

GoT Season 8-10 Rewrite

SEASON 8

The plan is to prevent the White Walkers from moving into the South. Bran helps them set up an attack strategy. The White Walkers attack Winterfell and kill many, including Gilly and her child. Beric dies protecting Jon, whispering in his final words that the prince must fulfill the prophecy. Jon encounters the Night King and they duel, but when he strikes his sword at his body, his sword shatters; then, just as the Night King is about to kill him, Theon saves Jon by striking the Night King from behind. The Night King kills the Greyjoy as a wounded Jon is carried off by a soldier on a horse. Ghost helps defend Jon. Another soldier on a horse carries Bran away, but it is speared down by the White Walkers.

Faced with death, Bran wargs into the Night King, and is imbued with knowledge about what the humans did to the Children of the Forest. He learns that the First Men destroyed much of Westeros, killing the Children's magical control over the forest, and thus their life and culture. Since the Children of the Forest were maintaining an Eternal Spring, this caused a Long Winter to arise. To adapt to the change, the Children were forced to assume a new form: that of the White Walkers. Previously, the White Walkers were created from prisoners to fight the men, but it was discovered by the Children that they could also become White Walkers to retain their hold on magic. This caused a split in the population: those who wanted to assimilate with the First Men and leave nature, and those who wanted to keep their control over nature by becoming White Walkers.

The White Walkers were driven up North. They established their own kingdom. When the Andals invaded and slaughtered the remaining Children of the Forest, the survivors joined the kingdom of the White Walkers, developing a hatred for humans. Only a few Children could still maintain control over the nature; even so, their powers were incredibly weak. Over time, these few Children lost most of their history, only knowing a few pieces of it. They only knew that they had to protect the humans, even up until they vanquished when the wights attacked the Three Eyed Raven, who had limitations in his greensight and did not know the whole story behind the White Walkers. The White Walkers planned to take over the humans by force as history has shown that humans break their promises of peace and cannot be reasoned with. But Bran, within the Night King's mind, manages to convince him that some humans may work together with them and manages to give the people a chance.

The Night King then shows Bran that their kingdom of millions is being destroyed because the humans are keeping them from fully taking back Westeros. When they met the First Men, the Children did not know this would happen, but after thousands of years (during the Andals' invasion), they began to witness the effects upon the land when the Children could not connect with it. Now, up North, their resources were dying due to not being able to fully control Westeros south of the Wall. The longer the Children lack control of the land to maintain it, the more destruction will rain on their kind. In time, they will wither, starve, and become extinct.

Jon and Daenerys, with reinforcements, reach the Night King, but Bran tells them to put their weapons down. He tells them what he has just seen. He also says that it was a false human myth that shattering the Night King would destroy all the White Walkers. He gives them both visions of the dying White Walker populace, which includes innocent children. Their population is too weak to fight, so they must create White Walkers out of humans, but even these beings will lose power as their magic weakens. Due to their weakened state, they are forced to use wights in their army to supplement their numbers. The White Walkers tell the humans that they do not seek to oppress them; they seek to rule alongside them, and will recognize the Iron Throne. However, this would mean the humans must abscond control over many lands and resources to the White Walkers.

Back in Dorne, a power vacuum has opened up. Quentyn Martell is now ruling Dorne but does not know how to deal with Cersei, so he has to kneel before her. Secretly, Quentyn and Arianne are still against Cersei, but lack the power to confront her. Arianne learns from her adviser that the armies up North are confronting the Others and will fight Cersei afterwards. Somehow, her adviser has brought the Martells proof of the Others. Arianne knows Jon and Daenerys armies will be very weak after their fight, and could be destroyed by Cersei. Quentyn refuses to engage with them, as he has his own plan to defeat Cersei. However, Arianne decides she will secretly run away with her adviser and some bodyguards to meet people who will connect her with those in the North so they can plot against Cersei.

Euron, angered that Cersei says she will never marry him into the Iron Throne after they sleep together, keeps his forces in King's Landing, but returns to the Iron Islands to fight a freed Yara from taking them back. There, he discovers more of the Drowned God. As his mind is exposed more to the god's madness, Euron's demeanor turns from offensive and childish to sadistic and unpredictable. He cares little for Cersei now, only desiring chaos. Still, he returns to King's Landing, feigning loyalty to the queen. Cersei favors his new more 'loyal' demeanor.

Jon and Daenerys negotiate a temporary truce with the Night King. They know that the people in the South, who not only lust for power and control but fear magic and outsiders, may never accept the White Walkers, yet they have to try. Several ride up North and see the withering Kingdom for themselves. Daenerys sides with the White Walkers and convinces Jon to tell the North to make peace with the White Walkers. Jon accepts.

But many believe that it is absurd to give up human control to the White Walkers; a rebel army led by Lyanna splits off. Meanwhile, in the catacombs where they hid, Sam- distraught over the death of Gilly and her child- discovers secrets about R'hilor during the times when the First Men fought the Children of the Forest. Though he cannot find information on its history, he discovers magic which allows the White Walkers to be defeated. Sam relays this information to Lyanna, but the rulers are skeptical of this. It is not until Melisandre listens to Sam and performs the magic rituals to remove the magic of a captured and de-limbed White Walker- held immobile by Melisandre- do they listen to him.

Using this exploited weakness, Lyanna plans to attack the Kingdom of the Others. Jorah catches word of this and tries to warn Daenerys, but he is captured and brutally tortured by those who believe he has betrayed House Mormont. Daenerys finds Jorah, who dies in her arms as he tells her of the invasion, but it is too late. The Northmen march to the Kingdom and begin their assault.

Daenerys, who had gained the most of the White Walkers' sympathies and trusts, rides on an undead Viserion and defends their Kingdom with her army of Unsullied and Dothraki. When it's shown that Melisandre is not capable of wielding the new magic's might, many Northmen and Free Folk are slaughtered by the terrifying forces of the White Walkers and the Dragons, who are far more powerful than the armies of Men. The White Walkers kneel to Daenerys, whom they now see as equal to the Night King. The Targaryen, who has received absolutely no support or love from Westeros, has found that she has become a beloved savior amongst the White Walkers, just as the slaves saw her in Essos. She tells the people that the North have broken their peace treaty, and must be dealt with.

Sansa tells Jon that he cannot stand with Daenerys any longer; he must revoke his promise if he is to protect his people. Though reluctant, Jon chooses his House and his oath to the North over Daenerys, who is greatly hurt and angered, and believes Jon will try to push her out of the throne. The Dragon Queen threatens the North, announcing that she will burn them all if they do not side with her. Out of fear, the majority of Northmen villagers capture and hold Missandei (who did not follow Daenerys to the Kingdom, since Daenerys wanted to keep her safe) hostage, telling her not to advance. Daenerys does not listen. When Daenerys gets too close, they panic and kill her, though a few such as Sam try to stop her death. This event drives Daenerys to realize that the people can only be swayed by force. She does not directly attack the innocents such as children, but a few are inadvertently caught in the crossfire. Daenerys does not back down; she sees innocent casualties as necessary in war. As she torches Winterfell, Davos, Lyanna, and Brienne all die. In her last moments, Lyanna believes she did the right thing by punishing Jorah. Davos dies in the fire as he helps a burned village girl escape, and Brienne, having been knighted by Jamie before the Long Night, dies on foot after charging into a swarm of Dothraki, knowing it was the only thing she could do now.

The White Walkers now rule over the North, and their power is beginning to be restored. Bran allies with Daenerys, apologizing to his family. Tyrion, who is against Daenerys's rash actions, believes that he should stay with her to keep her from becoming too destructive. The survivors are forced to retreat south. They cross paths with Arianne, who is eager to meet Daenerys and her dragons and tell her of her plan to get rid of Cersei. She thinks their armies were victorious over the Others. However, she learns that this is wrong, and that Daenerys has allied with the Others. Most of the survivors believe they must ally with Cersei to confront the Others, much to Arianne's displeasure, though she knows there is no other choice.

The Night King and Daenerys chase the survivors down to King's Landing, where Cersei sees the fearsome power of Winter and Dragons up close. Trembling, she asks Qyburn for help. Qyburn asks Sam and Melisandre for the books on R'hilor's magic, and discovers a more potent way to channel it, as its encrypted writings exactly align with a mysterious energy Qyburn had been secretly studying for decades. The corpses burned by wildfire are re-animated, and an ominous dragon wraith-like creature flies over them. Everyone is afraid of this destructive power, and Daenerys is forced to stand down. With two world-ending arsenals on both sides, they are forced into a cold war. Daenerys and the Night King return North.

Sansa and Jon ally with Cersei and the Iron Islands. Arianne Martell disguises herself to prevent being discovered by her mortal enemy. Sansa discovers that Petyr is alive, having hired the Faceless Men to fake his death. While everyone believes he's dead, he has taken on a new disguise as the adviser to Arianne Martell. Sansa tries to reveal this information, but no one believes her, as the Faceless Men's magic is too strong. When she tries to go to Arya for help, her sister is nowhere to be seen.

Knowing that R'hilor is her greatest threat, Daenerys, with Tyrion, travels back to Essos to try to learn the origins of the God of Light and his weakness. The Night King and Bran stay behind in the Kingdom to guard it.

SEASON 9

Sansa learns about Jon's true heritage, and desires to reveal to the people of King's Landing that Jon is their rightful King, as he is the legitimate heir. Jon is wary of this as he does not wish to antagonize Cersei, but he has no better ideas, due to having little experience in the world of soft power politics. Still, he has learned much about dealing with people during his time in the North, and listens to Varys for advice.

Sansa knows that Petyr is about, but decides to keep this a secret to herself due to having no proof. She also has her own plan on how to deal with the Iron Throne. Sansa decides to take a backseat to ruling and disguises her intents as just a 'noblewoman with no pursuits, only content to be back at home'. In actuality, she plans to use Jon as her main playing piece. Varys tries to advise her, and says he can use his network to spread rumors to influence the supports of the Targaeryns to come out of hiding. He succeeds, and Sansa then tells Cersei the truth about Jon. Cersei is appalled and thinks Sansa will reveal this information, but Sansa tells her that she does not care who is on the Iron throne; she only wants control of the North once the Others are defeated. She knows Cersei is planning to double cross them, and uses this blackmail to gain control over Cersei's actions; if Cersei enacts her plans, Sansa will reveal the truth to the public, unleashing Jon's supporters to fight Cersei. Cersei reluctantly abides.

Arianne Martell still has not given up on her plan to kill Cersei. Arianne learns from Petyr that Cersei wishes to usurp Quentyn and replace him with her own puppet, as Cersei is paranoid that Quentyn seeks vengeance on her (despite his kneel). Arianne thinks that to defeat the Others, Cersei must be dealt with first. Arianne also desires to sit on the Iron Throne. With little power in King's Landing, she is forced to turn to the Faceless Men for help. Petyr is not part of their religion, but is greatly connected to them. They slowly assassinate more and more political figures and replace them with Faceless Men, until it is not known who is truly whom.

Jon learns to warg into Ghost. He also converses with Arianne, and the two mysteriously brush with one another, as Arianne flirts with the prince. There is no romance; it is only physical. Jamie detests Cersei, and does not get back with her. He does show that he still does not want her to die, and though he cannot be with her and thinks of Brienne (as a comrade, not lover) to control himself, he is conflicted as to what her destiny will be. Jamie wants to save the people of the land, but the entire public is against him. Strangely enough, Euron reaches out to Jamie. He lets him

have a taste of the Drowned God's powers. This placates Jamie enough, returning his strength and prowess with a sword by making his detached hand stronger, though morally he is still strongly on Jon's side.

Sansa is suspicious of Arianne and her connection to Petyr, whom she knows is dealing with the Faceless Men. Sansa tells Arianne that they have a common enemy- Cersei. She says she has blackmailed Cersei and can do whatever she likes with her. Sansa also has little power, so she is forced to ally with Arianne to gain the help of the Faceless Men, and thus falls in with Petyr again. Sansa tells Varys about that Petyr is still alive, and that she needs his network of spies to keep an eye on him. Varys warns her against allying with Arianne, but can do little to change her mind.

Petyr realizes that he needs more direct power over political events. He asks the Faceless Men to disguise him as a member of someone who was assassinated by them. Though the Faceless Men cannot disguise anyone who is not in their ranks and mastered the art of disguise, there is a secondary technique that is largely forbidden, but which Petyr has found a loophole in. Petyr exploits the loophole, believing he has coaxed the Faceless Men into playing into his hands. The Faceless Men show no reaction.

He is not a Master of Coin now, but an actual royal. In his new identity, Petyr experiences what it is like to be connected to bloodlines and political sides for the first time. Others see his blood as valuable, and propose marriage to him. It is not known to the audience which political figure Petyr is; only when he is out of disguise in his private chambers does he speak as himself. Sansa and Varys lose track of Petyr, but theorize that he has disguised himself as a royal person in King's Landing. They do not know whom. Sansa is paranoid over numerous proposals given to her, and thinks one of them is Petyr; she suspects this is the work of Petyr to try to unnerve her focus.

Varys dies after it's revealed he betrayed Cersei to be plotting for Jon's return. He is ordered to be executed. But later, Varys shows that he, too, faked his death and became a royal in disguise. He did this in order to learn more about Petyr's true identity, and also to gain power to enact the next acts of his plan. Varys was ashamed that he is falling behind in this information, as a greater force he has no connection to- the Faceless Men- was threatening his main weapon, which was information. Varys was being fed false information that he mistakenly relayed to others as true, and this greatly hurt him.

Petyr tries to enact a plot to use Sansa as a playing piece again, but is stopped by a mysterious assassin that kills someone he needed as a pawn. Petyr is astonished, and it is revealed that there are far more powerful figures in the shadows controlling the events. He does not have control over the Faceless Men; rather, he is a pawn in someone else's scheme, and the other is using the Faceless Men against him, too. He suspects this may be Sansa or Varys.

When Varys's own schemes are foiled by the Faceless Men, Varys learns that Petyr has no true control over the Faceless Men's actions, and comments that the two are now pawns too, just like how they used others. Varys reveals that he did not order the assassination of Petyr's political pawn, and that whoever is playing them is far ahead of them. They thrust themselves into the spotlight as royals, and as public figures with valuable bloodlines, they know what it's like to be played.

Melisandre tells Jon that he is the Prince who was Promised, and that he must kill Daenerys. Jon opposes this; he hopes he can find a way to end the war by uniting everyone. Somehow, the public learns of Jon's ideals. Out of fear that Jon would let the Others trample over them, the people of King's Landing seek to rally under those with more power as Jon is seen as too weak and flexible. They also learned of the massacre up North. Violence is enacted against Jon's secret supporters.

Then, in a sudden turn of events, Cersei reveals the identity of Jon to the public. Sansa is aghast, having lost her blackmail over Cersei. Cersei gives the throne over to Jon, but Jon refuses. This is because Cersei has gained the vast majority of supporters due to her ruthless actions to protect King's Landing. Jon believes that if he becomes ruler, then there will be a huge split. He thinks Cersei must continue to be their figurehead- at least temporarily- until things calm down.

Sansa cannot believe Jon turned down the throne. She confronts him, and Jon reveals that he knows who leaked the propaganda and exaggerated rumors about his weakness- it was Cersei. Cersei did this to undermine Jon's supporters, so that few would want him on the throne. Though the people had no choice as to their ruler, they could support Cersei and start a rebellion with her and Euron's army, which was far stronger than Jon's that was weakened up North.

Up North, Daenerys's army and advisers are left with the White Walkers. The Others have their own political schemes. Bran has his own plan, too. During the cold war standoff, several Others and those from King's Landing converse to try to make deals. The Others resemble the Children of the Forest, but with many tears and frozen scars seared throughout their bodies. Whereas the Children of the Forest represent Spring, the Others embody the tragic tenets of Winter, wearing sheaths of snow and dead leaves, having eyes bloodshot with ice. They speak like ghoulish, frigid undead, with hints of how the Children of the Forest sound buried in their speech. They are shown to have a spectrum emotions, but mostly sound vengeful, villainous, and hateful, given that they have lived in thousands of years of suffering. The children resemble ghostly demons, having haunting laughs while playing. They mostly sulk in shadows and forests, rarely venturing to open grounds. But they enjoy singing, especially in congregations- when one walks through the woods, one may hear the chorus of the forgotten wailing for the trees to notice them once more; those are their cries.

The Others are strongly devout to a religion worshipping the Great Other, and gather in mass when these rituals are conducted by White Walkers. The Others live in one with the land, caressing broken pieces of it that are frozen and soothed with ice. They can listen to its echoes, and speak to the waters. The Others lament how their beautiful forests were taken away from them. They have a dark sense of humor, often times bordering on demonic and sadistic- this frightens outsiders who speak to them, as they are not sure if the Other is truly meaning what they say or in jest. These beings are naturally distrustful, and unaccepting of outsiders. The wights are their body guards, and some even use them as target practice or servants, much to the horror of diplomats visiting their kingdom.

Daenerys and Tyrion meet Daario in the Bay of Dragons. She attempts to learn more about R'hilor, but there is little information on their practices. She has to travel to various temples. Tyrion advises her not to use the dragons, as R'hilor's temples are in other kingdoms, and sending the dragons there could be a sign of war. The two make deals with rich rulers in other kingdoms

for safe passageway to learn information about R'hilor. They re-encounter the House of the Undying, and also the Faceless Men. They retrieve the most valuable information from the temple in Volantis, using it to piece together the truth about R'hilor:

Devotees of R'hilor had attempted to convert the Children of the Forest, but the Children rejected them as they worshipped the Old Gods. These devotees were also rejected by the First Men. Isolated in Westeros, they turned to prophecy for answers. They were told that they would build a new life on Westeros, as life must continuously be created and maintained through the sacrifice of existing life. The devotees used this power to burn parts of the forests down so they could create temples of fire. The Children of the Forest hated this, so they told the First Men to help them drive the red priests away. But the red priests offered the First Men what they desired most- fruitful bearings to build their own place in Westeros.

The First Men were driven away from their homelands in Essos, and decided to settle in Westeros, sharing land with the Children of the Forest. However, the Children refused to give them land on their own to build off of. The First Men were to live in eternal, unchanging equilibrium with the land, not disturbing it. As such, they could not build technologies, and thus could not have their own kingdoms. The red priests offered the First Men the power to take pieces of the forests for themselves, so to birth a new civilization. The First Men believed they could negotiate with the Children to take part of the existing land away for their own use, and have the Children keep parts of it for themselves. But the Children refused this offer too, as they did not want any part of Westeros to be burned down. Thus, the First Men allied with the red priests to destroy the Children of the Forest. The Children of the Forest turned to the Old Gods, who sought the powers of the darkest gods to help them extinguish the flames burning the land. These dark gods were prophesized by the red priests to be the Great Other, the religion of the White Walkers.

After hearing this, Daenerys is consumed by hatred for Westerosi humans. She seeks further information on how to defeat R'hilor's power. She learns that the temples on Essos worshipping him must be destroyed. Daenerys tries to persuade the rich rulers in each kingdom to let her destroy the temples and she will give them whatever she pillages from King's Landing and the other kingdoms of Westeros; but the rich rulers refuse, as there is something ominous behind R'hilor that controls them. It is revealed that the red priests have secret control over much of Essos's trade and the Iron Bank, and are very rich themselves. Daenerys has no choice but to call her Dragons to destroy one temple. They prove to not be sufficient enough, so Daenerys calls upon the White Walkers for help. Winter crosses the seas and freeze it as parts of Essos sees ice cover their land. Essos rulers make pacts to unite against Daenerys, and a huge war is fought between them and the unstoppable White Walkers. Tyrion is aghast; he had wanted to stop the spread of the White Walker's terror, and now they have invaded Essos. They do not conquer all of it; only a small sliver of it that stands in there way towards the red temples.

Daenerys does not grow mad; instead, she is ruthless and merciless, but rational. However, her family's reputation makes the general populace believe that she is insane. They are unable to listen to her reasons due to their prejudice against the Targaryens.

Cersei learns of the White Walker's expanding campaign, and fears them. She asks Qyburn to dig deeper into R'hilor's magic, but he reveals that it is weakening due to the destruction of its temples and followers; their belief had powered him before. Euron, however, offers her comfort- he tells her of the Drowned God. Cersei offers many sacrifices for him, and with Qyburn's help, they summon forbidden powers into the world. Jon learns of this and tries to stop it. He turns to Sansa for help, but she is unable to do anything. As Cersei gains more power, she grows overconfident and kills Gendry, as he is a threat to the throne, being the bastard of her late husband whom she hates. Jon and Sansa are angered, and Cersei thinks they can do nothing about it. Just as Cersei attempts to kill them off and say they died by other means, her soldiers stop in place. They reveal themselves to be Faceless Men. With the help of the Drowned God, Cersei escapes. Arianne reveals that she had hired them, as she had her own plan, separate from Petyr, that she hid. She was able to get through to Quentyn and have them plot to overthrow Cersei. Then, she would take the Iron Throne, as propaganda from the Drowned God that made the public turn against Jon was not used against her.

But Arianne is not the highest mastermind at play. It is revealed that R'hilor and their Iron Bank allies were also implanted in King's Landing. One adviser reveals herself as a red priestess, and another reveals that he was being controlled by Bran the entire time, as Bran warged into him. Bran and the red priestess had been playing a game where they used political figures and nobles in King's Landing to get to where they wanted. Bran's powers were limited due to R'hilor's influence, and he could only warg into certain beings now. Sansa, Petyr, Jon, Arianne and Varys wonder which figures is on who's side. But later, it's revealed they manipulated everyone. It seemed that someone had attempted to sow discord and chaos for some reason, fueling tensions between Cersei and Jon. Bran had tried to mend these tensions; Bran, surprisingly, was helping Jon when few others did, as all the others, even Varys, had their own selfish plans.

Then, one of the royals throughout the season reveals herself to be Arya to Sansa. Arya had taken on multiple identities throughout this season. Unable to forgive Cersei, Arya returned to the Faceless Men and was forced to give up her identity with the Starks to serve their cause entirely in order to fulfill her revenge. Arya was unable to get close to Cersei due to the influence of the Drowned God, so she listened to the Faceless Men for a path to follow. Sansa believes Arya is on her side, and confides with her valuable secrets. Then Arya disappears again.

Daenerys has completed her destruction of Essos, and now recedes to threaten Westeros again. Jon makes negotiations with Bran, who tells him that there are those within the Others kingdom who wish to destroy everything and are allying with Euron to start a cataclysmic war with Daenerys that could destroy all of Westeros. Jon has a plan to negotiate with Daenerys. To enact this plan, he first has to get rid of Cersei, who is no longer abiding by their agreements.

Cersei picks up on Arianne's plans, and goes to assassinate Quentyn to take Dorne for herself. Jon and Arianne lead a surprise attack in Dorne to try to stop this, but Cersei kills Quentyn before they do. The Drowned God's power washes over and floods Dorne, seemingly drowning Arianne too, and Jon's small army falters. Still, Jon is able to get close to the Queen. However, just when he is about to stab Cersei, the Mountain steps in between them and the sword plunges through its chest, doing nothing. The Mountain breaks Jon's sword, and Jon narrowly escapes with the help of Arya.

Jon and Arya have a touching reunion. Cersei and Euron escape once more, and take Sansa as prisoner, but no one knows why she is kept alive.

With R'hilor weakened, Daenerys finishes her preparations but for some reason, is waiting, not approaching King's Landing. Euron has become far more archaic and intimidating, having obtained supernatural powers that Cersei relies on. His hair grows longer and unkempt, his beard is trimmed into a finer mustache, more befitting of a pirate, his skin is pale and cold, and he wears an eyepatch. Cersei is overconfident and doesn't suspect Euron's hidden schemes. As the Greyjoy wades with these dark forces, he fully sheds his immature demeanor, revealing that he is now powerful enough to betray the Queen. Cersei thinks he won't do this- if he does, too much chaos would ensue, and they may not be able to stand against Daenerys. But Euron doesn't care; he has gone mad, and only wants chaos. The humans split and a civil skirmish erupts. Due to their inability to band together against a common foe, a power vacuum opens up on the side of the humans.

Daenerys seeks this opportunity to invade King's Landing. The red priests secretly planted in King's Landing use the last of their might to make the resurrected wildfire corpses burn their brightest, and since it is their home grounds, they have been well-prepared with traps that are very effective. Ice and fire violently clash. Sansa thinks that the last of R'hilor's power can protect against the invaders, but the red priest upholding it is killed by an assassin, who turns out to be Arya. This is one of the decisive events that allows Daenerys to triumph. Sansa is appalled to learn that Arya would betray them to let Daenerys in. But Arya reveals that many of the important events that led up to this moment were caused by her; she had a weak alliance with Daenerys the whole time, as only Daenerys promised her to kill Cersei. Thus, when the Faceless Men told Arya that "their actions are aligned with the Targaryen", Arya joined them. The girl had neglected her family to focus solely on her revenge, forgoing her humanity.

Mysteriously, Euron disappears into the shadows while grinning as Cersei begs him to come back. But he does not, and King's Landing is defenseless. The White Walkers occupy King's Landing but Daenerys ordered them not to harm civilians. Cersei, having lost Euron's priests to protect her, is afraid and hides. Daenerys thinks it will be an easy victory. However, she does not expect the Drowned God's hidden powers, as Euron launches a sneak attack on her, having been lured into a false sense of victory after defeating what remained of the red priests. Somehow, this primordial being was able to hide from even Bran's sight. Forces unseen before take her by surprise. Several Krakens wrap around and drown Drogon, and the civilians all cheer for his death. Daenerys is greatly angered, and burns every civilian in her path, actively targeting the non-combatants too. The White Walkers are ordered to unleash wights on the inhabitants. The Dragon Queen then charges towards the hiding place of Cersei, where Sansa has also been taken as hostage for some reason.

In Cersei's hiding place, flames from what is left of R'hilor light up the area around the building. Qyburn's flickering, dying magic also senses the presence of a Faceless Men assassin. Just as the assassin is about to kill Cersei, the Mountain catches her, revealing that it's Arya. The behemoth is angered at her from wounding him when she saved Jon. As he is about to gouge her eyes, the Hound intervenes, fights the Mountain and throws both himself and his brother into a fiery death.

Arya proceeds towards Cersei again. But then the Lannister tells her that she can't die; if she does, Sansa will die, too. Many months ago, she had taken Sansa as a hostage using a dangerous blood ritual that requires months to perform; if she dies, then Sansa will, too (and vice versa). Daenerys reaches the hiding place, and yells at Arya, asking why she does not kill the Queen. Arya explains what's happening, and says to Daenerys that they have to find a way around this. But Daenerys, in her impatient bloodlust, burns Cersei alive. As this happens, Arya is carrying Sansa away so the two are not caught up in the flames, but burns appear over Sansa's body as Cersei is burning, too, though without flames. Arya watches in horror as her skin melts away. Sansa's charred corpse stings Arya's arms, but Arya does not catch into flames. Both Cersei and Sansa perish.

Euron's Krakens drive Daenerys back, and the Dragon Queen retreats. Euron convinces Jamie that they have to take revenge on Daenerys for killing Cersei. Daenerys turns to Tyrion for advice, but he is gone, having went over to Euron's side at the start of the battle to give advice on her weaknesses. Tyrion reveals that he had a plan to betray Daenerys by hiding Jon, Arianne and their army from Daenerys and Euron; Tyrion was the one who helped them escape when Euron overwhelmed them in Dorne. This also meant that he would have to feign loyalty yet again, this time to Euron, becoming his Hand as Euron thinks Tyrion was instrumental in driving Daenerys back.

Through Bran's warged adviser, Jon learns that Sansa and Cersei have died. He is broken, and tries to reach out to Arya, but she has left, too. Then, in their ranks, one of their advisers is discovered to be Jaqen. The Faceless Men had manipulated Petyr, Varys and Arianne by tricking them into using their services, and had been playing against both Bran and R'hilor the whole time. They were the ones who ushered in chaos, fueling tensions between ice and fire.

SEASON 10:

Tyrion, seeing no other way to defend the people, continues to serve Euron and hide his allegiance with Jon. With Cersei gone, the humans are now consumed by a warlike mentality under Euron, becoming as viscous as the undead but still coherent in thought and words, their appearance unchanged. Arya is also consumed with vengeance, and is slipping away from her humanity as she commits more brutal and brutal murders by the orders of the Faceless Men. She proves to be a very dangerous assassin, taking out the most highly guarded officials, some which help Jon, and some which deter him. Euron conquers much of Westeros, taking it back from the White Walkers. Back and forth battles between the two armies ravage the land. The continent is rocked with many natural disasters and is about to be fully consumed in darkness, with the sea washing over it. Not only will the White Walkers die, but many humans will too, allowing only those who pledge total subservience to Euron, by becoming sadistic killers, to survive. Over time, Tyrion begins to see the errors of the human ways, and grows understanding of Daenerys. He becomes a misanthrope who cares little for those he rules, becoming spiteful and bitter.

Gradually yet begrudgingly, Tyrion is respected by Euron's people as he demonstrates that he is key to defending them from Daenerys. Since they have no one else who knows the White Walker

kingdom as well to turn to, they overlook his past traitorous crimes. In secret, Tyrion is allied with Jon and seeks to undermine both Daenerys and Euron.

Melisandre's faith is nearly shattered with the destruction of R'hilor. Varys and Petyr lament that they can do nothing against masterminds greater than them- the Three Eyed Raven, the Iron Bank, the red priests, the Drowned God, and the Faceless Men. Petyr re-affirms to Varys that all along, he only wanted to sit on the Iron Throne to be worthy to take Sansa as his wife; now that she is gone, he does not know what to do. Arianne struggles with losing the one she wanted to kill, but re-focuses her efforts on helping her directionless Dornish people.

Tyrion informs Jon about the truth of R'hilor. Jon and Arianne believe that peace can still be established if the Others and Men unite in peace, with the Kingdoms and the natives living in harmony. Bran has a new plan for this to work; Jon must sit on the Iron Throne. Arianne reluctantly agrees to this, having sorted out her lust for power and believing she is unworthy after being unable to save Quentyn. With Bran's help, Jon journeys to the ancient sites where the red priests first scorched the land of the Children of the Forest. With Sam's help, Jon discovers how to re-awaken R'hilor's flames- not in Essos, but in the new land of Westeros. The formerly damaged sites are restored with the assistance of nature, with vines intertwining between cracks of walls and pillars, breathing life into the temples once again. The new fire that burns there does not tear the forest around it down. Jon is in awe at the co-existence of nature with civilization, though he is somewhat troubled that nature appears to be more dominant in these restorations.

They also discover that the Faceless Men seek to destroy all life on Westeros- including the Others, animals, plants- through the war of Men. The Faceless Men worship death, and the final death of Westeros would be caused by greed, vengeance and desire. The Faceless Men believe that R'hilor, the Great Other, the Drowned God, the Old Gods, and all other deities are the Many Faced God. It is the carving of identity that made beings take sides; the ego was what drove kingdoms to emerge and protect 'what was theirs'. This greed is what all beings deserve for hoarding the land, and thus they deserve to all perish; death is a gift that will stop their desires, and suffering caused by desires. The Faceless Men have manipulated all sides to catalyze their hatreds towards one another, but they see that all they have done is help nurture the growth of something natural- these hatreds were created by beings themselves, not sown into them by the Faceless Men.

After discovering the truth of this dangerous cult, Jon worries for Arya. He finds her, but she has become a hollow shell of herself. After she departs, Jon consults the red priests for help. Just as they resurrected him, Jon seeks to save Arya's humanity. The red priests say they can do this, but only through a great act of sacrifice can this occur.

Euron seeks to drown all of Westeros, submerging the land completely underwater and torturing all non-human life on it forever, as his kingdom rips it apart. With the Three Eyed Raven controlling Jon, and all the other masterminds controlling their own pieces, the final act is put into place. Each mastermind believes they are set to win. Jon discovers that Bran has not been truthful to him- Jon had thought the land could be united to fight Euron, but Bran was actually on Daenerys's side the whole time. The Three Eyed Raven has a plan to banish- or kill if they disobey his order- every human on Westeros, in order to save the Others and other beings that humans had eradicated throughout the centuries; the public did not know of them as humans have removed these sins

from history manuscripts. Bran would forbid all humans from setting foot on Westeros again, and erase their history and culture.

Meanwhile, Varys continues to lose against the masterminds. His network of informers is dwindling, being killed by the Faceless Men. Guilty and distraught, Varys loses hope, but trudges on. The flames of R'hilor that Jon had ignited were also dwindling. This is because they required the strong faith of Men to sustain; the people were becoming incredibly hateful of the Others, and did not believe in Jon. They wished to extinguish the Others completely. Euron attacks most of Jon's remaining followers, captures them, and tells them that if they do not go to his side, then he will kill them.

Euron gains the majority of followers because no one believes R'hilor has any power anymore. However, Melisandre's faith is revived by Jon and Arianne's journey. Melisandre tells Jon that if he kills Daenerys, then her body will produce a weapon that can kill the Night King, which enacts a ritual to kill all of the Others. This will save the Men of Westeros, and Melisandre believes that all will believe in R'hilor after this miracle occurs, which will turn them away from Euron and thus end Euron's diabolical plan.

During a private meeting with Jon, Daenerys says she feels sorrow for killing Sansa and all the other innocents, but felt it had to be done to ensure long term peace. She confesses that at times, she felt a lust for power overtake her desire for justice, and knows that she has committed many sins because she wanted power, masquerading as being a hero. Still, Daenerys digs deeper into the magic of the Old Gods and the Undead magic of the warlocks from Essos to obtain the power to defeat Euron. This slowly corrupts her, turning her more and more into a being like the Night King, though she mostly looks human. Her skin does not turn blue and wrinkly, but her eyes glow sapphire, and her lips turn to a blue hue.

Mysteriously, after Jon and Arianne trigger a certain event, Rhaegal flies over by himself to Jon's side. Daenerys had felt a rift between her and the dragon emerging, and is saddened by this, but felt it coming. Rhaegal declares loyalty to Jon. Melisandre believed this occurred because Jon became more connected to magic by his quest to R'hilor sacred sites, awakening the hidden depths of the Valyrian blood within him.

Eventually, Daenerys's and Euron's armies clash in a colossal battle at 3 separate locations. Jon and his handful of remaining followers try to get to Daenerys so Jon can fulfill Melisandre's interpretation of the prophecy. Euron nearly finishes a ritual that will drown all of the Others (and unknown to the people, it will cause them to go mad forever), and the final act is to have his followers carry out the sacrifice of many innocents. It is then that Varys reveals he had used his network of spies and several clever, undetected ploys to influence a small subset of people to believe in R'hilor. Though the Lord of Light's believers risked death by those who feared the Others, they had faith that their sacrifice would contribute to a greater cause. When Euron told his army to sacrifice many innocents to enact the final ritual, the soldiers stop when Varys makes a speech, signalling the start of his plan. The soldiers were working with Varys the entire time to have a plan to betray Euron. This faith in the Lord of Light re-ignites his power. R'hilor's flames have been resurrected, and hope seems to have returned. The soldiers declare that they will fight to save the Seven Kingdoms, their Houses, and their culture.

The masterminds are all astonished that a mere mortal could outsmart them all and partially ruin their plans. But this came at a cost of Varys's life, as he is excruciatingly drowned by Euron. Now, Euron's acolytes fight Jon's followers. The green corpses of King's Landing are re-animated, along with the flame wisp creatures seen before, far stronger than they were in King's Landing when they had been weakened. The fiery corpses ignited by R'hilor temporarily join forces with the ice of the Others to fight the Dark God that Euron has summoned into the world. This power allows them to stop an impending typhoon that would destroy all of the land. By witnessing the power of the Others to heal the land, Jon wrestles with his own beliefs about their destruction.

However, only a minority of humans have converted. The vast majority continue to clash with the Others, and Euron has back-up ritual to end the Others; this time, he requires capturing and sacrificing only Bran. This is a harder task than the one he had planned, as Bran is heavily guarded. However, Euron pushes his magic to the limit, fully corrupting him so he loses the last hair of his sanity.

Melisandre tells Jon that he must end Daenerys so the rest of the humans can believe in R'hilor; she reminds him that the dragon Queen was the one who murdered Sansa. In separate battles, Jon and Daenerys ride their dragons to defeat all of Euron's Krakens (they do not fight together however), but the dragons are gravely injured and swept away by a Typhoon; Euron believes they are dead. Daenerys falls from her dragon. Finally, Jon is able to get close to a defenseless Daenerys. He has the chance to kill Daenerys and fulfill the prophecy. But Jon sees that the humans have destroyed themselves; if the Others die, there will be no one to stop the human's lust for kingdoms and wealth from destroying everything. Even if the humans turn against Euron, their culture of greed and power will still destroy all of Westeros. The union of ice and fire was only temporary; it was a false hope, a subverted expectation of peace Jon had believed that all could achieve. He sees that the White Walkers are in harmony with the land of Westeros and only they can heal it. Thus, he lays down his sword, betraying the prophecy. Melisandre screams.

But just then, one of Daenerys's advisers suddenly stabs his Queen. The adviser removes his face to reveal that he is actually Arya, who needed to wait for the right moment to strike. Jon tries to speak to Daenerys as he holds her body, but it is too late; Daenerys died before he could talk to her one last time. Arya then takes the weapon she used to kill Daenerys, and it has now been enchanted with the Night Queen's blood. If the blade stabbed the Night King, all of the Others and the Three Eyed Raven would die. She moves in to kill the Night King, but Jon calls out for her to stop. He runs between them, and Arya uses her shadow techniques to evade and fight him. In 3 seconds, Jon predicts where she will be and stabs the air, which lands right through Arya's heart. Arya drops the enchanted weapon, which is revealed to be Needle. In his horror, Jon ends up fulfilling the prophecy, as his sword burns bright with the blood of Arya; she had drank certain poisons to make her stronger. Instead of igniting into flames as in a fantasy epic, the formerly beautiful Dragonglass sword was cold with blood that was a hellish mix of dark ruby and searing lava, clearly poisoned from years of hatred and vengeance within Arya Stark. Jon had defeated the true enemy of the world- a misguided prophecy interpreted out of fear. Jon cries as he clutches Arya, who is unable to speak and is dying in his arms. Jon stays like this and also does not speak for the rest of the battle and its aftermath. No one approaches him either.

Euron is furious and says to Jamie that now is his chance to be a true Kingslayer who is beloved by the people. He orders Jamie, who has been infused with great maddening power, to pick up Arya's weapon enchanted with Daenerys's blood and kill the Night King and Jon, as they are the main source of power for the two armies of ice and fire. But Jamie, now finally realizing he is free from Cersei and can let go of his desire for revenge for her, sees the light of Azor Ahai and is inspired by Jon's sacrifice of Arya. Jamie, too, had lost faith in the humans, but found new purpose with Jon's actions which had implied the land could still be saved by the Others; he did not need someone to tell him this, as he picked it up when he realized why Jon killed Arya instead of Daenerys. During this season, Jamie also learned of how the humans slaughtered many natives of Westeros, committing genocide against entire tribes, and was struggling about what to do with that information. The people he sought to protect before had chosen to become monsters by following Euron. However, there was still one person he could protect to, in his eyes, redeem himself- Bran, the key to healing the land. The White Walkers had the power to heal the land, but to fully reverse its damage, Bran was needed. And now, Euron threatens to sacrifice Bran in order to carry out the second ritual.

Thus, Jamie kills Euron by stabbing him in the back with an ordinary sword, ending the King's reign of terror as the people around him angrily chant, "Kingslayer! Kingslayer!" Euron's cursed skin is thick and hard to penetrate; Jamie uses the highest of his might to slowly dig into him, like a butcher wielding a dull blade, fighting the dark powers Euron unleashes on him to try to pry the knight off. It is an ugly sight. With Euron gone, Jamie slowly loses the power he obtained from the Drowned God. He fights with whatever he has left as he is attacked by hundreds of soldiers. He is mortally wounded, but before they can kill him, the White Walkers freeze them all to death, along with thousands of the humans who have survived but were now corrupted forever under the Drowned God by their hate.

The finale is bittersweet. Jon had believed his ideals could win over the land, like in a heroic fantasy story. But in reality, he had to let the Others win so that they could heal the land that the humans had destroyed. The water rescinds, and ice heals the cracks its waves created. The sights are beautiful. Tyrion walks over to Varys, whose face is bloated and purple. Varys is choking as he speaks, trying to laugh as he mentions that all of his life's work was done just to save a handful of people; the gods still wiped away most of the humans in Westeros. He mentions, however, that a eunuch was able to defy the gods, and that was what mattered- a handful was better than nothing. Tyrion thanks Varys, who smiles as drowns, as he fulfilled his life's purpose.

As Jamie is dying, Tyrion walks up to him and thanks him too, sharing one final farewell to his brother. Then, the White Walkers crowd around them. Bran is carried by them towards Jamie, and Bran tells Jamie that he did well. Bran orders the White Walkers to infuse the prince with ice, turning him into one of them, just like how the First White Walker- the Night King- was made. As his eyes turn blue, Jamie laments to Tyrion that he is unable to break his destiny. The Night King then anoints him as his Kingsguard, honoring him for saving their Kingdom. The White Walkers pay their respects to their hero.

The White Walkers take over Westeros, slowly healing the ravaged land through a Winter of a Thousand Years- only the cold can stop the fires and floods. Before, the White Walkers did not

need to do this, as the land was still salvagable and they could co-exist with humans. Now, the land is not able to sustain farming and large human populations anymore. The Iron Throne freezes over and is left in isolation.

Since Euron was not considered a legitimate king, and since many other legitimate heirs to the throne were eliminated by Euron after Cersei's death, the people see Arianne Martell as next in the line of succession; they turn against Jon as they know he failed to save the Seven Kingdoms like he promised when they believed in Azor Ahai. Arianne is unprepared for this; she did not want the throne anymore, having made up her mind to give it up for Jon. But she knows that life does not always work out, and she must fulfill her responsibilities even if they are against her wishes. She chooses Tyrion as her Hand. Tyrion remarks that it's the only role he was meant to fulfill, just like Jamie. He also detests it, but after establishing a middle ground in how he judges people, feels a duty to help the people survive. It is also a way to honor Varys. Though the Seven Kingdoms have perished, its inhabitants remain. Arianne had made a deal with rulers in Essos to get rid of the turmoil in Westeros as it threatened Essos, and since the wars in Westeros were over, the rich rulers in Essos give the survivors of Westeros their own land.

Melisandre believes that this is not what she had seen, and that she was wrong the entire time. However, she is content that R'hilor's will has been fulfilled. She takes off her necklace and dies in the cold. Samwell had died an unremarkable death during Jon's journey to seek R'hilor. Bronn had completely left the battle during Season 9, telling Jamie he was going to fuck off to his own castle he bought. He does not appear at all in the final season. Grey Worm died during the assault on King's Landing at the end of Season 9. Qyburn was killed by the Mountain in that same battle. Yara was killed by Euron in a public execution. Pod survives and continues to serve the Kingdom as a knight.

In Essos, Petyr is surprised that Varys has won, defeating the expectations of the Three Eyed Raven, the White Walker seers, Jaqen, the Drowned God, and the red priests/priestesses. Jaqen meets with Petyr and they discuss this foolish game that Men have played for power. Petyr remarks that he is not surprised that a vile man such as himself would live while many great men died unremarkable deaths; that is the reality of life, in contrast to the fulfilling, grand epics that have been passed on as tales. Petyr also says that Varys has beaten them all, and Jaqen concedes to his own defeat. Jaqen remarks that perhaps he must re-consider how he interprets the Many Faced God, who is ever changing and whose true goals can never be known.

Jon knows that he can never rejoin human civilization in Essos, as many will vilify him for failing to save the Seven Kingdoms. Tyrion agrees, and says that he will lead the humans away to Essos. He says he will tell the people that Jon is dead. In Essos, Queen Arianne guides the people in rebuilding their kingdoms. Jon goes up North in Westeros with Ghost and Tormund to live the rest of his days with other humans, mostly free folk and Northmen, who choose to live in these primitive conditions and were given mercy by the Others because they did not steal the land to create parasitic kingdoms. This echoes the original peace the Children of the Forest had with the First Men. They unanimously declare Jon as their leader. In their isolated villagers, where they hunt and live off the land, they exist far away from the Others. Now, the humans exist mutually with the natives. Though snow covers Westeros, it is not an eternal, violent storm. Most of the

time, it is calm and tranquil, and the sight of nature returning is breathtaking. Sacred Ice paints the land serene, reducing its swelling and quakes and storms.

At last, Jon takes Bran to visit the tombs of Winterfell and in the catacombs, pays respect to his parents, his siblings, and all others who have died. When outside, it's seen that he has made graves for them all, and sheds a tear when he places his hand over Arya's grave. He asks Bran what the Old Gods say about those who die. Bran says they are gone forever, joining the spirits of nature, becoming one with the memories of the forests, the prayers, and the songs.

Alone, Jon climbs a cliff nearby, thinks back to Daenerys as he clutches an item that she gave him, and looks up to the sky when he hears a roar. He witnesses Viserion, who is sheathed in ice, and Rhaegal, who still breathes fire, fly together in the distant barren landscape, revealing that they survived. Then, the story ends.

Notable Survivors: Jon, Ghost, Tormund, Tyrion, Arianne, Podrick, Jamie (as a White Walker), Bran (as the Three Eyed Raven), Petyr, Viserion, Rhaegal