell Tarly found record at the Citadel of Rhaeger's annulment for Elia Martel and his secret marriage to Lyanna Stark.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN

Tarly, that name keeps haunting me as much as my own.

JON SNOW Sam is like a brother to me. He's a good man.

Dany nods, accepting.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Tyrion advised me against punishing the Tarlys. Do you expect me to kneel to you?

JON SNOW Of course not. I promised you my sword and my loyalty, and both remain yours.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN You speak of loyalty? A moment ago you told me that you have the superior claim to the throne.

JON SNOW

Aye, by blood and birth, but the throne is meant for you. You have the love of your people, and the loyalty of your army. I have no wish to stand in your way. We need to stand together, as kin if nothing more. When the fighting is done, if you wish me to remain in the North, I will.

Daenerys considers this.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN If you go against me, there will be no mercy for you.

JON SNOW I have no wish to go against you, now or ever. I need you with me to win this war. (beat) Will you stand with me before the Northern lords?

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Do you think it wise to tell them? JON SNOW

I do.

Beat.

DAENERYS TARGARYEN Then I will stand with you.

INT. CASTLE BLACK - COURTYARD - NIGHT

Dolorous Edd, Beric Dondarrion, and Tormund Giantsbane are overseeing the preparations for the journey south. Men pile food into crates and polish weapons. Tormund steals a wineskin from a man whose arms are full of them and takes a swig.

> DOLOROUS EDD We're going to need that for medicine.

> TORMUND GIANTSBANE My poor lonely heart aches.

BERIC DONDARRION Miss Jon, do you?

Tormund advances on Beric with flared nostrils, but they're interrupted by a steward, who hands a scroll to Dolorous Edd.

Dolorous Edd opens the scroll, pretends to read it, nods, and dismisses the steward. Then he hands it to Beric.

DOLOROUS EDD What's that say?

BERIC DONDARRION Got...full...wight...hunt tomorrow? Gods, his letters are horrible.

DOLOROUS EDD It's Watch speak. The Night's Watch is coming to Castle Black.

TORMUND GIANTSBANE And we're going to hunt us some fucking wights.

Tormund holds up his wineskin in a silent toast, and the other men grin.

EXT. KING'S LANDING - FLEA BOTTOM - NIGHT

The Queensguard march through the street, four of them carrying a large box. Torchlight gleams off their weapons and helms. Scared faces peek out of the shadows.

The Queensguard stop in the street where the little girl was playing that morning.

A Queensguard PAINTS something on the wall as...

... other guards pry the top off the box.

Smallfolk cover their noses. The smell of scorched meat fills the air.

Out of the box, a guard lifts the charred, brittle body of the little girl.

GASPS fill the streets.

A WOMAN utters a heart-wrenching WAIL when she sees the child.

Someone HISSES. A rock flies from the shadows to hit a Queensquard.

The six guards pull their swords as more rocks fly, then dung, sticks, and debris. Bodies press forward in a wave of helpless anger. A pack of men overwhelms a guard, killing him brutally.

The Queensguard retreats, cutting their attackers down one by one.

In the flickering torchlight, the newly painted words are finally visible. Large black letters above the corpse's head spell out "THE UNBURNT."

INT. WINTERFELL - GREAT HALL - NIGHT

The Northern lords are once again assembled. Tyrion, Varys, Jorah, and Missandei wait with Daenerys. Arya, Bran, and Sansa sit together at the head table. This time, Jon paces as he talks.

> JON SNOW You all know me as a bastard, and still you named me king. For your trust, and your loyalty, I will be forever grateful. I was raised a Stark in all but name. (MORE)

JON SNOW (CONT'D) The North runs as deep in my blood as it does in yours. (beat) But I have just learned of my true lineage. Eddard Stark is the father I remember, and the father I love. But he was not my father.

There's a pause as this sinks in. No one is pleased by this news.

JON SNOW (CONT'D) I am the trueborn son of Lyanna Stark and Rhaegar Targaryen.

Instant uproar. Jon holds up his hands to ask for silence, and the room slowly calms.

JON SNOW (CONT'D) I know this seems impossible. But I am both Stark and Targaryen. By birth alone, Daenerys and I both have a claim to the Iron Throne.

More chatter. Again Jon gestures for silence. Sansa studies the Northern lords.

JON SNOW (CONT'D) I have no interest in ruling Westeros. My desire is to serve you. To serve the North. So as the man you named king, I ask you to trust my choice to support Queen Daenerys. I ask you to fight with us as one army, to defeat the forces we cannot fight separately.

LORD MAZIN If what you say is true, you're not truly of the North. You're a Targaryen, not one of us. Why should we not pick a new king amongst ourselves, and let him lead us into battle?

JON SNOW My mother was Lyanna Stark. The North is more a part of me than anything I've ever known. The white walkers don't care about Houses. They don't care about bloodlines. How much do you think our bloodlines will be worth when we're bleeding into the snow? (MORE) JON SNOW (CONT'D) Targaryen, Lannister, Stark, Karstark, Mormont -- we are one people now. I have looked the Night King in the eye, and I <u>will</u> stand and fight him. Who among you will fight with me?

Murmurs run through the room, but no one speaks until Lyanna Mormont stands.

LYANNA MORMONT I chose you to lead because I believed Ned Stark's blood ran through your veins. (short pause) But if what you say is true, you are the son of *Lyanna Stark*. I was named for your mother, and I've heard tales of her since I was in my crib. You have Stark blood in you. And Stark honor. When I spoke for you, I said that you were my king and the North remembers. I will honor my vow. I know no king, but the King in the North.

She turns to Daenerys.

LYANNA MORMONT (CONT'D) But House Mormont supports the King in the North, and <u>only</u> the King in the North.

There are shouts of agreement. Daenerys is silently furious.

Suddenly, a HORN sounds from the wall.

Bran draws everyone's attention.

BRAN Last Hearth has fallen.

Jon and Sansa look at each other.

EXT. WINTERFELL - COURTYARD - SAME

The guards heave the gate open. NED UMBER stumbles in, covered in muck, his fingers blue with cold.

BRAN STARK (V.O.) Ned Umber is the only survivor.

INT. WINTERFELL - GREAT HALL - NIGHT

Jon and Daenerys, as well as every person in the great hall, hang on Bran's next words.

BRAN STARK The Night King is headed for Winterfell.

Tyrion looks to his queen. Jon looks to Sansa.

EXT. THE SILENCE - NIGHT

The wind howls. The gale might well knock Yara over if she wasn't bound to the mast. Euron grips Yara's wrist and slices through the ropes. He drags her to the bow of the ship.

Terrified, Yara struggles. Euron ties her to the bow, facing outward -- a live figurehead.

Yara tries to shout, but her voice is carried away on the wind. Euron closes his eyes and whispers something. The sea below Yara shimmers with a phosphorescent glow. A shadowy outline appears below the surface.

It expands as it moves, stretching an enormous distance around and behind the ship.

Euron has a maniacal gleam on his face as he pulls out his dagger. Yara screams as he plunges the dagger into her arm. Her blood streams into the sea.

The thing beneath the water stirs. A giant TENTACLE rises from the frothing water. It soars up to the bow and gropes for Yara, attaching itself to her exposed, bloody flesh. It latches on to suck her royal blood as she screams into the night.

CUT TO BLACK.

END OF EPISODE 801