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Winter Is Coming

- Three men set out on horseback on a snowy landscape from the Wall. The young one sees smoke from a fire and creeps up on it. He sees bodies hacked to bits and heads on stakes, dismembered limbs all around, including women and children. He turns and runs.

We see their bodies are laid out in a kind of symbol, like a ring.

He is chastised by his leader for being a coward, and reminded of their mission and the punishment for desertion. His comrades go to check out the bodies, but find they've disappeared. One man finds what could be an organ in the snow. He's about to show it to the other man when something dark and sinister pops up out of snow and slashes him down. The remaining men run. They're chased by something that doesn't seem human. The creature catches one of the men and slices off his head. The remaining man drops to his knees and awaits his fate.

Later, he stumbles across a field. Not dead. A band of men on horses intercept him.

In Winterfell, Ned Stark (Sean Bean) watches his son Bran practice archery with the aid of Jon Snow, Ned's bastard son. Inside the castle, his young daughter Arya practices needlepoint. Bran lets fly his arrow and misses wildly. Suddenly another strikes the bullseye. They turn to see who let it go. It's Arya, showing up her brother.

A man comes to report they captured a deserter from the Night's Watch. Ned's wife Catelyn asks him if he has to do what must be done. Ned says yes, and 10 year old Bran is coming to watch.

They march the deserter to be beheaded. He tells Ned he saw White Walkers. Bran watches as his father beheads the man. Jon commends Bran for not looking away. After, Ned tells Bran that the White Walkers have been gone for thousands of years and the deserter must be crazy. He had to cut the man's head off himself because he passed the sentence, Ned explains.

On the ride home they come upon a disemboweled elk and wonder what could have done it. They find a similarly hacked up wolf nearby, with five young pups. They believe they're a rare kind of wolf, a direwolf, of which there are only five south of the wall. Ned commands them killed because they won't survive without their mother. Jon suggests instead that, as the direwolf is the sigil of house Stark & Ned has 5 Stark children, the five pups go to the five Stark children. As they are about to leave, Jon finds a 6th pup, which he takes for his own... the runt of the litter for the bastard son.

Kings Landing, Capital of the Seven Kingdoms

A funeral takes place in the grand cathedral. Ser Jaime Lannister checks on his twin sister, Queen Cersei Baratheon of the House of Lannister. She's worried the dead man, Jon Arryn, might have spilled her secret to her husband, the king.

Back in Winterfell

Cat tells her husband the news of Jon Arryn's death. He was like a father to Ned. King Robert of Baratheon and Queen Cersei are on the way to Winterfell with their entourage. Bran climbs to the top of the compound to see the hundreds approaching. His mom chides him not to climb. The king and queen arrive. The Starks line up to greet them. Prince Joffrey Baratheon of the House of Baratheon makes eyes at Sansa Stark, Ned's young daughter. They greet each other warmly. Arya is eager to see the imp.

King Robert asks Ned to take him to the crypt. Down there, Robert says Arryn got sick suddenly and died. Robert asks Ned to come to King's Landing and serve as Hand of the King, to run his kingdom. He wants Ned to help him keep the iron throne. He suggests they join their houses by marrying his son Joffrey and Ned's daughter Sansa.

We meet the imp, Tyrion Lannister, a dwarf. He is on the receiving end of a young woman's attention. His brother Jaime busts in to tell them the Starks are feasting them at sundown. He brings additional whores to help Tyrion work out his desires before then.

Robert pays his respects to Ned's dead sister, who he was going to marry before the Targaryens killed her. He still feels strongly for her.

Pentos, Across the Narrow Sea

Princess Daenerys Targaryen gets ready for her wedding. Prince Viserys comes to check on his sister, complete with examining her naked. The marriage is meant to solidify Viserys reign and not wake the dragon. Later, she meets her intended king, a savage killer who has never been defeated in battle. He says nothing, and rides off. Viserys advisor assures him Khal Drogo approved of her.

Later, Viserys is talking about returning to rule. Daenerys announces she doesn't want to be Khal Drogo's queen. Viserys explains they need Drogo's army to retake their kingdom, and he would let all 40,000 of Drogo's men and horses have their way with her if it meant a return to power.

In Winterfell, Sansa begs her mother to convince her dad to let her marry so she can be queen.

Ned's brother Benjen Stark arrives from the Night's Watch. Jon asks to return to the wall with him, but Benjen says he's not ready. After Benjen leaves, Jon meets Tyrion, who encourages him to wear the fact he's a bastard like armour, and then it can't be used to hurt him. He empathizes, saying all dwarves are bastards in their father's eyes. Benjen finds his brother Ned, who tells him the boy he beheaded was a true ranger. He seems surprised he deserted. Cersei watches distractedly as her husband gropes wenches at the feast. Sansa introduces herself. She's only 13.

Jaime accosts Ned, taunting him to fight when he's back in town. Arya gets removed from the party for flicking food. Later at night, Ned tells his wife he doesn't want to go to the city. Cat doesn't want him to go either. There's a knock at their bedroom door. It's Maester Luwin, Ned's counselor.

A rider brought a letter from Cat's sister. It was sent from the aerie. Cat reads it and her eyes get wide. She burns the letter. Her sister has fled the city. She said her husband Jon Arryn was murdered by the Lannisters, and they're plotting against the king. Luwin tells Ned he's the only one who can protect the king.

At the wedding feast for Daenrys and Drogo, Viserys is eager to get his throne back. Daenrys watches two men try to have sex with a woman in the middle of a dance and end up cutting each other to bits. We learn that a Dothraki wedding without at least three deaths is considered a dull affair. Jorah Mormant, an exiled knight, brings song books to Daenrys. She also gets a gift of dragons eggs. Khal gets up and goes to his horse. Daenrys follows, and he gives her a white horse. As she's riding off, her brother tells her to make Drogo happy. Later, alone on the beach at sunset, she waits nervously as her new husband looks her over. She cries. He says only no as he slowly takes off her clothes and pushes her to the ground.

Back in Winterfell, Ned prepares to ride with the King. As they set off, Bran climbs to the top of the compound walls again to watch his father ride away. Halfway up the wall he hears the sounds of people having sex. He sees Jaime with a woman bent over in front of him. It's his sister Cersei. She seems to be a willing participant. She shouts that Bran saw them. Jaime pulls Bran off the ledge. He assesses how high up they are, then he gives Bran a shove.

"The things I do for love," he says.

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The Kingsroad

- Across the Narrow Sea

As Khal Drogo's khalasar ride through the Dothraki Sea, Ser Jorah Mormont approaches Daenerys Targaryen ('Dany' for short), who looks visibly depressed. He says that she must eat, but Dany doesn't like the horse meat. Jorah says that the Dothraki have two things in abundance, horses and grass, and that people can't survive on grass. He begins telling her about the Dothraki Sea and the Shadow Lands of Asshai, but she doesn't seem interested. Jorah sees Dany staring at Drogo, and he tells her that "it will get easier."

The khalasar make camp, and Dany is helped off her horse and carried into her tent by her new handmaidens. Jorah approaches Viserys and tells him that Illyrio has extended the hospitality of Pentos to Viserys still, so that he doesn't have to travel with the khalasar. Viserys rejects this, saying that he'll stay with the khalasar until Drogo fulfills his promise and gives him an army. Viserys inquires about why Jorah fled Westeros, and he tells him that he caught some poachers on his land, so he tried to sell them into slavery. When Ned Stark found out, and intended to execute Jorah, Jorah fled across the Narrow Sea. Viserys assures Jorah that under his rule he wouldn't be punished for such nonsense.

That night, Drogo enters his tent and roughly has sex with Dany from behind. She cries, but finds solace and smiles at the sight of her three dragon eggs.

Dany is being tended to by her three handmaidens, Irri, Jhiqui and Doreah. She asks them about dragons, and if there are any still alive. Irri and Jhiqui say that all of the dragons were killed by brave men, but Doreah says that she had heard a story about when the moon cracked and thousands of dragons came out. The others dismiss this. Dany sends them out so she can talk to Doreah alone. She asks how she knew this, and Doreah tells her that before she was given to Dany, she was whore, and that men would tell her plenty of stories when they were happy. Dany asks Doreah if she can help her make Drogo happy, and she says that she can.

Later at night, Doreah is stranding Dany, on top of her and giving her tips on lovemaking. She tells Dany that she must look Drogo in the eyes while they are having sex. Doreah tells her a story of a woman who was such a desired whore that men would burn others and sell their palaces to spend a night with her, and that just her stare could make a man "finish." Dany says that she doesn't think Drogo will like it with her on top, but Doreah dismisses this, saying that "the Dothraki take slaves like a hound takes a bitch." She asks if Dany is a slave, to which she says that she isn't. Doreah tells Dany to not make love like a slave then. Dany climbs on top of Doreah, and Doreah says that inside their tent, Drogo is Dany's.

Drogo enters their tent completely naked, and approaches Dany, who is lying down. He grabs her and tries to turn her around, but she refuses, and tells him in

Dothraki that she wants to look into his eyes. He relents, and she climbs on top of him, and they start having sex.

Winterfell

Tyrion wakes up in the kennels among the dogs. Joffrey and his own dog, Sandor Clegane, are staring at him. Joffrey says that they're to set off for King's Landing that day. Tyrion tells Joffrey to go to Ned and Catelyn and offer them his sympathies, as Joffrey's absence has already been noticed. Joffrey refuses, saying that he doesn't care about Bran and that he "can't stand the wailing of women." Tyrion slaps Joffrey. When Joffrey says he'll tell his mother, Tyrion slaps him again. Tyrion commands him to go and do as he said. Joffrey scurries away. Sandor tells Tyrion that Joffrey will remember that. Tyrion says that he hopes he will, and that if he forgets, Sandor will remind him. Tyrion turns and walks away, going to breakfast.

Inside the Great Hall, the other Lannisters are already eating. Tyrion orders breakfast and sits down with them. Myrcella asks Tyrion if Bran will live, to which Tyrion says that the maester believes he will. Cersei remarks that it's no kindness to let him linger in such pain. She also expresses her disapproval of Tyrion going north to visit the Wall. Jaime says that he hopes Tyrion doesn't intend to join the Night's Watch. Tyrion says he only wishes to "piss off the edge of the world." Cersei is disgusted and takes Tommen and Myrcella away. Jaime says that he'd rather a quick, clean death than living as a cripple. Tyrion says that he is eager to hear what Bran has to say. Jaime glares at Tyrion, and asks who's side he's on, implying that Tyrion knows about the incest. Tyrion assures him that he is loyal to their family.

Cersei visits Catelyn, who is sitting by Bran's bedside. She tells Catelyn that once she had a child to Robert, but that the child took ill and died. She grieved and despaired, and Robert beat his fists bloody on the wall. Catelyn says that she had no idea about this, and Cersei says she will pray for Bran. Catelyn thanks her, and Cersei says that "maybe this time the gods will listen."

Jaime approaches Jon, who is at the forge having a sword made. He talks to Jon about the Night's Watch, and is openly mocking them. Jon says that "we've guarded the realm for thousand of years." Jaime asks if Jon's taken his vows yet, to which he says he hasn't. Jaime shakes Jon's hand and offers his thanks for his services, clearly being sarcastic.

Jon visits Arya, who is packing her clothes away. She complains about it, and is annoyed when her direwolf Nymeria refuses to help her. Jon gives her the sword he had made for her. It's a small rapier, so it can only stab, not slash. He tells Arya that the first lesson of swordfighting is "stick them with the pointy end." She and

Jon says how they will miss each other, and hugs. Arya names her sword Needle, in mocking of Sansa and her needlework.

Jon visits Bran to say goodbye, but Catelyn shows him disdain and coldness. Jon ignores her and tells the comatose Bran that he's going north with Uncle Benjen to join the Night's Watch, and that Bran can visit him when he wakes up. Catelyn tells Jon to leave, and Eddard enters the room. Jon leaves, and Ned approaches Cat, who tells of when he rode south to war with Robert and came back with another woman's son. She expresses frustration that now he is riding south again. Ned tells her that he has to, as it's his duty. Cat says that men always use that excuse. Ned tells Cat that she has to be strong, and leaves.

As Jon readies his horse, Robb approaches. He asks if Jon said goodbye to Bran, and if Cat was kind towards him. Jon says that she was, and Robb is clearly relieved. They say farewell and part ways.

Maester Luwin visits Cat and tells her that she has to look over the accounts, since the royal visit cost them quite a bit of money. She dismisses this, and says she doesn't care about it. Robb enters and says that he'll handle it. Luwin is grateful and leaves. Robb tells Catelyn that she's been at Bran's side for weeks, and that Rickon needs her, since he doesn't understand what is happening. Robb sees a fire outside, and rushes out of the room. As Catelyn looks out the window, an assassin appears in the room. He says that she wasn't supposed to be here, and that killing Bran would be a mercy. He takes out a dagger, and Catelyn lunges at him. They struggle for a bit, and the dagger bites into her hand. He slaps her, and she falls. The assassin moves towards Bran, but is attacked by Summer, Bran's direwolf. Summer rips out the man's throat and lies down on the bed by Bran.

Catelyn explores the tower that Bran fell from, and notices a long golden hair on the ground.

In the godswood, Catelyn confides with Robb, Theon, Luwin and Rodrik that she believes Bran was thrown from the tower, rather than falling. She suspects the Lannisters are behind this, since they already have reason to suspect their loyalty. Rodrik shows them the dagger the assassin used, which was Valyrian Steel, too expensive and rare for such a man to wield. Catelyn tells them that she will ride to King's Landing to tell Ned about what happened. Robb offers to go in her stead, but she tells him that "there must always be a Stark in Winterfell." Ser Rodrik offers to go with her, and she agrees. When Robb asks her about Bran, she says that she's been praying for him for a month, and that he's in the gods' hands now. She visits Bran one last time and kisses his forehead before leaving.

The Kingsroad

On a hill near Winterfell, having just recently left, Eddard approaches Jon. He tells him that there's great honor in serving in the Night's Watch, and that the Starks have manned the Wall for years. Jon asks if his mother knows about him, and what he's going to do. Eddard appears pained at the question, and tells him that when they see each other next, he'll tell Jon about his mother. They part ways, and Jon rides towards Benjen and Tyrion, going north to the Wall.

Ned and Robert make camp and have lunch. Robert says that he wishes they could just leave everyone behind and travel the roads by themselves. Eddard says that he should have asked him years ago. Robert tells him that they had wars to win and women to marry. Robert and Ned reminisce on the old days, and women that they knew. When Robert asks Ned about the name of Jon's mother, Eddard grows quiet and says that he doesn't wish to tell Robert. The king says Ned is too hard on himself. He shows Ned a letter he received, which informs them of Daenerys Targaryen marrying Khal Drogo. When Robert suggests they send an assassin after her, Ned says that she's little more than a girl. Robert says that soon she'll give birth to a son, and that son will bind the Dothraki to attacking Westeros. Ned says he isn't worried, since the Dothraki are known for not sailing oceans. Robert says that there are still those in Westeros that call him usurper, and that he senses a war is coming.

Jon, Tyrion and Benjen make camp, and Jon stares at the new recruits that are going to the Wall. Tyrion says that they're rapists, and that Jon must feel proud to be serving in such an order. Jon asks Tyrion why he reads so much. Tyrion tells him that "my brother has his sword, and I have me books, and a mind needs books like a sword needs a whetstone." Tyrion asks Jon about his life, and Jon gets irritated when Tyrion calls him 'bastard.' Tyrion tells him about his responsibilities to his family, and how his brother Jaime was the youngest Kingsguard knight in history. Jon points out that Jaime then killed that king, and Tyrion agrees, saying that life is full of little ironies like that. Tyrion tells Jon that the Night's Watch isn't anything to take seriously, and that Jon is smart enough to realize that.

The king's party has stopped at the Inn of the Crossroads. Sansa explores with her direwolf Lady, and is scared when Ser Illyn Payne appears. She tries to talk to him, but he doesn't answer. Sandor Clegane approaches and tells her that the Mad King had his tongue ripped out years ago. Joffrey then appears and says that Ser Illyn is the king's justice, aka the royal executioner. Joffrey asks Sansa if she wishes to walk with him, and she agrees, telling Lady to stay.

As they explore the forest, they find Arya fighting with wooden swords with the butcher's boy. Arya tells them to go away, but they approach. Joffrey takes out his sword and starts taunting the butcher's boy, Mhysa. Joffrey tells him that he isn't a real knight, and raises his sword to the boy's face. Arya begs Joffrey not to hurt him, and Joffrey says that he won't hurt him... much. He slices the boy's cheek with

his sword. Arya picks up a large stick and hits Joffrey across the back. He screams and runs after her. She falls over and he points his sword at her, threatening to kill her. Arya's direwolf Nymeria jumps on Joffrey and starts tearing at his arm. Arya picks up Joffrey's sword and holds it to Joffrey's face. Nymeria runs away, and Arya throws Joffrey's sword in the river before following her direwolf. Sansa rushes over to Joffrey and offers to help him. He is angry and ashamed.

Arya tells Nymeria to run away, since if she is caught she will be killed for attacking Joffrey. When Nymeria doesn't move, Arya picks up a rock and throws it at her. It hits Nymeria, and she runs away.

That night, Eddard and his men search the forest for Arya. Jory Cassel approaches Ned and tells him that Arya has been found by the Lannisters and taken before the king. Eddard orders all of his men back to the inn.

Eddard pushes past all of the Lannister soldiers and embraces Arya, who begs his forgiveness. Ned demands to know why Arya wasn't taken to him first. Cersei warns Eddard about his tone, but Robert shuts her up and apologizes to Ned. Cersei and Joffrey accuse Arya and the butcher's boy of attacking Joffrey after he was bitten by Nymeria. Arya denies this, and says Joffrey is lying. Cersei calls Sansa forwards, who is asked what happened. She tells them that she can't remember. Arya calls her a liar and attacks her sister. Eddard pulls them apart, and Cersei demands that she be punished. Eddard agrees to discipline Arya, and Robert says he'll do the same for Joffrey. They are about to leave when Cersei demands to know what will become of the direwolf that attacked Joffrey. A Lannister soldier says that they can't find the wolf. Cersei says that they have another one chained outside, but Sansa and Arya point out that that's Lady, not Nymeria, and that Lady is innocent. Sansa begs Ned not to let them kill her. Ned asks Robert what his decision is, but the king just leaves and doesn't say anything. Cersei orders Illyn Payne to kill the direwolf, but Eddard says he'll do it himself, since the wolf is of the north, and deserves a better death.

As he leaves the inn, Eddard passes Sandor Clegane, who has the corpse of the butcher's boy slung over the back on his horse. Clegane tells Eddard that the boy ran, but not fast enough. Ned kneels before Lady and pats her before taking out his dagger and killing the direwolf.

Back in Winterfell, Bran wakes up.

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Lord Snow

- Lord Stark and his daughters arrive at King's Landing. Jaime greets him, but manages to remind him about his brother's and father's deaths and that 500 men stood and watched. Stark asks if Lannister tells himself he was doing justice when he stabbed the Mad King Aerys Targaryen in the back, to avenge Ned's father.

Stark meets Lord Petyr Baelish, who knew his brother Brandon. Brandon cut him down his middle, fighting for Catelyn Stark, Ned's wife. Grand Maester Pycelle, the king's counselor, and Varys, a eunuch, are also there. They plan to start the meeting without the king.

They've been commanded to stage a tournament in honor of Stark being named Hand of the King. They mention the cost and Baelish says the crown is already 6 million in debt. They tell him the king doesn't always listen to advice about such things.

Ned is appalled at the money mismanagement and wants to do away with the tournament.

Cersei treats her son's wounds. He whines that the direwolf attacked him and all he did was scream. He's embarrassed the Stark girls saw it. She corrects him that he fought the wolf off and killed it. She tells him he'll be king and get to write his own stories.

He asks if he has to marry Sansa. His mother says yes, but that he only has to see her once in a while. "If you'd rather f--- painted whores, you'll f---- painted whores," she tells her young son. "You are my darling boy and the world will be exactly at you'd like it to be."

He thinks the people to the north should be taxed more and be forced to give up troops for the army. She explains the north cannot be held, it's too big and too wild. Part of being king is knowing when to fight and when to prepare against an enemy. "So you agree, Starks are enemies?" he asks "Anyone who isn't us are enemies," she says.

At breakfast, Arya vents about the prince being a liar. She blames her sister Sansa for not telling the truth. Ned brings Sansa a doll, but she only fumes that she hasn't played with dolls since she was eight.

Later, Ned visits Arya in her room, where she is playing with her sword from Jon Snow. Ned asks where she got it. She calls it "Needle."

She tells her dad she asked Micah, the butcher's boy, to practice with her. She says she hates the Hound and the king and queen.

Ned explains that Sansa has to take Joffrey's side, even when he's wrong. He reminds her of the Stark's words "Winter is coming." He warns her they have to protect each other. He says they've come to a dangerous place and cannot fight a war amongst themselves.

He lets her keep the sword.

Bran lies in bed as his nanny tells him about "a night that lasted a generation." She says the White Walkers came in that darkness for the first time, with their spiders "as big as hounds."

Robb drops by. Bran doesn't remember anything. He says he fell. He's paralyzed. He says he'd rather be dead.

Catelyn rides into King's Landing and is met by riders, instructing her to follow them. She finds she was summoned by Baelish.

"You little worm!" she yells at being summoned to a brothel. Varys told her she was coming, but is evasive when asked how he knew. Varys asks to see the dagger but says he doesn't know who it belongs to.

Baelish says it's his, but he lost it at a tournament -- to Tyrion Lannister, the imp.

At the Wall, Jon Snow practices his sword work with other men and beats them all. Commander Mormont and Tyrion watch. He hands over a message brought by raven about Bran.

Ned also gets a message. Baelish comes in and suggests he share the news with his wife.

Ned takes him to the whorehouse where he's keeping her.

After the practice, the one who got the worst of it from Jon jumps him with some friends. They hold a knife to his throat and threaten to throw him over the wall. Tyrion interrupts and suggest he'll tell his sister, the Queen, about it.

Jon is upset that his father left him to rot at the Wall, not what he expected. Tyrion explains the men who were just trying to kill him didn't end up there by choice either. He points out they're not trained like him.

Petyr promises he'll help the Starks, but asks them not to tell anyone. Cate says he's like a little brother to her and is a true friend.

Jaime visits his sister, who is worried about Bran talking. He says he'll kill Bran if

he remembers, as he wraps her in a not-so-brotherly embrace.

Ned tells his wife he can't do anything about the Lannisters without proof, but once he gets it, he'll go to the king. He sends her back to Winterfell.

The king talks to a knight about their first kills. He remembers killing a Tully on the battlefield. He mocks Lancel Lannister, the boy who waits on him with wine. He's Jaime's cousin.

The king calls for Jaime. He complains about being surrounded by Lannisters. The king mocks Jaime for having to stand sentry for him. The king is sauced. He asks about Jaime's first kill, an outlaw.

He asks about what the Mad King Aerys Targaryen said before Jaime killed him.

"He said the same thing he'd been saying for hours: Burn them all," Jaime says.

The Dothraki continue on their trek. Jorah explains most of the Dothraki slaves are given as gift by cities they conquer. Daenerys sees a Dothraki whack a slave and commands the entire horde to stop. Jorah says she's learning to talk like a Khalessi.

She walks into the woods, but Viserys tracks her down, fuming at her for giving commands. He takes out his sword and tells her he gives the commands.

Suddenly, there's a lasso around his neck and a khal has him choking on the ground. Her subjects ask her what to do with her brother and she commands that he be let go.

Viserys gets up incensed and commands Jorah to kill the man who attacked him, but he looks at Daenerys and suggests they return to the hordes.

Viserys is left there, commanded to walk.

Jon Snow rides an elevator-like contraption up to the top of the great Wall. It's freezing and desolate. He finds Benjen Stark, his uncle.

They survey the impressive landscape below. Benjen announces he's leaving. As the First Ranger he has to go beyond the Wall and investigate "disturbing reports." He tells Jon he can't go because he's not a Ranger yet.

Tyrion shares drinks with the man responsible for bringing recruits to the Wall. Benjen interrupts and takes affront at Tyrion taking the Wall work lightly.

Tyrion says he admires Benjen, but he doesn't believe in the stories of giants and

White Walkers beyond the Wall. Benjen says Tyrion has never been north of the wall, so he has no right to talk.

Tyrion suggests he and the recruiter share the road back to King's Landing.

Daenerys practices her Dorthraki. Her lady in waiting notices her body looks different. Daenerys is pregnant.

Jorah talks with the khal who took on Viserys earlier, they share war stories.

Daenerys' lady in waiting comes in and announces the Khalessi wants to eat something different for dinner. She tells them Daenerys is pregnant.

Jorah announces he has to go give someone the news.

At the Wall, Tyrion watches approvingly as Jon Snow teaches his fellow Wall fighters some moves.

Tyrion hears the Wall doesn't have enough resources to defend against the north. They want him to tell Cersei they need help. They're worried that winter is coming.

Daenerys lies in bed with Khal Drogo and tells him it's a boy. She's sure.

Jon Snow asks Tyrion to tell Bran he misses him.

Arya arrives for her sword lesson. Her teacher calls her "boy" and corrects her posture and grip. He takes her seriously and talks about how to sword fight. He challenges her to strike him.

She lunges and flails, but he fends her off. She keeps at it.

Ned watches approvingly, and then starts to imagine real swords and becomes alarmed with foreboding.

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Cripples, Bastards, and Broken Things

- Bran follows a raven through the empty courtyard. He's walking. He follows it until he's close enough to see it has three eyes.

He wakes up in bed with his direwolf on his bed and old nanny at his bedside. Theon Greyjoy, the ward of Ned Stark, tells Bran his brother Robb is there to visit.

Tyrion pays a visit to Robb and is put out that he's not greeted more warmly. Someone carries Bran in to see Tyrion. Maester Luwin reiterates that Bran didn't see anything when he fell.

Tyrion gives Bran drawings for a saddle that he can ride without use of his legs.

"I have a tender spot in my heart for cripples, bastards and broken things," Tyrion says.

But he wants none of Robb's false hospitalities, opting instead for the brothel outside Winterfell.

Outside, Tyrion demands of Theon where Lady Stark is. He mocks Theon for being a captive, asking what his father would think to see him. He brings up his brothers' murders and his family's fall from power, then sets off to visit the whores.

At the Wall, Samwell Tarley of Hornwill arrives to "take the black." [robes of the Night's Watch] but he's quickly knocked off his feet. Jon watches as he's whacked mercilessly, even after he yields. Jon steps in to protect Sam.

As punishment, Jon is ordered to take on three guys at once. He makes short work of them.

Even after the impressive display, he's ordered to go clean the armory.

Sam picks himself up and Jon and the guys tell him he has to defend himself. Sam admits that he's a coward. He's still grateful to Jon for defending him.

Khal Drogo leads the Dothraki to the City of the Horse Lords. Viserys says it's a city of mud and refers to the Dothraki as "savages."

Daenerys says they're her people now and he shouldn't call them that, but he insists they're his people and his army.

Daenerys privately asks Jorah if the Dothraki could beat the seven kingdoms. He says Ned wants his head for selling slaves. Jorah says he had an expensive wife, but she's in another place with another man.

Viserys gets a spongebath from Daenerys's sex teacher, who asks if he has dragon's blood. He tells her the breath of the greatest dragon forged the iron throne and brave men rode them.

She's very impressed by dragons.

She claims she saw a man who could change his face and a pirate who wore his weight in gold.

Viserys says the last dragon died years before he was born, but he's seen their skulls approaching the Iron Throne. He recites dragon names as foreplay.

She asks what happened to the skulls.

He quickly turns on her for bumming him out and suspiciously asks what he bought her for. She stops talking and starts grinding.

Sansa gets a tour of the Iron Throne. She worries what would happen if she only has girls. She thinks everyone would hate her. She thinks Joffrey hates her. Her nanny distracts her with history lessons.

Sansa asks about her grandfather and uncle being killed in the hall, on the order of the Mad King. When her nanny tells her to ask her dad, she says she's not speaking to him.

Ned and the King's Council hear a report that the city is having a hard time keeping the peace in the build up to the tournament he doesn't want.

When they break, Ned asks Grand Maester Pycelle what happened to Lord Arryn. He says the sickness struck him very hard, and fast. He asked about a book the night he died. Pycelle shows him the book on the lineage and houses of the kingdoms of the seven kings. Ned reads the detailed birth records. Ned wonders what Arryn wanted with it, but Pycelle doesn't know.

He tells him Arryn kept saying "the seed is strong" before he died.

Ned asks if Pycelle is certain he died of a natural illness. Ned suggests poison, a woman's method. Pycelle suggests it's also the method of eunuchs and mentions Varys.

Ned takes the book and finds Arya balancing on one foot at the top of a step, per her sword instructor's teachings.

She asks if Bran is coming to live with them.

She asks what he can do now, and what she can do. Her dad tells her she'll marry and her sons will be knights and princes and lords.

"No, that's not me," she says, and gets back to practicing.

On the Wall, Sam joins Jon to serve as his new watch partner. He's afraid of heights. Jon asks what Sam's doing there.

His father was embarrassed by him and sent him away, under threat of a death in the woods that would look like an accident if he didn't go.

Sam worries he'll be made to fight again. Jon assures him he at least can't get any worse.

Petyr mentions Ser Hugh, Arryn's squire to Ned. As they walk among the courtyard, Petyr mentions all the spies about, reporting back to Varys, the Queen and Petyr himself.

Petyr suggests Ned get someone to inquire to an armorer in the village about a visit he got from Ser Hugh.

When Hugh refuses to talk to Ned's man, Ned goes to see the armorer himself. Ned talks to Gendry, who Lord Arryn talked to. Gendry says Arryn asked about his mother, who she was and what she looked like. Gendry said she had yellow hair but died when he was little.

Ned seems to see something in him.

He tells his man that Gendry is King Robert's bastard son.

Ned's man finds Jaime Lannister outside King Robert's door, listening to him carouse with four women. Jaime says Robert does this when he's on duty, as an insult to his sister.

Ned's man reminds Jaime they fought side by side at the Siege of Pike. Ned's man wants to leave a message from Lord Stark, but Jaime snarls that he doesn't serve Lord Stark.

Back at the Wall, Jon Snow defends Sam against mockery from the other guys. He tells them they're not going to hurt Sam in the training yard, no matter what Thorn says.

One guy mocks Jon, saying he'll cut Sam up.

Later, Jon and the boys pay him a visit at night. They put a gag in his mouth and the white dire wolf snarls at him, and Jon tells him no one touches Sam.

Later in the yard, Thorn commands the man to attack Sam, but the man only pokes

at him weakly. Thorn sends another guy in and he promptly takes a dive. Thorn goes after Jon, then turns and asks the men if they want a "sniveling boy" to protect their back.

Viserys drags the whore in by her hair and scolds Daenerys for sending her to him.

She says she only wanted to invite him to dinner and show him some Dothraki gear she had made for him. He snarls about her trying to turn him into one of them and throws her to the ground, insulting her.

She whacks him with a gold chain, then gets up and tells him she is the Khalessi and the wife of a great warrior. She stands up to him.

"The next time you raise a hand to me will be the last time you have hands," she warns him.

At the Wall, Jon and Sam scrub tables as Sam complains that they have to be celibate to guard the wall. Sam confesses he's never been with a woman. Jon says he hasn't either.

He says he was alone in a room with a naked girl once, a whore named Roz. But he reminds Sam he's a bastard who knows nothing about his mother. He thought of that and could only think what would happen if he got her pregnant and she had "another bastard named Snow."

Thorn comes and growls at them. He asks if they remember the last winter. He spent six months beyond the Wall during the last winter. He tells them about getting caught unprotected in the weather. First they ate the horses, then each other. He says they should have had boys like Sam along.

He tells them they're not ready to be Men of the Night's Watch. "Come the winter, you'll die, like flies," he says.

Daenerys frets to Jorah about hitting her brother. She admits she doesn't want to see him on the throne. She doesn't think he could take back the Seven Kingdoms. "He couldn't lead an army even if my husband gave him one. He'll never take us home," she says.

At a jousting match in Ned's honor, Sansa tries to make eyes at Joffrey but is rebuffed. Petyr chats up Sansa.

King Robert drunkenly, and impatiently demands the joust begin.

Ser Hugh of the Vale, Arryn's former squire, is taking on Gregor the Mountain, the

Hound's larger brother.

They race at each other and miss on the first pass.

But on the second pass the former squire gets a lance through the jugular. Sansa and Arya shriek as the man gurgles in his blood and dies before them.

Petyr tells Sansa a story about when the Mountain and the Hound were boys. Gregor found his little brother playing with his wooden knight one evening by the fire, so without a word Gregor held The Hound's face in the fire, giving him gnarly scars he still bears. Petyr warns Sansa that few people know that story and if The Hound knew she did, no one could save her.

Cersei pays Ned a visit during the tournament. She suggests they put "the ugliness" with the wolves behind them. She says killing the wolf was a bit extreme.

He cuts to the chase, asking what she's doing there.

She says he won't be able to change the king.

She says it makes sense, Ned's older brother was trained to lead and he was trained to follow.

"I was also trained to kill my enemies, your grace," he says.

"As was I," she says, and leaves.

In a pub on the road, Catelyn hides her face as Tyrion comes in, but he sees her.

He outs her in front of the commoners, but she reminds them she was Catelyn Tully last time she stayed there. She picks out men by their cudgels, pointing out for Tyrion's benefit that she knows everyone there and inquiring about their families.

Then she turns on the room and announces that Tyrion came into her house as a guest and conspired to murder her son. She calls upon the crowd to seize him and return him to Winterfell to await the King's justice.

All the men in the room draw their swords on Tyrion, who is trapped.

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The Wolf and the Lion

- After the joust, Ned visits the dead body of Ser Hugh. He wonders who determined the uneven draw.

He and Ser Bannister talk about their admiration for Ned's father.

Ned is bothered that Hugh was a squire until a few months ago and was now wearing a fancy suit of armor. Where did he get the money to afford such finery?

Ned visits King Robert trying to squeeze into his suit of armor. Robert taunts his squire cousin Lannister, sending him on a fool's errand to look for a "breast plate stretcher". Ned tries to explain to his king that anyone he jousts with will let him win.

Robert explains Cersei made him take the young Lannister on as a squire. He's drunk, as usual, and Ned has to remind him to get dressed before he goes back out.

At the next match, Ser Loras Tyrell, the effeminate Knight of the Flowers, presents one to Sansa but makes eyes at Lord Renly Baratheon (the king's brother). He's up against Ser Gregor, "the Mountain." Sansa worries that the knight is toast.

Instead, they race at each other and Loras wins, knocking the Mountain off a man down to everyone's surprise. Loras used a bit of trickery by riding a mare in heat which agitated the stallion that Gregor was on.

Petyr makes a crack about Loras' being gay, but before that goes any further a very angry Gregor picks up his giant sword and cleanly beheads his losing horse.

Then he goes after the man who beat him, but soon his brother The Hound steps in. They fight until the King calls a stop to it.

Ser Loras Tyrell thanks him for saving his life and lifts the Hound's hand in victory.

A tied-up Tyrion Lannister is brought before Catelyn Stark. They're not on the King's Road, to Westeros. He realizes they're going to the Vale, to her sister's. Tyrion says her sister is a bit "touched."

Tyrion asks what kind of imbecile arms an assassin with his own blade. They're interrupted by rocks flying out of the hills and an attacking horde.

Catelyn and Tyrion duck for cover and she acquiesces to his request that she untie him. He's about to jump on a horse when he sees Lady Stark is about to be attacked. He steps in with a shield and whacks her attacker, knocking him down. He beats him senseless, pounding his face to a bloody pulp.

When it is over only a handful of Lady Stark's people remain. One of them looks at Tyrion appreciatively and suggests that after a fight they need a woman. Tyrion glances at Catelyn and jokes "I'm willing if she is."

At Winterfell, Bran practices his recitations of the Houses, their sigils and their words with Maester Luwin. He deliberately errs on the Lannister motto. Bran is hurt that his mother left.

He watches Theon Greyjoy practice archery and wonders if he'll ever shoot again. Luwin says if he can ride a horse he should be able to fire arrows from the saddle too.

Later, Theon enjoys the company of Ros, the best hooker in town... as he is seen having rough sex with her from behind. After they finish, he compares himself to Tyrion, then brags about the House of Greyjoy. The whore reminds him he's Ned Stark's ward because his father rebelled against King Robert.

Varys the eunuch has a private moment with Ned, telling him the king is a "fool" and "doomed" unless Ned saves him. After a month, Varys finally trusts him. He says the King is at risk from the same thing that got to Jon Arryn, a clear tasteless poison. He says someone he trusted gave it to him. Ned guesses it was Ser Hugh. Ned asks who paid him and why, after Arryn had been the hand for 17 years. "He started asking questions," Varys says.

Arya chases a cat down into the cellar and overhears Varys telling someone that Ned is getting closer to the truth. He mentions "the fools tried to kill his son," but botched it. "We will be at war soon," Varys says. The man he's talking to (Illyrio) suggests another hand could die, but Varys says Ned isn't like Arryn. Illyrio says Khal Drogo won't attack until his son is born.

Varys slinks up on Petyr in the throne room. Petyr invites him to visit his brothel and they use the conversation to show off who knows more about various unnamed people's sexual peccadilloes. Who's got more intel and dirt.

Varys lets Petyr know he has eyes on him. He mentions that it would be bad if word got out that he helped convince Ned that the Lannisters were behind the injury to Bran.

He thinks he has the upper hand, but then Petyr mentions he saw him talking with Ned that morning and then later with a certain "foreign dignitary" (Illyrio... the man from the first episode with Daenerys and Viserys).

"Of course you would have friends from across the Narrow Sea," Petyr says. He

mentions vaguely how bad it would be if that word got out.

They're interrupted by Lord Renly.

Varys says there's disturbing news from far away. "Hadn't you heard?" he taunts.

Arya follows the secret exit from the castle out onto the shore and back into the castle. Two guards think she's a beggar boy, but she threatens to turn them over to her dad.

She tells Ned what she heard. She's not sure who said it but she thinks one was fat. She relays that they said he found the bastard and something about a savage and about the wolf fighting the lion.

They're interrupted by a Night's Watchman, looking for recruits. He says he came for Benjen's sake and that the whole city will know by tomorrow.

He wants to speak in private. He tells Ned that his wife has "taken the imp."

Catelyn runs into Lady Arryn's guards. She identifies Tyrion as her prisoner and they head off to the Eyrie.

Ned is summoned to see the king and the council; Robert has just learned Daenerys is pregnant. He wants her and her baby and her brother Viserys killed. Ned argues that would make them no better than the Mad King and questions where Varys got his information. He says Jorah Mormont told him. Ned mocks that the information came from a traitor. Ned isn't worried about the Dothraki crossing the Narrow Sea. King Robert is apoplectic. Maester Pycelle argues killing her might stave off war. The council is all for it, but Ned tells the king he won't do it. The King tells him to do as he commands or he'll find a Hand who will. Ned removes his sigil and resigns. The king bellows at him, running him off back to Winterfell.

Back in his room, Ned packs furiously. Petyr visits, saying if Ned stick around until night he'll take him to see the last person Jon Arryn spoke with before he fell ill. Ned orders his daughters protected as he goes with Petyr.

At Lady Lysa Arryn's, Tyrion and Catelyn try not to stare as Lysa, Jon Arryn's widow, nurses her much-too-old-for-nursing son, Robin. Lysa rants about all Lannisters being liars. Robin wants to see him "fly."

Catelyn reminds her nutty sister that Tyrion is her prisoner. The men of the Vale take Tyrion to a dungeon that opens up to open sky and shows just how impossibly high up they are.

Renly complains to his lover Loras that his brother the king doesn't consider him a man because he hasn't been to war. He thinks Robert will forgive Ned. He thinks killing Daenerys is the way to go. Renly thinks Robert became king because he was good at killing things. Loras suggests that Renly would make a better king, even though he doesn't love killing, because he does what is necessary, including killing, when it's best for the kingdom; the people love him because he cares for them.

Cersei gloats to King Robert about Ned leaving. Robert worries about the Dorthraki crossing the sea. She reminds him Dorthraki don't sail. But he's still worried about their skilled, united army, and realizes their kingdom is only loosely united. He wonders what keeps their back-stabbing kingdom together. "Our marriage," she suggests. They share a good laugh. "How long can hate hold a thing together?" he asks. "Well, 17 years is quite a long time," she says. Cersei asks what "she" was like, the first time she's ever asked. She says there's no harm Lyanna Stark's memory could do what they haven't done to each other already. Robert responds with, "someone took her away from me and Seven Kingdoms couldn't fill the hole she left behind." Cersei says she felt something for him once, before their first boy died. She asks if he feels the same. No. But that doesn't make her feel anything.

Ned meets with the mother of King Robert's illegitimate daughter. She says Jon Arryn only wanted to know if the baby was happy. Ned asks Petyr why Arryn tracked down all the king's bastards. He doesn't really have the answer.

Jamie Lannister rides up outside the brothel. He asks Ned what happened to Tyrion. Ned says he was taken on his command. Jamie draws his sword. He orders Ned taken alive and his men killed. Jory fights Jaime, who draws a dagger and stabs him through the eye. Jaime and Ned fight fiercely, Jaime gaining the upper-hand on the older Stark, until one of Jaime's men skewers Ned through the back of the leg. Frustrated Jaime responds by knocking his own man out.

"My brother, Lord Stark, I want him back," Jaime says and rides off.

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A Golden Crown

- Ned wakes up to find Robert and Cersei standing over him as he convalesces from his leg wound from the assault by Jaime Lannister ([Nikolaj Coster-Waldau](#)).

"Do you know what your wife has done?" Cersei says.

He says Catelyn did as he commanded.

Cersei and Ned argue. Robert referees between the two and says "Will both of you shut your mouths?"

Cersei alleges Ned was coming back drunk from a brothel and Jaime only defended himself. Ned says Jaime slaughtered his men. He wants to track him down and bring him to justice.

Robert says to Cersei, "Quiet woman." She says "I took you for a king." Robert says "Hold your tongue." She replies "He's attacked one of my brothers and abducted the other. I should wear the armor, and you the gown." Robert slaps her. She replies "I shall wear this like a badge of honor." He replies "Wear it in silence or I'll honor you again."

After she leaves, Ned says if they do nothing there will be a war. Robert, ashamed that he allowed his wife to goad him into striking her, tells Ned to send a raven to Catelyn to tell her to free Tyrion.

Ned wants Jaime to answer for killing his men, but Robert says he has to let it go because he's half a kingdom in debt to the Lannisters. He doesn't want to know what started everything between them.

He considers Ned like a brother and gives him back the pin of the Hand. Robert's off to hunt, leaving Ned to sit on the throne. Robert still insists that Daenerys and her unborn child will die.

In her tent, Daenerys lays her dragon egg on the fire. She lifts it out with her bare hands, reaching into the fire, unhurt. A servant touches the egg much more briefly - and IS burned.

Bran follows a raven through Winterfell, walking after it with his bow. It has three eyes as before. He's woken up from the dream by someone bursting into his room with his new, specially crafted saddle.

Robb and Theon Greyjoy watch him ride. Theon thinks Robb needs to avenge his father being wounded by Jaime; Robb shuts him down by reminding Theon it's not his house. They lose track of Bran.

Out in the forest, Bran is approached by two wildlings and a deserter of the Night's Watch. They want Bran's horse and his silver. He tells them who he is and they talk about ransoming him.

Robb finds them and kills one quickly with his sword. He gets a hold of the woman and is about to cut her throat when he sees the other man has Bran and is holding a

knife to his throat.

The man demands he release the woman. Bran tells him not to. As Robb is about to let the woman go, an arrow flies through the man's back. A stealthy Theon has struck him down.

They see Bran was cut on the leg when he was cut out of his special saddle, but he says it doesn't hurt. Robb is upset Theon killed the man when Bran was in his line of fire, but Theon says he was just doing what needed to be done. They let the woman live, and she pledges to serve them.

Tyrion wakes up in the aerie, perilously close to the edge. He yells for the guard, who comes and beats him in response to his bribe attempt.

Arya tells Syrio (her "dancing instructor") she doesn't want to practice. She's upset that they killed Jory and that her father is injured. Syrio says upset is the right time to fight. He whacks her on the arm and pokes her in the chest with his wooden sword to provoke her. She fights back.

Daenerys takes part in a pregnancy celebration ceremony that requires her to eat a whole horse heart. Her brother Viserys looks on and doesn't think she'll get through it.

Jorah translates what the Dothraki are chanting, about a prince coming. They all think she's having a boy. Viserys sniffs that he won't be a true Targaryen.

Daenerys convulses and bends over, fighting off the urge to vomit. The room falls silent and waits to see if she's going to keep it down.

She pauses and swallows. They cheer.

She addresses the crowd, telling them in Dothraki that a prince rides inside her and he shall be called Rhaego. They all start chanting and a furious Viserys realizes the Dothraki love her.

Khal Drago picks her up proudly and carries her around the room.

Jorah sees that Viserys has disappeared. He finds him in Dani's tent, stealing her dragon eggs, which he claims also belong to him. He wants to buy an army. He's realized he'll never have the respect his sister does.

Viserys tells Jorah he knows he wants Daenerys and he doesn't care. He wants to pass, but Jorah won't let him, saying loyalty means everything to him.

Back in the aerie, Tyrion goes on another round of yelling. The guard comes in and hits him. He wants to know where his gold is. He mentions the phrases 'rich as a Lannister' and 'a Lannister always pays his debts.' He wants the guard to send a message to Lady Arryn. He says he wishes to confess his crimes.

Tyrion stands before Catelyn, Lady Arryn and Lord Robin Arryn and a court. He confesses to lying and whoring and various pranks when he was a youth, including stealing a woman's clothes when she was bathing. He says he doesn't know anything about hiring someone to kill Bran.

He demands a trial. They open the moon door, a hole in the floor, saying he'll go out if found guilty by Lord Robin, the child.

Tyrion demands a trial by combat instead. Various knights volunteer to fight him but one says it wouldn't be right to fight someone half his size. Tyrion suggests Jaime fight in his place instead, but Lady Arryn is impatient and wants the trial today.

So Tyrion asks for a volunteer. There's a long silence when one of the men who fought on the road with him stands up.

Out on the hunt, Robert leads Lord Renly and some men through the woods, raving about the good old days. Renly wonders what was so great about the kingdom being at war and the Mad King slaughtering women and children.

In court, a peasant tells Ned about people ransacking their village and raping their women. He dumps out a sack of fish, the sigil of House Tully. He says the man leading them was taller than anyone he'd ever seen and Ned and Petyr realize they're talking about the Mountain, Ser Gregor, the hand of Lord Tywin Lannister, Tyrion's father. Petyr suggests the Lannisters are trying to frame Catelyn as a Tully. Even Maester Pycelle thinks people rampaging within the city isn't appropriate.

Ned commands a knight to hunt down Ser Gregor and his men. Ned strips him of his title, land, holdings and sentences him to death. Pycelle suggests they wait for Robert to return before passing such a severe sentence.

But Ned goes further, summoning Tywin to court within a fortnight, or he will be branded an enemy of the crown and a traitor to the realm.

After, Petyr wonders if it's wise to provoke the Lannisters. Ned has faith in the king's army.

In the aerie, Tyrion's man ducks his attacker, and narrowly avoids falling down the

moon door. He spends more time dodging the knight's advancing sword than he does fighting. But he gets a good stick in. Lady Lysa Arryn ([Kate Dickie](#)) shouts at her man to finish him, but instead, Tyrion's man cuts his leg badly.

Tyrion's man gets the better of him and waits to hear from the crowd whether Lady Arryn's man should live or die. They chant no, but he finishes him off.

When it's over, Lady Arryn tells Tyrion's man that he didn't fight with honor. "No," he agrees, "he did," he says of his vanquished foe.

Tyrion announces he's going home and goes to reclaim his gold. He gets it and hands it to the prison guard on the way out. "A Lannister always pays his debts," he says as he leaves.

Sansa sews with her nurse maid, who notes that Sansa has started wearing her hair like someone from the south. Sansa is snotty to her.

Joffrey pays her a visit. He says he's behaved monstrously the past few weeks and offers her a necklace.

He asks for her forgiveness. She says there's nothing to forgive. He talks about them marrying someday and promises he will never disrespect her or be cruel to her again. "You're my lady now," he tells her, and kisses her.

Theon finds his favorite whore Roz on a turnip cart on the way to Kings Landing. He tosses her money so she'll flash him and shouts that he's going to miss her.

Ned tells Sansa and Arya he's sending them to Winterfell. Sansa doesn't want to leave Joffrey and Arya doesn't want to leave her sword instructor.

Ned promises to find Sansa a better match some day. She says wants to be Joffrey's queen and give him babies with beautiful blond hair.

Something about this strikes Ned and after the girls leave he goes to the book Jon Arryn was consulting before he died.

He reads up on the House of Baratheon, all of whose members had black hair -- until Joffrey.

At a Dothraki celebration, Viserys stumbles in drunk looking for his sister. Daenerys sends Jorah to stop him.

Khal Drago enjoys watching Viserys get put in his place. He sends him to the back of the tent, but Viserys says that's no place for a king.

"You are no king," Drogo says in English.

Viserys draws his sword. Jorah advises him to put it down, but Viserys reminds him they can't shed blood in their sacred city, but that he can. He holds his sword on Daenerys belly. He says he wants what he came for. I want the crown he promised me. He says Drogo bought her, but never paid for her. He threatens to cut out her baby and give it to Drogo.

Daenerys translates for Drogo, and tells Viserys he'll have a golden crown that men shall tremble to behold. Viserys immediately backs down, saying that's all he wanted.

Drogo checks on Daenerys, then has one of his men break Viserys' arm. They hold him as Drogo melts gold in a pot over the fire. Daenerys makes no move to save her brother, and watches calmly as he pleads with her.

Drogo takes the melted gold and pours it over Viserys' head, killing him with a golden "crown." Daenerys isn't upset.

"He was no dragon. Fire cannot kill a dragon," she says.

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You Win or You Die

- Tywin and Jaime Lannister are inside a tent in the Lannister army encampment. As Tywin butchers a deer, Jamie reads the summons that calls for the Lannisters' henchman, Gregor Clegane ("The Mountain"), to be returned to King's Landing and brought to justice. Tywin tells Jamie that attacking Ned had been stupid, but he then asks why Ned is still alive. Jaime replies that it wouldn't have been "clean." His father asks if it bothers him when people call him "Kingslayer." He tells Jaime he shouldn't worry so much over what people say about him.

Tywin is giving Jamie 30,000 men -- half his forces -- to go to Catelyn Stark's home and get Tyrion back. It's bad for appearances for Tyrion to be held, he explains; all that matters is preserving the Lannister family name. He then gives Jamie the standard "it's time you made something of yourself, son" speech.

At King's Landing, Cersei visits Ned. He cuts right to the chase, telling her that he knows the secret that got Jon Arryn killed. Ned notices a bruise she received when Robert struck her, and she says that her brother would have killed Robert if he'd been there. "Your brother," Ned asks, "or your lover?"

He guesses that Bran saw them together. Cersei doesn't deny it. She admits that all her children are Jamie's and says that, as twins, she and Jaime belong together. She tells Ned that Robert loves Ned's dead sister Lyanna more than he ever loved her.

Ned tells her to take her children and leave with as many men as she can, because Robert will come after her once he tells him her secret.

She mocks him for not claiming the throne when he could. He says it wasn't a mistake, but she says that it was. "When you play the game of thrones, you win or you die -- there is no middle ground," she says.

In his brothel, Petyr gets irritated by Ros from Winterfell moaning too much in pleasure. He gives hooker lessons, but doesn't join in because he says he's saving himself for another. He tells a story about a woman with impeccable bloodline and how she told him all her secrets. He wanted to marry her, but she was pledged to another. He challenged the other to a duel, expecting to win as it happens in the storybooks, but was soundly defeated. He ended up with a scar, and the man was killed in battle before he could marry the woman.

From that experience he learned never to fight, but to "f---" people instead.

Theon visits the wildling (Osha) who Robb let live after she attacked Bran. He tells her he's from the Iron Islands and then lectures her on calling him by his title. But she points out he's not a lord yet if his dad is still alive. He calls her "impudent" and then approaches her, almost propositioning her and asking if she wants to be free of her chain.

Maester Luwin interrupts, telling him to treat her as a guest. She's not fazed by Theon. She tells Luwin she was trying to get south "before the long night comes." She tells him about things that sleep in the day and hunt at night. He thinks they've been gone for thousands of years, but she says they were only asleep and aren't anymore.

From the wall, Jon Snow sees a rider approaching alone. Then he sees there's no rider, only a horse - his uncle Benjen's horse.

Robert returns from his hunt, mortally wounded by a boar. Ned arrives at the king's bedchamber to find Joffrey at his bedside and Cersei watching over them.

Ned examines the wound to his belly, which Robert says "stinks like death." Robert wants his funeral feast to be huge and the boar that gored him to be served.

Robert sends everyone out, including Cersei. He dictates an order to Ned, commanding him to serve as "Lord Regent and Protector of the Realm" to serve

until Joffrey comes of age. Robert says "son Joffrey" and Ned writes "rightful heir." Robert signs.

Robert tells Ned he was right and to let Daenerys live if it's not too late. He asks Ned to help make his son better than him. "I'll do everything I can to honor your memory," Ned says. Robert laughs that King Robert Baratheon will be remembered for having been "murdered by a pig." He asks Ned to get something for his pain and to let him die.

Selmy blames himself for the King's accident, and is deeply upset by his failure to protect him, Ned tells him they couldn't protect Robert from himself. Varys asks who gave Robert the wine. It was his squire, Lancel Lannister. Ned tells Varys to call things off with Daenerys. Varys says it's probably too late.

Daenerys braids her husband's hair and tries to convince him to cross the ocean. She teaches him the word "throne." He answers that a warrior doesn't need a throne, only a horse.

Out in the Dorthraki camp, Daenerys asks Jorah if there's a way to change Khal Drogo's mind. He leaves her to see if there are any letters for him.

A young boy gives him a message from the Spider -- it's a royal pardon. Jorah can go home.

Daenerys talks to a wine seller, who hears her speaking the common tongue. He tosses out the wine he was about to give her, and instead gives her an entire cask. He tells her there are many in her homeland who hope she'll return. Jorah steps in and demands the vendor serve the wine. He resists, but Jorah takes a glass. Rather than drink it himself, he insists the vendor try it. The vendor raises the cup, then drops it and runs. Daenerys's men catch him while Jorah escorts Daenerys away.

At the Wall, Jon Snow listens glumly through the ceremony making him a man of the Night's Watch. He only wants to go look for his uncle. He listens to the reminder that the penalty for desertion is death. He volunteers to go outside the wall and pay tribute to the Old Gods, north of the wall, Sam volunteers to go with him.

They read the assignments and Jon is assigned to the stewards, not the rangers. The head guard who has tormented him smirks at him.

Jon is assigned to Lord Commander Mormont at the request of the Lord. He'll fetch his food, change his sheets and fill his bath. Sam tries to convince Jon that being around the big boss will mean he's in the loop. He thinks that means Jon is being groomed for command.

Robert's brother Renly asks for a minute with Ned and tries to plan how to keep the throne from Joffrey and Cersei. He doesn't think his brother Stannis is fit to be king, either. He suggests he is. But Ned refuses to go along. Instead he sends a letter to be delivered personally to Stannis.

Petyr visits Ned, who explains that because Robert had no natural born sons, it passes to Lord Stannis. Petyr suggests he could instead help Joffrey to succeed and make peace with the Lannisters. He suggests if Joffrey doesn't work out, they can remove him and install Renly.

Ned thinks that would be treason. He's going with Stannis.

Ned's worried about having enough men to enforce his decisions. Petyr explains that the gold cloak guards will follow the man who pays them.

Jon Snow and Sam head beyond the wall with four other men. They take their vows at an old tree with a face in it that looks like it's crying blood.

They're sharing congratulations when Jon's direwolf brings something from the woods: a severed hand.

Daenerys is somewhat surprised Robert is still coming after her. Jorah explains that as the last Targaryen, Robert will always come for her.

The traitorous wine vendor is tied up, awaiting his fate.

Khal Drogo comes to his wife to make sure she's alright. He offers Jorah any horse he wants, and he promises his unborn son that he will secure him the throne, and the seven kingdoms. He gives a speech announcing his intent to go to war as Daenerys looks on, full of pride and lust.

On the road the next day, Daenerys leaves the Dothraki city with Khal Drogo, Jorah, and a large entourage, making their way to the sea. The would-be assassin wine vendor trails behind the Khaleesi on foot, naked and tied to her horse.

Ned gets word that Robert has died. Petyr tells him everything is arranged, and Varys says Lord Renly left in the night with Ser Loras.

Ned meets with the gold cloaks. Their commander Slynt says that he's behind Ned.

Ned walks into the throne room to find Joffrey on the throne, having taken over as king. Joffrey demands fealty from the council and orders Ned to make arrangements for his coronation immediately. Ned presents Ser Barristan Selmy

with Robert's final sealed decree, naming Ned protector of the realm. Cersei asks to see it. She rips it up saying, "This is your shield? A piece of paper?" Selmy protests, offended. Cersei tells Ned to bow and they'll let him live.

Ned says Joffrey has no claim to the throne. Cersei commands Barristan Selmy and the Kingsguard to attack, but he hesitates. Ned commands his men with the backing of the city watch to put Cersei under guard. Ned says he doesn't want anyone to get hurt.

Someone cries "now!" and Ned can only watch as his men are attacked by the city watch and the queen's men. They're outnumbered and surprised. Ned ends up with a knife to his throat -- it's Petyr.

"I did warn you not to trust me," Petyr says.

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The Pointy End

- Arya practices her swordplay while real swordplay spills out of the throne room after Cersei and Joffrey tried to claim the throne. The fighting heads into the courtyard, where Cersei's men kill anyone who gets in their way. Sansa goes looking for her sister, but her nursemaid hears the fighting and sends Sansa to her room with strict instructions not to open the doors for anyone. The nursemaid confronts four armed men alone.

Arya loses at her practicing when her teacher Syrio Forel says one direction and she listens and follows instead of reacting to what he's actually doing. He lectures her on following what she sees and reacting.

Lannister men come for Arya, but Forel confronts them. Armed with only a wooden sword he takes on four men. She watches, amazed as he disarms all the men until the captain is left. Arya urges him to leave with her, but he refuses to back down.

The captain fights him and breaks the Forel's wooden sword. He sends Arya away, asking what they say to the god of death. "Not today," she parrots. She leaves. She runs and hears screams as they fight.

Sansa runs into the Hound in the hallway. She threatens to tell the queen. "Who do you think sent me?" he taunts.

Arya runs into the courtyard and sees the box that holds her sword Needle. She looks for it when a boy comes up and threatens her. She tells him to get away and

whirls with her sword in her hand. She stabs him through the gut and runs.

Varys pays Ned Stark a visit down in his dungeon cell. He tells him Arya escaped, but Sansa remains engaged to Joffrey. Varys tells Ned the rest of his household is all dead. Varys asks why he told Cersei he knew the truth. Ned claims it was mercy. Varys says Ned got Robert killed and tells him he's a dead man. Ned thinks he's safe because Catelyn has Tyrion, but Varys tells him Tyrion is free. Ned wants Varys to just kill him now, but he declines. On leaving, Varys claims to serve the realm, because no one else does.

Jon Snow and his men bring two dead men back from beyond the wall. Sam notices they're frozen solid and don't smell.

The Lord Commander Mormont is notified of a raven from King's Landing. Jon joins him in his chambers and Mormont asks for ale for them both. He tells Snow of Robert's death and that Stark has been charged with treason for conspiring with Robert's brothers to deny the throne to Joffrey.

Sansa listens to Cersei, Master Pycelle, Varys and Petyr. Cersei says she can't marry Joffrey now because she's a traitor. Petyr argues she should have a chance to prove her loyalty. Cersei tells her to write to her mother and Robb, telling him to come to King's Landing and swear loyalty to Joffrey.

She asks what will happen to her father. Cersei tells her that depends on her brother, and on her.

Robb reads the letter, but Maester Luwin can tell Cersei told Sansa what to say. Robb knows he cannot ignore the official command, so he'll go -- but not alone. He tells Luwin to summon the banner men to defend his father. Hundreds of ravens fly from Winterfell.

At the Vale, Catelyn is incensed that her sister Lysa waited all day to show her the word from the raven. She wants Lysa to send men to fight for Ned, but Lysa worries about the safety of her son, Robin. She says the knights of the Vale will stay in the Vale to protect their lord.

Tyrion and Bronn walk home. Bronn admits he's in it for the money. Tyrion says that's not a problem, he'll always pay more than the other guy.

In the middle of the night, Bronn wakes up hearing noises. They are quickly surrounded by Stonecrows and their leader, Shagga, son of Dolf. Tyrion brags about his family's money while bashing their crappy weapons. Tyrion takes off his ring and hands it over. He tells him if they help him, he'll help the Stonecrows take over the Vale.

Jon Snow works in the Wall kitchen, when his tormentor comes in and taunts him about being the bastard son of a traitor. Jon lunges at him with a knife, but men stop him. The Lord Commander comes in later and confines Jon to his quarters.

Later at night, Jon's direwolf Ghost won't stop barking. Jon lets him out and follows him to the commander's room. Instead of Mormont, a giant disfigured bald man comes at him. He stabs him, but the man keeps coming. The man falls and the Commander comes out of his room and sees. The man gets up and starts to attack again so Jon throws his lit lantern at him and hustles Mormont out.

Daenerys walks through a burnt down village with Jorah as the Dothraki attack the inhabitants. He explains that the Dothraki are pillaging to raise money for ships to sail to Westeros, as she wants. Everywhere, women and children are screaming as the Dothraki attack them, claiming the spoils of their victory. Daenerys commands them to stop attacking one woman. She claims others, even though Jorah tells her they belong to the warriors.

Daenerys returns to camp to find her husband sitting next to a pile of severed heads. Mago, a warrior, is complaining to Khal that Daenerys took the women he was planning to "mount." Daenerys makes a polite case for preventing the women from being raped, saying it is her will and as Khalessi he has to listen to her. Khal Drogo enjoys seeing his fierce bride, but Mago says a khal who takes orders from a "foreign whore" isn't really a khal. He draws his sword. Drogo walks into it purposefully and presses his chest against it as he tells Mago what he'll do to his corpse. Without drawing his own weapon, Drogo ducks and darts to avoid Mago, then finally kills him with his own sword and rips out his tongue with his bare hands.

One of Daenerys's new slaves offers to help clean Drogo's cut. The Dothraki are suspicious, but Daenerys asks her husband to let the woman treat him. He relents.

At Winterfell, Robb deals with the ego of the Greatjon, who demands he get to lead the vanguard into King's Landing, saying Robb is too green. He threatens to take his men and go home if not. Robb stares him down and says he's welcome to leave, but after he takes care of the Lannisters he'll come for him for breaking his oath to his father. Greatjon draws his sword and Robb's direwolf races at him and rips off a few fingers.

Robb uses it as an excuse to show he knows enough to let a wolf deal with things for him. Cowed, the Greatjon laughs off the missing digits and the situation is diffused.

Robb says good-bye to Bran in the middle of the night and tells him to stay at

Winterfell. After he leaves, their younger brother Rickon comes in, worried about their parents.

The next day, Bran prays to the Old Gods. Osha, the captured wildling woman, tells him the gods heard him, but she predicts bad things for Robb headed south and tells Bran the true threat lies to the north.

Sam, Jon Snow and the troops stand around the burning bodies of the men they found beyond the wall. Sam thinks they were touched by White Walkers. He read about them. He says they sleep beneath the ice for thousands of years. He hopes the wall is high enough to keep them out.

Catelyn comes upon an encampment. Robb reports that the River Lords are falling back with Jaime Lannister on their heels, and Lord Tywin is bringing a larger army from the south. Catelyn walks in. She asks to talk to Robb alone, then hugs him. He shows her Sansa's letter. They notice there's no mention of Arya. Robb tells her he has 18,000 men.

Catelyn says their only hope is that he can defeat the Lannister army in the field. She reminds him what happened to the Targaryen children when they lost throne: they were butchered in their sleep, on the orders of Tywin Lannister. She tells him if he loses, the Starks all die. "Well that makes it simple, then," he says.

Tyrion and Bronn march with the Stonecrows. They reach Tywin Lannister's camp. Tyrion leads them in and makes introductions. Tyrion learns the Robert is dead and Cersei is essentially in charge of King's Landing. They know Robb called in his banners and is leading an army.

Tyrion asks for the armor, swords and pikes to pay his debts. He's interrupted by an update from the field. Tywin announces he's moving against Robb Stark. He asks Shagga and his men to fight with him and promises them more loot. Shagga says only if Tyrion rides with them.

Robb tries to figure out his next move. They need to cross the river at the Twins, which Lord Frey controls. He's bannerman to Catelyn's father, but isn't exactly reliable.

Robb's men bring in a Lannister spy they caught. They say he was counting the men. Robb asks how high he got. When the man says 20,000, Robb talks about mercy and commands his men to let him go. Robb tells the spy to tell Lord Tywin that "winter is coming" with 20,000 men.

As soon as the spy leaves, the men wonder about his move.

Ned is roused from his cell.

Sansa comes to court to hear Cersei force retirement on Ser Barristan from the King's Guard, which is supposed to be til death. "You let my father die, you're too old to protect anyone," Joffrey snipes. Cersei announces Jaime will take over as lord commander of the King's Guard. Varys promises Barristan a good house, but Barristan is indignant. He draws his sword and tosses it on the floor, telling Joffrey to melt it and add it to the others in the throne.

There's an announcement calling for any other business. Sansa steps forward. She begs mercy for her father. She reminds them that he never wanted to be hand and loved the king. She says Pycelle gave him milk of the poppy and he wasn't himself when he said Joffrey wasn't king. She begs Joffrey personally. Joffrey says Ned has to confess and say that he is the king or there will be no mercy. "He will," she says.

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Baelor

- Varys pays Ned another visit in the dungeon to tell him about Sansa pleading for his life. Varys tells Ned he could free him, but won't. As the master of whispers, he tries to stay out of things. Varys says he just wants peace.

The eunuch tells Ned about Robb going to war. Varys tries to convince Ned to go along with Joffrey as the heir and call off war.

Ned would rather die with honor than go along with it.

But Varys mentions that Sansa might be in danger, too.

Outside of The Twins, the home of the Freys and the only crossing of the river Trident, Robb and Theon shoot down message-bearing ravens from Lord Walder, while trying to figure out how to get across. They know Tywin is marching north. Robb decides to enter the Twins alone to bargain with Lord Walder. Catelyn suggests she'll go instead, as she doesn't think he'll hurt her.

In Lord Walder's court, Catelyn greets him. His sons admonish the old man for not being more polite. He's busy groping his latest wife, all of 15 years old. Catelyn speaks to him alone to ask him to open his gates so Robb can cross the Trident. Lord Walder tells Cat that her family, the Tullys, have always pissed on his family, and her father never attended his many weddings nor agreed to join their houses in marriage. He remembers every tiny slight from the other houses. He thinks Robb doesn't stand a chance against Tywin and he sees Robb and his men as rebels. But

he's not inclined to get involved. Catelyn asks him what it's going to take to get him to open the gates.

At the wall, the Lord Commander Mormont gives Jon Snow his family sword, made with Valerian steel and a new pommel in the shape of a wolf. It was supposed to go to Jorah, his disgraced outcast son, but Jon is given it out of gratitude for saving his life.

Mormont is tired of Jon's tiff with Lord Thorne, so he sent Thorne to King's Landing with the hand from the twice-slain beast to lay at Joffrey's feet -- and to get him away from Jon.

All the Night's Watch men are impressed by the sword and take turns trying it out. Sam hesitates and then tells Jon Snow he read the note from a raven -- he tells him Robb is heading south to war. Jon thinks he should be there.

Catelyn rejoins Robb and tells him Walder granted their crossing and will lend his men to fight. He wants his son Olyvar to serve as Robb's personal squire. In addition, Arya must marry one of his sons and Robb has to marry one of his daughters. Catelyn hesitatingly says one of them was "OK." Robb consents to the deal.

Blind Maester Aemon at Wall talks to Jon Snow about the difficulty of putting honor before family. He tells Jon about the day he got word that his brother and his family had been killed. Jon asks who he is. His father was Maekar. He's Aemon Targaryen. He says he's now just the master of the citadel, bound in service to the Night's Watch.

He tells Jon he has to choose whether to stay or go and live with his choice.

Daenerys and Kal Drogo ride with the Dothraki. He's seriously ill from his wound and falls off his horse. A Dothraki who cannot ride, cannot rule. Overruling the other Dothraki who want to kill the witch, Daenerys demands that Mirri Maz Duur be brought to her.

At his council table Tywin tells Tyrion that Shagga and the wild men will be in the vanguard on the front lines. Tyrion says the Stone Crows got in a bloody fight last night over a sausage. Tyrion is not thrilled to be bound to them.

Tyrion comes back to his tent to find a pretty whore named Shae. Bronn took her from another man's tent, but since Tyrion expects to die at war, he's not worried about retaliation.

At the Dothraki camp, Drogo is delirious with fever. His wound is infected. Jorah

looks at it and thinks it likely he'll die that night. Jorah encourages Daenerys to leave now. When Drogo dies there will be a fight to be Khal and she'll have no standing. One of Drogo's men makes this point to her again. She insists she's the blood of the dragon, but the man isn't impressed.

Daenerys advises Jorah to wear his armour tonight.

Daenerys promises the witch her freedom if she can save Drogo. She says she knows of a spell, but it is blood magic. She calls for Drogo's horse, and tells Dany that once she starts chanting, nobody is to enter the tent.

In the tent, the witch slits the throat of the horse. Jorah thinks they made a mistake by not leaving earlier for Asshai. One of Drogo's men tries to go into the tent to kill the witch. He knocks Daenerys on her very pregnant stomach and fights Ser Jorah, who coolly kills the man after a brief battle.

Daenerys says the baby is coming. Nobody is around who can help with the birth, but someone says the witch knows how to deliver a baby. Against the the witch's warning, Jorah carries her back into the tent where the spell is still being worked.

Tyrion plays drinking games with Bronn and Shae. He suggests a game where he makes a statement and if it's true they drink and if he's wrong, he drinks.

Tyrion suggests Bronn has been north of the wall and Bronn drinks.

He guesses that Shae's mother was a whore and her father left when she was young. He scores 0 out of 2.

We learn Tyrion used to be married. He tells a story about being out riding with Jaime when he was 16 and rescuing a woman named Tysha from rapists. He took her for food and ended up in bed with her. They got married the next day.

It turned out it was all set-up by Jaime, who thought it was time Tyrion had his first woman and hired the whore. His father brought Tysha before court and let all his men have her for a silver coin each while he forced Tyrion to watch. Tyrion says that she earned so much silver that she couldn't hold them in her hand.

Shae says he should have known because a girl who was almost raped doesn't invite a man into her bed two hours later. She spends the night with Tyrion.

Bronn wakes him up the next morning to tell him the war is under way. Tyrion suits up and rallies the savages, who cheer for the "half-man." Then he promptly gets accidentally knocked out by one of their clubs and stepped on.

He comes to after the fight, being dragged in a wagon by Bronn. They won.

Tywin tells them it was only 2,000 of Robb Stark's men. Tyrion asks where the other 18,000 are.

Robb rides back to greet his mother, with Jaime Lannister as prisoner. He knew he was sending the 2,000 decoys to their deaths.

He addresses his bannermen, telling them the war is far from over.

Arya catches a pigeon in a street in King's Landing. She tries to trade it to a baker for a pie, but he refuses. She sees everyone running toward something and someone tells her they're doing something with the Hand of the King.

She runs to stony Baelor Sept, which is packed with people and sees her father Ned brought out in chains. He sees her above the crowd. As he's lead up to Cersei and the ersatz King, he points her out to Yoren of the Night's Watch.

He addresses the crowd as Sansa, Joffrey and everyone listen. Sansa nods him on as he says he's come to confess his treason. He says he plotted to murder Joffrey and seize the throne. He proclaims Joffrey the one true heir to the Iron Throne.

Joffrey says Cersei wants him to let Ned serve the Night's Watch and Sansa has begged him for mercy. But he says they have the "soft hearts of women" and treason cannot go unpunished. "Bring me his head!" Joffrey says.

Arya runs toward her father but Yoren grabs her and keeps her from watching. Sansa screams and has to be restrained.

Ned is forced to kneel as the executioner raises Ned's own giant sword. Ned sees that Arya isn't watching and takes a deep breath, calmly baring his neck for the blade. The sword comes down and we hear the sound of his head coming off.

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Fire and Blood

- The executioner's sword drips with Ned Stark's blood. The crowd cheers as he lifts the severed head. Arya looks away in the crowd and Yoren makes a point of calling her "boy" repeatedly as he takes her away. He cuts off her hair as he tells her they're going North.

At Winterfell, Bran follows the three-eyed raven again. He walks in his dream. He tells the wildling Osha about his dream and that he followed the raven down into

the crypt. She carries him on her shoulders and he takes her on a tour, pointing out his grandfather, who was burned alive by the Mad King Aerys Targaryen, and Lyanna, who was supposed to marry Robert but was kidnapped by Rhaegar Targaryen. Robert started a war to get her back, but she died anyway.

He shows her the place where he saw their father. They're startled by his younger brother who says he also saw their father down there last night in his dreams. She tries to reassure him it was only a dream, but when they see Maester Luwin they can tell the news is bad.

Catelyn Stark walks stoically through camp after hearing of her husband's execution. She collapses against a tree and cries. She finds Robb hacking away violently on a tree, tears streaming down his face. He vows to kill them all. Catelyn agrees they will, as soon as they get his sisters back.

Sansa Stark listens to a dirty ditty about King Robert sung by a man in court. King Joffrey disapproves and, after playing a cruel game with him, orders the man's tongue cut out. Sansa watches in horror. She keeps it together as a cheery Joffrey comes to talk to her.

"As soon as you've had your blood, I'll put a son in you," he tells her. Outside the castle keep, he forces her to look at her father's severed head on a pike on the wall. She begs to go home, but he only forces her to stare instead.

He points out her dead Septa too and promises to present her with her brother's head someday. When she says she'd prefer her brother give her Joffrey's, the brat king orders his man to hit her since it is not the custom of the King to strike his woman.

Sansa contemplates pushing Joffrey off a ledge. The Hound advises her to save herself some pain and do what Joffrey wants.

Robb and his bannermen debate who should be King, Renly or Stannis Baratheon. One suggests Robb instead, as the King of the North. One by one the bannermen pledge their fealty to Robb.

Later, Catelyn pays a visit to Jaime Lannister, who they have tied to a post. He tells her widowhood becomes her. "Your bed must be lonely, is that why you came?" he asks, and continues to sweet talk her. She bashes him in the face with a rock.

He claims to not fear death. She asks him how Bran fell. He admits that he pushed him. "I hoped the fall would kill him," he says. She asks why, but he only suggests she get some sleep. "It's going to be a long war," he says.

Cersei reads a letter and orders her naked young cousin Lancel to wait for her in bed.

Tywin Lannister's men debate what to do next. His dwarf son Tyrion suggests peace is impossible since Joffrey had Ned killed. Tywin says Tyrion is right and now they can't make peace with Robb and have to deal with Robert's brothers.

"I always thought you were a stunted fool. Perhaps I was wrong," Tywin says. "Half wrong," says Tyrion.

Tywin wants Tyrion to go to Kings Landing to serve as hand of the King to get Joffrey to fall in line. Tyrion is surprised at the assignment, but Tywin says it's because he's his son. But he tells Tyrion he can't bring his "whore" with him.

Daenerys wakes up after giving birth. Ser Jorah has to break the news to her that her son died. Mirri Maz Duur, the captive maegi, says the infant was monstrous with scales and small wings. She reminds Daenerys she warned her only death can buy life. Daenerys goes to see Drogo. She finds that the Dothraki have left to follow a stronger Khal.

When she sees Drogo, he's catatonic.

Mirri tells her Drogo burned her temple and three of the riders had already raped her when Daenerys "saved" her. She doesn't apologize for what she has left Daenerys with and says that her son only would have brought more pain and pillaging.

At the Wall, Sam tries to talk Jon Snow out of leaving, reminding him what happens to deserters. Snow rides off, followed by his direwolf.

Tyrion explains to Shae, the whore, that his father said she can't go. But then, he says, his father has always been a (c-word). He invites Shae to come with him.

Jon rides away from Castle Black, followed by riders. He stops when he hears who's following him. It's Sam and his friends, coming to get him so he doesn't break his oath. They remind him of his vow, reciting it for him.

Daenerys tends to Drogo in her tent, talking to him even though he doesn't respond. She urges him to fight. She tells him he'll return when the sun rises in the west and sets in the east, he'll return to her. She cries and kisses him. Then she gently puts a pillow over his face and lovingly smothers her husband.

Maester Pycelle talks to someone unseen about the many many Kings he's served. Aerys Targaryen was a good man before madness took him, he says. Roz washes

up as he says Joffrey is stern and he senses true greatness on the horizon for him.

After Roz leaves, Pycelle gets up and does some spry squats and stretches then gets dressed and goes back to his stooped shuffle.

Varys finds Petyr staring at the throne. They admire each other's abilities to ingratiate themselves with royalty.

They bow as Joffrey arrives.

Yoren drills Arya on her new identity: Arry the orphan boy. She runs into two boys who hassle her for her sword. She gets knocked down and appears to cower, but then she draws her sword and stares one down, warning that she already killed one fat boy that day.

She meets Gendry, an armorer's apprentice and King Robert's bastard son, who is also making the trip to the wall. They head out.

At the Wall, Ser Mormont notices that Jon Snow looks exhausted and asks if his moonlight ride was that tiring. He knows.

"Honor made you leave, honor brought you back," Mormont says. Jon tries to explain that his Night's Watch brethren brought him back to which Mormont responds, "I didn't say it was your honor."

Mormont says beyond the wall the rangers are finding villages abandoned and the tribes might be uniting in a secret stronghold. He reminds Jon that what happens at King's Landing doesn't matter in light of whatever is happening beyond the wall. He wants Jon and his wolf to ride with him beyond the wall tomorrow night. The Rangers prepare to head out as Mormont speaks. "I'll not sit meekly by and wait for the snows. I want to find out what's happening. The Night's Watch will ride in force against the wildlings, the White Walkers and whatever else is out there. We will find Benjen Stark, alive or dead. I will command them myself, so I'll only ask them once, Lord Snow: Are you a brother of the Night's Watch or a bastard boy who wants to play at war?" Jon is then seen riding out beyond the Wall with the rest of the Night's Watch.

Drogo's body sits on a funeral pyre, waiting to be lit. Daenerys commands that her dragon eggs be left with him, even though she could sell them for a fortune. Ser Jorah tells her he knows what she intends and he won't stand by as she climbs on the pyre.

"Is that what you think?" she says, and leans in to kiss him softly on the cheek.

She addresses the few remaining people. She tells them she is freeing them. Those that want to go can, and those that stay will be free to be brothers and sisters, husbands and wives. She orders Jorah to tie Mirri to the pyre. She tells the rest that anyone who harms them will die screaming.

The maegi chuckles and defiantly vows to not die screaming as she is led away.

Daenerys delivers her statement:

"I am Daenerys Stormborn of House Targaryen of the blood of Valyria. I am the daughter of the dragon and I swear to you that those who will harm you will die screaming."

As Jorah binds Mirri to the pyre, she counters: "You will not hear me scream!"

Daenerys barely looks in her direction. "I will," she says dispassionately and with certainty. "But it is not your screams I want, only your life."

The Khaleesi takes the torch and lights the pyre as Mirri begins a sing-song chant which turn to screams of agony and terror: "No no no"

Daenerys calmly steps inside the ring of fire and continues walking toward the blazing pyre.

The next day, dozens remain as the embers smolder.

Ser Jorah approaches the pyre and finds Daenerys seated naked, befouled with soot, but unharmed, and holding something. Muted snarls are heard as a small dragon climbs up her back and stands erect on her right shoulder. It spreads his tiny red wings and emits a fearful and chilling shriek.

Another is cradled in her lap and as she stands, a third at her feet makes its way up her outer left thigh.

Ser Jorah bends to kneel with the oath: "Blood of my blood."

Those remaining kneel to her, the blood of the dragon. She stands with a resolute and distant look in her eyes, and it is clear that this young widow is one with whom those who have wronged her will be forced to reckon.

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The North Remembers

- King's Landing

Sandor Clegane kills his opponent in a duel for King Joffrey's nameday celebration. When Joffrey asks Sansa how she thought the Hound's kill was, she repeats what the king said. The king points this out angrily, and she quietly backs down and admits he is right. The next duel is called, between Lothor Brune, a freerider in the service of Petyr Baelish, and Ser Dontos Hollard, a knight. Lothor Brune awaits his opponent, and finally Ser Dontos arrives, his helmet in his arms and stinking drunk. Joffrey asks if he is drunk, and Ser Dontos admits that he only drank two cups. Joffrey says that Ser Dontos should have as much as he likes, and gestures. He is grabbed by two members of the Kingsguard, and a funnel is forced down his mouth, and a barrel of wine poured in. He is drowning when Sansa calls out that Joffrey can't do this. Shocked at her comment, Joffrey demands to know what she said, before saying he can do whatever he likes. Sansa says that it's bad luck to kill somebody on your nameday, and Joffrey dismisses this until Sandor Clegane says the girl is right. Reluctantly Joffrey tells them to stop drowning him, and Sansa suggests that he be made a fool instead, and Joffrey agrees. Suddenly, Tyrion Lannister and his entourage of Bronn, Lannister soldiers and hill tribesmen arrive. Tyrion greets his niece Myrcella and nephew Tommen before congratulating Joffrey on his nameday and saying he is sorry for Sansa's loss. Joffrey balks at this and says her father was a confessed traitor, to which Tyrion agrees, but says he was still her father, and that Joffrey should sympathize, having so recently lost his own father. Tyrion walks past Joffrey, saying that there is work to be done.

In the Small Council chamber, Grand Maester Pycelle announces that summer has officially been declared over by the Citadel. Littlefinger says that they have enough wheat for a five year summer, but anything longer and they'll have fewer peasants. Janos Slynt announces that King's Landing is overrun with refugees fleeing from the war, to which Cersei tells him to close the gates to the peasants. Tyrion enters the chamber while whistling the Rains of Castamere and greets everybody. Cersei demands to know what he is doing there, and he tells her that he's the Hand of the King. She demands proof, to which Tyrion hands over a letter to Varys, who reads out that Lord Tywin has appointed Tyrion to act as Hand in his stead while he fights the war. Cersei angrily dismisses everybody and demands to know how Tyrion tricked Tywin into allowing this. Tyrion tells her that she brought this on herself by letting Eddard Stark die, to which Cersei claims she tried to stop it. Tyrion tells her that the entire north has risen against them because of this, but that they still have Ned Stark's two daughters. Cersei reveals that Arya Stark escaped the city, and Tyrion is angry at this, claiming that their enemies hate each other almost as much as they hated them. Tyrion says that it must be odd for Cersei to be the disappointing child, to which she is silent.

Later that day in Tyrion's chamber in the Tower of the Hand, Shae remarks how

she loves the smell of the city. Tyrion warns her that they must be careful so that nobody is aware of her presence. Tyrion says that King's Landing is full of many types of liars, and that he isn't from the city, so he isn't among them. When he climbs on the bed with Shae, Tyrion remarks how uncomfortable it is, and pities Ned Stark. He and Shae then kiss.

Cersei confronts Littlefinger in a courtyard. She says that her spies have no idea where Arya Stark has fled to, and that they need her if they are going to make a truce with the Starks. Littlefinger says that she could ask Varys, though he warns her not to trust him, as he himself mistrusts eunuchs. Cersei notices the mockingbird sigil on Littlefinger's chest and realizes he made his own, before remarking that it's appropriate, since he is a self-made man with many songs to sing. Littlefinger says that some are fortunate enough to be born into a wealthy and prestigious family, and others must make their own way. Cersei unsubtly starts talking about Littlefinger's past in which he grew up among the Tully's in Riverrun, and was in love with the eldest daughter, but she was promised for another. Littlefinger responds to this by implying he knows about the incestuous relationship between Cersei and her brother Jaime. Littlefinger says that knowledge is power. Cersei gets angry with him and orders her guards to seize Littlefinger. She orders them to cut his throat, but swiftly changes her mind. She makes her guards follow very specific instructions before telling Littlefinger that power is power. She reminds him to find Arya Stark before leaving with her guards.

Cersei enters the throne room surprised to see it under construction. She inquires with Joffrey about this, and he tells her that he is redecorating it, so the room looks like it should, and that the Targaryens knew how it should look. Cersei tells her son that they can't find Arya Stark, and that they need her if they ever want to trade the Stark girls with Jaime, which she doubts they will do as it is. Joffrey says he thinks they might, as they value their women too much. When Cersei suggests Joffrey might ask Lord Tywin for more men, he tells her that king's command, not ask, and he shows that he is displeased that his grandfather lost against Robb Stark in the field of battle in the first place, resulting in Jaime's capture. Joffrey says that he heard a disgusting rumour about his mother and his uncle Jaime. Cersei dismisses this as enemy lies, but Joffrey says that somebody believes it. He asks her if his father "fucked other women when he grew tired of you." When Joffrey asks how many bastards there are running around, Cersei slaps her son. The throne room grows silent, and Joffrey stares at his mother in shock. He tells her that what she did is punishable by death, and warns her not to do it again. He dismisses her and climbs the steps to the Iron Throne.

Inside one of Littlefinger's brothels, a whore vigorously rides a male whore, while screaming. Ros, now in a position of authority in the brothel, instructs the female whore to "ease into it" before telling them both that they're working that night. Ros

tells Daisy, a new whore from Haystack Hall, that they do things differently here, and that this is a very upscale and proper brothel. She warns Daisy not to call Lord Baelish 'Littlefinger,' as he doesn't like it. When Daisy notices Armeca lead away a customer, Ros tells her that she pretends she's exotic, but really she's from down the road in Flea Bottom. When Daisy calls her beautiful, Ros dismisses this and says she's actually a "dumb slut." Suddenly, Lord Janos Slynt and a column of gold cloaks enter. Ros greets them and asks what they're doing here. Doors are kicked in and gold cloaks search through rooms. Ros asks Slynt if he realizes that the brothel is owned by Lord Baelish, since he puts coin in many pockets. Slynt answers that he has orders from somebody that doesn't care what Littlefinger thinks. The whore Mhaegen is dragged out crying as she holds her baby, Barra. Slynt confirms that this is the one they're looking for, and orders one of his men to kill the baby. When he cannot bring himself to do it, Slynt takes out a dagger and murders the child, as Mhaegen screams.

Gold cloaks are dispatched across the city to hunt down and murder Robert Baratheon's bastards. One is stabbed in the chest in his own house, while another younger boy is drowned outside. A baby is carried away while a crowd yell and protest. A gold cloak watches this in fury, clearly not approving. Janos Slynt has the master armorer Tobho Mott questioned as to where the bastard Gendry is. He reveals that he was taken as a recruit of the Night's Watch, and was traveling on the Kingsroad. He makes mention of the bull's head helmet that he made himself. Slynt commands the bastard to be found.

Winterfell

A local farmer comes before Bran, who is acting as Lord of Winterfell while Robb is away fighting, and complains that the walls of his holdfast are in ruin, and blames the war for taking all the working men away. Bran reminds him that they went to war to avenge Eddard Stark and fight for independence, and that Robb Stark was the king now. Maester Luwin grants the man four masons for a week, to help with repairs. The man is grateful and walks away. Bran and Luwin agree that they didn't like the negative way in which the man talked about Robb. Luwin reminds Bran that listening to people he'd rather not is one of his duties as the Lord of Winterfell.

As Bran sleeps, he dreams of Summer walking through the godswood and looking up at the Red Comet in the sky. The next day, Bran, Osha and Hodor visit the godswood, where Osha picks out some weeds and herbs for a tea Bran must drink to help with the pain. When he remarks that he has no pain, Osha mutters that he is lucky. When Osha says that Bran's been having "those" dreams again, he denies it. Osha tells him everyone dreams, to which Bran says he doesn't. Bran comments that some of the men have been talking about the comet, and how it means Robb will win a great victory in the South. Osha says that she has heard differently, like

how it means it's Lannister red, meaning they will seize control of all seven kingdoms soon. Osha also says that she heard a stableboy say that it was red to mark the death of Eddard Stark. Osha says that the only thing a red comet really means is dragons. Bran says that all the dragons are dead.

The Red Waste

Daenerys leads her small, weary Khalasar through the massive Red Waste, with no end in sight. Drogon sits perched on her shoulder. Doreah asks what Viserys said about dragons, when Drogon refuses to eat some meat. Daenerys says that her brother didn't know anything about anything. As Daenerys puts Drogon back in his cage, her horse Silver collapses onto the ground. Dany and Ser Jorah rush over to the animal. Daenerys remarks that the horse was Khal Drogo's first gift to her. Daenerys helplessly says that she promised her people safety, but that she can't save them from starvation. Dany asks if the Red Waste ever ends, to which Ser Jorah says it does, though he has never been this far east. When Dany asks if there is any other way, Jorah says there isn't, as every other way as perils and troubles of their own. Daenerys calls over her three bloodriders and sends them to scout ahead in different directions, looking for cities, people or water. As Dany farewells Rakaro and he rides away, she looks around hopelessly before staring up at the Red Comet.

Beyond the Wall

The Night's Watch arrive at Craster's Keep, deep in the Haunted Forest beyond the Wall. As the column of riders approach the house, Jon and his friends stand off to the side. Jon asks how Sam's going, to which he answers that nothing has killed him yet. Grenn complains that Sam broke the sledge, as he allowed Sam to ride on it so he would shut up about his blisters. As they look at the keep, Dolorous Edd says in his usual resigned tone that he grew up in a similar place, before later falling on hard times. Sam is curious about all the girls, to which Edd answers that they are Craster's daughters, and his wives. The others are disgusted that Craster marries his daughters and has more daughters from them. Edd says that since all the other wildlings in a hundred miles have disappeared, Craster must be doing something right. Jon wonders what Craster does with the sons he has.

Inside the keep, Lord Commander Jeor Mormont asks if Craster knows where Benjen Stark is, to which he answers that he hasn't seen him in three years, and that he didn't care, since Benjen always treated Craster like scum. When Craster remarks that 'you' southerners make good wine, Jon interrupts, saying that they aren't southerners. Craster inquires after Jon's name before telling him that since they are south of the Wall, they are southerners to him. Craster warns Jeor about Jon talking to his daughters, and Jeor promises that he won't. He then tells Jon to sit down and shut up. Jeor tells Craster that they'd passed through six abandoned

wildling villages on their way to Craster's Keep. Craster says that they've all gone north to join up with Mance Rayder, the King beyond the Wall, before marching south to assault the Wall. Jeor warns Craster that it's a dangerous time to be living out here, but Craster dismisses this and calls for one of his wives, Gilly who tells them that they're content living where they are, since Craster protects them. Craster then mocks Jeor, saying that he must be jealous seeing him with all these women, knowing that he can't have any due to his vows. Craster allows the Night's Watch to stay at his keep, provided that they don't talk to or touch any of his women. Any man that does, he warns, will have his hand cut off. He threatens Jon again, and Jeor says that under his roof, they will follow his rules.

Outside, Jeor throws Jon against a wall and demands to know who he is. Jon says that he is the Lord Commander, and that he is his steward. Jeor tells Jon that if he wants to lead one day, he must learn how to follow.

Dragonstone

Maester Cressen runs along the beach shore of Dragonstone to witness the burning of the idols of the Seven. Melisandre of Asshai is leading the prayer. She offers these false gods to appease the Lord of Light, the one true god. Cressen tells Ser Davos Seaworth that they must stop her, but he refuses to do anything at that moment. Frustrated, Cressen pushes through the crowd and demands that this madness stop. He asks everybody if they are so willing to watch the gods of their ancestor's be desecrated, to which nobody responds. Melisandre challenges Cressen to stop her, but he does nothing, and walks back into the crowd, resigned. Melisandre calls forth Stannis Baratheon, the true king of Westeros and the warrior of light, chosen by the Lord of Light. He rips out a flaming sword from one of the burning idols and marches with it in his hand, before uttering the prayer "the night is dark and full of terrors." As Stannis leads away the crowd, Cressen warns Davos that Melisandre will lead Stannis into a war he cannot win. Davos affirms his loyalty to Stannis, despite not agreeing with Melisandre or her preachings. Cressen asks Davos to tell the king the truth, but Davos dismisses this and leaves Cressen alone on the beach.

In the Chamber of the Painted Table, Stannis holds a council. There, he instructs Matthos, Davos' son and the king's squire, to draft a proclamation, saying that Joffrey Baratheon, and his siblings Tommen and Myrcella, are born of incest between Cersei Lannister and her brother, Ser Jaime Lannister the Kingslayer. Davos suggests that maybe Stannis should make peace with Renly, so they can deal with the Lannisters together. Stannis dismisses this, saying that he will not make peace with Renly while he falsely calls himself king. Davos then suggests making peace with Robb Stark, but Stannis also dismisses this, claiming that the boy serves thieves, and he will not have the top half of his kingdom in someone else's hands. Maester Cressen slips a poison into his wine before raising a toast to

Melisandre, and apologizing for his lack of faith. He takes a sip of the wine before handing it to Melisandre. Cressen begins bleeding from the nose, but despite this, Melisandre still takes a sip after him. Cressen collapses onto the floor, to the shock of everybody, but Melisandre is unaffected by the poison. She stands over him and reminds him that the night is dark and full of terrors, but the fire casts the darkness away.

Stark Camp

Robb Stark visits Jaime Lannister, who is caged up in a holding pen. Jaime mockingly refers to Robb as the King in the North, before inquiring as to why he is being dragged around the countryside, instead of being left in a castle. Robb says that this is because if he did this, the lord holding the castle would receive a raven from Lord Tywin Lannister offering a reward for his son's release, and threatening them with death should they defy him. When Jaime calls Robb a smart boy, he mocks Robb by saying that he doesn't like being called 'boy.' Jaime notices that Robb's direwolf Grey Wind is stalking around the pen. He enters and stands next to Robb, who says that Jaime is only insulting himself, since he was defeated by a boy and captured by one. He then proceeds to explain that Stannis Baratheon has sent letters to all the lords in the realm declaring himself as the true king and naming Joffrey Baratheon as incest spawn between Jaime and Cersei. Jaime remarks that this is incredibly convenient, as it would make Stannis the first in line for the throne. Robb says that his father must have learned the truth, as he was executed by Jaime, though the Kingslayer reminds him that he was his prisoner when Ned Stark died. Robb counters by saying it was his son that did it, however, and that Jaime was the one to throw Bran from the tower that he was climbing when he saw Jaime with the queen. Robb says that he's sending one of Jaime's cousins to King's Landing with peace terms, though Jaime says Robb is a fool if he thinks Tywin will negotiate with him. He tells him that three victories don't make him a conqueror. Robb replies by saying that it's better than three defeats, which is what the Lannisters have suffered so far. Grey Wind lunges at Jaime and nearly bites him, but stops inches from his face, before turning and leaving the pen with Robb. Jaime turns his face and closes his eyes in fear before the direwolf leaves.

Robb Stark holds a council where he meets Ser Alton Lannister, a cousin to Jaime Lannister and the queen. Robb reads his terms, which are that the Lannisters must release his sisters and return them to him, and that the bones of his father and all his father's men must be returned as well. Robb's final term is that the Iron Throne must release the North from all their dominion, as the north is now a free and independent kingdom. Robb warns that if the king and queen do not accept these terms, he will litter the south with dead Lannisters. When Alton remarks that Joffrey is a Baratheon, Robb mockingly questions this. Robb calls an end to the council, and the lords and Ser Alton leave. Theon Greyjoy stays behind, and asks 'Your Grace' for a word. Robb says that Theon doesn't have to call him that in

private. Theon says that the Lannisters will reject his terms, but Robb says he already knows this. Theon also points out that to finally defeat the Lannisters they need to take King's Landing, and they can't do this without ships. Theon says that his father, Balon Greyjoy, has plenty of ships and men who know how to sail them. Robb points out that Balon and his men fought his own father in rebellion years ago. Theon reminds Robb that they are also rebelling as they speak. Theon's confident that Balon will not refuse him, as he is his last remaining son. He says that though he wasn't born a Stark, he was raised an honorable man. Theon says that he and Robb will together avenge Ned Stark.

Catelyn warns Robb that Balon Greyjoy is not a trustworthy ally, but Robb says that he needs his ships, which apparently number at two hundred. Catelyn reminds Robb that Balon Greyjoy once rebelled against Eddard Stark, but Robb reminds her that they are rebelling right now, and his father rebelled against the throne before him. Robb says that he can't release Jaime Lannister, as he is too valuable and the lords won't be happy. Catelyn is worried for the wellbeing of Sansa in King's Landing, and the fact that they haven't heard anything about Arya. She says that it's about time she returned to Winterfell, since it's been months since she's seen Bran and Rickon. Robb says she won't be going to Winterfell, as he needs her to go to the Stormlands to negotiate with Renly Baratheon. It's said that he's rallied one hundred thousand soldiers to his cause, thanks in part due to his marriage to Margaery Tyrell, binding Mace Tyrell and Highgarden to his cause. Robb says that he doesn't trust any of his other lords to do this, and once Renly is on their side, they can defeat the Lannisters and get Arya and Sansa back. Catelyn reluctantly agrees.

The Kingsroad

Gendry helps Arya Stark onto a cart as they travel with the rest of the Night's Watch recruits down the Kingsroad.

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The Night Lands

- The Kingsroad

Arya is crouching in a stream, taking a piss. She is away from the others, as she doesn't want them to know that she is really a girl. When she's finished she pulls her pants back up and walks back to everyone else. On her way back, one of the men in the cage calls out to her, referring to her as 'boy.' She demands to know what he wants, and he - referring to himself in third person - says he wants a drink. Rorge, one of the other men in the cage, threatens that he'll skin Arya if he doesn't give them beer. The polite man acknowledges he knows 'Arry's' name, and

introduces himself as Jaqen H'ghar. When Rorge keeps yelling at Arya, she hits him with a stick. Angered by this, Rorge threatens to rape Arya up the ass with the stick. She backs away, and Jaqen smiles, admiring Arya's courage, if not sense. Gendry walks by and says that Yoren warned them not to talk to those three in the cage. Arya defends herself by saying she isn't scared of them, to which Gendry says that she's stupid, because they scare him. Two gold cloaks ride up on horses, and Arya wonders what they're doing so far from King's Landing. Fearing they are looking for her, she hides. She confesses that they are looking for her to Gendry. Yoren approaches the gold cloaks, one of whom shows Yoren the royal warrant that he possesses, explaining that one of the recruits is wanted. Yoren dismisses this by saying that since they've joined the Night's Watch, they are officially out of reach to the Iron Throne. When the gold cloak draws his sword, Yoren pulls out a knife and holds it to the man's thigh. Yoren threatens to cut his artery, which would leave him bleeding out. He takes the sword and tosses it to the ground, before telling the gold cloaks to be on their way and leave them be. The gold cloak announces that he's looking for Gendry, and says whoever gives him up will be rewarded. He and his companion then turn and leave. Yoren and the rest of the recruits stare at Arya and Gendry.

King's Landing

Tyrion enters his chambers to see Varys and Shae sitting at the table, talking. Varys tells him that they were just discussing Tyrion's bravery at the Battle of the Greenfork and how Tyrion and Shae met in Lord Tywin's kitchens. Varys jokingly wonders at the truthfulness of the story, but Tyrion dismisses his doubts. Varys makes a veiled threat to Tyrion, regarding the fact that Tywin didn't want Shae to accompany Tyrion to King's Landing. Varys assures them that he is very good at keeping secrets from his friends, however. He gets up to leave when Tyrion stops him from opening the door. He says that he doesn't appreciate threats, and that he knows what Varys is doing, unlike Ned Stark. Varys says that Eddard Stark was a man of honor, to which Tyrion says that he isn't, and that he'd have Varys killed if he ever threatened him again. Varys responds by saying people often find it quite hard to kill him. Both of them then leave the room.

In the Small Council chamber, Cersei hears Robb Stark's terms as delivered by Ser Alton Lannister before swiftly rejecting them all by tearing up the paper. Tyrion suggests they at least send Eddard Stark's bones back as a sign of good faith. Cersei instructs Alton to give Robb Stark their reply, and asks if he saw Jaime while in the Stark camp. Alton says he did, and that his spirit wasn't broken. Cersei tells him to inform Jaime that he hasn't been forgotten. Tyrion bids Alton farewell, and he leaves. Grand Maester Pycelle informs the Small Council of the trouble the Night's Watch face. Tyrion reads a letter from Jeor Mormont and is troubled by what is written. Cersei and the rest of the Small Council dismiss it all jokingly and leave.

Beyond the Wall

Dolorous Edd is entertaining Sam and Grenn with a story from his past when Sam makes a comment about Craster's wives. He says it's greedy of him to have so many, and that he misses girls. Grenn tells a story about a girl he knew before he joined the Night's Watch. Sam hears a scream and sees Gilly backing away in fear from Ghost, Jon's direwolf. Sam goes over and sends Ghost away. Gilly is thankful, but warns Sam not to touch her. Gilly comments on how brave Sam is.

Sam brings Gilly to Jon, who is sharpening his sword Longclaw. Jon is angry that Sam is talking to one of Craster's wives, and after being introduced to Gilly he chastises Sam for his stupidity. Sam says that all Gilly wants is to be taken away from here, as she is pregnant, and is worried what will happen if she has a boy. Jon apologizes and says that it's impossible for them to take her, as they are going into wildling territory. Gilly walks away disappointed, and Sam is upset at Jon for refusing to help. Jon explains the situation to Sam and says he is sorry, but it can't be done. Sam walks away upset.

The Red Waste

As Daenerys, Jorah and the khalasar rest - starving, thirsty, lost and hot - they see a riderless horse approach. Ser Jorah gets up and goes over to the horse. He looks into the saddlebag and sees the severed head of Rakaro. Daenerys and Irri come over, and Irri collapses onto the ground, crying and screaming in grief. Daenerys promises that they shall lay him to rest, so he can ride in the night lands, but Irri says without a body he will be lost.

Iron Islands

Theon looks with pride and excitement at Pyke, the seat of his father and House Greyjoy, and the most prominent castle on the Iron Islands. He goes below deck to where the Captain's Daughter is awaiting, sitting naked on the bed. She asks Theon what it's like seeing his home after so many years, and he answers that it seems smaller. The girl responds by saying her father's cabin used to seem huge to her, and now it's so much smaller. Theon unlaces his pants as he tells the Captain's Daughter about the Iron Islands and their culture. As he starts having sex with her, she begs him to take her as his salt wife, but he says her place is on this ship. She says that once he is gone her father will beat her for being a whore. Theon dismisses this, saying he hasn't payed her. He tells her to smile with her mouth closed, and to stop talking about her father. He then turns her onto her hands and knees and begins taking her from behind.

King's Landing

Later that day, a visitor in Littlefinger's brothel watches through a peephole as a whore has sex with a customer. She is riding him backwards. The man spying is also with a whore. She is performing oral sex on him. Spying on him is Littlefinger. Hearing commotion, Littlefinger turns away and sees a man storm out of a room, his clothes half undone. He tells Littlefinger that he barely touched his whore, and she just started crying. Littlefinger calms the man down and offers him another whore, Armeca. He wipes a line of cum off her face before handing her off to the man. He then investigates what the problem is. He finds Ros sitting on a bed, her clothes still on, crying. He asks her what is wrong, and she admits that it's what happened the other day, when the gold cloaks burst in and killed Barra. Littlefinger agrees that that was handled poorly. He then goes on to tell Ros a story of a very expensive woman he knew who displeased her master, so she was sent to another man who specialized in changing and doing things with women. He said that she didn't end up happy, but that the man who sold her was reimbursed for his trouble. The veiled threat gets across to Ros, who promises she will stop crying and get back to work the next day. Littlefinger says he's happy and leaves.

That night, Tyrion has just finished having dinner with Janos Slynt. Podrick Payne, Tyrion's new squire, pours them some wine and leaves. Tyrion inquires about the trouble in Littlefinger's brothel the other day, to which Janos Slynt says it was nasty but necessary business. Tyrion wonders how killing babies is helpful to defending the realm. When Slynt says it was merely his orders to do so, Tyrion says that it must have been the queen who ordered it, as she had always been a jealous woman, and was the most likely person to want Robert Baratheon's bastards dead. Tyrion asks Slynt if it was him who gave the order for the gold cloaks to betray Eddard Stark in the throne room. Slynt confirms it was, and says the man was a traitor who tried to buy his loyalty. Tyrion scoffs at this, saying that Eddard Stark must have had no idea Slynt had already been bought. Slynt exclaims in anger to Tyrion's implication of dishonor. Tyrion assures Janos that he wasn't questioning his honor, but rather denying its entire existence. Slynt angrily throws his chair back and stands up, saying he will not take such insults from a dwarf. Bronn appears next to Slynt, and Tyrion informs him that Bronn has been appointed new Commander of the City Watch. Tyrion orders Slynt to be arrested. Slynt says that the queen was the one to make him a lord, but Tyrion dismisses this by saying that he's a fool to believe the queen is his friend. Tyrion announces that Slynt will be put on a ship and taken to Eastwatch-by-the-Sea, before walking to Castle Black. Outraged, Janos Slynt declares that his friends at court will not allow this, but Bronn has the gold cloaks drag him out of the room. Bronn sits down and pours himself a glass of wine. Tyrion asks him if he would, without question, murder a baby. Bronn says that he would ask how much, first.

The Kingsroad

While washing out pots and pans in a stream, Lommy, one of the young recruits, says they should yield if the gold cloaks come back, since it's only Gendry they want. He says he doesn't want to be in a battle. Hot Pie announces that he isn't afraid of a battle. Arya mocks Hot Pie by saying he would fill himself if he ever got close to a battle. Hot Pie defensively says he's seen plenty of battles, specifically one where a man stabbed another man outside a tavern in Flea Bottom. Lommy says that just because two men fought, doesn't mean it was a battle. Hot Pie clarifies that since one of them wore armor, it was a battle. Arya says that Gendry is an armorer's apprentice, and tells Hot Pie to tell Gendry his story. Gendry says that it wasn't a battle, and that anybody can buy armor, not just knights. Arya follows Gendry away and asks what the gold cloaks wanted with him. When he says he doesn't know, Arya names him liar. Gendry says he doesn't want anything to do with them, since no good has ever come from their questions. When Arya asks him to clarify that statement, he says that he was asked questions by two Hand's of the King, first Jon Arryn, and then Eddard Stark. Arya asks what he wanted to know, to which Gendry says that he just wanted to know about his mother. When Arya asks Gendry about his mother he says he didn't really know her, and that her father was probably some random person, possibly even a gold cloak. When Gendry asks Arya about her family, she reveals that Eddard Stark was her father. Gendry is shocked, and starts calling her m'lady, which infuriates Arya. She begs him not to tell the others, and he promises. When Gendry mocks Arya one more time with m'lady, she pushes him over and walks away.

Iron Islands

Theon arrives at Lordsport, where he introduces himself to a local fisherman. He seems completely unimpressed, much to Theon's annoyance. He gives the man some money to take get him a horse to take him up to Pyke. A woman then introduces herself to Theon. He is impressed by her, and she offers to ride with him up to Pyke. Theon accepts, and tells the man to have his things sent up to the castle.

As they ride along the coast, Theon begins to touch the woman he is riding with. He first puts a hand down her top and fondles her breast, before putting his hand down her pants, and rubbing her there. She warns him that they might have an accident if he keeps up with this. Theon promises her that tonight she will have a story to tell her grand-kids. She laughs and says she doesn't think it will be a story appropriate for children.

Theon enters his father's solar and introduces himself. His father remarks that it's been nine years since he last saw him, and wonders what he's come back as. When Theon says that he is his heir, Balon Greyjoy dismissively says "we shall see." Balon then asks Theon if the pendant he has around his neck was payed for in gold or if he payed the iron price for it. When Theon says he bought it, Balon rips it off

and says he will not have his son dressed as a whore. Theon presents his father with Robb Stark's offer of allegiance, but Balon is not pleased by this. He says that Robb Stark has sent him here like a raven, and that Theon has become a Stark, much to Balon's fear. Theon insists that he is ironborn, but his father ignores him, and asks Theon if he'd forgotten his brothers, who died fighting Eddard Stark. Theon offers to lead the attack himself, should Balon accept Robb's terms, and Balon is surprised. Theon wonders who else would, and the woman he met at Lordsport enters the solar. Theon said he told her to wait outside, but she strolls right in and stands next to Balon, who puts an arm around her shoulder. Theon realizes this is his sister Yara, and is shocked. He says that she can't possibly lead men into battle, because she's a woman. She and Balon assure him that she is more than capable, and is still very much ironborn in her ways. Balon burns the letter that Theon brought him, and says that he will take his crown, not be given it as reward. Theon tells him that he can't possibly hope to fight the Lannisters on his own, but Balon asks, "who said anything about the Lannisters?"

Dragonstone

Salladhor Saan, an old pirating friend of Davos, inquires as to why he should join the cause of the king who has the smallest army. Davos assures him that Stannis is the best option, as he has the best claim and is the most honorable and dutiful. When this doesn't convince Salladhor, Davos promises him gold from the treasury in King's Landing. Salladhor says he also wants to fuck the queen, and when Matthos insists that she won't allow this, and it would be rape, Salladhor laughs this off and insists he would be fucking her, not raping her. Salladhor finally agrees to join Stannis' cause, and says he will supply thirty of his ships.

After Salladhor has departed, Matthos insists that Davos take up reading and worshiping the Lord of Light. Davos refuses, saying that the only god he needs or supports is Stannis Baratheon. He says that without him, he and his family would not have a good or prosperous future. Davos says that he owes everything he has to Stannis. Matthos says that while Stannis is his king, he is only a man. Davos laughs at this and tells his son not to say that to the king.

King's Landing

Later, Cersei confronts Tyrion about this, saying he had no right to exile Janos Slynt. Tyrion says as Hand of the King he had every right, but Cersei insists that he's only serving as Hand until their father gets back to the city, and in the meantime, her power as Queen Regent overrules his as Hand. Tyrion tells her that she's losing support of the people, but Cersei doesn't care. Tyrion says that when winter comes and half the peasants die of starvation, the other half will rebel and try to overthrow her. He says that she's given them a rallying call - the killing of babies. Cersei is surprised at this accusation, and Tyrion realizes that it wasn't her

that ordered it, but Joffrey. Cersei shares how paranoid thoughts on how ruling should be, and says that she is the only one that takes it seriously. Tyrion makes a joke about Jaime and Cersei's incest, which angers Cersei. She in turn says how the biggest joke of Tyrion's life was when he was born and killed their mother in birth, and all for a dwarf. Cersei gets up and leaves.

Dragonstone

That night, Davos and Matthos await Stannis in the Chamber of the Painted Table. The king and Melisandre enter, and Davos tells Stannis that they have Salladhor's support. They argue briefly over whether Salladhor can be trusted before Stannis dismisses Davos and his son. As they are leaving, Melisandre whispers something into Matthos' ear. When they are gone, Stannis asks what she whispered, and she said, "death by fire is the purest death." Stannis agonizes over the fact that his brother Renly has far more men than he does, and that he can't possibly hope to defeat him in the field of battle. Melisandre offers an alternative, saying that he is the Lord's chosen warrior, and that she will give him a son. She opens her robe and approaches Stannis. The king says he has a wife, but Melisandre dismisses this, saying that she is sickly and locked up in a tower, and that she has given him no sons. Stannis eventually relents and pulls Melisandre up onto the table before thrusting into her while she moans.

Beyond the Wall

That night, Jon watches as Craster takes a newborn boy into the forest. Jon follows him, and watches as Craster puts the child down and walk away. The child is then picked up by a White Walker, much to Jon's shock. Unsheathing Longclaw, Jon runs through the trees to get closer. He is crouching behind a tree when he is found by Craster and knocked unconscious.

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What Is Dead May Never Die

- Craster brings Jon Snow to Mormont after catching him spying on him in the woods. Jon Snow tells Mormont what he saw, but Mormont already knows about the practice of sacrificing the boys.

Snow tells him he saw something take the child.

"Whatever it was, I dare say you'll see it again," Mormont tells him. He plans for his men to leave at dawn.

Samwell packs up their things. He sees Gilly and goes to say good-bye. He wants

to give her something his mother gave him, the only thing he has of hers. He asks Gilly to keep it safe until he comes back.

At Winterfell, Bran tells Maester Luwin about his recurring dream, where he's running through the forest like a direwolf, with the taste of blood in his mouth.

Luwin tells Bran it's just a dream. But Bran thinks his are true, including the one about his father dying. Luwin assures him the days of such things have passed.

Stormlands

Catelyn Stark pays a visit to Renly Baratheon, who is overseeing a fight along with his queen, Margaery of House Tyrell. Brienne of Tarth beats Loras Tyrell, Margaery's brother and Renly's lover. She asks to be a member of the King's Guard and Renly grants her request.

Catelyn stark arrives. Renly offers his condolences and promises to kill Joffrey when he takes King's Landing.

Loras, after losing his melee with Brienne, gets pouty and complains that Catelyn was sent to treat with them instead of Robb. "My son is fighting a war, not playing at one," Catelyn snipes at him.

Balon Greyjoy lays out his battle plans. He thinks the North is ripe for the taking, including Winterfell. Yara gets 30 ships to lead and Theon gets one.

Theon suggests forming an alliance with the North instead. Balon reminds them they take what is theirs and tells Theon his time with the wolves has made him weak.

Theon reminds his father that he's the one who gave him away.

Tyrion's conquest Shae gets impatient with hanging out in their quarters all the time. He tells her Cersei is looking for any weakness of his to exploit.

Over dinner, Princess Myrcella asks Sansa when she and Joffrey will be married. Cersei says after the fighting is over. Prince Tommen asks if Joffrey is going to kill Sansa's brother. Cersei says she doesn't know, but she's sure Sansa will do her duty if that happens.

Shae reports to Sansa's chamber as her new chamber maid. Shae doesn't exactly know what is expected of her, so Sansa barks at her.

Tyrion pays a visit to Maester Pycelle, telling him new alliances must be formed.

He says he's brokering an alliance with house Martell, for Princess Myrcella to wed their son in Dorne. Tyrion lays out the same plan to Lord Varys, except this time she's to marry Theon Greyjoy.

To Petyr Baelish, it's Robin Arryn of the Vale. He stresses secrecy to each, "the queen musn't know".

Renly makes out with Loras. Loras is still pouty and complains about Brienne being made member of the King's Guard. He warns Renly he needs to be careful with his war plans.

Renly swaps out Tyrells, trading Loras for Margaery, who he is much less interested in. She asks if her brother should come in and "get him started". She tells him there's no need to play games. She says the best way to defeat his enemies is to get her pregnant, whatever it takes.

Cersei confronts Tyrion, angry at him for planning to send Myrcella off to Dorne (Pycelle's version).

Theon reads over his letter to Robb, telling him his father rejected the offer. After considering it, he decides to burn it.

Theon undergoes a ceremony consecrating his faith to the Drowned God as his father and sister look on.

Petyr confronts Tyrion over his ruse. Tyrion glibly apologizes and tells him he's the centerpiece of his next ruse. He wants to get Jaime back.

Tyrion confronts Pycelle. Pycelle says everything he's done was for the family. Tyrion asks Pycelle how many Hands he's betrayed. Pycelle says Lord Arryn knew the truth about Cersei and Jaime, but did nothing because he's always served the house of Lannister. Tyrion has him thrown in a dungeon.

Lord Varys compliments Tyrion on his ploy.

Arya polishes her sword in camp. Yoren joins her among all the sleeping men. She asks how he's able to sleep with the things he's seen. She can't stop picturing the scene of her dad losing his head, even though she didn't see the actual deed.

He tells her about seeing his brother killed when they were young and years later, killing the man who murdered him. He's been on the Wall ever since.

There's a sound as they hear Lannister soldiers approaching, led by Amory Lorch. Arya and Gendry hide. A soldier announces they're there for Gendry in the name of

King Joffrey. Yoren says no and they shoot an arrow at him. He gets up and fights off ten men, finally falling as Arya watches in horror as Amory stabs Yoren in the back with his sword.

Arya is running when the men in cages call for her help. They're in danger of being burned. Fighting rages around her and she hands them an axe to free themselves. Gendry is out fighting with the other men.

Arya is running for her life and runs into a soldier who takes her sword Needle. They round up the survivors to take them back to King's Landing, but not before a soldier slits the throat of a wounded boy (Lommy), who can't walk.

Again, the soldier asks for Gendry, who is among those captured. Arya assesses the situation then announces that they already killed Gendry, motioning towards Lommy, dead near Gendry's bull helmet.

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Garden of Bones

- Two guards gossip and joke about Renly Baratheon having sex with Loras. They notice their horses are spooked by something in the woods. A direwolf attacks. Robb Stark and his men are upon them.

After the battle, Robb refuses to torture their prisoners. He doesn't want to give the Lannisters a reason to abuse his sisters.

Women in the field tend the wounded, one taking the leg off a man with rot in his foot. Robb helps, even though it's not his man. He's taken with the field nurse. Robb tries to talk to her, but she's indifferent, explaining the men in the field don't even want to be fighting for Joffrey. She asks what happens if they win, but Robb doesn't know. He asserts that doesn't want to sit on the iron throne.

Back at King's Landing, Joffrey terrorizes Sansa for Robb's latest victory. She pleads as he aims a crossbow at her. Joffrey says his mother won't let him kill her, so he has his men beat her and strip her clothes.

Tyrion interrupts, lecturing Joffrey in front of his knights and telling him to respect Sansa's honor. He gets her covered up and helps her to her feet, apologizing for Joffrey.

Privately, Tyrion asks her if she wants an end to her engagement. "I am loyal to King Joffrey, my one true love," she says flatly and unconvincingly.

Bronn suggests what Joffrey really needs is to get laid, to "get some of the poison out."

Joffrey comes back to his chambers later to find two hookers waiting for him, including Ros. He orders her to beat the other. He makes her use a belt, causing her to cry out in pain. Then he hands Ros a wooden scepter and he arms his crossbow. He wants Tyrion to see what he's done.

Petyr Baelish pays a visit to Renly Baratheon, who is no fan of his. Brienne stands guard. Petyr suggests he could help make King's Landing more welcoming when they attack.

Later, Petyr walks the camp with Margaery, generally being nosy about her marriage to the king. She gives away nothing.

In the Red Waste, one of the riders returns on a new horse. It was given to him by the Elders of Qarth, three days ride away. Jorah explains the desert around their gates is called the Garden of Bones and every time they shut their gates on a traveler, the garden grows.

Arya and Gendry and the other prisoners are taken to Harrenhal. The stone towers were melted by dragon fire long ago. It smells of dead people. They watch as someone is stretched and killed on the rack. A woman says it was her son, her daughter was killed three days ago.

In her cell, Arya over and over recites her Prayer (the names of people she would punish)... Joffrey, Cersei, Ilyn Payne and the Hound.

Petyr visits Catelyn Stark, who accuses him of betraying Ned. He tries to proclaim his love, but she pulls a knife. He speaks of Sansa and Arya, saying both are safe, for now, in the capitol. He says they'll trade Jaime for the two girls. Catelyn knows Robb would never go for it. He brings her a token of Tyrion's good will -- a big box.

She opens it and finds Ned's body inside. She still throws Petyr out.

Back at Harrenhal a guard comes to select someone for the bounty. The unlucky man gets strapped to a chair and interrogated. Arya and Gendry watch as they put a rat in a bucket and put it on his chest. They want to know about "the brotherhood." They light the bucket and the trapped rat has nowhere to go but into the man's chest. He gives out the name of the butcher but they don't stop. Later that night, two more names are added to Arya's Prayer... Polliver and The Mountain.

In the Stormlands Renly Baratheon meets with his brother Stannis, along with

Melisandre. Stannis reminds Catelyn, who is with Renly, that her husband was allied to him.

Renly taunts Stannis, who gives him a night to change his mind, offering to make him his heir until one is born to him. The ride off in their separate directions, no deal struck.

Outside the walls of Qarth, Daenerys and the khalasar are greeted outside by troops and a merchant. The Thirteen who govern Qarth are there. They want to see her dragons. When she refuses, they prepare to walk away.

She threatens to burn their city first when her dragons are grown. The merchant points out they can just let her die outside right now. Xaro Xhoan Daxos ([Nonso Anozie](#)), one of Thirteen, says they should let them in, then vouches for them. They open the gates to Qarth, "the greatest city that ever was or will be."

At Harrenhal Gendry is selected to be tortured next. They want to know if there's gold or silver in the village and where the Brotherhood is. They take out the rat as he's strapped to the chair.

Tywin Lannister rides in to camp. Arya notices that "Needle" is in Polliver's belt. Tywin suggests they use the prisoners for labor instead of killing them. He sees Arya and immediately knows she's a girl. He calls for her to be his new cup bearer.

In the middle of the night in King's Landing, Tyrion is presented with a warrant from Queen Cersei to release Grand Master Pycelle. He invites his cousin Lancel in for a drink. Tyrion questions him, determining he brought warrant right over. Tyrion says she must trust him to invite him into her bed chamber in the "hour of the wolf." The squire is busted, and ends up protesting that he only slept with Cersei because she ordered him to.

Tyrion threatens to tell Joffrey, then explains that instead he should stay close to Cersei, but report back to him.

Tyrion tells him to tell Cersei that he begs her forgiveness and won't do anything without checking with her in the future. And he'll release Pycelle, but he won't have him serving on the council. He says that he could swear that he hadn't harmed a hair on his head but "that would not, strictly speaking, be true".

Stannis asks Davos to revert to his old smuggler's ways and smuggle Melisandre ashore. Davos suggests there must be other ways, but "cleaner ways don't win wars," Stannis tells him.

Davos rows ashore with Melisandre who asks if he's slept with women other than

his wife and suggests he wants to see what's beneath her robe. She promises him he will.

They head into a secret cove but find bars blocking their path.

Melisandre takes off her robe and shows her fully pregnant belly. The light flickers and she sits down on her robe and bears down. A black smoke starts pouring out from between her legs. A black, spiny, creepy, skeletal something issues forth and rises to stand before them, full man-sized.

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The Ghost of Harrenhal

- In Renly's camp, Catelyn tells Renly that Robb Stark has no interest in the Iron Throne. Renly says the Starks can have dominion over the North if they swear the same oath of fealty that Ned had done to Robert Baratheon. In return, Renly promises to defeat Stannis's army in the morning.

Catelyn asks him again to try to negotiate a peace with Stannis. He won't hear it. He tells her to take his terms to Robb. There's a wind at the tent door and Melisandre's evil black spirit offspring with a resemblance to Stannis enters and stabs Renly in the back. He drops to the ground, dead.

Guards rush in and, thinking Brienne did it, attack her. She fights them off and then collapses crying over his body.

Catelyn tells her to leave, warning her that they'll hang her. "You can't avenge him if you're dead," she says. The two women take flight.

At King's Landing the next morning, Loras and the Queen try to figure out what to do. Petyr warns them Stannis and his boats are near. They don't believe Brienne was responsible. Petyr and the Queen warn Loras that he can't avenge Renly if he's dead.

The newly widowed Margaery tells Petyr she wants to be "the Queen."

Cersei and Tyrion get the news. They worry about Stannis accumulating power. Cersei is still smarting over Tyrion's plans to send Princess Myrcella away to be married. Cersei says the King is planning their defense; but she won't tell Tyrion the details.

Tyrion and his cousin Lancel secretly meet and Cersei's interim lover tells him they're making wildfire with a pyromancer and plan to launch it into Stannis's ships

and armies.

Davos tries to talk to Stannis about what he saw Melisandre "give birth" to in the cave. Stannis doesn't want to hear it.

Stannis plans to sail to King's Landing after he's consolidated his troops. Davos worries about him bringing Melisandre with him. He mentions that some people think he's under her spell. Davos advises Stannis to shore up Renly's bannerman and head to King's Landing without Melisandre. He tells Davos to lead the attack to Back Bay, but takes Davos's advisory to heart -- Melisandre will not be going with him.

At King's Landing Tyrion walks through the city and comes upon a man giving speeches to the crowd about the "rotten King." Tyrion thinks Joffrey is a lost cause. The man refers to Tyrion as a "demon monkey" -- people think he's pulling the king's strings.

Theon Greyjoy awaits his crew. They're a rough lot. They're heading to the Stony Shore to rape and pillage and they're not inclined to listen to Theon. One man stares him down, saying he doesn't need a captain. Theon threatens to hunt him down for treason. His sister comes by to taunt him for his pathetic crew and assignment. She has 30 ships to his one, and with an undisciplined crew at that.

The first mate tells him he'll have to earn their respect. Theon decides to take Stony Shore, which the Starks hold, and then hold it until they arrive to fight them off.

In Harrenhal Arya waits on Tywin and his men as they talk about how Robb Stark, her brother, continues to outperform their expectations. Tywin asks Arya where she's from, then questions her on the sigil. She makes up a new lie when he catches that one. He asks what they say about Robb Stark in the North. She says they say he rides into battle on a dire wolf and can't be killed. He asks if she believes that.

"No, my lord, anyone can be killed," she wisely responds.

She goes to get water but is intercepted by Jaqen H'ghar, one of the prisoners she freed and saved from the fire. He says he always knew she was a girl. He seems menacing, but tells her that a man pays his debts. They stole three deaths from the Red God when she saved him and his fellow prisoners and he says they have to pay them back. She can name any three and he'll kill them. She starts by naming the torturer.

Jon Snow and the Night's Watch trek across the vast wintry expanse. Sam goes on about Gilly. There's nothing but snowy mountains as far as they can see. They see a group approaching.

Tyrion examines a bowl of wildfire -- it can burn through wood, steel and flesh. Bronn worries about their own fighters handling it and flinging it accurately. The Pyromancer shows them his stash. It fills a vast room. They have 7,811 jars -- at Cersei's order. Bronn thinks it's a "s---" idea. Tyrion agrees, the contents of the room could destroy King's Landing.

"You won't be making wildfire for my sister anymore; you'll be making it for me," Tyrion says.

In Qarth, Daenerys teaches one of her baby dragons how to scorch his own food. She wears a beautiful gown given to her by Xaro, supposedly the richest man in Qarth, and the one who vouched for them. She suggests her handmaiden flirt up the other men to find out more about him.

At a garden party hosted by Xaro, she has to tell her men not to steal the ornamentation. A man greets her on behalf of the warlocks of Qarth and invites her to a reception at the House of the Undying. A woman with her face obscured warns Jorah that Daenerys will need protecting.

On the road, Brienne insists it was Stannis who killed Renly, but Catelyn thought it was a "shadow in the shape of a man." They're riding to Robb's camp to tell him what they saw, then Catelyn plans to return to Winterfell. Brienne offers to serve Catelyn, whom she says has "a woman's kind of courage." But she wants permission to kill Stannis when the time comes. Catelyn agrees. They swear vows to each other.

Bran listens to requests from the villagers but they're interrupted by Ser Rodrik announcing a town is under attack 40 miles away. Bran doesn't hesitate in telling Rodrik to take the men he needs to defend them.

Bran tells Osha that he dreamed the sea had come to Winterfell and the water flooded the castle. Ser Rodrik was one who drowned. The sea is hundreds of miles away. Osha seems disturbed by this and quickly leaves.

Back out in the mountains, they see an encampment of Wildlings in the distance. A ranger named Qhorin Halfhand suggests leading a small group of rangers to attack it, and to try getting close to Mance Rayder, the King-beyond-the-Wall. Jon Snow wants in on it and Sam offers to take his steward duties while Jon's gone.

In Qarth, Xaro asks Daenerys how long Ser Jorah has been in love with her. She denies it. She tells Xaro she wants to retake the Iron Throne and protect her people. She asks him why he let her in.

He takes her down to an impenetrable vault door. He has the only key and offers her half of what's inside if she marries him. He promises to help her retake the Seven Kingdoms and tells her that Robert Baratheon is dead.

Daenerys talks it over with Jorah, who's against it. He says he just wants to see her on the Iron Throne because she'd be a good ruler. He tells her to get one ship and sail to Westeros to make allies. He promises to find the ship and captain.

In Harrenhal, Gendry is back to making swords. Arya watches, giving him the same fighting advice her father and her fencing master Syrio Forel had given her.

They hear a scream and run to inspect. The chief torturer is dead in the courtyard of a broken neck. Jaqen H'ghar looks down from above, catching Arya's eye and making a sign. She approves.

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The Old Gods and the New

- Winterfell

Maester Luwin barricades himself inside and scrambles to write a note to send with a raven. There are noises of a battle outside. He lets the raven go and guards break down the door and burst into the room.

Similarly, Theon Greyjoy bursts in on Bran and in an almost friendly, brotherly manner, tells him he's taken Winterfell. He uses threats against the people to convince Bran to publicly tell them he's yielding Winterfell to save them. Bran asks Theon if he always hated them.

Outside, Bran tells the people of Winterfell that he's yielding. Theon orders Luwin to send a raven to his father notifying him of his victory and a raven to his sister asking for 500 men.

Osha, the captive Wildling, asks Theon for permission to fight for him, but he laughs her off. Bran asks her why she would switch sides. She says it's his dream; the ocean has come to Winterfell. She doesn't plan to let it drown her.

Soldiers bring Ser Rodrik in and he proceeds to chew Theon out for his betrayal. Rodrik spits in his face. Theon plans to lock him in a cell but Dagmer argues that no one will respect him if he doesn't punish Rodrik harshly.

Theon sentences Rodrik to death. Luwin and Bran both plead with him to reconsider, with Luwin arguing that Rodrik is worth more to them alive than dead.

Theon looks at the two sides waiting to see what he'll do and goes ahead with it. Bran pleads and Rodrik tells him he's off to see Bran's father. Rodrik taunts Theon into doing it himself. Theon hacks away and finally lops off his head.

Beyond the Wall

Qhorin Halfhand leads the small band of crows towards the Wildling sentries. As they walk he tries to explain to Jon Snow the dangers of being North of the wall in Wildling country.

Harrenhal

Twyin Lannister admonishes the barely literate Amory Lorch for directing a letter to a house loyal to the Starks and giving away their plans. He notices Arya can read.

Petyr Baelish is introduced and Arya tries to hide in a corner. She clears the table, trying to be invisible. But Twyin calls for wine.

Petyr reports he came from Renly's camp. Arya serves them but works to hide her face from Baelish.

He points out the Tyrells have yet to declare allegiance. Loras wants revenge and Maegery wants to be queen. Tywin remembers House Tyrell rebelled against the Iron Throne, against his grandson.

Arya listens.

Baelish takes note of her when she spills wine on him. He tells Tywin about meeting with Catelyn Stark to discuss her daughters.

Beyond the Wall

In the mountains, Jon Snow and his men surround wildlings and attack. Jon's about to kill the last one when he realizes she's a woman, Ygritte. She says there are hundreds of thousands more nearby. They quiz her on her people's plans.

Qhorin Halfhand tells Jon they can't spare a man to watch her. Jon says he'll kill her as the rest of his party continues on, but he hesitates and she takes off running. He chases her over the snowy hills and cuts her off. He pins her and pulls out his dagger. She taunts him and points out it's nearly dark and he's separated from his men.

King's Landing

Cersei and her family watch at the shore as Princess Myrcella sails away. Full of venom, she tells Tyrion she hopes he truly loves someone someday so she can take her away.

Joffrey mocks his younger brother for being upset and irks the Hound by calling him dog.

Walking back to the palace among the people, Tyrion can sense the crowd turning. A cow pie hits Joffrey in the head and as he calls for whoever did it to be punished as the crowd begins to riot. People start attacking and the royal party tries to get back to safety. The crowd rips the Royal Septon to pieces. The Hound grabs Joffrey and the majority, except Sansa, make it to the castle.

Joffrey rages about the people turning on him, saying he wants them all dead but Tyrion yells at him, saying they're starving because of the foolish war Joffrey started. Joffrey can't believe how Tyrion is talking to him, but Tyrion slaps him to make his point. Tyrion asks where Sansa is but Joffrey doesn't care. Tyrion lectures that she's the only way they get Jaime back. Joffrey still refuses to give an order to save her.

Sansa runs down an alley but gets trapped by four men in a barn. They're about gang rape her when the Hound comes in and disembowels one, snaps another's neck and brutally kills a third.

Qarth

Dany gets impatient waiting for the Spice King, the second wealthiest man in Qarth. Xaro Xhoan Daxos waits with her. When he arrives, Dany cuts to the chase and tells them she wants his ships to cross the Narrow Sea to retake the Iron Throne. She promises to repay him three times over.

He questions her strategy, pointing out she has no army and no allies. He refuses to back her based on dreams.

She tells him about dreaming that she took the dragon eggs into the fire and that dream coming true as they hatched; her dreams come true. He's unmoved and refuses to help her because it's bad business.

Back at Harrenhal, Arya sees a note on the table about Robb's military movements. Tywin finds her and tells her about teaching dyslexic Jaime to read. He asks about her father. She says he was a stone mason, but he's dead. What killed him? Tywin asks. Loyalty, she says, and Tywin is impressed with her maturity. She asks Tywin

if he knew his father. As Twyin is distractedly talking, Arya takes the note from the table and hides it on her person.

Later, in the courtyard, she reads it. It says Robb is moving his troops south by the coast. She runs off with the note but runs into Amory Lorch. He grabs the note, which he cannot read, from her and is about to take her to Twyin, but she bolts. She races through the courtyard looking for Jagen H'ghar. She finds him and desperately blurts out "Amory Lorch," and insists that he must be killed now.

Amory Lorch is given leave to enter Tywin's chamber and is about to show him the paper he'd taken from Tywin's "cup girl" when he falls dead of a poison dart to the back of his neck.

Robb's Encampment

Robb walks through camp, thanking and chatting with his men, who all seem to like him. He sees the field nurse who was brutally honest with him before, Talisa. She still won't say who she is, but he's sure that she is of noble birth.

She jokes about being a spy. He invites her to join him, but they're interrupted by his mother, who has returned with Brienne. Catelyn doesn't recognize her family name from Volantis. She reminds Robb he's promised to another by debt and cannot follow his heart.

They get the news that Theon has captured Winterfell.

Beyond the Wall

Jon leads Ygritte around the mountains and realizes he has lost his men. She tries to convince him to light a fire, but he refuses. She points out they'll stay warmer if they huddle. He begrudgingly lays down with her. He thinks his men will find him. She thinks he's stupid but brave. She grinds her body on him provocatively but he barks at her to stop.

Robb's Encampment

Robb cannot believe the news about Theon taking Winterfell. They learn about Ser Rodrik's death at the hand of Theon. Robb wants to retake Winterfell himself, but Roose Bolton convinces him to let him send his bastard son instead. Robb wants his brothers protected and Theon brought alive so he can kill him himself.

At Winterfell, Osha makes a deal with Theon; sex for her freedom.

King's Landing

In King's Landing, Shae treats the cut on Sansa's head. Sansa is reeling from the idea that men who didn't even know her wanted her dead. She complains to Shae that she hates the king more than anyone, but Shae warns her to be careful who she says that to and not to trust anyone.

Winterfell

Osha sneaks out of Theon's bed in the middle of the night. She is intercepted by one of Theon's men but she distracts him by kissing him and then slits his throat. The coast is clear, she whistles for Rickon and Hodor carrying Bran and they sneak away with their direwolves.

Qarth

Dany is irritated at getting turned down by everyone for ships. She and Xaro return to her quarters and find all of her Khalasar murdered and her dragons gone.

Someone carries the caged dragons up a flight of steps towards a tall tower.

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A Man Without Honor

- Winterfell

Theon wakes up alone in bed. He chews out his men for letting Hodor, Bran, Rickon and Osha escape. One of his men points out Theon was busy having sex with Osha, so he beats and stomps on him. They head out after the Stark boys, bringing Maester Luwin with them.

Theon tells Luwin he won't kill the boys if he finds them soon. He's counting on his sister and her men to beat Robb's men back to Winterfell.

The dogs start barking.

But way ahead, the Stark boys are clear. They didn't bring enough food, but Bran doesn't want to risk stopping at a nearby farm and putting the family there at risk if Theon catches up to them. The Stark boys remember two young orphan boys that live there.

Beyond the wall

Jon wakes up pressed against Ygritte, his wildling captive out on the mountains.

"Did you pull a knife on me in the night?" she asks as he cuddles close to her.

By his uncomfortable reaction, she realizes he's a virgin. He partially unties her and leads her away. She taunts him, wondering what happens to him if he doesn't get sex. Jon explains there are no women of the Night's Watch.

She questions his vow and they get into an argument over whose people have claim to the land since both have been there forever.

Harrenhal

Lord Tywin hangs guards one by one, trying to figure out who poisoned Amory Lorch with a wolf's bane dart. They've already hanged 20 men. Tywin thinks they were trying to kill him.

Arya brings him food and listens as Gregor Clegane tells Tywin they think it was an infiltrator from the Brotherhood without Banners.

Tywin sees that Arya brought mutton, which he doesn't like. She offers to bring something else, but he tells her to sit and eat.

He tells her it'll be his last war, win or lose. She holds her cutting knife and contemplates the back of Lord Tywin's neck as he goes on about his legacy.

She knows Harrenhal was attacked by dragons; they never planned against that. Aegon Targaryen led the attack, Arya knows the names of the dragons and the sisters who rode with him.

He asks how she learned all that, but then doesn't believe her stone mason father taught her. He corrects her to say "m'lord" to pass as a commoner, but she keeps up her ruse.

King's Landing

Sansa passes Sandor Clegane in the hall and thanks him for saving her, but he says he enjoys killing.

"You'll be glad of the hateful things I do someday when you're queen, and I'm all that stands between you and your beloved king," he says.

Qarth

Xaro promises to help Dany get her dragons back, because he cannot let this thing happen to her while she is under his roof. She's not hearing it.

Beyond the Wall

Ygritte keeps ranting about the wildling way being better than Jon's. She tells him he doesn't have to spend his whole life taking orders from some old man. He tries to ignore her.

Robb's Encampment

Robb listens to a report from Ser Alton about Cersei's reaction to Robb's offer. He orders his men to keep Alton with Jaime for now.

Talisa drops by to ask for supplies to treat the wounded. He lets her speak frankly to him. She wants to send a list of what she needs with him when he negotiates the surrender of the Crag. He invites her to come with him to look at the supplies, he wants all prisoners treated well.

Winterfell

Theon beats up on the man of a farm house when he says he hasn't seen the Stark boys. One of his men finds Rickon's cracked walnuts. They send Luwin back to Winterfell. Theon gets a crafty look on his face.

Qarth

Jorah returns to Danerys after looking for a ship. She is depressed, and feeling alone and betrayed. He assures her people in Westeros will welcome her. He asks for her trust, and places a kind hand on her shoulder, but she snaps at him for being too familiar. He asks how he can help. "Find my dragons," she says.

Beyond the Wall

Ygritte threatens to tell Jon's men they had sex, then suggests they might as well since it's his word against hers.

She keeps flirting with him but he resists so she takes off running. She disappears from view. Jon follows but then quickly sees he's surrounded by Wildlings.

King's Landing

Sansa has a nightmare about nearly getting gang raped. She wakes up and discovers with horror that she has gotten her first period. She tries to cut the blood out of the sheet, because if Cersei knows she can have Joffrey's children now he'll try. Shae helps, but another hand maiden comes in, sees, and runs off to tell Cersei.

Shae pulls a knife on her, telling her to say nothing.

Shae returns and finds Sandor in Sansa's room.

Sansa meets with Cersei, who tells her having the King's children is the greatest honor for a queen. Cersei says Joffrey has always been difficult. Cersei remembers how Robert used to always go hunting when she was due. "You may never love the King, but you will love his children," Cersei says. Sansa assures her she loves Joffrey.

Cersei tells her the more people she loves, the weaker you are. "Love no one but your children," Cersei says, saying she can try to love Joffrey as well.

Robb's Encampment

Alton shares a pen with Jaime, who doesn't remember him at all. Finally, Jaime remembers that Alton squired for him at a wedding and did a good job.

Alton has a bit of hero worship, remembering Jaime jousting as the best day of his life.

Jaime remembers squiring for someone on a battlefield.

"It's a good thing I am who I am, I would have been useless at anything else," Jaime says. He says he's not suited to be a prisoner, but he imagines Ned Stark was a very good prisoner.

Alton asks Jaime if he's thought about escaping and inches closer. "It's quite simple, you only have to do one thing," Jaime whispers in his ear. "You'll have to die."

Jaime pounds on him until the jailer comes in to check on him. Jaime throttles the jailer around the neck with his chains, gets his keys, and makes his escape.

Qarth

Jorah pays a visit to the woman with the covered face, who can tell that he loves Daenerys. She asks if he'll betray Daenerys "again" and he says never. She tells him the one who took Daenerys' dragons is with her now.

The Spice King and the Thirteen are listening to Daenerys plead for their return. She says the dragons will die without her.

Listening to her plea, Pyat Pree says they should be returned -- and so he'll give them to her. He made an arrangement with the King of Qarth. Daenerys is confused, there is no King.

"There is now," Xaro says.

Daenerys can only watch as Pyat's projections walk up behind all the Thirteen, except Xaro, and slit their throats.

She runs. Pyat follows, saying a mother should be with her children. Pyat -- or a projection of him -- stops her. Jorah stabs it, but it crumples to only a pile of clothes.

Pyat appears again, telling her to go see her dragons in the House of the Undying.

Robb's Encampment

A soldier tells Catelyn that Jaime Lannister has been caught. He's dragged back into camp with chains around his neck as people shout for him to be hanged.

Catelyn has to stop Lord Karstark, whose son Jaime killed in the escape, from killing Jaime with Robb away negotiating the surrender at the Crag.

King's Landing

Tyrion reads a raven scroll: "Stannis Baratheon's fleet has been spotted sailing north, past Tarth. Two Hundred ships." That's more than they have and he'll be there in four or five days. Cersei is counting on raining fire on them from above. Tyrion realizes she's quoting their father.

Tyrion says it's time Joffrey start acting like a King. Cersei says he doesn't listen. "It's hard to put a leash on a dog once you've put a crown on his head," Tyrion says.

"I always hoped he'd be like Jaime. He looks like him," Cersei says. Then she adds, "in a certain light."

Cersei wonders if Joffrey's sadism is the price she has to pay for having children with her brother. Tyrion sympathetically reminds her that the Targaryens wed brothers and sisters for hundreds of years. But she remembers half of them went mad. He tells her she's beaten the odds with Tommen and Myrcella. They wonder what to do. Tyrion almost reaches out to comfort Cersei as she cries. They both feel uncomfortable with the intimacy.

Robb's Encampment

Catelyn and Brienne realize they're about to have a problem on their hands with people wanting Jaime's head and Robb still gone.

Catelyn visits Jaime in his pen and demands to speak with him alone. Catelyn tells Jaime he's a man with no honor. Jaime taunts her, saying that the only woman he's ever been with is Cersei, which makes him better than Ned.

He winds her up by talking about "honorable Ned Stark" bringing home the bastard Jon Snow and how much she must have hated him.

Catelyn calls for Brienne's sword.

Winterfell

Theon addresses the people, telling them he warned them what would happen. Men bring Maester Luwin in in chains. He looks on in horror as Theon reveals two small charred bodies in nooses. Even Theon looks a little shaken at the sight.

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The Prince of Winterfell

- Winterfell

Theon welcomes riders with his sister, Yara, and she immediately mocks him for killing the Stark boys. He says the Northerners would have thought he was weak if he hadn't killed them.

She's not there to defend Winterfell, she's there to bring him home. She thinks there will be hell to pay when Robb Stark finds out what Theon has done to the Stark boys. But Theon says he's killed the ravens and is holding the horses so Robb won't find out. Yara asks him nicely to come home with her so he doesn't die there.

Beyond the Wall

Ygritte brings her prisoner Jon Snow to her people. They order him killed until she points out he's Ned Stark's bastard son. She thinks Mance will want to decide what to do with him. They've also captured Qhorin Half-hand.

Robb's camp

Robb talks to Talisa about his promised marriage to Lord Walder Frey's daughter

to get a key bridge. He says he's fighting because he believes in justice. Robb tells Talisa how much he loved his father Ned, and she says he was loved by his people. A rider approaches and tells them that Jaime Lannister has escaped.

Robb rides back to camp and confronts his mother. She tells him that she let Jaime go back to King's Landing in return for Arya's and Sansa's freedom.

Robb tells her that Jaime played her for a fool and weakened their position, and she did it all behind his back. He orders her guarded and orders more men sent after Jaime.

Out on the road, Brienne marches Jaime in chains. He tries to goad her into undoing his chains and fighting him. They get in a small boat and float down a river as Brienne paddles.

Harrenhal

Arya hears a briefing about Stannis approaching King's Landing. Scouts are saying Robb is North. They know Robb sent a splinter force to Winterfell and think he's weakened.

Tywin announces they'll ride at nightfall. He orders the Mountain, Ser Clegane to hold Harrenhal and track down the Brotherhood without Banners. He tells Arya to stay there.

Arya tries to track down Jaqen H'ghar and hears he's on watch. She can't find him.

Beyond the wall

Jon and Qhorin are marched through the snow. Qhorin whispers that Jon might be able to get intel from inside about Mance's plans to march on the Wall, if Jon does "what needs to be done." He says one man behind the lines is worth a thousand outside.

Qhorin yells at Jon for the wildling's benefit, calling him a traitor and kicking him down a hill.

King's Landing

Tyrion and Bronn try to plan a defense of King's Landing, by consulting history books. Varys joins them.

Tyrion worries about how well Stannis knows King's Landing, he sees Mud Gate as a place Stannis might attack, since it's near the sea. Tyrion says his defense plan

involves pig poop.

Fist of the First Men

Samwell, Grenn and Dolorous Edd dig trenches in the snow for latrines. Edd assumes Jon and Qhorin are dead. They dig until they hit stone. Sam recognizes it as a marking by the first men.

They turn over the stone and find a hollow space containing a bundle of obsidian daggers and spear-tips wrapped in a Night's Watch cloak. Samwell refers to them as Dragon-Glass.

Harrenhal

Arya finally runs into Jaquen. She's irritated she missed her chance at Tywin, so she says the man Jaquen must kill is Jaquen. He takes it very seriously and demands she un-name him. She agrees; if he helps her and her friends escape. He resists, she names him again.

He relents and tells her to be ready at midnight.

King's Landing

Tyrion and Cersei share dinner. Tyrion thinks Joffrey going to war and fighting is a good idea, but Cersei thinks he's taking her children away from her.

She tells Tyrion she has his "whore." She says a Lannister always pays her debts, and reminds him about him sending Myrcella away. She knows he cares about her and promises if Joffrey is hurt, she'll do whatever is done to him to his "whore." Tyrion is visibly shaken.

Cersei orders the whore brought in. It's Ros. He doesn't blink, and tries to pretend he cares about Ros, and tells her to be brave and that he will free her. Cersei smirks an evil smirk. You can tell she is enjoying this game.

"I will hurt you for this," Tyrion says with great gravity. "A day will come when you think you're safe and happy and your joy will turn to ashes in your mouth -- and you'll know the debt is paid."

Tyrion leaves and races home to Shae. She's unharmed and waiting for him. He tells her she's beautiful and that they have to be more careful. He kneels at her feet and looks pained as he looks up at her and tells her there are people who want to hurt him. He says he'd kill for her, and he suspects he'll have to before it's all over. He loves her very much and he says she is his, and she says he is hers.

Robb's camp

Robb tells Roose Bolton to give word at Winterfell that any Iron man who surrenders will be allowed to return home, unharmed. Any except Theon.

Talisa drops by. She asks how he is doing and he unloads the long list of his troubles. Then he apologizes, saying that's not the King he wants to be.

She confesses she was raised to play the harp and recite poetry. He offers her wine and asks how she went from reciting poetry to sawing off men's feet.

She tells a story of when she was 12 and her parents went to a Valyrian wedding out of town. She and her little brother went to the river to play and she lost track of him. She found him floating face down and dragged him from the water.

She screamed and shook him, but he was dead. A fishing boat slave pushed her out of the way -- an offense punishable by death -- and started pressing on her brother's chest until he spit up the water and was revived.

She decided that day that she didn't want a life of poetry and harps and that she'd never live in a slave city again.

She stops and apologizes for going on.

He's totally mesmerized. Robb interrupts, saying he doesn't want to marry the Frey girl.

"I don't want you to marry the Frey girl, but you needed that bridge. I hope it's a very beautiful bridge," she says.

He kisses her and they race to take each other's clothes off.

Harrenhal

At midnight, Arya, Gendry and Hot Pie wait to escape, but Jaquen didn't offer a lot of direction. They see guards on either side of the gate, but Arya decides to trust he'll keep his word. She walks out in full view. As they get closer to the guards they see they're dead, hanged in place.

At Sea

On Stannis' boat, they're a day away from King's Landing. Stannis remembers nearly starving to death trying to hold Storm's End. He says they ate the horses

first, then the cats, then the dogs, then the rats. He talks about Davos smuggling in Onions and helping to break the siege. He tells Davos he wants him to be his Hand when he is on the Iron Throne.

King's Landing

Varys tells Joffrey he hasn't heard word from the North for a long time. Joffrey isn't taking the approach of Stannis seriously and says he plans to ride out and greet him with his sword. He makes several boastful threats, which of course Tyrion laughs at.

Left alone, Varys and Tyrion talk about the future. Tyrion likes being the King's Hand and would like to keep doing it. Varys has heard that Danerys is alive in Qarth and she has three dragons, but it will be years before they're fully grown.

Qarth

Jorah tells Danerys he has found them a ship leaving tonight, but she won't go without her dragons. She wants to go after them in the House of the Undying, but he worries because it's exactly what the warlock wants. She reminds him of her magic that protected her from the fire and tells him again to take her to the dragons.

Winterfell

Theon suggests it's time to take down the burnt bodies. He has gold for the farmer's "troubles" -- presumably the loss of his two sons. He is told the farmer is dead.

Maester Luwin is walking through the courtyard and sees Osha sneaking bread. He looks twice at the burnt bodies, trying to decide if they're Bran and Rickon.

He follows her down into the cellar. Osha describes the path she took through the land and the river to throw off the hounds. They doubled back to Winterfell because it's the last place anyone would look.

They figure the dead boys were the orphans who worked for the farmer, but agree not to tell the Stark boys. We see Bran and Rickon, safe and sound in the dark. Bran hears Osha and Luwin talking about the death of the orphan boys who he tried to protect, and tears well up in his eyes.

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Blackwater

- At Sea Stannis and his fleet approach King's Landing. Davos' son Matthos thinks the Red God will protect them and when the fight is over his father will be the King's hand.

King's Landing Tyrion lies in bed with Shae, worrying that if the city falls, Stannis will burn every Lannister he can find. Shae promises not to let them hurt him, and reveals the dagger strapped to her thigh.

Cersei waits for the attack with a glass of wine. Maester Pycelle tries to work up to giving Cersei advice and then presents her with a vial of nightshade, just in case she feels like killing herself. She takes it but sends him away, not wanting to listen to him.

Bronn leads a drinking song with the goldcloaks and whores. He undresses one having a grand old time until the Hound comes in, very surly, and giving him the evil eye. They briefly debate the merits of killing. The Hound says Bronn is just like him, only smaller.

The Hound stares him down, saying Tyrion will miss him someday. Bronn stands to face him, ready to draw his dagger when the bells toll.

Varys brings Tyrion the map he asked for with 50 miles of tunnels beneath the city. He's not planning on running. Varys warns Tyrion about Stannis using the dark arts and that he believes Tyrion is the only man who can stop him.

At Sea Davos orders drums to respond to the bells from King's Landing.

King's Landing

Joffrey wants Sansa to see him off to war by kissing his new sword that he's named "Hearteater."

Sansa asks if he'll be out fighting with the vanguard. He explains that kings don't discuss strategy with stupid girls. She traps him by saying she is being stupid, of course he'll be out there, her brother Robb is always in the thick of things and he's "only a pretender."

Sansa's sure Joffrey will be back. "The worst ones always live," she tells Shae.

Inside the castle walls, the guards prepare for war and families flee to safety.

Joffrey and Tyrion go to the wall and Joffrey is surprised to see his ships are gone. He demands answers, threatening to cut Tyrion in half if he doesn't get them.

"That would make me the quarter man, and that just doesn't have the same ring to it," Tyrion replies. He grabs a torch and explains it's all part of the plan.

At Sea

Davos is concerned not to see any ships waiting for them.

King's Landing

Sansa and Shae hang out in a bunker for women. Cersei calls Sansa over and offers her wine. Cersei gets word of people stealing horses and orders them killed and their heads put on spikes. She asks for more wine.

On the castle wall, they call for the archers as Stannis' ships approach. Joffrey whimpers when they wait to attack. One ship comes out from King's Landing to meet Stannis' fleet.

At Sea

Davos calls for archers and they watch as the ship sails silently past. They see there's no one on board. They see wildfire pouring out of the ship and Davos orders them to steer clear.

King's Landing

On the battlement, Hallyne gleefully hands Tyrion a torch; Tyrion drops the torch over the side of the stone wall. From across the cliff, Bronn sees the flame fall from Tyrion's position -- it is a signal and he fires a single flaming arrow into the wildfire by the ships. Davos sees what's about to happen, but it's too late. Matthos ship ignites first, followed by Davos'. The people of King's Landing witness an incredible conflagration as dozens of ships go up in the green flame of wildfire. Tyrion watches in horror as ships break into splinters and men scream in the water.

Watching the display, Stannis orders his men forward. He says "the dwarf has played his trick" and "it will only work once." One of his men warns him hundreds will die. "Thousands," Stannis corrects.

An increasingly inebriated Cersei calls Sansa over to mock her for praying. She gets Sansa more wine and tells Sansa she should have been born a man, she hates being cooped up. Cersei says that if the city falls, she'll be forced to try to seduce Stannis, but she'd have better chances seducing his horse. She counsels Sansa that her best weapon is between her legs, then warns her that if the city falls, all of the women "should be in for a bit of a rape."

Back on the wall, Tyrion orders his men to rain fire on Stannis' approaching fleet. He sends the Hound out to greet them. Joffrey looks generally panicked and twitchy.

Stannis' men land on the shore and flaming arrows rain down upon them from the castle. Still, Stannis and some men make it to the castle walls. The King's Landing guards throw rocks over the battlements. Stannis orders his men to the mud gate. The Hound and his men emerge on the shore and fight, Lancel is wounded and retreats for the castle.

A drunker Cersei talks to Sansa about Jaime being taught to fight when they were children and her being taught to be lovely and polite before being sold to Robert for him to "ride like a horse."

Cersei finally gets a good look at Shae and says that she doesn't recognize her. When Shae approaches and botches a curtsy, Cersei is suspicious and wonders how she got where she is without learning how to curtsy properly. She demands that Shae tell her story, but then Lancel busts in and tells Cersei that Stannis' fleet is destroyed but he still made land. Cersei orders him to bring Joffrey back to his chambers.

Cersei fesses up to Sansa that one of the guards, Ser Ilyn Payne, the king's executioner, isn't there to protect them; if Stannis takes the city, he won't be taking them alive.

Back outside, the Hound splits men in two and keeps fighting. He's momentarily frozen in his tracks when a man on fire runs at him screaming. Bronn saves him with an arrow to the flaming man.

The Hound is totally unsettled by all the fire, has a battlefield epiphany, and leads his men back in the castle walls.

Stannis orders the ladders up the walls and goes up one first. He's on the castle wall quickly.

Inside, the Hound calls for wine which he chugs. Tyrion yells at him. The Hound tells him he lost half his men. Joffrey bleats at him to go back out. The Hound tells the city, the guard and Joffrey to eff off and walks away.

Stannis' men use their upturned landing ships as protection from the flaming arrows and approach the castle walls. They prepare a battering ram.

Lancel comes for Joffrey to bring him back to the Red Keep. "If you won't defend your own city, why should they?" Tyrion asks of him.

Joffrey asks if his mother had urgent business with him, looking for an out. Then he orders his men to represent him on the field of battle. Tyrion and all the men see him skulk away.

His men below observe their King's cowardice and their will to fight diminishes.

Tyrion calls for his helmet and shouts that he'll lead the attack. The men need some convincing. Tyrion says there's another way out and he'll show it to them and they'll attack from behind. He tells the soldiers not to fight for their king or for money or anything, but to fight for their city, to protect their houses and their women. "Those are brave men knocking at our door, let's go kill them!" he shouts. The men rally.

Not having seen any of this, Lancel reports to Cersei that the battle is lost and that Joffrey should go back out and fight. He tries to talk some sense into her, but she punches him in his arrow wound and storms off.

Sansa assures the women that Joffrey will save them and suggests they sing a hymn. Shae tells Sansa to go to her room and bar the door so the guard doesn't kill her.

Shae's staying to say good-bye to someone and has her knife strapped to her leg.

Back in her chamber, Sansa finds the Hound waiting. He tells her he's going some place that isn't burning.

"What about the king?" she asks.

"He can die just fine on his own," he says.

He offers to take her to Winterfell and promises to keep her safe. When she says Stannis won't hurt her, he tells her he's a killer, as was her father and brothers. She realizes the hound doesn't mean her any harm.

Stannis and his men continue attacking the walls and Tyrion and his men sneak out behind them. Tyrion hacks away at soldiers' knees.

They fight off the attacking group quickly and start chanting "Half man," but the victory doesn't last long when a huge wave of Stannis' troops approach from another direction.

A new clash ensues. Tyrion is attacked by Ser Mandon of Joffrey's Kingsguard and receives a severe slash on his face, but is saved when his squire, Podrick stabs his

attacker with a spear. Clearly, either Cersei or Joffrey did not intend for Tyrion to survive this battle. Tyrion slowly loses consciousness as the wound on his face bleeds.

Cersei huddles with her young son Tommen on the Iron Throne and tells him the story of a mother and her cub and how she told him that one day everyone will bow to him.

Outside on the battle shores, the battle turns when a group of mounted knights seemingly led by Renly Baratheon in his antlered helm and armor crashes into Stannis' flank.

Cersei is about to feed Tommen the nightshade when someone bursts through the doors to the throne room.

On the wall, Stannis' men drag him away from the lost battle.

Twyin strides majestically into the throne room and greets his daughter Cersei. It's clear that the Lannisters had made a pact with House Tyrell as the armored knight removes Renly's helmet and reveals himself to be Ser Loras Tyrell.

"The battle is over, we have won," Tywin announces as she lets the vial of deadly nightshade fall and shatter on the throne room floor.

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Valar Morghulis

- Kings Landing

Tyrion wakes up bandaged to find Maester Pycelle standing over his bed. He calls for someone to alert Varys and Bronn that he's still alive.

Pycelle informs him that Stannis suffered a stunning defeat at the hands of his father Tywin. Tyrion has been moved to decidedly less comfortable accommodations. He's informed he's no longer Hand of the King.

In the Throne Room, King Joffrey proclaims his grandfather Tywin the hero of the realm and reiterates his position as Hand of the King. Petyr Baelish, for uniting the houses of Lannister and Tyrell, is raised to a Lord and is given the lands and Castle of Harrenhal. In the crowd, Varys glowers.

Up next, Joffrey promises Loras Tyrell anything he should ask for. Loras states that his sister Margaery remains "innocent" and therefore is able to re-marry. He

suggests they join their two houses by marriage. Margaery, wearing her lowest cut gown, professes she fell in love with Joffrey from afar and he says the same, but says he's promised to another.

In the gallery, Sansa looks on nervously.

Joffrey says he has to keep his word, but Cersei pipes up that it wouldn't be wise to marry a woman whose father was beheaded for treason and whose brother is at war against them. She says, for the good of the realm, "your counselors beg you to set Sansa Stark aside." Joffrey says again he took a vow.

Pycelle totters out and says his father made this pact before the Starks revealed their "falseness." He says he has consulted with the High Septon and that their crimes free Joffrey of any promises of King Robert's. Joffrey happily agrees to wed Margaery.

Sansa quietly walks away, then suppresses a relieved smile.

Baelish intercepts her and disabuses her of the notion that she'll be free to go, saying Joffrey will still beat her and have his way with her. "Joffrey's not the sort of boy who gives away his toys," he says.

But, out of kindness for her mother, he offers to get her home.

In the whorehouse, Ros gets a visit from Varys. She doesn't recognize him at first. He knows about her being beaten. Varys tells her she's right to be afraid of Baelish, but they could be partners. He claims to know his weaknesses.

Along the river shore

Brienne and Jaime make shore. They find three women strung up by their necks with a sign declaring that they had laid down with lions. Brienne pauses to cut them down and bury them. Three Stark men approach and Brienne ignores Jaime's request to be cut free. The men laugh at the fact that she's a woman. When she asks the men whether the three tavern wenches had a quick death, one of them says that two of the deaths were quick, the third was not. They keep pressing Brienne for information on her prisoner. When they ask his crime, Jaime and Brienne both sell the story he's a thief, but one of the men recognizes him as Jaime Lannister. Brienne insists he's not. The leader of the men tells Brienne and Jaime to say what his name is at the same time at the count of three. Brienne takes out her sword and cuts them all down, but the third she takes her time with, skewering him in a way to make sure he won't rape again.

Jaime points out she just killed Stark men. "I don't serve the Starks, I serve Lady

Catelyn. I told you I'd take you to King's Landing and that's what I'm going to do," she says.

Robb's Camp

Robb tells his mother he loves Talisa and doesn't intend to go through with his arranged marriage to Lord Walder Frey's daughter. Lady Stark once again attempts to steer him back to his betrothal and warns that Lord Frey is not someone to trifle with. Robb is defiant, saying "My father is dead and the only parent I have left has no right to call anyone reckless," he says.

Stannis' camp

Stannis is angry at Melisandre, saying that she promised he'd win, that she saw it in the fire. She says he can still win. He starts to choke her, asking where her god is now. "In you," she croaks out.

He lets her go and she coos in his ear, saying that the war will go on for years and before it's over he'll betray everything he believes in, his own family and his own men, but it will all be worth it, because he'll win. He still doubts.

She tells him to look into the fire. He looks and sees.

Winterfell

Theon sulks in front of the fire, knowing he's surrounded and angry that they're blowing the horn incessantly to keep him from sleeping. He wants more ravens sent to his father but Maester Luwin reminds him he killed all the ravens.

He laments being raised as a prisoner and then returning home to a father who didn't care. Luwin suggests he run. But there's nowhere to run to, Theon says. He couldn't go home a coward. Luwin suggests he join the Night's Watch, where he'd be beyond the law. Luwin tells him about the secret passageways.

Luwin tells him on the Night's Watch he'll have opportunities to make amends. "I've known you many years, Theon Greyjoy. You're not the man you're pretending to be," Luwin tells him. "You may be right, but I've come too far to pretend to be anything else," Theon says.

Theon goes outside and gives a rousing speech to his 20 remaining men, saying history will remember the Battle of Winterfell. "What is dead may never die!" he ends. Then his own man Dagmer Cleftjaw knocks him unconscious. They thought he'd never shut up.

"It was a good speech, didn't want to ruin it," Dagmer says. They put a bag over Theon's head and say it's time to go home.

Maester Luwin comes out to see what's going on and gets a spear through the belly.

King's Landing

Varys tells Tyrion that Ser Mandon tried to kill him on his sister's orders, but Podrick saved him. Tyrion asks for Bronn to put Gold Cloaks outside his door but is informed that Bronn is no longer in command. The Hill Tribes men have also been paid and sent home by Lord Twyin. Varys informs Tyrion that some of the Gold Cloaks are loyal to Twyin, and some are loyal to Cersei. .

Varys tells Tyrion he won't see him for awhile, but he assures him he's still his friend. He ushers Shae in. Varys tells him many know that without him the city would have fallen, even if history won't show it.

Shae gently takes off his bandage to reveal a gnarly scar across his whole face. She suggests they run away together, but he says out-talking and out-thinking the bad people there is what he's meant to do. He asks her if she's going to leave.

"You have a shit memory. I am yours and you are mine," she says, curling up with him.

Robb's camp

Robb and Talisa are married in a private ceremony.

Qarth

Jorah and Daenerys approach the house of the undying, a tall stone tower with no apparent door. Daenerys runs around it looking for away in. Jorah loses sight of her on the turn and sees she has disappeared.

Inside, Daenerys shouts at the warlocks that they can't frighten her with magic tricks. She hears her dragons squeal.

Harrenhal

On the road outside Harrenhal, Arya and Gendry see Jaen. She wants to know how to kill and he offers to show her if she goes with him. But she needs to find her family. He gives her a "coin of great value."

If the day comes when she needs to find him again, just find any man from Braavos, give him the coin and say "Valar Morghulis."

She asks him to stay, but he tells her Jaen is dead. He looks away, and when he looks back, he's someone else.

Arya watches him walk away.

Winterfell

Osha leads Bran and Rickon up to the square, which they find burnt and empty. They find their direwolves and head to the sacred weirwood tree. Luwin is lying under it, mortally wounded. He tells them to pack up and go north. There are too many enemies in the south. He tells them to find Jon on the Wall, who will look after them and send word to their mother.

He tells Osha to protect them, even from her own kind. She says she has no love for her own kind. She offers to get him milk of the poppy, but he motions to her knife instead and tells her to do it quickly.

They head out on the road, leaving Winterfell burning in the distance.

Qarth

Daenerys walks deeper into the dark House of the Undying and into an open room with a ring of doors. She can hear her dragons on the other side. She opens a door and walks into a snowy courtyard that is the throne room of King's Landing but in ruins. She walks up to the Iron Throne and is about to touch it when she hears the plaintive dragon's cry. She walks toward it and is out beyond the wall in unending white snow. She sees a small hut in the distance and walks in.

She walks in to a sunny scene of Khal Drogo holding their child. She wonders if she's dead and doesn't know it. He suggests maybe he came back for her.

She sits down with him and they soak up the dream. But the cry of the dragons wakes her from it. She gets up and leaves. She walks back into the chamber and sees her dragons chained on the pedestal.

The warlock Pyat Pree walks out to greet her, reappearing in many versions all around her. He explains that when her dragons awoke, it awoke his power and it's strongest in her presence. So, he tells her, she'll remain there with them. She finds herself in chains, but remains calm.

Her tiny dragons await her command. "Dracarys," she says. They let out a tiny puff

of smoke. But that's just the warm up. They start breathing fire and soon torch Pyat, then their chains. Daenerys is unharmed by their flame and soon she is free.

Beyond the wall

Ygritte marches Jon Snow and Qhorin back to Mance. Qhorin grabs a sword and attacks Jon to further sell the idea that Jon's no longer loyal to the Night's Watch. The wildlings let them fight and Jon is forced to fend off his friend.

Sensing that Jon is hesitating, Quorin taunts him until Jon skewers him.

As he falls dying he whispers to Jon: "We are the Watchers of the Wall."

The wildlings free his hands and Ygritte takes him to meet the King beyond the wall.

Qarth

Daenerys and her people sneak up on Xaro in bed, taking his medallion to unlock the safe that he said held unimaginable wealth. She finds one of her hand maidens in bed with him and goes to the vault. It's empty.

She seals Xaro and the traitor inside. The remaining Dothraki go through Xaro's chambers and take the gold and jewels -- enough to buy a ship.

Beyond the wall

Samwell and his friends hear three blasts of the horn. They run, but Sam falls behind as a blizzard closes in. He runs as he sees figures approaching. As he cowers behind a rock, hordes of undead stream by led by White Walkers mounted on Wight horses.

S3, Ep1

Valar Dohaeris

- "Valar Dohaeris" - March 31, 2013

We pick up right where we left off: Samwell Tarley is running through a blinding blizzard. He comes upon one of his brothers from the Night's Watch. He is holding his head in his arms. He has been decapitated by a White Walker. More seem imminent and one approaches and scrabbles after him but Jon's direwolf, Ghost and his other brothers arrive and set fire to him. Lord Commander Jeor Mormont asks if he sent the ravens. He did not. It was Samwell's only job. He turns to the

others and says they need to get back to wall to warn everyone because if they don't, before Winter is done, everyone they've ever known will be dead.

Meanwhile, Jon Snow is finally brought to Mance Rayder ([CiarÅn Hinds](#)), the King Beyond the Wall. He gains his trust by telling him that he wants to turn traitor and join the Wildlings because of what he saw at Craster's Keep and what "took" the baby boy that Craster left for it. He says when he told the Commander about the White Walker that Mormont saw and that he knew. He tells Rayder that he wants to fight for the side that fights for the living.

In King's Landing Tyrion is stewing. He was injured in the battle... at the direction of his sister... and been taken down several pegs in standing now that his father Tywin serves as Hand to King Joffrey. He asks for a meeting with Tywin. He wonders where his reward is for leading the charge in the battle, for being injured, for showing cunning and daring. His father lets him know in no uncertain terms, without a shred of sentimentality that he is ashamed of him, still angry that he "killed" his mother by being born, and that he has been a disappointment his whole life with his love for booze and whores. He says he will be compensated eventually but he will not get what he thinks he's "entitled" to... Casterley Rock... but whatever Tywin deems appropriate, what is "suited" to his accomplishments and a position that suits him and a suitable wife.

Davos Seaworth is saved from a godforsaken rock in the ocean by his pirate friend Salladhor Saan ([Lucian Msamati](#)). Davos lost his son in the battle. He wants to get to Stannis Baratheon but Saan tells him that Stannis remains under the sway of Melisandre at Dragonstone. She has been burning men alive that spoke against her, Stannis is a recluse, and there's no talking to him since he lost the battle. Davos begs him, mostly he just wants to kill Melisandre. Saan tries to dissuade him. He says when Davos is dead he'll gather his bones and let his widow wear them around her neck.

Davos gets a drop off and Stannis doesn't seem all that psyched to see him. Frankly, he seems depressed. He argues with Melisandre, calls her his enemy. She challenges him and says she could've saved them all that day but Davos convinced Stannis not to bring her. She taunts him about the men burning up in the wildfire, like his son. He tries to attack her and Stannis has him locked away. Melisandre says she'll pray for him.

Robb Stark, newlywed, is still busy making plans. He wants to fight the Lannisters, who he says have been running from them. They come upon a decimated city. One man lives, a maester who reveals his name as Qyburn ([Anton Lesser](#)), and Talisa, Robb's wife, attends to him as he tells his tale. Robb orders his mother locked up, still angry that she allowed Jaime Lannister to leave in an attempt to ransom Arya and Sansa.

Sansa and Shae play a game on the shore, pretending where the various ships are going. Littlefinger arrives and tells Sansa he saw her mother recently and she wants to see her and Arya. He tells Sansa he's working on an assignment far away and when he sets sail he might be able to take her but she'll need to be ready to go at a moment's notice. Ros tells Shae to watch out for Sansa with Littlefinger.

Lady Margaery and King Joffrey are being carried through the city when she stops to speak to the orphans of the battle of Blackwater Bay. She gives them toys and food and says she and the king will take care of them. Later that night she and Loris have dinner with Joffrey and Cersei, and Cersei is her usual cool, cruel self, questioning her about stopping with the orphans. Cersei says Margaery should be careful since they were attacked there once. Joffrey says she's blowing it out of proportion. She immediately accedes and says that he's his father's son but not everyone can have a king's bravery.

Heading towards Slavers Bay, Danaerys' dragons are a lot bigger as they fly over the ship she was able to get. She says they need to grow even bigger. She says she also needs an army. Jorah wants to enlist a slave army but she doesn't like that idea. The Dothraki unfortunately are not taking to the high seas so well. She points out that Jora shouldn't mock them since they followed her, and are the first Dothraki to sail on the "poisoned waters." He says they followed strength and she'll need to exhibit even more to get others to follow her.

They arrive at Astapor and appraise the army on offer: the Unsullied. They are expertly trained, incredibly loyal, and unafraid of death. The Master, Kraznys Mo Nakloz ([Dan Hildebrand](#)) who owns the Unsullied, insults Danaerys and Jorah as he gives his tour of the soldiers, and a woman, Missandei ([Nathalie Emmanuel](#)), translates for him. To prove how tough they are he goes up to one and slices off his nipple. The soldier shows no pain and responds that he is happy to serve. Kraznys says as part of their practice, they also toughen them up by giving them a silver coin, sending them to the slave market, and killing a child in front of its mother, paying the child's owner for the trouble. (In short, he is despicable.) He says he has 8,000 soldiers to sell and she needs to make her mind soon. She is disgusted knowing this means that there are 8,000 dead babies and wrestles with the idea of being a slave owner.

Jorah points out that she would clearly make a kinder master at the very least and see that they're properly fed and sheltered. As they talk, they follow a mischievous little girl through the marketplace and a creepy cloaked figure trails them. The little girl smiles at Dany, charming her. She rolls a ball toward Danaerys and gestures for her to open it. As she is about to open it, the cloaked figure lunges. Jorah grabs him and Danaerys falls. The ball opens and a horrible, clearly deadly insect-like creature crawls out. The cloaked figure kills it and saves her.

The little girl opens her mouth to display blue-stained teeth, hisses an otherworldly hiss and then jumps in the water. They turn and she is now standing on a rooftop behind them. She was sent by the warlocks.

Danaerys thanks the cloaked figure, who reveals himself to be Ser Barristan Selmy ([Ian McElhinney](#)), Commander of King Robert Baratheon's guard who had been relieved of his station and exiled by Joffrey. He's been searching for Daenaerys since King Robert's death. Selmy asks forgiveness in failing to protect her kinsman the previous "mad" King Aerys II whom he had served before Baratheon's successful rebellion. He takes a knee before her, calls her queen and asks to join her Queen's Guard. He promises he won't fail her this time.

S3, Ep2

Dark Wings, Dark Words

- "Dark Wings, Dark Words" - April 7, 2013

Bran runs through the woods so this is clearly a dream. He seems lost. A black bird flies by and caws at him. He tries to shoot it with an arrow as Jon Snow and Robb talk to him. He hears his father's voice. Then another boy appears and says he can't kill it because the raven is him. He wakes up and Hodor checks on him. He tells Osha that he saw the three-eyed raven again in his dream. She's worried about his black magic dreams. He says he didn't ask for them. She seems nervous and thinks they need to be on the move to the wall.

Robb Stark stares into the fire while Talisa gently mocks him. They kiss but are interrupted by Lord Roose Bolton ([Michael McElhatton](#)) who has two notes, one from Riverrun and one from Winterfell. Catelyn's father has died. He also informs her that Winterfell has burned and Bran and Rickon have not been found. He theorizes they could've been taken hostage by Theon. Roose Bolton informs Robb that when his bastard arrived to free Winterfell, he found the castle burned down.

We see Theon is tied up and awakened with cold water to the face. He asks where he is. A torturer sticks a flaying knife through his hand.

Brienne and Jaime continue their journey as he continues to be goofy and charming and Brienne isn't having it. He wants to chat; she wants silence. He deduces she was pledged to Renly Baratheon and mocks him which she doesn't care for. He taunts her that she fancied him but he points out that Renly wasn't her type. Wrong team. She has quite enough of this and grabs his head. A farmer passes by on his way to Riverrun. He tells them to be careful and blesses them. Jaime thinks the guy recognized him and should be dealt with. They move on.

Joffrey is getting a fitting for his wedding coat and Cersei looks on approvingly. He yells at the tailor. Cersei asks how he likes Margaery. He thinks she's an ideal match from a family standpoint. Cersei wants to know what he thinks of her though. He's clearly smitten but begs off this boring conversation. Cersei tries to trash talk her but he rebuffs her and says women need to do what they're told but that he does not.

Sansa tells Shae to stop worrying about Littlefinger taking an interest in her. She says he doesn't want anything or want to touch her. Shae says if he does, to tell her, and she will make him stop. Loras Tyrell pays a visit to invite Sansa to lunch in the gardens. He sweetly compliments her. She reminds him of the first time they met and him giving her a red rose. Sansa meets up with Margaery and introduces her to her grandmother Olenna Tyrell ([Diana Rigg](#)). She's a fun old broad who speaks her mind about her family and how dumb Renly Baratheon was. She claims she's much less boring than the others and she's right. Olenna wants to know "the truth" about Joffrey since they've heard some troubling tales about Sansa being mistreated by him. She starts to spout the party line about Joffrey but Margaery says she just wants the truth. Sansa is very scared to tell the truth. She starts telling the truth and then thinks better of it. Olenna and Margaery promise not to betray her confidence. Sansa warns "he's a monster." They're disappointed but not surprised and the wedding will go forward.

As they march to Riverrun to attend Catelyn's father's funeral, Robb chats about the future of the war with his bannerman, Lord Rickard Karstark. He thinks going to the funeral is a waste of time and that Robb has lost the plot. He thinks Robb lost the war the day he married Talisa. Talisa goes to speak to Catelyn and it's a pretty chilly conversation as Catelyn talks about making what looks like a kind of dreamcatcher, to help see her sons to safety. She says she made one to pray for Bran's survival from the fall. She also prayed for Jon Snow at first she prayed for him to die and he got the pox and had terrible guilt about it. So she then made one of these dreamcatcher devices and prayed for him to live and if he did she would love him and begged Ned Stark to give him his name and be done with it. Obviously Jon lived, but he never became a Stark because she couldn't keep her promise to ask Ned to do it. She feels that all of the horror that has befallen her family is because she couldn't love a motherless child.

Jon Snow trudges through the snow with Mance Rayder. Rayder explains about the various warring factions and how he united all 90 of them: he told them they were all going to die if they didn't go South because that's the truth. They hang out waiting on Orell, a warg; his eyes have gone white, he can go into a state and see through the eyes of animals. He comes back to the present and says he went to "The Fist of the First Men." Rayder asks what he saw and he says "dead crows."

The Night's Watch are themselves trudging through their own barren wasteland. One taunts Samwell for running and hiding. The guy tells him to lie down and rest because he knows he wants to. Samwell falls to his knees wracked with exhaustion and fear and sadness that they left him when the White Walkers came. They said they left him because he's fat and slow and they didn't want to die. They pull him up. The man who taunted him wants to leave him behind. Lord Commander Mormont ([James Cosmo](#)) tells the taunter he has to look after Sam and he tells Sam he's not allowed to die.

Bran sleeps but is awoken by Osha and his dire wolf looking for food. She runs off to capture some game. The wolf growls. The boy from Bran's dreams, Jojen Reed ([Thomas Brodie-Sangster](#)), walks up to him. The dire wolf growls at him. Osha attacks him from behind then his sister attacks her from behind and makes her drop her spear. The boy approaches the wolf and has him sniff his hand. The wolf calms. He approaches Bran and introduces himself and his sister Meera ([Ellie Kendrick](#)), and they've come a long way to find him and they have much farther to go.

Arya and her buddies trudge through a much leafier forest arguing about where to go; she wants to go to Riverrun to meet up with her grandfather. (Ruh-ro.) They hear voices and hide. A group of men are wandering through the forest, one of them singing. They shoot an arrow in the direction of Arya and her buddies. She tells them to bugged off and she won't kill them. They seem menacing at first but they turn out to be a less than frightening gang led by Thoros of Myr ([Paul Kaye](#)), a member of the Brotherhood Without Banners. He offers them food and wants to chat about what they're doing and then they'll let them go on their way.

When Tyrion returns to his chambers and finds Shae, he is upset that she has come there since his father has threatened to kill the next whore he finds in Tyrion's bed. She tells him she's worried about Sansa and Littlefinger. She gives him a hard time about Ros but eventually she gets to the point and says they need to protect her. He says she'll have no trouble since she's a great beauty. Shae gets angry that he calls her beautiful. They kiss and make up. They get ready to do more than kiss and he warns her not to come there again. She distracts him.

Joffrey summons Margaery. He's leaving on a hunting trip and wants to make sure she's all set and happy in the capital. He interrogates her about being Renly Baratheon's wife. She says she did her duty and tried to give him children but he didn't seem interested in the company of women. She says the one time he wanted to try something that sounded very painful and couldn't possibly result in children. Joffrey says Renly was a known degenerate and considered making his perversion punishable by death. Even though her brother Loras is similarly degenerate she is a smart girl and tells him he needs to do what he must do. He shows her his new, higher-tech crossbow. She pretends to be delighted by it and says she wants to go

hunting sometime. He lets her hold the crossbow and puts his arms around her to demonstrate. She says it must be exciting to kill something. He asks if she thinks she could do it. She asks if he thinks she could. He does. She asks if he'd like to watch. He would.

The torturer continues to literally put the screw to Theon's foot and asks why he took Winterfell. He says he took it to rule it for the glory of his family and the Iron Islands. And then he says he took it because he hated the Starks and wanted to punish them for holding him hostage. He says he'll say anything to make it stop. They throw a cloak over his head and leave. A boy comes and loosens the screws and says he'll come back for him.

Bran and the gang soldier on. Jojen says he knows Bran can see through the wolves' eyes and the raven too, because he's seen it as well. He says he will eventually get control of it and be able to do it while awake... Bran is apparently a Warg too. He says the raven is something different, seeing the past, the future, of things happening far away. Osha chats with Meera and says Jojen should be ashamed to need protecting by his sister. Meera says some people will always need protecting. Bran says he saw his father die, Jojen saw it too. Apparently, Jojen's father saved Ned Stark's life during Robert's Rebellion. Bran asks what else he's seen and he says the only thing that matters: Bran himself.

The Brotherhood Without Banners break bread and ale with Arya and her fellow fugitives. Thoros asks how they escaped from Harrenhal. She says Gendry is a smith. Arya notes that they both know how to use a sword and that her brothers taught her. They laugh at her. She pulls her sword and Thoros quickly disarms her grasp and toasts her brothers. Thoros says they'll let them go. As they are about to leave a man brings in a captured Sandor Clegane, "The Hound," who has fled King's Landing after the Battle of Blackwater Bay. He recognizes her and asks them what they are doing with "the Stark Bitch."

Jaime and Brienne try to figure out how to cross the river, the bridge or the water. They cross the bridge, risking being seen. He plops down in the middle like a jerk. As she tries to raise him he grabs one of her swords and severs his tether. His hands are still shackled though. He draws on her and says she moves well. They spar across the bridge. He notes her quandary: if she kills him she's failed Lady Stark but if she doesn't he'll kill Brienne. They spar some more. Then riders arrive on horses carrying the banners of the Flayed Man (the sigil of House Bolton). They say it looks like his woman is getting the better of him. The farmer did recognize him. They are Northmen and they close in on him, refusing Jaime's offer of cash. The leader points out if Robb heard they had the Kingslayer and let him go Robb would have his head.

Walk of Punishment

- "Game of Thrones" - "Walk of Punishment" - April 14, 2013

Catelyn's father's dead body is pushed out onto a lake in a boat that will be his funeral pyre. Edmure Tully, Catelyn's brother, lights several arrows, but fails to ignite the boat. Ser Brynden "The Blackfish" Tully, Catelyn's uncle, pushes him aside and gets the job done.

Edmure explains why he confronted Tywin Lannister at a mill and sent him scurrying. Robb tells him that this was a mistake -- he wanted Edmure to lure Tywin into a chase. Edmure says he took hostages, a pair of teenaged Lannister cousins. Robb points out that they are not of equal value with his sisters, and that they also lost men, which they need more than Tywin does. Edmure apologizes. Robb isn't having it, pointing out that Tywin is a patient man and can afford to be.

We cut to Tywin convening a meeting with the small council, including Littlefinger, Varys, Cersei, and Tyrion. They all take a seat. Cersei makes sure to move her chair next to her father. Tyrion moves his to the other head of the table. Tywin asks for news of Jaime. There is none and he's angry their spies know nothing of his location. Varys reports that Robb Stark and his army are in Riverrun for the funeral and that Roose Bolton holds Haarenhal at the moment. Tywin says to let him have it for now. Tywin orders Littlefinger to go to the Vale to marry the widow, Lysa Aryn, which would make him "acting" Lord of the Vale, which would be better than holding Haarenhal apparently. If he's with the widow in the Eyrie, then that would mean Robb Stark's own aunt would be against him.

Tyrion points out that Littlefinger's absence could cause problems and adds that the royal wedding is going to come at a serious price tag. It's not a good time to leave the crown's finances unattended. Tywin concedes the point, and makes Tyrion the new Master of Coin. He says it would best suit his talents. Tyrion is not so sure. Everyone else, however, gives him a vote of confidence.

The men of House Bolton who have captured Brienne and Jaime sing a song ("The Bear and the Maiden Fair") as they bring their hostages through the forest. Jaime and Brienne, tied to each other back to back, bicker. He points out that when they make camp, she'll be raped repeatedly and she should let it happen. If she fights them they'll kill her, since he's the prisoner of value. He says she should close her eyes and pretend it's Renly. She can't believe he'd take his own advice if he was a woman. He says if he were a woman he'd make them kill him.

Gendry suits up Thoros of Myr with some armor. Arya asks why he's helping these people, since they took them prisoner. Thoros says she's not a prisoner and that she's lucky they found her, since the woods aren't safe for Ned Stark's daughter. He

teases her about her sword, and when she flourishes it, he quickly disarms her. The Hound is dragged in, bound and hooded. Arya asks if he remembers the last time he was here. He doesn't. They are about to depart when their chubby friend Hot Pie tells Arya and Gendry he's staying behind. He baked some bread for the innkeeper, and she liked it so much she offered him room and board in exchange for cooking. He baked Arya bread in the shape of a wolf. He tells Arya and Gendry not to get stabbed and Gendry tells him not to burn his fingers. They say their goodbyes. She gets on Thoros' horse and has a bite of the bread and calls to Hot Pie and tells him it's really good.

Catelyn and her Uncle Brynden "The Blackfish" chat. She's happy to be near his steady strength and good humor. She says she's missed him, and her father, his brother, missed him, too. He says her father was a stubborn old ox and was surprised he died. He says they made peace in the end. She reminisces about seeing her father off when he would go off to battle. He would tell her to wait for his return, and she took it literally -- she would sit there as a girl day after day and wait for him to return. And now she wonders if Bran and Rickon also stared across the moors of Winterfell waiting for her to return. She cries that she will never see them again. He comforts her saying she mustn't say that -- they may be in hiding, and Robb believes they are alive. She must remain strong for him so they can prevail.

Talisa tends to the teenaged Lannister cousins who were taken hostage. They ask if Robb can turn into a wolf at night, and if he eats the flesh of his enemies. She says it's all true but they have nothing to fear -- he only eats children when it's a full moon. And it's not a full moon.

Mance Rayder and his men come across a very creepy sight: hundreds of severed horses heads arranged in a spiral pattern in the snow. Jon Snow points out it's only horses, no men. Ygritte asks Orell, the warg, what's going on, since he said he saw dead crows. Mance wonders how many men there had been. Jon says 300. Mance says some may have survived, but they took a big risk and lost -- many of the best men are probably dead or worse, dead with blue eyes (White Walkers). Even though the leader is the Lord Commander of the Night's Watch, he's a long way from home. He tells his right hand man to climb the wall at Castle Black with 20 good men, including Jon Snow, and if he's helpful, great, if not, throw him off the wall and see if crows can fly. He thinks if they can infiltrate, their army can attack, and they will create the biggest conflagration the north has ever seen.

The Crows continue their long march. Sam sees Jon Snow's dire wolf, Ghost. They arrive back at Craster's Keep and he lets them back in to eat and warm by the fire. He reminds them to keep their eyes off his many daughters. He says they should be kissing his feet for letting them back in. He says he has no fear of what's out there, and that the only ones left standing will be the ones who are truly with the gods -- like him, a godly man. He asks them why they don't kill Samwell and use him as a

"walking feast" since he's so fat, like his pigs. Meanwhile, one of his daughters is giving what sounds like very painful birth and all he wants her to do is shut up.

Sam peeks in to where she's giving birth. It's Gilly, The baby arrives. Sadly, it's a boy. So everyone knows that Craster's going to kill it.

Theon Greyjoy is on the rack with a bag over his head, when the young boy who said he was sent by Theon's sister comes and helps him down. He spirits him to a horse and tells him to ride east and his sister will be waiting for him. Theon says he will make him a lord of the Iron Islands for freeing him. The boy says that they're not in the Iron Islands.

Over in Dragonstone, Melisandre is preparing to launch a boat and won't tell Stannis where she's going because she's waiting for the "fires" to show her. He thinks she's abandoning him. She says she never will and when she returns he will understand. He says his enemies are laughing at him. He wants Joffrey and Robb Stark dead and he wants her to make him another son. She says he doesn't have the strength. He says men have been trying to kill him for years, he's not so easily killed. He whispers that he wants her. She is unmoved. He points out that she said she needed a king's blood and he's the king. She agrees but says others have his blood, and the Lord of Light demands sacrifices be made. And then she's off.

Back in Astapor, Deanerys is checking out the slave army. She is appalled by the sight of crucified men who are condemned to slow death. Barristan tells her it's time to go and to get soldiers elsewhere. She's inclined to agree. Jorah tries to convince them that this is the price of war. These men are the best, truest soldiers there are, well-trained, and they won't rape/kill/maim innocents, but only their job: killing the people she points them at. Barristan says men should die because they believe in their leaders not because they have been bought at a slavers' auction.

Dany goes to the slaver, Krasnys and says she wants to buy them all. He insults her in his language calling her a slut, she thinks she can flash her tits and get what she wants, but she can't afford it. He is crude and demeaning, but a slave translator cleans up each interchange, changing it to something inoffensive. The slaver also doesn't want to sell the half-trained Unsullied warriors, because if they fall in battle they will bring shame on them. Dany isn't taking no for an answer. She says she will have them all, or none. He says her ship will buy 100 at most, and he'll throw in 20 extra and 3 for the Dothraki with her. He asks how she'll pay for the rest. She says she has dragons and will give him one. Jorah and Barristan are incredulous and tell her not to do this. The slaver wants the biggest one. She says "done." She wants his female translator as well, as a token of a bargain well struck.

Jorah and Barristan try to explain that one dragon is worth more than an army. She says she values their advice but if they disagree with her in public again they will

be advising others. Dany talks with the translator, Missandei, and asks her if she will always tell her the truth. Missandei says that the "Unsullied" -- the slave soldiers will be loyal and obedient as she will be. Dany points out that she is taking her to war. She replies, "Valar Morghulis." (All men must die) Dany agrees, smiles, and adds, "Yes, but we are not men."

Tyrion collects the accounting books from Littlefinger. Littlefinger gloats but also thanks Tyrion for saving Ros's life. Tyrion asks for advice in the new job. Littlefinger tells him to keep a low profile. Tyrion says if he had money for every time someone made that joke he'd be rich. Littlefinger points out he is rich and says not to worry he will be able to make the numbers behave. He tells Littlefinger to enjoy the Eyrie. While he's there, he pays his squire, Podrick Payne back for saving his life, by giving him three whores. Podrick has never been with a woman.

He and Bronn take the accounting books back to Tyrion's place and Tyrion learns that Littlefinger wasn't a magician with money: he was a borrower. The crown owes the Lannisters a fortune. Bronn thinks Tywin will forgive the debt since Joffrey is his son. Tyrion scoffs at that idea. (A Lannister always pays his debts and all of that.) Tyrion explains banking and charging interest to Bronn. Also, they owe the Iron Bank of Braavos (home to Arya's former "dance instructor", Syrio Forel) tens of millions and if they don't pay them back... Well, then the Bank will fund their enemies. Podrick returns with all the money that Tyrion gave him to buy the whores. Tyrion is confused, whores don't refuse money. Podrick is basically saying that the ladies enjoyed him so much that they gave him the romp for free. Tyrion asks for copious details.

Theon rides and rides and suddenly he is shot at. A group of archers/soldiers bears down on him. It is the Stark men that have caught him. One man knocks him off his horse with a mace, and begins attacking him -- kicking him and preparing to rape him, as well. Suddenly he is shot through with an arrow. The others are also taken down by arrows, and the last man standing calls the archer a "bastard" before being shot at point blank range. The man who freed him from his captivity has arrived to save him again. He helps him up calling him "my lord." He says he's a long way from home and winter is coming.

It is night and Brienne and Jaime are tied to separate trees. As Jaime warned, the men come to rape her. They beat her first for good measure. She fights back and screams every step of the way. Jaime looks rueful.

He points out to the leader that her father is an important man, a man who mined all of the sapphires in Westeros, and who will pay handsomely in these gems if his daughter is returned to him unbesmirched. He convinces him and saves her from the gang rape. She is retied to the tree.

The leader asks Jaime if his father would pay handsomely if he was returned as well. Jaime says he would and they would be made lords, and there is no way the North can win. He points out fighting for a good cause may be nice but fighting for a winning cause would be even better. He then persuades them to untie him from the tree. But It was a trick. The leader is disgusted by him and his fancy airs, and the way he always gets out of trouble by saying "my father...". They push him up against a table and hold a knife to his face, and tell him he's nothing like his daddy and he never will be. The leader tells him that this should help him remember and then he swiftly chops his hand off. Jaime screams in pain.

S3, Ep4

And Now His Watch Is Ended

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Jaime rides his horse, ragged, with his hand attached to his neck as his captors taunt him. He falls off his horse into the mud face first. His captors trick him into drinking horse urine when he begs for water. Suddenly, he leaps up, seizes a sword with his remaining hand and tries to fight. He cannot fight with his left (remaining) hand and it shows. It is heartbreaking. They get him down and kick and abuse him. Brienne is incensed and tries to help but is helpless to do so.

Later, Brienne tries to convince Jaime to eat so he can live to seek revenge. He, understandably is distraught, saying I WAS that hand. She tells him not to whine and cry and quit like a woman. She also points out that she knows that he told them Tarth was full of sapphires when it's really called that because of the sapphire blue of the sea. She asks why he helped her when their captors attacked her. He doesn't respond.

Tyrion goes to see Varys to ask for help in proving that Cersei tried to kill him. Varys says he has no proof, only whispers. As they talk Varys is opening a large box and explaining to Tyrion how he came to be a eunuch. He tells him a sorcerer abducted him, cut him from "root to stem," burned his parts and when the flame turned blue the sorcerer called out and in the flame a voice answered call. He then discarded him. This is why Varys has always hated magic and those who practice it. He says his rise from from orphan in the slums to being a man of power in the small council chamber was a kind of symbolic revenge. Tyrion wants actual revenge and says he needs influence to do that. Varys responds that patience is the key to influence. Varys finally gets the box open and inside is the sorcerer, old, traumatized, and rightfully fearful of what Varys is about to do him. He tells Tyrion his actual revenge will indeed come, if he has stomach for it.

Meanwhile, the members of the Nights Watch are literally shoveling shit at

Crasters, out of his pig pens. They are cold, defeated, starving and on the verge of mutiny. Now that the confrontation of the Fist of the First Men went so badly they are starting to feel they need to start looking out for themselves. Sam goes to girl who recently had a son and she wants him to save baby's life and says there's very little time.

The men burn a body of a fellow Crow who died from hunger and rot. Back inside by the fire, after Craster, eating a healthy portion of meat, berates and taunts them and says he wants them gone, the mutiny is on. Lord Commander Mormont tries to stop them but they attack and kill Craster and Lord Commander himself. Sam goes for girl and her baby and they take off for the woods amidst the melee.

Bran runs in his dream. Jojen Reed is there. In his dream, crawls up a high tree to the three-eyed raven. Suddenly, Catelyn is there on the branch yelling at him "No more climbing." He wakes up in a sweat by the fire with Jojen watching him.

Ros and Varys gossip about how Podrick was extraordinary with the whores and that they wouldn't take his money. They couldn't explain what he did but that it was great. They chat about Littlefinger leaving for the Eyrie. Varys wonders if he's still interested in Sansa. Ros says he is and notes that he ordered two feathered beds for the boat for his journey, and we know he has told her he wanted to take her.

Joffrey, Margaery, Cersei, and Lady Olenna take a stroll around the Great Sept of Baelor where the wedding will be held with Joffrey gleefully pointing out the various tombs of Targaryens to Margaery. She notes that severity is the price we pay for greatness. He agrees. Olenna and Cersei discuss how inane it is that men rule the world when women are often smarter. Cersei isn't taking the bait on this even though we know she agrees. Margaery softens up Joffrey. They hear the noise of a crowd outside and he looks nervous. She says if he gives them love they will return it a thousand fold. She points out that he led the defense of Kings Landing and that the people adore him. She leads him outside. Many of the people are calling Margaery's name, she waves she waves sweetly to them and encourages him to do the same and when he does they begin to call his name as well.

Theon and his savior ride to meet his sister. He grumbles about how people like his father worried that he would become a Stark but that would never happen, not only because he was Iron born but because Robb Stark would never allow such a thing, just by being who he was. He expresses remorse of what he did at Winterfell, killing orphan boys and pretending they were Bran and Rickon to make his father proud. He realizes he chose wrong and burned everything down. His "savior" says "not everything." He claims he brought him to a place to meet his sister but instead he is brought him back to the dungeon he freed him from before. The man then says that Theon escaped and killed the men chasing him down in the woods. Theon

is strapped up again and tortured.

Cersei sits in front of her always impatient father and asks Tywin what he's doing for Jaime. He points out that he's doing everything he can. She asks him if he ever considered that it was she who deserved his confidence and his trust, not Tyrion and Jaime, but her. She says that he should consider her while he prepares the Legacy he will leave. So he asks her to contribute. She points out that the Tyrells are a problem and that Margaery is manipulating Joffrey. Tywin thinks this is positive since she clearly doesn't know how to do it and that he rides roughshod over everyone in city. He tells her he doesn't consider her because she's a woman but because she's not as smart as she thinks. She tells him he needs to stop Joffrey from doing what he likes. He says he will.

Varys goes to the garden to speak to Lady Olenna about Sansa since he believes they both have her best interests at heart. He talks about Littlefinger's ambitions and how he would see this country burn if he could be king of the ashes. He says Littlefinger needs money and lands and army. Right now he has the first two and if he has Sansa in his pocket he could have an army, because if Robb Stark falls, Sansa is the key to the north. She sees they do need a solution to this Littlefinger problem.

Margaery goes to see Sansa and talks sweetly about how much she'd like them to be friends. In fact, she'd like more than that. She'd like Sansa to marry Loras, and then they'd be sisters and Sansa would rule over the Tyrell's beautiful home Highgarden. She asks if Sansa would like that? She sure would.

The Brotherhood Without Banners take Arya, Gendry, and The Hound to a cave where Beric Dondarrion, their leader, is. The Hound calls them deserters. They essentially say they are men who have found God and they will mete out justice to the evil and those who prey on the weak like The Hound. They accuse him of murder. He says he never killed anyone that wasn't in the pursuit of protecting Joffrey. Arya says he is a murderer since The Hound killed his friend Mycah who didn't do anything to hurt Joffrey, it was her that had hurt him. The leader says he will have a trial by combat against the leader himself-- who has a patch over one eye-- and the Lord of Light will decide their fates.

Danaerys goes to collect her army of the Unsullied. She pulls out one of her dragons and hands the leash to the evil slave trader, Kraznys. Instead of trading the dragon, she begins speaking in High Valyrian-- a more refined form of the same language Kraznys has been speaking (known as Low Valyrian), and insulting her in. He is aghast -- she has known all along what he was saying. She points out that she is "Danaerys Stormborn" and of the "Blood of Old Valyria" and High Valyrian is her mother tongue. She takes control of the Unsullied, and tells them to strike down all slave masters and soldiers, but to hurt no children. She says "drakharys"

and the dragon sets fire to the slave trader. After they take their freedom, Dany asks if they will fight for her as free men. They will! And they're off!

S3, Ep5

Kissed by Fire

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The Brotherhood Without Banners pray to the Lord of Light around the fire as the Hound and the Brotherhood leader prepare to fight. Their leader, Beric Dondarrion, cuts his hand and then lights his sword afire. The Hound -- and Arya and Gendry-- are surprised by this. They fight around the fire as the others watch, getting out of the way as necessary. The Hound prevails. They pray to the lord of light to bring him back to life. Arya grabs a sword to kill Hound herself. Gendry pulls her back. She yells at him to burn in hell. Beric, now seemingly upright and fine says he will, but not today.

At the Wildlings camp they quiz Jon Snow about the patrol of the Night's Watch. He explains which castles are inhabited that are related to the wall: Castle Black, Eastwatch by the Sea, and Shadow Tower. The guy questioning him asks how many there are guarding and Jon says a thousand. They think he's lying. Ygritte jumps to his protection. Jon says he doesn't need her protection. She disagrees and then steals his sword and makes him chase her. They run into a cave with an indoor waterfall. She says it's time he proved himself that he isn't a Crow anymore and he has to break his vows to prove it. She takes off all of her clothes and stands before him naked. He says they shouldn't. She says they should and kisses him. He doesn't resist for long. She taunts him and says he knows nothing but then he goes down on her and she realizes he does know a thing or two. They make love. She asks who taught him that particular maneuver. He says there's been no one else, he just wanted to kiss her there. He admits he was a virgin. She was not. She said it was just a boy, who had red hair like her, kissed by fire. He was weak, not like Jon Snow. Then she launches into a laundry list and he cuts her off saying he's heard enough. He wants to to back but she decides he needs a bath first. She says she doesn't want to leave the cave ever and make love in the bathwater.

The Brotherhood let the Hound go against Arya's wishes saying their God doesn't see him as guilty but that the Lord of Light isn't done with him yet. The Hound leaves.

The men who captured Jaime and Brienne bring them to Lord Bolton. Lord Bolton isn't impressed with the cutting off of Jaime's hand and tells the captor to hold his tongue or to lose it. He tells them to cut Brienne free and that she is now under his care. She thanks him. Jaime asks Lord Bolton for news. He replies that Stannis

Baratheon laid siege to King's Landing but Tywin and his army prevailed and Cersei is alive and well. Bolton sends him to the doctor. The doctor doesn't like the look of the festering stump and wants to amputate the whole arm. Jaime isn't having that and the doctor relents saying he will only cut away the rotted flesh and try to sear the rest of it clean with boiling wine. He wants to offer Jaime painkillers but since this guy seems kinda creepy and not really a doctor Jaime declines saying he'll just scream through the pain instead thanks. He does just that.

Cersei approaches Littlefinger and says she's heard that the House Tyrell doesn't have the Lannister's best interest at heart. She essentially threatens him into looking into it before he leaves the capitol. He agrees.

Tyrion meets with Lady Olenna to talk wedding plans, and how expensive they're becoming. He tries to explain since they are at war they need money. She notes exactly how much House Tyrell has contributed to the effort from men to sheep to food. She says the people are hungry for more than food and that they need distractions or else they'll tear the royals to pieces and that a royal wedding, paid for by the royal family, is just the distraction necessary, and a much safer one. She also admits disappointment that Tyrion did not live up to his reputation as an impertinent, debauched boozier and that he is merely a browbeaten bookkeeper. This hurts the most, clearly. She concedes to pay for half the expenses. He says that's sufficient and she leaves.

Gendry mends Lord Beric's armor. He says he's going to stay on with the Brotherhood. She says he doesn't have to. He says he wants to and that they need good men. She says Robb needs good men too. He says he's tired of serving and even though Beric is a leader they chose him and these men are a family and he's never had one. Arya says tearfully that she can be his family.

The young Lannisters that Robb Stark is holding hostage as bargaining chips wake up to the sound of fighting. Lord Karstark and his men enter the room and kill the boys in revenge for the deaths of his sons. They are laid out before Robb who is incensed. He can't believe five grown men killed two unarmed children. He calls it treasonous. Lord Karstark, whose sons were killed on the battlefield for which he blames the Lannisters and Catelyn Stark for freeing Jaime, taunts Robb saying you kill your enemies in battle but his father must not have taught him that. He mocks Robb's title of King in the North, calling him rather "the King who lost the North". He also says he'll probably only get a scolding. Robb orders him put in the dungeon and the other four hung. One man protests he only watched and Robb says to hang him last so he can watch. Talisa is aghast, Catelyn palefaced.

Robb's uncle Edmure says they should keep this under wraps. Robb protests that he doesn't want to be a liar in his fight for justice. Catelyn points out that if they kill the men publicly the Karstarks will not take kindly to this and likely won't fight for

them. Talisa agrees they will abandon him. They need Karstark men. Edmure notes that they wouldn't be lying, just burying the truth for the moment along with the bodies involved and using Lord Karstark as a hostage: he will not be harmed as long as his men fight for Robb. But Robb rejects their counsel and condemns the lord to death. Asked if he has any final words Lord Karstark says "kill me and be cursed, you are no king of mine." Robb beheads the condemned man himself, as his father had taught him.

Arya stares into the fire and says the names of those she wants dead. She asks Thoros what they're going to do with her. He says at first light they'll head to Riverrun where Robb is. Robb will make a contribution to their cause and then she can go home. She says they're selling her. He tells her not to think about it that way. Beric asks Arya if she's afraid of him. She says no but does mention that she thought he was dead. He says the Lord of the Light, and his right hand man, bring him back. He's been killed five times and each time, his buddy said he words and brought him back. He shows the scars. He says it's getting harder. Every time he comes back "he's a bit less." She asks if they could bring back a man without a head, not six times, just once. They say no. They tell her that her father was a good man and that he's at rest somewhere now and that they wouldn't wish this life upon him. Arya says she would since Beric is alive.

A woman stands around a fire and prays to the Lord of the Light. It is Stannis' wife. She says she's been filled in on the details by Melisandre. She says he will prevail and he's a good man. He tries to explain that he has sinned and shamed her. She says he is doing God's work. He tries to tell her that he slept with Melisandre. She says she knows, Melisandre told her and points out that any act committed in the name of the Lord of the Light cannot be considered a sin. She goes over to three creepy containers that apparently contain the three male babies she gave birth to that all died in some kind of yellowish liquid. She says she thanks the Lord for Melisandre coming into their life since she gave Stannis a son, something that she gave him nothing. He says that's not true. She realizes that Stannis has come to see his daughter. She says there is no need and that he should keep away from such distractions. He says he wants to see her. She notes he's the king and doesn't need permission. He heads to her room. She's singing in the corner. She runs to him and hugs him. We see that one side of her face is fine but the other side is either burned or deformed in some way. She asks about Davos the Onion Knight, who had promised to come back from the battle with a gift for her. and shows her father a sailing ship Davos carved for her. Stannis says Davos is a traitor and rotting in a cell for his crimes and that she had best forget him. He leaves. She is sad.

Brienne is giving herself a full on Silkwood scrub in the bath when Jaime arrives to take a bath of his own. A squire helps him take his clothes off. His arm is wrapped. He joins Brienne in the tub even though she points out that there's another one. She covers herself but he tells her he's not interested. He does ask her to pull him out if

he faints so he won't be the first Lannister to die in a bathtub. She says she doesn't care how he dies. He notes she swore a vow to deliver him to King's Landing in one piece. He points out it's not going so well. And, he notes, no wonder Renly died with her guarding him. She stands up to her full height in all her naked glory taking serious umbrage at that remark. He apologizes and admits that was an unworthy remark. He says he's sick of fighting and wants to call a truce. She said you need trust for a truce. He says he trusts her.

She gives him a nasty look and he says he's been seeing it for 17 years from those who despise the kingslayer, the man without honor. He asks if she's heard of wildfire and notes that the mad King was obsessed with it, loving to watch people burn and he burned anyone who was against him and before long half the country was against him. So the mad king had his pyromancer stash loads of wildfire all throughout the city to protect himself.

He explains that the day of reckoning came and Robert Baratheon marched on the city. The Lannister's had sworn to protect the king against the rebels but Tywin Lannister didn't like being on the losing side. Jaime says he asked the mad king to surrender peacefully but he wouldn't listen to Jaime or anyone but Grand Maester Pycelle who said "you can trust the Lannisters, who are true friends of the crown." So the mad king opened the gates and Tywin sacked the city. Jaime begged the mad king to surrender. But the mad king told Jaime to bring Tywin's head to him. And then the mad king told his pyromancer to unleash hell: to light all the wildfire and burn them all, in their homes, in their beds. He asks Brienne if her precious Renly commanded her to kill her own father and then stand by as he burned thousands of men, women, and children alive would she have kept her oath then? So he killed the pyromancer and when the king turned to flee he put his sword through his back and he kept saying "burn them all." Jaime says he doesn't think the king expected to die but to burn with everyone else and rise from the fire as a dragon and turn his enemies to ash. "I slit his throat to make sure that didn't happen." That's where Ned Stark found him. Brienne asks why he didn't tell Lord Stark. Jaime says "do you think he wanted to hear my side? He judged me guilty the moment he laid eyes on me." He asks by what right the wolf judges the lion? He is very agitated and woozy and begins to faint. Brienne catches him and calls out "the Kingslayer!" And he replies. "Jaime, my name is Jaime."

Stannis' daughter goes to visit Davos. He tries to send her back to her room. He admits that he's a traitor and he disobeyed the king and will serve his time. She says she doesn't care, he's her friend and she's brought him a book. He says he can't read. She wants to teach him. He says she can't. She wonders what they'll do to them, put them in cells? He laughs. She begins to teach him to read.

Danaerys, Ser Jorah, and Barristan lead the Unsullied through some fields on their march. Jorah talks about the time he was knighted. Barristan notes he spent most of

his good years have been wasted serving for mad or drunk kings and for once he'd like to serve for someone who is worthy. He asks if Jorah believes in Dany. He says he does with all his heart.

Dany addresses the Unsullied and asks if they've picked some leaders pointing out that they are free men now and need to make choices. When the leader presents himself and tells her that his name is Grey Worm-- they were all given new names to remind them that they are vermin-- she also tells them to pick new names, names that will give them pride. Grey Worm points out that he wants to keep his name because it gives him pride because the name he was born with cursed him to a life of slavery but his slave name was the one he had when Dany set him free. (Good point, Grey Worm!) She's touched by this.

Jorah and Barristan talk about politics. Barristan says he never advised Robert on the small council even though he was commander of the Kingsguard because he had served the mad king, who wouldn't listen to him about the Targaryens. Jorah says he doesn't think he'd care for politics either. He says she'll have to wade through that muck anyway. But Barristan says she'll have good men around her and says that Jorah can't help her since her reputation has suffered in the capital. He points out that if he is truly her loyal servant he'll do what's right when the time comes and leave her side if necessary. Jorah points out that Barristan isn't Lord Commander here, he's just another exile and Jorah takes his commands from the queen.

Robb Stark is surveying the lay of the land regarding the war and is very frustrated. A large group of his men have deserted him and without them he can't really bring the war to the Lannister's. They're basically waiting him out, not chasing him. Talisa tries to help but doesn't really understand the pieces on the board and what they represent. (They're like big chess pieces.) She wonders if they shouldn't fall back and just wait out the winter. He says the winter could last five years and once his men go home and are warm by the fire with their families they won't want to fight again. He says he's lost his purpose. She says maybe it's time to give them a new purpose. As he explains it to her and puts her hand on the pieces they draw closer and start generating some heat and then he gets a light bulb. If he takes Casterley Rock, the Lannister's home, they will have to come fight him and Robb thinks they can take it.

Sansa and Margaery watch Loras spar. Margaery reassures her that Joffrey will let her leave because it will be a favor to her. Loras' new squire comes over and says he'd like to see him spar with a partner that would truly challenge him. Cut to Loras and the squire in bed. Loras wonders how he knew since women often never know. He says he always knows and has been keeping company with several of the husbands of those women.

The squire dutifully reports back to Littlefinger and gives him the intel about Loras' being lined up to marry Sansa.

Littlefinger pays Sansa a visit down by the water where they can see his ship. He says he always wanted a ship and now that he has one he wants a dozen. He notes how funny that is, that when we get what we want we always want more. He says he'll be leaving soon and his offer still stands for her to go with him. She says she might actually be a danger to him and says it might be better if she stays. He says he understands and it is up to her but that they will talk again.

Tywin Lannister, having caught wind of Margaery's little plot to marry Sansa off to Loras Tyrell has a plan of his own. Since he sees Sansa as the key to the north he won't let the Tyrell's plot ruin this. He tells Tyrion he will be marrying Sansa. Tyrion objects on a number of grounds but mainly out of humanity, that after all she's been through that to be married to him would be cruel. Tyrion and Cersei point out that this is a gift and much better than he should expect. Tywin says it's done, he will marry Sansa and put a child in her. And that it's high time that he was wed. Tyrion points out that he was wed. Tywin hasn't forgotten. Cersei is gloating about all of this and then Tywin lowers the boom. She will be marrying Loras Tyrell. She freaks out and says she won't do it and that she is the queen regent and not a breed whore. He says too bad, she will sacrifice for her family and that she's still young and fertile she will be having a child as well. And that maybe this finally put to rest the disgusting rumors about her. He appraises them and calls them a disgrace. Tywin leaves and Cersei and Tyrion sit in stunned silence.

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The Climb

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Samwell and Gilly are deep in the woods huddled around a fire. He shows her an ancient dagger he found during the Fist of the First Men. He says it's just a few more days walk to the wall and it's even bigger than they say, 700 feet high. He notes Castle Black is nice enough with a 24/7 fire and a tasty venison stew and that the brothers sing. Not him, of course. She asks him to sing him a song. He sings a lullaby about The Father's face.

Elsewhere, also in a forest, Osha and Meera get snippy with each other about the proper way to skin a rabbit. Bran asks them to stop fighting, saying they have to stay united in order to make it to the wall. He asks them to make peace and grudgingly they do. Meanwhile, JoJen is having some kind of seizure and Meera puts a belt in his mouth. She says the visions take their toll and he's having one now. He awakes and says he saw Jon Snow on the wrong side of the wall

surrounded by enemies.

Jon Snow continues on with Mance Rayder's men. They are about to attempt to mount the wall. Ygritte and Jon survey the wall. They're both afraid of climbing it but she says she can't wait to see the world from up there. They attach rudimentary crampons to their shoes. She again compliments his fine tongue work and calls him a proper lover and she says his secret is safe with her. He asks what secret. She says she's no dummy and knows that he didn't stop being a Crow the minute he walked in to Mance Rayder's tent. She knows he's loyal and asks that he be loyal to her since she's his woman now. She says they are simply expendable soldiers in their respective armies and it's him and her that matters. She tells him never to betray her. He says he won't. She points out that she'll cut off his man parts if he does. Tormund tells him to sink his pickaxe deep into the wall and to not scream if he falls because Jon Snow wouldn't want that to be the last thing Ygritte remembers. Jon looks despairingly at the wall.

Arya takes target practice and Anguy gives her tips. A group on horseback approaches. It is Melisandre and her entourage. She speaks in a foreign tongue (High Valyrian) to BWB general Thoros. She asked why he was unable to get King Robert to follow the Lord of the Light. He says simply that he failed. She counters that he quit. They switch from High Valyrian to English and she asks why they are there.

He brings her to see Beric Dondarrion. She appraises his many wounds and asks how often he's been brought back. Thoros says 6. She can't believe it. He says he can't really believe it either since his faith was shaken and he ate and whored his way across the land, all he did is ask for the Lord of Light to bring him back and he does. He didn't really believe but when Dondarrion died the first time he asked for his friend and the Lord brought him back. He said he knew then that their God was the one true God. Melisandre again turns to Beric and asks about the "other side." He says there is no other side, only darkness. He asks why she's been sent. She says they have something the Lord of Light needs.

Gendry, Arya and another brother look at arrow tips that pierce armor. Melisandre approaches and two of her men apprehend Gendry. Arya begs them to stop them and that Gendry wants to be one of them. Thoros says the Lord of Light needs him. Arya says they're doing it for gold not a god. Thoros points out that they require gold to continue on. Gendry himself protests that they're not much of a brotherhood. Melisandre tells him Gendry is more than they could ever be. (Of course he doesn't know he's Robert Baratheon's son.) Arya again approaches her and calls her a witch and says she's going to hurt him. Melisandre grabs her face and says she sees a darkness in her as well as sets of eyes -- blue and green-- that Arya will shut forever. She says they will meet again and then carts off Gendry to Arya's heartbreak.

The wildlings climb the windswept wall. Jon Snow makes the mistake of looking down. But then he stares at Ygritte's butt for inspiration. A chunk falls on him and knocks him back but he hangs on.

The boy (whose name we still don't know) wakes the trussed up Theon, further torturing him by keeping him awake. He begs for water and the boy pours some out in front of him, cruelly. Theon begs for mercy and says he'll tell him everything. The boy says he's heard it all. He tells him he knows that the Stark boys are still alive and that he will find them. He says he knows Theon wonders why he's there, where he is, and why he's doing it this to him. He tells Theon if he can guess he won't cut off his little finger. He asks if he wins if he'll let him go. The boy says there is no good ending. He asks him where he is and Theon takes a few guesses and the boy cuts into the flesh of his pinky finger. He finally guesses right, according to the boy. He then asks who he is. Theon guesses he's a Karstark, younger brother of the one who Jaime killed and son of the Karstark man who was beheaded by Robb. Theon says he was Robb's bannerman, Theon betrayed Robb, and that's why this young Karstark is torturing him. The young man says he wins. However, he says Theon forgot to ask if he was a liar and he flays the skin off Theon's little finger. He says everything he told him is a lie and this isn't happening for a reason -- he's just doing it because he enjoys it. Finally, Theon begs him to cut the finger off and the young man turns to Theon and says "I win".

The Freys come to meet with Robb. They say their father said the alliance can continue on several contingencies: an apology for Robb jilting his daughter, Harrenhal when the war is over, and Robb's Uncle Edmure marrying one of his daughters and a wedding in a fortnight. Their father is old and he says a wedding would give him peace and he wants an answer by the morning. Robb says they'll discuss it. His Uncle isn't up for it and wants to choose a pretty wife but Robb says he has no choice, he's won every battle but he's losing the war and they need to do this now. He says he knows he's paying for his sins and it's not fair or right and he won't forget it.

Jaime and Brienne meet with Roose Bolton. Jaime struggles to cut his meat until Brienne helps him. Bolton is considering selling Jaime or killing him. He says to Jaime that when he is well enough to travel he will allow him to continue to King's Landing as restitution for the loss of his hand, as long as he swears to tell his father he played no part in Locke maiming him. Jaime wants to drink on it but Roose doesn't drink. Jaime is happy about this until Roose tells him Brienne isn't going with him since she abetted treason. Jaime protests but Roose points out he's in no position to overplay his position again

Tywin and Olenna talk about his plan to marry Cersei to Loras. She protests Cersei is too old and "the change" will be upon her soon. He points out that he knows that

Loras is a degenerate and she admits Loras is a "sword swallower". He says she should be grateful to have her grandson marry Cersei and remove the stain from his name. She calls it a natural thing. He thinks her tolerance for buggery is higher than his. She notes that brothers having sex with sisters would be a higher form of a stain, i.e. Cersei and Jaime. He calls it a malicious lie and he doesn't care what people believe and neither does she. She disagrees. He points out if the rumors are true then Joffrey isn't the king and Margaery marrying him is the Tyrells throwing their "prize flower" in the dirt. She counters if Cersei is too old to give Loras children then they are throwing another prize flower in the dirt. He notes that the uncertainty makes her uncomfortable. Tywin says he'll remove it: If Loras doesn't marry Cersei he will make him part of the King's Guard and he'll never marry and have children, so the Tyrell name will die with him. She can't believe he'd have his grandson protected by someone who disgusts him. He says he would have his grandson protected by a great warrior. He pulls out a quill and asks if she consents to the order adding Loras to the Kingsguard. She reaches out and takes the quill from Tywin's hand, observing that it is a rare thing to encounter a man who lives up to his reputation. She breaks the quill in half.

The wildlings are climbing the wall when a crack begins to spread across it, creating a landslide sending several people flying -- including Ygritte and Jon Snow, who are weighing down Tormund and Orell. Orell cuts them loose but Jon Snow gets purchase before Ygritte falls and he pulls her up. They start climbing again.

Sansa chats with Loras about their potential marriage. She compliments his brooch. She says she's very happy. Loras says he is too and says he's dreamed of a large wedding since he was young. He calls her very beautiful and talks excitedly about the dress she'll wear. She says she can't wait to see Highgarden and leave this place. He agrees it is terrible.

Tyrion and Cersei watch this. Tyrion says there's nothing they can do about it. Cersei notes they could have them both killed. Tyrion wonders who is getting the worst end of the deal, deciding Sansa but that Loras will also know misery. She says they're all being shipped off to hell together. He notes she built the boat. She says she did what she did for the family. Tyrion says he's family too and he helped save them. She admits he was helpful in the war. He says it was weird that she ordered him killed then. She doesn't deny it, but her silent expression seems to confirm to Tyrion that it was in fact Joffrey who ordered his execution. He asks if his life is still in danger. She says probably, not right now with Lord Tywin in the picture. He can't believe 7 kingdoms quiver in fear of Tywin Lannister. She notes the Tyrell's don't fear him and history will be taken from their hands. Tyrion says she'll be fine when Jaime gets back since Loras will probably suffer a case of swords through bowels. Cersei wonders who will tell Sansa.

Shae helps Sansa with her dress for the Tyrell wedding. Tyrion enters and asks Shae to leave. She stands her ground. He notes "this is awkward...'

Littlefinger sits and gazes at the throne and Varys enters. They do their dance. Varys says thwarting him wasn't always his plan and he didn't take that much pleasure in it but admits "who doesn't like to see their friends fail now and then." Littlefinger agrees and says it gave him pleasure when he turned over his "bad investment"-- whom Varys swore to protect-- to a "friend" looking for a fresh experience. He and Varys agree they've been telling themselves stories/lies for years to protect themselves. But Varys says when they abandon the lies there is only a pit of chaos. Littlefinger says chaos is a ladder and that life is all about the climb.

As he speaks we cut to Joffrey's chambers. Littlefinger gave his "bad investment" Ros to Joffrey who used his new crossbow for target practice. We then cut to Sansa, Shae by her side, tearfully watching Littlefinger's ship depart, knowing now that she must marry Tyrion. And then we cut to Jon Snow and Ygritte reaching the top of the wall, exhausted. They lie on their backs and Jon sees Orell's eagle fly across the sky as the sun breaks through. They both gaze at the amazing view of where they just came from. He helps her up. And they look at the view of where they are going. They kiss.

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The Bear and the Maiden Fair

- Everybody is on the move tonight.

The Wildlings have scaled the wall and are now on their way to Castle Black.

Robb Stark is going to be a daddy! This is headline from the front lines as rain delays their march to marry Edmure off to one of Walder Frey's daughters, he and Talisa make like bunnies. When they are done she begins writing a letter to her mum in Valyrian. Robb promises one day he will go with her to meet her mother, who will likely be surprised she's a queen. Talisa says there are many surprises in store and drops the bomb that she's pregnant. Robb is thrilled and professes his love for her and they get it on again.

Although Orell is skeptical of Jon Snow's allegiances and perhaps even lineage, it seems he also carries a torch for Ygritte. When he professes his love for her and points out that Jon Snow's beauty won't matter when she knows what he is, she doesn't budge.

Sansa complains to Margaery about having to marry Tyrion. Margaery notes that

he's not the worst Lannister, reminding Sansa that she herself have to marry Joffrey. TouchÃ©. She points out all the possible political advantages to Sansa as well, bearing a Lannister child. Which makes Sansa finally realize she's going to have to mate with Tyrion. Margaery says not to worry about it, especially since she's heard that Tyrion is quite experienced. Sansa is confused by how Margaery learned all about how it can be difficult to please women in bed and how some men are better than others. She asks if her mother taught her. Margaery suppresses a laugh at her innocent friend and agrees that yes, her mother taught her.

Tyrion drinks with Bronn and worries about how angry Shae is going to be about his marriage to Sansa. Bronn suggests Tyrion weds Sansa and keep Shae as well. Bronn gives him a hard time saying he wants Sansa he just doesn't want to admit it.

Tywin is summoned to the throne room by Joffrey. Apparently, the king is mad that no one has been counseling him on what's happening in the small council meetings... which he hasn't attended. He's worried about Dany's dragons. Tywin points out that he could attend these meetings if he wanted to and that Dany's dragons are curiosities on the far side of the world that need not be worried about according to their experts. He promise to keep Joffrey in the loop and departs with a smirk.

Khaleesi and the gang reach Yunkai, a large, prosperous city. Jorah notes there is a no need to engage them in battle. When Dany asks how many slaves are in the city and he replies 200,000, she retorts that there are 200,000 reasons to defeat Yunkai then. She summons one of the slave masters. He offers her gold and ships to leave them alone. She offers him his life. He is confused. She says if the masters of Yunkai don't release every man, woman, and child slave and give them enough clothing and property, she, the Unsullied, and her dragons will make sure they regret it, just like the people of Astapor did. He calls her mad and says they have powerful friends and when they defeat her they will just re-enslave the people and maybe make her a slave too. At this the dragons squawk menacingly. The man departs with Khaleesi's message and without his gold. Jorah says they won't bend, and she says they will break then and asks Jorah to find out who these powerful friends are.

Tyrion attempts to bribe Shae with a large gold necklace to distract her from his wedding to Sansa. When Shae shows her anger, He promises her a house, money, and guards and professes his love. But she says she is just his whore and when Tyrion tires of her he will discard her.

Melisandre and Gendry sail towards King's Landing through the wreckage of Stannis' ships in Blackwater Bay. She asks Gendry if he didn't wonder where he came from? She confesses she was a slave, branded and bound but saved by The Lord of Light. She finally tells him Robert was his father. He gulps.

Arya stews with the Brotherhood Without Banners whom she calls traitors. When they hear a Lannister party is a day's ride away they decide to "lion-hunting." When Arya realizes this will take them off the path of delivering her to Robb she is incensed and takes off running through the woods...only to be intercepted by the Hound.

Brienne stews in her cell. Jaime arrives to inform her that he is leaving the next day to continue the push to King's Landing.. He also knows that Bolton is riding the next day as well, to go the Edmure/Frey wedding. He tells her, sadly, that she will stay there with Locke, the sadistic handslayer. He says he owes her a debt and the Lannister's always pay their debts. She tells him to keep his word to Catelyn Stark and get Sansa and Arya free and he can consider the debt paid. He swears he will return the Stark girls to Catelyn. She says goodbye. He turns, choked up, and leaves. As they mount up to ride in their different directions, Bolton reminds Jaime to smooth things over with Tywin. Jaime sends regards to Edmure's wedding. Locke taunts him and says they'll take good care of Brienne.

Theon is taunted by two comely young women, who pretend to salve his wounds and offer him sexual release only for the sadistic boy to return and cut off his penis.

Jon Snow and Ygritte are flirting and playing around until Ygritte mentions taking back their rightful land from Winterfell. Jon melts down pointing out that every time the Wildlings have attacked through the centuries they have failed, she doesn't care saying this time will be different because Mance Rayder is different. He says that the better equipped and trained armies of the cities will kill "all of you." She corrects him saying "all of us," now that they have pledged themselves to each other. She says they may all die, but for now they need to get busy living. He agrees and they make out.

Osha, Bran and the gang continue to bicker with one another as Osha doesn't like it that she and Hodor do all the work whiel JoJen fills Bran's head with visionary talk. She especially doesn't care for it when JoJen informs her they are no longer going to Castle Black but north towards the wall. She says she swore to Bran's maester that she'd get him to Castle Black and Robb and no further and that they really shouldn't change course. She admits that when she was younger she had a man. He left her and returned as a White Walker and she was forced to kill him. Bran thinks maybe he was pushed off the tower for a reason and that the gods have plans for him and that if JoJen and his raven visions say he should reunite with Jon Snow, maybe that's what they should do.

A little ways into their ride on a break the maester looks at Jaime's stump, salves and bandages it. Jaime learns that he was stripped of his maester chain because he's

a curious doctor. He said that the only way to figure out illnesses is to look at them and Jaime deduces correctly that he performed experiments on living men, dying paupers. The maester points out that Jaime has killed a countless number of people and wonders how many he's saved. Jaime says half a million: the population of King's Landing.

The maester tells him that Bolton turned down an offer of gold from Brienne's father. Because of Jaime's lie that Brienne's father presided over untold sapphire mines, Locke thought that he was cheaping out and will likely not value her enough to leave her unspoiled. Alarmed by what this means Jaime insists that they go back.

When they return Brienne is in a pit, fighting off a bear with a wooden sword for the amusement of Locke and the rest of Bolton's men. Jaime jumps in the pit with her knowing it will force them to save her since they swore to Bolton they would get him back to Tywin Lannister. They are both pulled up and out of the pit in the nick of time and Jaime informs Locke he will be taking Brienne with him.

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Second Sons

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Arya is about to do in a sleeping Hound with a rock but he's not sleeping and says "kill me and you're free but if I live I'll break both your hands." They mount up again and he tells her how he saved Sansa from rape and says that if she doesn't believe him, she can ask Sansa herself if she ever gets to see her sister again. As they ride, they come across a body of water. Arya asks him if that's the Black Water since she thinks he is taking her back to King's Landing. But the Hound says No, f#*k Joffrey and f#*k the Queen. He's taking her to the Twins because that is where her mother and brother will be and he believes that they'll pay him for her return. He tells her to quit trying to kill him because he's taking her back to her family.

The Khaleesi and her men observe the sell swords arriving at Yunkai. They are the Second Sons, she orders her Grey Worm to send a man to see if they would rather fight for the winning side. The three leaders of the Second Sons meet with them in the Khaleesi's tent. The leader taunts her like she's a whore but Dario, seems more reasonable and intelligent, noting that they have 8,000 Unsullied not 10,000. She tells the older guy to give her the Second Sons and she won't geld him, noting she has 8 thousand Unsullied and they only have 2 thousand Second Sons. They say they can't break their bond or they won't get another contract. She says they'll never need to have another contract if they work for her. She says she has an army

and dragons. The Leader of the Second Sons tells Khaleesi that he will make her his whore. She gives them two days to decide. She tells Barristan if it comes to battle, to kill that guy first.

Gendry and Melisandre arrive back at Dragonstone, she introduces him to Stannis. He gives him the onceover and determines he's half-Robert and half-lowborn. They spirit him away to chambers and a bath. Stannis wonders what she means to do with him. She says he knows what she is going to do (implying that she will sacrifice him since there is power in the Kings blood). He then asks her, if you are going to kill him, then why bother bathing and clothing him. She likens it to slaughtering a lamb and making sure the panic doesn't seep into the meat and "foul the flavor." Davos has made great progress in his reading. He's up to a picture book about the Targaryens. Stannis comes to visit. He says Davos doesn't belong in a place like this and apologizes for the loss of his son, a good and loyal lad. He gives him the news of Melisandre and Gendry and the upcoming sacrifice. Davos points out the boy is Stannis' nephew. He says they're at war and what of it. He notes Gendry has his blood. Stannis notes that Renly did too. Davos points out that Renly wronged him. Stannis protests that this is his destiny and he must do his duty and what's one bastard boy against a kingdom? Davos asks why he came to see him. He says he'll free him if never again raises a hand to Melisandre. Davos says he won't but he will think it and he thinks Stannis freed him at this moment to help protect the boy. He also says he thinks men make up Gods to protect their children. Stannis says that Melisandre showed him a vision of the future in a fire. He also knows that Davos witnessed her power too when she gave birth to smoke demon and asks him that once you've seen her power, how can you deny Melisandre's god is real?

The Second Sons debate working for Khaleesi. They think they can slip past the Unsullied and simply kill her. They choose coins as to who will do the deed. Daario draws the coin that means he must kill Daenerys .

Sansa is in her dressing room when Tyrion arrives. It is their wedding day. He asks Podrick and Shae to give them a moment alone. He explains that he didn't ask for this. He says she no longer needs to be a prisoner since she'll be his wife, a different kind of prison. He very sweetly tries to explain that they're both feeling weird about this but he promises that he won't ever hurt her. He asks if she drinks wine, she says when she has to. He says today she has to.

Margaery tries to befriend Cersei, saying that they will be sisters soon. Cersei tells her a tale about ambitious climbers that came before her and how they clashed with Tywin and were slaughtered, the entire house. Cersei talks about their bodies hanging and rotting above Casterly Rock. Cersei tells Margaery if she ever calls her sister again she will have her strangled in her sleep.

Sansa takes the long walk down the aisle when Joffrey walks up beside her to escort her to the front where she will give her wedding vows. Joffrey tells her that since he is the King, he is technically The Father of the Realm, and it is his job to give the bride away. Bronn smiles at her in the crowd. Margaery gives her an encouraging glance. Joffrey then takes away Tyrion's step-stool as a mean gesture so Tyrion can't properly "cloak" her as part of the ceremony. There are a few titters which Tywin immediately squashes. The priest gets down to business.

Gendry wanders around his room and Melisandre comes in to fatten him up so to speak. They talk about how shocking coming into contact with real wealth. She was poor too. She gives him a drink. He's worried she's trying to poison him so she drinks it first. He has a drink and says it's good. She talks about how he still doesn't trust her and she wins him over and drinks more herself. She starts talking about how he has power inside of him that he doesn't understand and that she is here to birth it into the world. She starts taking off his clothes which he points out doesn't seem very religious. To who? She asks. She disrobes. She says death is coming for everyone and everything and that the two of them can stop it. She takes him to bed and mounts him and says let me show you what you have inside of you. And then she slips him inside of her. She ties up his hands and feet and drops leeches on him. He freaks out and she says not to worry that they won't take much. He asks what she's doing and she says there's power in king's blood. She puts a leech on his penis. She then picks them off as Stannis and Davros enter. Stannis drops them in the fire and says the names of Robb Stark, Joffrey Baratheon, and Bailon Greyjoy.

Tyrion gets drunk at the reception. Olenna explains to Loras how they will all be related to Cersei, Joffrey, Tyrion and Sansa as step-siblings, aunts and nieces and brothers and in-laws once all the weddings are done. Sansa excuses herself from the drunken Tyrion. He looks woefully at Shae. Tywin comes over and reminds him that he needs to have a child soon and he can't be drunk and perform. Tyrion says no man can match him in drinking and lust. Tywin firmly reminds him of his duty. Tyrion raises a glass to an equally woeful looking Loras on the balcony. Loras goes to chat with Cersei. She makes it clear she cares not for what he might have to say.

Joffrey meets Sansa on her walk and he taunts her about her dream come true to have a Lannister baby. He says maybe he'll pay a visit to her that night after her uncle passes out, whether she likes it or not. Joffrey drags her back in and says it's time for the "bedding" ceremony, in which the newlyweds are dragged to their wedding bed. Tyrion pushes back and threatens to cut off Joffrey's manhood. Joffrey is enraged. Tywin steps in and Tyrion makes a joke out of it to save his skin. He stumbles around and grabs Sansa and talks about the time he threw up on a girl in the middle of the act and he will tell her all about it to put her in the mood. Once they get to their room he stumbles to the table and has another drink and tells her to call him Tyrion. He regards her neck as astoundingly long. He asks how old

she is. 14 She says. He tells her he has been commanded to consummate the marriage. She has a big drink of her own. She heads to the bed and starts to take off her dress. He watches, apprehensively. He stops her and says he can't. He clarifies that he can but that he won't. She asks after Tywin. He says if Tywin wants to get effed he knows where he can start. Tyrion says he won't share her bed until she wants him too. She asks what if she never wants him to? He raises his glass and says "and so my watch begins." He stumbles over and passes out on a chaise.

Dario of the Second Sons, slips into Khaleesi's camp. She is being bathed by her handmaiden, who it turns out knows 19 languages, reasonably well. Dario grabs her girl and puts a knife to her neck. She asks what he wants. He says her. She notes he was sent there to kill her but he says he doesn't want to and drops the heads of his cohorts in the Second Sons. He says her beauty meant more to him than it did to his buddies. He says he only does what he wants. She asks why she should trust a man who murdered his comrades. He notes he was told to murder her, he disagreed, they fought, he won. She stands up naked out of the bath and asks if he'll fight for her and asks him to swear to her. He says the Second Sons are hers as well as his heart.

Shae arrives the next morning to feed Sansa and Tyrion. She slams things around and is rude to him. Shae sees that they did not sleep together --no blood on the sheets-- and is pleased.

Sam and Gilly continue their long walk through the woods and come upon a shelter. He says they should stay for the night. He coos at the baby. Ravens seem to be gathering on a nearby Hearth tree that has a face on it. He can't build a fire. She says they can keep each other warm under the furs. Sam claims the baby winked at him. She says he probably blinked. He asks if she's thought of a name. She goes to build the fire. He goes through a list of boy's names. He explains the difference between birth names and surnames. She asks if his father was cruel like hers. He says a different manner of cruel. The birds start squawking very loudly outside. Sam goes to check on the ruckus. She tells him not to go out. He takes a torch and sword to go look. There are hundreds of crows in the trees screeching. He tells her to go back inside. The birds stop screeching. They see a figure, a White Walker. She says it has come for the baby. Sam holds his sword to it. The White Walker destroys the sword and throws Sam to the ground. The Walker keeps going for the baby, Sam stabs him in the back with the dragon glass dagger he found. The White Walker turns to ice and shatters to the ground. They run off being followed by the ravens.

S3, Ep9

The Rains of Castamere

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Robb lets Catelyn in on his plan to take Casterley Rock. In light of what happened when he went against her regarding Theon, he asks her advice. She tells them that it's a great risk but it's time to show the Lannisters how it feels to lose what they love.

The wedding party finally arrives at Lord Walder Frey's bridge/castle, The Twins. Robb apologizes for spurning his daughters. Frey introduces him to all of the women he turned down for becoming queen. He apologizes to the many women directly and says he's sorry that he turned them down but he fell in love with Talisa. Frey calls Talisa forward and says it's not love for Robb but beauty. He ogles her and talks about what's under her dress and says he was betrayed for firm tits and a tight fit and he can respect that. Frey says it's time to party and put this mess behind them.

Daario, Daenerys, Barristan, Jorah, and Grey Worm plot a plan to take Yunkai. Dany is clearly getting sweet on Daario. Jorah is skeptical but the others are convinced. And when she asks Grey Worm in the old tongue whether he trusts Daario, he says he does.

Samwell explains to Gilly that they're heading for the Night Fort, the first castle on the wall. It has a secret sally port that he hopes to be able to find. Gilly wonders how he knows all of this and he says he read it in a book. She thinks he must be a wizard if he could divine all that information from "staring at marks on paper." She says her father used to tell her that no Wildling looked upon the wall and lived but here they are, alive.

The Hound and Arya run into a hog farmer on the road on the way to the Twins. He helps the man fix his wagon, and then knocks him out. Arya asks him not to kill him, begs him and he grumpily acquiesces saying her kindness will get her killed someday. The man wakes and Arya knocks him out again. Bran, Rickon, Hodor and their crew reach a windmill in a tattered old village and wait out a storm. Hodor is freaked out by the thunder.

Jon Snow and the Wildlings raid an elderly horse breeder's house. Jon asks Ygritte to spare the breeder yet she shoots and he manages to get away anyway.

The Hound taunts her saying the closer she gets the more frightened she becomes because she's afraid, now that she's so close she thinks she might not make it. She says she's seen fear in him too, fear around fire. He tells her to give it a shot and try to run. She says someday she's going to put a sword through his eye and out the back of his skull. She looks longingly across the river where her family is.

The wildlings arrive near the ruined windmill after chasing the breeder.

Hodor's yelling about the thunder is drawing the attention of the Wildlings outside until Bran uses his warg powers and goes inside him and causes him to pass out. The warg Orell in the Wildling party points out he heard shouting from the tower but no one seems to believe him. They capture the horse breeder. Tormund moves to kill the old man, but Orell tells him to have Jon do it instead, to prove his loyalty. Even at Ygritte's urging Jon is ultimately unable to kill the innocent man and Ygritte puts an arrow in his chest. Orell says Jon will always be a Crow and will stab him in the back the first chance he gets. The Wildlings attack him and Ygritte tries to help Jon but Tormund holds her back telling her not to die for a crow. Bran enters the minds of Summer and Shaggydog, his and Rickon's direwolves, and aides Jon, having the wolves attack the Wildlings. Jon kills Orell but not before being attacked by an eagle that Orell controlled using his warg abilities. Jon rides away leaving Ygritte behind.

When night falls, Daario, Jorah, and Grey Worm arrive at the gate. Daario enters ahead of them, posing as a still loyal Second Son commander. Shortly after being let inside the city, he signals Jorah and Grey Worm to follow him. Once inside the city, they are ambushed by a group of Yunkai's slave soldiers, and though largely outnumbered, manage to kill them. More slave soldiers come through the doors and surround Daario, Jorah, and Grey Worm.

At night, Walder walks his daughter Roslin down the aisle to her future husband Edmure Tully, who is pleasantly surprised by her beauty. Walder Frey shoots Robb a smirk. Edmure and Roslin are wed.

Bran tells Jojen he was right, he can get inside anyone or animal he wants. Jojen says not anyone can get inside another person, that Bran is special. He tells them he saw Jon and that he got away. Osha wants to go to Castle Black and doesn't want to go north of the wall. Bran says she doesn't have to come. Bran asks Osha to take Rickon to Last Hearth, the home of the Umber family, Stark bannermen who will protect them. Rickon wants to stay with Bran but Bran says if something happens to him Rickon will be the heir to Winterfell. Osha reassures a tearful Rickon and she, Rickon, and Shaggydog depart. Osha tells them to keep Bran safe, that he means the world to her.

After fighting a second wave of soldiers, the group returns to Daenerys, and tell her the attack on Yunkai was successful, and she is now in control of the city. Jorah stands proud before his Queen to inform her that the city is her's. However, Daenerys' main concern is for the well-being of Daario. Jorah's expression is one of heartbreak when he sees the look Daenerys gives the triumphant Daario.

At the wedding feast, Bolton tells Catelyn that he also married a Frey, a grand

daughter. He said he could have his pick and would give him her weight in silver. Catelyn states she hopes his wife makes him happy to which he replies his wife made him rich.

Robb tells Talisa that Catelyn is starting to like her and Talisa says she feels the same but if she had her druthers she'd be back home playing her harp.

Walder calls for the bedding ceremony to begin, and Roslin is carried off by the male guests, followed closely by Edmure, who is collected by the Frey women. Talisa thinks this is a very strange custom. He says it's tradition and gives proof of consummation. She says there are other ways and touches his hand to her belly. She says she wants to name him Eddard, after Robb's father. A new Ned Stark for Robb to raise.

After they leave, Lothar Frey closes the banquet hall doors, and a musician begins playing "The Rains of Castamere," a Lannister victory song. Catelyn recognizes it and looks stricken.

Using the food cart as their reason for being at the Twins, the Hound and Arya arrive at the wedding shortly after the bedding has begun, and are turned away at the gates. Soldiers begin running through the gates and Arya looks nervous. When the Hound moves to turn the cart around, he notices Arya has fled.

Catelyn draws back Roose Bolton's sleeve to reveal that he's cloaked in chainmail underneath his wedding attire. She stands and slaps him and calls to Robb.

Walder rises to make a toast to Robb, and signals his men to attack. Lothar draws a knife and repeatedly stabs the pregnant Talisa in the stomach, killing her and her unborn child inside of her. Before he can react, Robb is shot by the musicians with crossbows several times and falls to the ground. The soldiers attack all in the Stark party. Frey has a drink and very much enjoys watching the slaughter.

Arya, having snuck past the gate guards, witnesses Frey men kill Stark soldiers and Grey Wind, Robb's direwolf. She is saved by the Hound, who knocks her unconscious before carrying her out of the castle.

Catelyn, having been wounded by a crossbow bolt, holds a knife to the throat of Walder's young wife, demanding that Robb be allowed to leave. Walder says he'll find another wife, and takes another drink as Bolton betrays Robb, saying "the Lannisters send their regards" and stabbing him in the heart as he falls and dies next to Talisa. Catelyn cries out in anguish and cuts the throat of Walder Frey's young wife. She stands there, catatonic for a few moments as another Frey cuts her throat. She falls to floor, dead. Cut to black.

S3, Ep10

Mhysa

- We open on the continued slaughter of the Stark soldiers and bannermen at Walder Frey's. Arya, now with a gash on her head, looks on distraught as she's held on a horse by the Hound. They survey a bit of the madness before riding off. Robb Stark's body, with Grey Wind's head replacing his is paraded about the Twins as Arya looks on in despair. Arya and The Hound ride off to safety.

Meanwhile in King's Landing as Sansa and Tyrion make their way-- with Shae close behind-- people openly titter at them and Tyrion says he's adding them to his "list." Sansa, sweetly, thinks they should get their revenge by sewing sheep poop into their beds like Arya used to do to her. Podrick arrives to tell him that a meeting of the small council has been called.

Tyrion joins Varys, Grand Maester Pycelle, Cersei, Tywin and Joffrey in the chambers. The news of Robb and Catelyn Stark's demise has reached them. Tyrion taunts Joffrey in a most dangerous way and Joffrey calls him a monster. Tyrion tells him to be careful of monsters as kings seem to be in the habit of dying. Incensed he threatens to take his tongue. Pycelle tells him he should apologize to Joffrey. Cersei tries to calm Joffrey, who keeps proclaiming he's king. Tywin points out that a man who must declare he's king isn't really one. Tywin says Joffrey will be, once Tywin wins the war for him. Joffrey lashes out at Tywin and says that it's his father who is the real warrior and that Tywin "hid" at Casterley Rock. A chill takes the room.

Tywin essentially sends Joffrey to bed without his supper and all depart except Tyrion. Tywin will appoint Roose Bolton as the warden of the north until Tyrion and Sansa's hoped for son will come of age. Tyrion says he understands Tywin's cheating, it's war after all, but to slaughter the Starks at a wedding seems low. Tywin says killing a few here, saves thousands in war. And more importantly that he will do what it takes to protect his family and its power. Tyrion says he will not rape Sansa. Tywin says he needs to put the family first. Tyrion asks when Tywin has ever done anything solely for the family that wasn't in his own interest. He then regales Tyrion with a chilling little tale about how when he was born he wanted to drown him in the sea because of his "deformity." Tyrion returns to his bedchambers and sees a tearful Sansa. She has heard the news.

JoJen, Bran, Hodor and the gang are still on the move and find an abandoned structure near the Night Fort to stay in. Bran says there are horrible stories about the place that they are staying. He tells them about a cook in the Night's Watch who hated the King so much that he killed his son and cooked him into a pie. The King liked it so much he had a second slice. The gods, allegedly, turned the cook into a big white rat who could only eat his own young. The gods apparently don't

like it when you kill a guest beneath your roof.

Women are cleaning the blood off the floor at Frey's house. Roose Bolton notes that the Blackfish got away. Frey isn't worried, he's gloating at killing all the people who laughed at him. Bolton says he will move to Winterfell eventually, after it's fixed up. Roose explains about what happened to Theon. Roose had sent his bastard, Ramsay Snow to Winterfell. It was him that had put Winterfell to the torch after Theon's Iron Born turned on him.

We cut to Theon on the rack and the boy taunting him about cutting off his penis and whether he has phantom pains. He eats a big pork sausage. (The boy is apparently Bolton's bastard son Ramsay.) Theon begs Ramsay to kill him. Ramsay says he's no good to him dead. He says he's no longer a lord now and he calls him "stinking meat" and renames him "Reek" since he stinks. He beats him asking "what's your name?" until he answers "Reek."

Bran awakes in a panic and calls to Hodor. They hear a noise. A figure appears. It's Samwell and Gilly. Samwell realizes that Bran is Jon's brother, thanks to his direwolf and Hodor. He says Jon saved his life and so Bran is now his brother. They ask him to take them north of the wall and he's confused as to why they'd want to go there. He says he'll take them to Castle Black instead which is where Jon will be and it's the only safe place. Sam tells him he saw the White Walkers. JoJen says no one can stop them. Bran begs him to take them north.

A missive arrives at the Greyjoy castle in the Iron Islands. The note from Bolton asks for all of his people to be pulled from the north or they will be flayed alive as they flayed those at Winterfell. It comes with a box... with Theon's penis in it. The note says if they don't pull out of the north more parts of Theon will arrive in boxes. Balon tells his daughter that since Theon disobeyed his orders and since he can't further the Greyjoy line he won't give up the lands he seized to save him. She notes that he is his son and a Greyjoy. He says too bad and he's doing nothing. She says she's going to take the fastest ship in their fleet, take the 50 best killers, and she's going to the Dreadfort and she's going to find her little brother and bring him home.

Sam shows them the obsidian dagger that killed the White Walker. Bran gives it to Hodor. Sam says he got lucky with one and there are many more, more than you can count. He implores Bran to come with them to Castle Black. Bran wishes he could. He and the gang set off as Sam and Gilly watch.

Davos goes to visit Gendry in his cell. He consoles that he was born in Flea Bottom just like Gendry. He tries to bond with him. Davos wonders why he got with Melisandre. Gendry points out he's never been with a woman. Davos gets it. Gendry asks how Davos became a lord. He explains that he helped Stannis out of a

jam and he didn't want to be a lord, but he did it for his son, so he'd have a better life. Of course, now he's dead.

Varys chats with Shae down by the water. He says she's been a good influence on Tyrion. Shae is bitter but admits she loves Sansa and would kill for her which makes it harder. Varys gives her a bag of diamonds and tells her to spirit herself away and start a new, good life far from here. She wonders why he wants her to leave. He says that Tyrion could actually lead this country well, make it a better place, and she is a complication. He's not asking her to leave for money but because her presence endangers Tyrion. She throws the diamonds back and says if Tyrion wants her to leave he can tell her himself.

Tyrion drinks with Podrick, who is having trouble keeping up. Cersei enters and orders him out. She taunts him about "enjoying married life." She claims she's not going to be railroaded into marrying Loras. She tells him to impregnate Sansa since that will make her happy. He points out that she has children and she doesn't seem very happy. She says she isn't but her children keep her from throwing herself out a window. She reminisces about how she used to spend hours looking at baby Joffrey and that he used to be jolly little fellow. She says no one can take that away from her, not even Joffrey. He asks how long does it go on? She says until they've dealt with their enemies. He points out everytime they deal with one they make two more. She says then it will go on for a long time.

The Hound and Arya ride past a group of men, one of whom claims he sawed off Robb's head. Arya comes up behind him and claims she's hungry and wants to keep warm by the fire. They tell her to go away and she says she's got money. She hands them a coin and then stabs the guy to death. The Hound takes care of the rest of them. She nicked the knife from the Hound. He asks if this is the first man she killed. She says, yes, the first. He says next time she's going to do that, tell him first. She picks up the coin and says the magic words, "valar morghulis."

Jon Snow is at a pond drinking and cleaning up and Ygritte comes up behind him with her bow and arrow drawn. He says he didn't have a choice and she knew who he was. He says he has to go home and he knows she won't hurt him. She says he knows nothing. He says he knows he loves her and she loves him but he has to go home now. He turns. She shoots him, in the back and the leg. She cries as he rides away.

Sam and Gilly arrive back at the Night's Watch and chat with the blind Maester Aemon. She announces she has named the baby Sam. Sam explains that the baby isn't his and she's one of Craster's wives. Sam says he's seen the "night gathering" and that it's coming for all of them. The maester says Gilly and baby Sam will be their guests for the time being. He asks Sam to take a letter. He also tells them to make sure all 44 ravens have been fed because everyone of them is being sent

tonight.

Davos works on his reading with scrolls as Stannis' daughter pays a visit. He's reading the scrolls since he's Stannis' hand again and he needs to keep them informed. He reads the note from the Night's Watch. Suddenly the bells start ringing. He tells her to stay put and bar the door. He goes to see Stannis, who has heard the news of Robb Stark's death. Melisandre says her faith has been rewarded. Davos tells Stannis that uniting the seven kingdoms with blood and magic is wrong and evil. Stannis ignores him and notes that dragons are magic and that's how the Targaryen's won what they did and Stannis will punish them with any arms at his disposal. Davos says they don't need to burn Gendry if one drop of his blood killed Robb Stark. Melisandre says they are no closer to the throne and a great gift requires great sacrifice. Davos tries to humanize him by telling them Gendry's story and again noting that he is his nephew. Stannis says the boy must die.

Davos goes to Gendry and helps him make a jailbreak in a rowboat and tells him to aim for a certain star and to keep the coast on the left side until he reaches King's Landing-- and to not drink seawater. Davos warns him not to fall out, since he can't swim. Gendry asks him why he's doing this and Davos says because it's right and he's a slow learner.

Jon Snow arrives back at the Night's Watch, falling off his horse from the arrows. He's still alive.

Jaime Lannister and Brienne arrive at King's Landing. He is not recognized by the peasants and thus pitied by her. He surprises Cersei in the castle as she looks through memorabilia. She is relieved when she sees him but is not approaching him as he looks shamefully at his stump. He tries to get in with her but she says he's too late.

Davos confesses to letting Gendry escape. Melisandre says saving one innocent has doomed tens of thousands. He says there must be another way. Stannis can't see another way and sentences Davos to death. Davos says he's going to need him and shows him the note from the Night's Watch about the White Walkers. Melisandre reads the note and then burns it. She says this war of five of kings means nothing and the true war lies to the north and death marches towards them. Davos says Stannis will need him to raise an army. Melisandre actually agrees with him and saves him saying he has a part to play. Stannis mocks him and says Davos is part of the fire god's army now.

Dany and the Unsullied, Ser Jorah and the gang wait for the slaves of Yunkai to emerge and join them. They do. Dany addresses them and tells them that they do not owe their freedom to her and if they want it they must take it or themselves. They choose it and call out to her calling her "Mhysa" which is Ghiscari for

"mother." She instructs her dragons to fly. She wades out into the crowd chanting "mother." They gently touch her and then lift her up. She smiles at them as her dragons fly overhead.

S4, Ep1

Two Swords

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We open on a sword ensconced in a wolf's body. The sword is removed, boiled down and made into two separate swords at the behest of Tywin Lannister. It was Ned Stark's sword, made of Valyrian steel. Tywin throws the wolf on the fire and watches it burn.

We move to King's Landing and Jaime receiving the larger of the two swords from Tywin. He will learn to fight with his left hand. They note they have always wanted one of these in the family for years and now they have two. Tywin doesn't want Jaime to serve in the King's Guard with one hand and wants him to return to Casterley Rock and rule in his stead, but Jaime insists that he still can and he doesn't want to break his vow to the King's Guard. Tywin gets annoyed at this but lets him go serve. He lets him keep the sword since a one-handed man with no family needs all the help he can get.

Tyrion awaits the party of the Prince of Dorne who is arriving for the royal wedding. There is bad blood between the Lannisters and the Martells of Dorne and Tyrion is nervous. The party arrives and it is not the prince, it is lords from the houses of Dorne. They tell him the prince is unwell and he couldn't come and he sent his brother Prince Oberyn in his stead and that he arrived before dawn since he's not a man for welcome parties. They blow him off and head on to King's Landing. Tyrion says they need to find Oberyn who is famous for being a playboy so they head to the whorehouse.

He is in fact there, choosing between several lovely whores. He's interested, however, in not just them but also the young pimp who is displaying them. The man says he is wildly expensive. Oberyn doesn't care. The young man and one of the women are in fact willing. Oberyn is with an exotic looking woman, his companion. They will all be having the sex together apparently. Until a man who is singing in another room interrupts Oberyn's train of thought.

They go into the other room where two men are sitting with two whores, singing and drinking. The men are Lannisters. Oberyn threatens them, the Lannisters taunt him as a roughneck. Oberyn says Lannisters think their gold makes them better than everyone, but it doesn't. He then stabs one of the men in the hand. Tyrion

enters at this point as the man writhes in pain. They scamper off to seek medical attention.

Oberyn begins kissing his female companion, Ellaria Sand (Sand being the surname of noble-born bastards in Dorne the way Snow is in the North), in front of them as Tyrion tries to welcome them. Oberyn introduces him as the king's uncle imp. Tyrion asks for a word in private and they step outside. He asks why Oberyn came. He says the last time he was there he was with his sister who was married to a Targaryen, who then left her for another woman and that started a war right here and Tywin took the city and carved up his nephew, niece, and that the Gregor "The Mountain" Clegane raped and murdered his sister. He says to tell Tywin that the Lannisters aren't the only ones who pay their debts.

Dany sits by the water and watches her dragons play with each other in the air over the water. The third rests its head in her lap. They are getting much, much bigger and more dangerous and a little rebellious not always listening to Dany's directives. Ser Jorah is worried that they can never be tamed, not even by her. She goes to find Daario and Grey Worm, they are in some silly gambling match, basically it's a dumb staring contest. She walks past her enormous, growing army of the Unsullied and the slaves she's picked up along the way and tells them they won't ride by her but at the end by the livestock and the last man holding his sword will have to find a new queen. They stop their contest.

Shae tries to make Sansa eat but she refuses. She is beyond depressed. Tyrion arrives and tries to get her to eat as well. He sends Shae away so he can talk to her. He says he can't let her starve and that he swore to protect her. He touches her hand but she pulls hers away. He says he wants to help her but she says she lies awake all night thinking about how Robb and her mother died at the Red Wedding. Tyrion says it was all a terrible crime and that he admired her mother even though she wanted to have him executed and said she was strong and fierce in protecting her children. He says Catelyn would want her to carry on and she knows it's true. She departs in sadness.

Tyrion returns to his quarters to a waiting Shae who wants him to make love to her. He says she can't be there and it can be dangerous. She blows this off saying she wants him and wants him to want her. He notes that times are tense right now and he has no time for this. She tells him he needs to relax and sticks his hand under her dress. Shae gets mad and wonders if he loves Sansa. He notes Sansa despises him and he doesn't love her. She says he tried to ship her away and asks if he wants her to leave. He says he doesn't know what she's talking about. She asks him if he wants her to stay. He doesn't answer. She stalks out. A woman in the hallway overhears all of this.

Jaime is fitted with a new gold hand. Cersei is mad he doesn't seem to be happy

about it since she worked hard on getting the detailing right. She thanks the doctor for giving her some medicine that helped with some nebulous "symptoms" she had. The two talk and he notes she drinks more than she used to. She said he started a war and disappeared and her husband died and her daughter was shipped off and there was a siege and now her son is marrying a bitch and she has to marry a homosexual. She drinks more now.

Jaime comes to sit by her and tries to put the moves on her and she says not now. He wonders when since he's been back for weeks. He asks if something's changed. She says everything's changed and he came back with no apology and one hand and expects everything to be the same. He said he didn't want to be taken prisoner and murdered people to get back to her. She says he took too long. The woman from the hallway comes to snitch on Tyrion and Shae.

Ygritte and the Wildlings wait in a valley trying to figure out what to do since Mance Rayder told them to wait there. She's worried Mance is dead. She and Tormund argue about Jon Snow and he says she put three arrows in him and if he's still walking it's because Ygritte let him go. A group of men arrive. They are Thens, they have scarred faces, bald heads, and are large and scary. The lead one says Mance sent them. He notes that the meat tastes better on this side of the wall. He also notes he didn't see them coming and that they lost Jon Snow. They say they will answer to Mance but not to him. He asks if Ygritte belongs to Tormund, she pulls her arrow and notes she doesn't belong to anyone. He's excited about the "food" on this side of the wall. The Thens are cannibals.

Back at Castle Black Sam chats with the returned Jon Snow, who is talking about how he was jealous of Robb his whole life since he was better than Jon at everything-- hunting, riding, girls. He says he wanted to hate him and never could. Sam says he wanted to hate Jon Snow too since he's better at everything than him too, except reading. Jon thinks they'll want to hang him.

Jon Snow goes before the main men of the Wall and explains what happened while he was working as a double agent with the wildlings, including killing the Halfhand and sleeping with a wildling girl. One guy says he has to die since he slept with the enemy. The meister says they couldn't kill everyone that broke that vow or else there would be no one to guard the wall. Jon points out that while they sit there and debate, Mance is marching on the wall with an army of 100,000. They don't believe him but Jon tries to impress upon him how serious this coming attack is, coming from the South and North. The signal will be a great bonfire. Jon asks if they're going to execute him or if he's free to go. The older man notes that none of them are free, but they won't be taking his head today and he can leave. The acting commander is mad the Meister let Jon go but they let it stand.

Oleanna is looking at necklaces for Margaery and her wedding. She dismisses all

the beautiful baubles. She tells the ladies in waiting to go to the jewelers and find a better necklace. Margaery grouses about Joffrey and Oleana tells her to be careful about that kind of talk. Brienne of Tarth arrives and tells Margaery about the shadow with the face of Stannis Baratheon who killed Renly and Brienne says one day she will avenge him. Margaery is sweet to her.

Jaime goes over the logistics for the wedding with the King's Guard leader. Joffrey can't be bothered with the details. He then blathers on about how all he's done for the city and taunts Jaime for getting captured. Joffrey leafs through a book called the "Book of Brothers" that tells the tales of all the great deeds they did. He notes Jaime's page is barely filled in. Jaime says there's still time. Joffrey is skeptical of the 40 year-old one-handed man. Jaime says he uses his left hand now and it makes more of a contest.

Dany talks with her girl about their march to Mereen to take the city with her army of slaves. Daario arrives to talk to her about strategy. He shows her three flowers, all of which are native to Mereen. One is poisonous, one is used to make tea. He says if you want to lead a people you have to know them and their surroundings. He then makes a little bouquet with the flowers and gives it to her. Very cute. She notes that he is indeed a gambler and smiles despite herself. On the march they come across a crucified slave. Ser Jorah notes there will be one at every mile marker into Mereen and there are 163 miles to go. Barristan wants to bury them but Dany wants to see their faces first.

Brienne and Jaime look out at Sansa from a distance and Brienne reminds him of his promise to Catelyn to keep the Stark children safe. He notes Arya is probably dead and now that Sansa is a Lannister she's safe here. Brienne isn't buying that. Jaime asks if she isn't a Lannister after all since they're all being a pain in his ass and she does have the hair for it.

Sansa takes a walk alone and hears a noise. A man makes himself known. He is the drunk fool whose life she saved on Joffrey's name day. He offers her the only thing of value he owns, a necklace that belonged to his mother and her mother before her. She tries to refuse it but he forces her saying it will let his name have one more moment in the sun before it disappears from the world. She says she's she'll wear it with pride.

Arya and the Hound come across a ransacked caravan that includes dead body. Arya complains of wanting a horse of her own since she wants away from his stench. He says she's the only thing he has of value and he won't watch it ride away. She wonders why he didn't steal anything from Joffrey before he left. He admits he's a murderer but not a thief and that a man has to have a code.

She says she has nowhere to go and wouldn't ride away and she'd be dead without

him. He says he plans to sell her to a known living relative, her aunt Lysa in Vail. They come across a structure and count five horses and five men and he feels like that's too many to kill on an empty stuck. Arya recognizes them as the men who took them to Haarenhall and killed her friend and stole her sword and notes he still has it. She goes ahead after him to get her sword and he's angry with her. But then the door opens and they enter.

It's a tavern of sorts with a bunch of men, one of whom is hassling a young girl. They sit as everyone stares at them. The tavern owner begs them not to molest his daughter. The man who stole Arya's sword recognizes the hound and tells the owner to pour him some ale. They catch up on the news and his brother the Mountain who the guy has been working with. The man eyes the girl and figures the Hound has been having fun. He looks at Arya and says he's had better. The man invites him to come along and rape and pillage along the way to King's Landing thanks to the fact that they're wearing the King's colors. The Hound colorfully says to hell with the King. The man realizes the tale of Joffrey's man turning tail and running from battle he didn't believe it but now he realizes it's true. The Hound asks to have some chickens. The guy says he'll trade their chickens for a go at Arya. The Hound drinks the man's ale and then reiterates his request for some chickens. A fight ensues and, predictably, the Hound defeats all comers. Less predictably Arya helps him, kills one guy and takes her sword back from the man who stole it and kills him too. She looks pretty happy about it as he spouts blood. They ride off eating chickens and Arya on her very own horse.

S4, Ep2

The Lion and the Rose

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Ramsey Snow, Theon, and Ramsey's girlfriend hunt a young human girl with dogs. Her crime was that she thought she was pretty, which offended Ramsey's girl Miranda. She is shot with an arrow and the dogs bark viciously around her. Ramsey lets the dogs rip her apart. Theon watches with disgust. Miranda notes the girl is not very pretty now.

Tyrion and Jaime eat, well Tyrion does. Jaime isn't hungry. Tyrion toasts the proud Lannister children: the dwarf, the cripple, and the mother of madness. Tyrion compliments Jaime's hand which he promptly uses to knock over a goblet of wine. Jaime worries he can't fight. Tyrion tells him he must train then. Jaime worries someone will discover. Tyrion says he has a discreet swordsman for him. Bronn meets him at a secluded spot by the water and they begin to train so Jaime can get his skills strong with his left hand. Bronn gets right to it and doesn't hold back.

A group of men rides toward a castle. It's Roose Bolton returned home. Bolton asks after Theon and says he'll have a look at him. Bolton's man reminisces about cutting off Jaime's hand with Ramsey.

Ramsey presents the severely shell-shocked Theon, who is now called Reek. (He flayed him and cut off his penis.) Bolton is annoyed his bastard son did these things with a bargaining chip. Ramsey said he already offered to trade him and Bailon Greyjoy refused. Ramsey said Bolton put him in charge. Bolton says he needed Theon. Ramsey says Theon was their enemy but Reek will never betray him. Bolton thinks he places much too much trust in Ramsey and Ramsey in Theon.

Ramsey asks Theon to shave him with a straight razor. This makes Bolton nervous but Ramsey taunts him maliciously and Theon never moves to slit his throat. He is tamed. Theon explains that he didn't kill Bran and Rickon but two farm boys and he knows the Stark boys are out there. Ramsey thinks the country will rally to their side now that Robb Stark is gone. Theon is sad to hear the news of Robb but again the razor stays steady. Bolton tells his main man to go find Bran and Rickon. Theon tells them to check Castle Black and Jon Snow. Bolton says if he wants to prove himself he should go conquer a strategic moat for him.

Varys tells Tyrion that Shae has been discovered and they have to get rid of her. He says he has friends across the sea who can help. Tyrion says she's been told it's dangerous so often she no longer believes it.

There is a fancy rehearsal-type dinner where people present gifts to Joffrey including his future father-in-law. Cersei tells Tywin about Shae. Tywin says he will kill her. Tyrion catches the drift of this exchange. Tyrion gives Joffrey an important book. He seems unimpressed but Tywin shoots him a look and Joffrey thanks Tyrion. Tywin gives Joffrey the other Valyrian steel sword he had forged along with Jaime's. Joffrey promptly starts whacking the table with it, slicing Tyrion's book to pieces in the process. He tries to think of a name and reminisces about beheading Ned Stark much to Sansa's dismay.

Shae comes to Tyrion and he brutally pushes her away, is mean to her so she'll want to leave. He says he needs to do right by Sansa. She says she is not afraid of Tywin and Cersei. He calls her a whore and is mean to her. He gives her money and tells her that across the Narrow Sea she'll have a house and servants. She cries and he has her taken out forcibly by Bronn who she slaps. He, understanding, takes the slap.

Crazy Melisandre burns alive several people, one of whom is the brother of Stannis' wife, the queen. She thinks their souls have been claimed and seems very happy. Melisandre is hardcore. She's giving an offering to the Gods. Davos is

worried that Stannis killed his brother-in-law. Stannis says he was an infidel who refused to tear down his false idols. Stannis threatens Davos for challenging him. Stannis, the queen, and Melisandre eat. The larders are almost empty. Times are getting rough. The queen reminisces about another time they were poor and ate grilled seagull. The queen worries about their "stubborn" and sinful daughter. Stannis says to not to strike her. The queen suggests that Melisandre speak to her.

Melisandre goes to see the princess in her room. She says she heard the ceremony on the beach and is sad about her uncle and the screaming. The princess is not afraid of her. Melisandre says she was like the princess when she was young. They talk about the Gods. Melisandre says the books she's read of Gods are lies and that there are no seven gods, heavens, and hells. There are only two gods and one hell, the one they live in now.

Bran wakes from a Warg-sleep. Jojen says it's dangerous to spend so much time in his direwolf's body. He says he knows it must be glorious to run, leap, hunt and be whole, but Bran could get trapped in his direwolf and forget what it is to be human and forget all his memories of Winterfell and himself. Meera says if they lose him they lose everything. They come upon a large tree with a face in it and red leaves like the one at Winterfell. He touches the bark and has flashes of visions: the three eyed raven, his dad, and hears a voice that says "look for me beneath the tree." He feels himself fall again out of the window. The voice says "North." He breaks contact and says "I know where we have to go."

Margaery and Joffrey are wed. Sansa grouches to Tyrion, "We have a new queen." He points out, "Better her than you."

Tywin and Olenna chat after the wedding. He grouches about how much the wedding cost. She points out she's paying her share. They chat about the cost of the war and the Iron Bank. She grabs his arm and says they should celebrate young love.

The reception is in full swing with firebreathers and entertainment. Bronn assures Tyrion that Shae is gone and safe and tells him to go drink until it feels like he did the right thing.

Musicians play for Joffrey. He throws money at them and chases them off.

Margaery stands and says she and Joffrey have decided to give the wedding leftovers to the poor people of the city. Big cheers.

Oberyn makes eyes at Loras Tyrell across the way. Loras bumps into Jaime who asks if he's looking forward to his wedding to Cersei. He says if he manages to marry Cersei she will murder him and any children they have in their sleep. But

this will never happen because Loras will never marry Cersei. Loras points out that neither will Jaime.

Brienne bows before the king and queen and wishes them good fortune and hopes his reign is long and peaceful. Cersei mocks her for bowing instead of curtsying. She approaches her and tells her she's a lady whether she likes it or not. She thanks Brienne for helping Jaime get back safe. Brienne points out that he saved her a few times as well. Cersei says she hasn't heard that story. Brienne says it's not such a fascinating story. Cersei narrows her eyes and sweetly says with dripping acid that it must be nice to flit from camp to camp-- Renley to Catelyn to Jaime- and serve. Brienne says she doesn't serve Jaime. But, says Cersei, "you love him." Brienne looks nervous and bows away. Cersei shoots a look at Jaime. It's clear she's jealous that any other woman has spent time with him no matter how platonic.

Cersei goes and yells at Pycell and tells him to not give to the leftovers to the poor but to the kennels. Pycell tries to argue that it was the queen's wishes. Cersei asserts she is the queen and she is giving him an order.

A man juggles for Margaery and Joffrey and he has people throw food at him.

Cersei and Tywin chat up Oberyn Martell and Illaria. They have a very acidic back and forth with Cersei insulting Ilaria because she's a bastard-- which is more common and not as shameful in Dorne-- and Oberyn continually needling her by calling her the "former Queen Regent" and Lady Cersei and reminds her that her daughter was shipped off to Dorne.

Joffrey stands up and complains a royal wedding isn't amusement , it's about history. Then he said he came up with a special treat. And a big lion's mouth opens and a bunch of dwarves pour out, dressed up like different members of the families who fought in the war-- Joffrey, Stannis, Renley, Balon, Robb Stark-- fighting comically to the death. Sansa has to watch her "brother" die as everyone laughs and shouts. It's all very horrible and humiliating. And of course "Joffrey" wins and then pretends to defile Robb's 'wolf" head. Tyrion calls Pod over and whispers to him to pay each dwarf 20 in gold when this is done and he'll have to find a way to thank the king later.

The show ends and then Joffrey insultingly invites Tyrion to fight with the dwarves. Tyrion say he did his fighting in the war and he'd like to keep the rest of his face. He then ill-advisedly mocks Joffrey and says he should get in there with his new sword and show everyone how a true king wins his throne. Joffrey decides to put him in his place by pouring his wine on Tyrion's head. He then tells him he wants Tyrion to be his "cup bearer." Tyrion calls it an honor. Joffrey says it's not meant as an honor. Tyrion comes to retrieve the cup and Joffrey drops and kicks it, embarrassing him in front of everyone. Sansa picks it up. Tyrion fills it with wine.

Joffrey demands that Tyrion kneel. Tyrion refuses, and the two engage in a tense staring contest. Then Margaery distracts everyone and breaks the tension by noting the huge wedding pie has arrived. Joffrey whacks it with his sword and doves fly out, or at least the ones he didn't kill who are now bleeding into the pie.

He and Margaery have pie and Joffrey notices Tyrion leaving to change out of his wet clothes. Joffrey says he's fine the way he is and tells him to give him his wine. Angrily, Tyrion picks up the goblet from the banquet table and hands it to his nephew. Joffrey drinks from it, and promptly -- well, not promptly enough -- dies. Horribly. He points out Tyrion with his last breath. Cersei loses her mind. Guards seize Tyrion. A man, the fool who was saved by Sansa, grabs Sansa's arm in the confusion and spirits her away, saying she has to leave now.

S4, Ep3

Breaker of Chains

- "Game of Thrones" - "Breaker of Chains" - April 20, 2014

We pick up right where we left off with Cersei screaming at the guards to seize Tyrion as ponders she leans over Joffrey's dead body. Sansa runs off with the Fool. Cersei asks Tywin where she is. Tywin says to bar the gates and that no one leaves the capital. But the Fool already has a rowboat waiting and he rows her out to a ship shrouded in the mist. She climbs aboard and is greeted by Littlefinger, who promptly kills the Fool, takes the necklace that was supposedly from his grandmother's. from Sansa's neck and drops it on his dead body in the rowboat. He notes that money buys silence for a time but a bolt to the heart buys it forever. He tells her she is safe now, especially since her fleeing will make her look even more guilty.

Margaery is worried that she's not really queen now. Olenna says since they didn't consummate it makes it complicated. Margaery recalls the horror of Joffrey's death. Olenna recalls looking at her dead husband's body. Margaery notes her first husband preferred the company of men and her second was a sadistic jerk and they're both dead so she must be cursed. Olenna says that her circumstances have improved markedly and that Margaery might not have enjoyed watching him die but it was better than it would've been living with him. She says she did wonderful work on Joffrey and the next one will be easier.

Cersei and her second, younger son, Tommen, survey Joffrey's body lying in state. Now, this boy, will be king. Tywin asks extends Tommen what is the most important quality a king should have. Tommen tries holiness, justice, and strength and Tywin shoots them all down for various, good reasons. When he gets to wisdom, Tywin says he's hit upon the key. He clearly likes the boy. Even Cersei

seems impressed by him.

Tywin points out it is the wise king who knows what he knows and what he doesn't and he heeds his councilours until he comes of age. He says Joffrey was not a wise or good king or else he'd still be alive. Tywin asks him if he knows about needing to be married and furthering the line. They walk out talking birds and bees.

Jaime enters and tells Tommen he will make sure he's okay. Jaime asks the guards and priests to give Cersei time alone with her son. Jaime approaches her, and him. She says it was Tyrion, he told her he would hurt her one day. Jaime says there will be a trial. She doesn't want a trial she wants Jaime to avenge their son and kill Tyrion before he can squirm to freedom. She breaks down into tears. He kisses and holds her. And then it takes a turn to sexual. And at first she seems to resist and pulls away. Then he calls her hateful and grabs her and forces himself on her and she's definitely resisting and then she seems into it and then she doesn't and it's all very weird and rapey right next to the body of their dead son.

Arya and the Hound are still making their way to the Eerie. Arya's worried they're going the wrong way. He says he's in a hurry to sell her and be on his way. She wonders where. He says across the Narrow Sea to work as a sellsword. A man and his young daughter notice them watering their horses and say it's their land. Arya says to forgive her "father" and tells a sob story of her mother dying and her father was never the same. They say he fought for the Tullys of RiverRun. This is the right answer. The man offers his barn as a shelter and says his young daughter makes great rabbit stew. They eat. The man tries to convince the Hound to stay on until the new moon and work for cash and guard them from thieves. He offers them fair wages for fair work. He accepts but then instead the Hound robs him and they take off. Arya is mad. The Hound says since the man is weak, they'll both be dead come winter and that dead men don't need silver. Arya is still upset and the Hound says he simply understands how the game is played. He wonders how many Starks have to be beheaded before she figures it out.

Back at Castle Black, Sam sits with Gilly. Other Crows are mocking him for saying he killed a White Walker since Gilly is the only one who saw it and she's just a wildling. His thoughts then turn to the idea of 100 men laying awake at night thinking about the one woman in their midst. She says no one is bothering her beyond looks and jokes and no one is touching her. She asks if he thinks about her at night. He ignores this and says he worries about her. She thanks him. He says he doesn't know if she's safe since some of the Crows were thieves and rapers before they came here. He says maybe she'd be safer in town. She worries that he's bored of her. He is not, he wants to protect her. It makes her sad that he wants to send her away.

Davos goes to see Stannis who has him read a scroll with the news of Joffrey's

death. Stannis is mad that he foretold this with his mumbo jumbo spell but then Davos let the Robert Baratheon's bastard get away and he's now powerless to seize the opportunity of Joffrey's death. Stannis asks after army Davos is supposed to be building and Davos hasn't raised much of one. He lists the few groups he's enlisted and Stannis says that's not enough men to raid a pantry. Davos talks about hiring sellswords. Stannis against this but wants to get moving. He doesn't want to be a page in someone else's history book.

Davos goes to visit the Princess and get his literacy lesson, to keep him from saying ka-nigget instead of knight when he reads out loud. She tells him not to move his lips as he looks at the book. It's an adventure book olive branch. which gets them to talking about pirates. She says she thought he was a pirate. He says he was never a pirate, but a smuggler and if you're a famous smuggler you're not doing it right. As he's talking with her about distinctions like that he has an epiphany and gives her a kiss on the forehead and asks her to write a message to the officers of the Iron Bank from Stannis the one true king of Westeros. He clearly has a plan.

Sam takes Gilly and the baby to a nearby town. A gross woman approaches her and the baby and realizes she's a wildling and mocks and threatens her. Sam tells the tavern/whorehouse owner that Gilly can clean and cook and look after other's babies in exchange for room and board. The madame/owner offers "other" work and a piece of said work to Sam and he says no, no whoring for Gilly. The place is awful, dirty, broken down and subsequently she understandably does not like it. He says she'll be safer here. She says he protected her north of the wall. He says he can't stab his brother Crows in the back like he did the White Walker or run away like they did from Craster. She says this is what's best for him. He's sad that she's sad but he leaves.

We close in on an orgy, several women are working on Illaria and each other and she turns to kiss Oberyn and his young boy, who never acquired the taste for women. The boy and Oberyn talk about bisexuality. Oberyn says everybody is missing half the world's pleasures and when it comes to war he fights for Dorne and when it comes to love he doesn't choose sides. They talk about sex some more and Illaria notes that as a Prince of Dorne men and women will be lining up to sleep with Oberyn until he is dead. He says they will all have to lineup behind her. Tywin interrupts the orgy and asks for the room. The two girls and boy leave.

Oberyn cheekily offers him a seat on the the bed to him.. Tywin declines. Oberyn offers his condolences on Joffrey. Tywin heard Oberyn studied poisons and was seen talking to Tyrion. Suspicious, no? He asks what Tyrion and Oberyn discussed and he said his dead sister, whose death was Tywin's call he thinks since he gave the Mountain an order. Tywin notes that he is here now, unarmed and unguarded. Oberyn says he knows better than to attack him here, now, like this. Oberyn would

like to speak to the Mountain. Tywin says he could arrange it. But, quid pro quo. He wants Oberyn to be the third judge in Tyrion's trial alongside himself and Mace Tyrell. He notes when the Tyrell's joined up with the Lannisters, Margaery got to be queen. Tywin then invites on to the small council to serve as the new king's advisor. Oberyn says he never knew Tywin had such respect for Dorne. Tywin lays it all out saying that Stannis brewing rebellion, the Greyjoys are mad, and Dany's got three dragons and is on the way and that only the Dornish resisted the dragons in the past. Oberyn notes it must be hard for Tywin to say he needs him. Tywin says they need each other and that if he helps him serve justice to king's assassins, he'll help him serve justice to his sister's murderer.

Podrick goes to visit Tyrion in his jail cell and informs him that he will stand trial in a fortnight for murdering Joffrey. Pod doesn't think he did it. Tyrion says if he didn't plan to murder the king, he wouldn't be standing there gawking when the king died. He asks about the judges and Pod tells him Tywin, Mace Tyrell, and Prince Oberyn. Tyrion gives Tywin credit for taking advantage of a family tragedy and enlisting Oberyn. He says he'll call Sansa as a witness. Pod says she's gone and wonders if Sansa did it. Tyrion says no one had more cause than Sansa but she's no assassin and whoever did it wanted Tyrion to take the fall. He theorizes that maybe it was Tywin since Tommen is easier to handle. He says the only thing he knows for certain is it was not Cersei, which makes it unique among King's Landing murders. Pod says he's not allowed to see Bron, and the authorities are investigating him. Tyrion asks to see Jaime. As he's leaving Pod, shamefacedly, confesses that a man came to him and said if he testified against Tyrion he would be made a Ser. Pod says he won't do it. Tyrion gets mad at him and notes that this man wasn't giving Pod a "choice" and that he doesn't want him to die on his behalf. Tyrion says he's giving him an order and to get out of King's Landing before it's too late and this is farewell. He tells Pod that there has never lived a more loyal squire.

The wildlings are on the move. They overrun a small village indiscriminately killing people. A Thenn grabs a boy and asks if he knows how to get to Castle Black. He says yes. The Thenn forces the boy to watch them kill his parents and notes that he's going to eat them and to go tell the Crows at Castle Black that they're on the way.

He does. The Crows want to go after them. The Commander says the wildlings want to draw them out and pick them off a few at a time. The wise old man notes that they only have 100 men, including stewards and cooks and even him and they can't lose a single man. He says they have to remember their first responsibility: to keep watch over the wall. They ask Jon Snow what he thinks. He thinks the Wildlings will roll over everyone and everything for a 1000 miles before they reach an army that can take them.

Just then the rangers return and report that the Wildlings have overtaken Craster. Jon Snow freaks. He tells them that he told Mance Rayder there were a 1000 men at Castle Black. The people at Craster's know that's not true and will give up how many there really are under torture so Mance will soon know. He notes that Mance has all he needs to crush them he just doesn't know it yet and when he does he'll throw his full strength at the Crows.

Dany finally reaches Mereen. The doors to their city wall open. A single rider rides out and she is expected to send her own champion to fight him. The man dismounts and yells over to her and then pisses in her general direction trash talking her "army of men without men parts." Grey Worm volunteers to be her champion. She says he's her leader and needs him. And then Ser Jorah volunteers and she turns him down as her best friend and most trusted adviser. Then Daario offers and she lets him give it a go and she tells him to give this large audience a show as the entire city of Mereen appears perched on the city walls, watching and taunting them.

Daario refuses a horse as the other man mounts up. He rides towards Daario who turns to wink at Khaleesi. He continues to ride, everybody gets nervous. Daario throws his sword at the horse. It falls the man falls off and Daario neatly slices his throat, easy peasy. The Mereenians shoot arrows just short of him. Daario pulls out his penis and pisses in their general direction.

Khaleesi addresses the Mereenians and tells them her story of freeing slaves on her journey. The slaves are listening and the masters are looking nervous. Dany's army lines up cannons and she calls for them to fire. But they don't shoot ammo: they shoot loads of shackles. As they fall to the ground the slaves look at the unbound shackles-- just like the kind they're wearing-- and the seeds of a revolution are sown.

S4, Ep4

Oathkeeper

- "Game of Thrones" - "Oathkeeper" - April 27, 2014

Dany's right hand woman Missandei is teaching Grey Worm to read the Common Tongue (English), he's reading in a halting voice and she's helping him with words and tenses. She's telling him about when she was captured by slavers when she was five years old. She remembers seeing her village burning. He doesn't remember his home before slavery. He's from the Summer Isles, he doesn't want to return. Dany and Barristan arrive and tell him "it's time."

Grey Worm and a group of men approach the walls of Mereen by water. They pry

open the gates and infiltrate the tunnels underneath. We switch to a group of slaves in the tunnels. One is trying to convince the others to revolt. They are skeptical and think they will be killed. Grey Worm arrives and says "All men must die" but that one day of freedom is better than a life in chains. The slaves say they are not soldiers and have no weapons. The Unsullied drop bags of weapons and Grey Worm says there are three slaves for every master and no one can give them their freedom, they must take it. So they do.

After the masters have been captured and/or killed, Dany enters into the city to the cheers of the freed slaves. Dany asks to be reminded how many children the masters of Mereen killed on the road to the city. Ser Jorah says 163. She prepares to kill as many masters. Barristan says she has control of the city and sometimes it's better to answer injustice with mercy. She says she will answer injustice with justice. The masters are crucified. Dany stands on the Mereen tower, the Targaryen flag flying behind her.

Bronn and Jaime continue their training by the seaside. Jaime is doing well and then Bronn grabs his hand and smacks him in the face with it to make a point. Jaime asks if he thinks Tyrion did it. Bronn says Tyrion hated Joffrey for sure, but everyone did, and poison and murder aren't Tyrion's style. Bronn says he should go see him and ask him himself. Bronn wonders if Jaime is going to fight for Tyrion.

Jaime goes to see his brother in jail. He apologizes for not coming sooner. Tyrion asks how Cersei is. He says "How do you think, her son died in her arms?" "Her son," Tyrion asks pointedly. Jaime tells him not to start. Tyrion asks him if Cersei asked him to kill him. She did. Tyrion wonders if he should turn around. Jaime says he first has to ask if he did it. Tyrion can't believe he's asking if he killed his brother's son. Jaime can't believe he's asking if he's going to kill his brother. Tyrion knows Cersei wants his head on a spike. Jaime adds she wants Sansa's too. Tyrion says Sansa's not a killer. Not yet anyway.

We cut to Sansa on Littlefinger's ship. She asks where he's taking her. He says he's marrying her Aunt Lysa in the Eyrie and she'll be safe there. She asks if he killed Joffrey. He feigns innocence and says he's been in the Vale for weeks. She says he must've had help and deduces it was neither the Fool nor Tyrion. He says the necklace the Fool gave her had a missing stone after the feast, it had the poison in it. She says the Lannister's were good to him. He says the man with no motive is a man no one suspects. She doesn't believe him, saying it's too much of a risk and his head will be on a spike. He says too few men risk everything for what they want, like he does. She asks what he wants, he says everything. He says his Lannister friendship was good but Joffrey was an unreliable friend. She wonders who would want to be friends with him. He says he has new friends and they wanted Joffrey dead and killing him strengthened their friendship.

Tellingly we cut to Olenna and Margaery. Olenna is leaving, she's not interested in the trial. It turns out Margaery has a new match to connect with: Tommen. Olenna says if she gives him a little taste-- like she did to a man intended for her sister long ago who ended up marrying her instead because of the hot action she gave him-- that she will get what she wants. Olenna says she was good but that Margaery is even better. She tells her she needs to act quickly while Cersei is distracted by trying to kill her brother for killing Joffrey even though he didn't. Margaery asks how she knows. Olenna says she knows and tells Margaery "You don't think I'd let you marry that beast do you?" She tells her not to worry and get to work on Tommen.

Jon Snow spars with the Crows to prepare them for the Wildling battle to come. He tells a little boy to just hang back and wait but he wants to fight. Jon has the men fight each other to prep. Roose Bolton's right hand man, Locke, is in the house-- undercover spying for Bolton-- and he does away with his sparring partner quickly. The Acting Commander comes down and reminds Jon he's a steward and not a trainer. He tells him to go find a chamber pot to empty and calls him a traitorous bastard and the old man Maester isn't there to protect him. He orders the others back to work.

The AC's right hand man says Snow is liked and he is not. The AC doesn't care about being liked. The right hand man says there will be a "choosing" soon thanks to the Maester and the AC might not be chosen since he isn't well-liked. He says they should let Jon Snow and others march on Craster's Keep and let the mutineers take care of Snow or he might be taking orders from him for the rest of his life.

Bolton's man Locke says he took Jon Snow for high born. Snow says he fights well and Locke says he came out of a sense of duty and then confesses he stole in order to feed his kids and chose the Wall over losing his hand figuring he wouldn't have to answer to any high borns here. He looks at AC and realizes he was wrong.

Cersei calls Jaime and asks how many guards are standing guard on Tommen. She's mad it's just one. Jaime says he will keep their son safe. She asks why Catelyn set him free. He says he was set free because he said he would send her daughters back to her. She says he made a vow but now Catelyn is dead and if she told him to leave and find Sansa that murderous little bitch and bring her her head would he do it? He says nothing. She says she knows he saw Tyrion, that creature who murdered their son. Jaime says Tyrion didn't do it. She is mad that he's taking Tyrion's side. She says she wants four men at Tommen's door day and night and dismisses him curtly.

Tommen lies awake in bed tossing and turning. Margaery Tyrell enters. He's surprised and says Cersei doesn't allow visitors. She says she's not a visitor but his intended bride. She said before they decide to spend their lives together they ought

to get to know each other, doesn't he think? He agrees but worries about his mother. She says it can be their secret and if they're married they'll have several secrets. Sir Pounce, Tommen's cat jumps on his bed. Tommen says Joffrey threatened to kill him and feed him to Tommen. Margaery says that's cruel and she doesn't think Tommen is cruel. Tommen agrees he's not. She asks if she can come and visit again. He agrees. She leans in close and says "our little secret" and kisses his forehead.

Jaime hangs with Brienne and gives her several gifts. One is his Valyrian steel sword. He says he swore an oath to return the Stark daughters to Catelyn and although Arya is probably dead she can find Sansa and get her to safety. He offers her a suit an armor. She says she'll find Sansa for Lady Catelyn and for him. He says he has one more gift and he gives her Podrick. She doesn't want him but he promises to serve her well and Jaime notes he's in danger so it's better if she takes him and he will serve her well. Bronn gives Pod Tyrion's axe from the Battle of Blackwater. Jaime asks Brienne what she will name her sword. She calls it "Oathkeeper." He says goodbye. She nods. She and Pod ride off, she turns back to look at Jaime once more.

Sam is worried that Gilly is no safer out in Mole's Town than she is at Castle Black. He wants to bring her back. Jon Snow says they can't leave. Sam says he tried to convince Bran to come back with him. Jon wonders how Bran and the others could've gotten beyond the Wall and worries that the Wildlings could've gotten to him. They wonder about Craster's Keep. Locke summons Jon Snow to see the AC.

The AC tells him he can go to Craster's Keep but he's not sending anyone with him, volunteers only. Jon thanks him and then asks for volunteers among the men eating dinner. He says he's going to kill or capture the mutineers and their survival may depend on getting to them before Mance Rayder gets to them and learns what they know about Castle Black. He gives a rousing speech and says they need to get justice for Jeor Mormont, the original Lord Commander. He asks who will join him and men begin to stand, including Locke. He says he can't take Locke since he's a recruit. The A.C. okays it.

At Craster's the mutineers drink and rape Craster's daughters, and Karl drinks wine out of Jeor Mormont's skull. The main mutineer Karl tells another to go out and feed Jon's direwolf. The other says they should kill it. The two men trade coarse insults. Karl harangues the second guy, bragging about what a legendary killer he was in Gin Alley.

A woman enters with a baby. She says it's Craster's last child, a boy. Karl wonders if Craster killed them and prepares to do that. She says Craster didn't kill them, he offered them as a gift to the gods. The women start murmuring "Gift to the gods!"

over and over. He thinks that means the White Walkers. He hands the other mutineer to whom he was bullying the baby and tells him to go leave the baby for the White Walkers. The man takes the baby into the woods and leaves him in the snow. The baby cries.

The man trudges back and is supposed to feed and water Jon Snow's caged direwolf along the way. Instead he pours the water into a pool in front of his cage tauntingly. A cold wind blows, creatures make noise, the water turns to ice and a man turns tail and runs.

Hodor wakes with a start, "Hodor?" He and Bran, JoJen, and Meera are sleeping around a fire. They hear the baby crying. Bran goes into his direwolf Warg-style to investigate. The direwolf finds his brother's wolf, Ghost, before falling into a trap. Bran awakens not knowing where the direwolf is being held exactly.

The next morning they peep Craster's Keep. They see the mutinous Crows and Meera realizes they're not safe and says they need to go. But just as they're about to investigate they're apprehended by the mutineers. They tie up and torture Hodor. They bring the kids to Karl. He can see Bran is highborn and asks who he is. Bran says nothing and he slaps him. He touches Meera's hair and asks why she dragged a crippled boy all the way up here. She says nothing. Karl says a high born hostage is valuable but three of them is a lot of mouths to feed. When JoJen has a fit, seizing and foaming at the mouth Meera wants to help him but the mutineer puts a knife to her throat. Bran says "I'm Brandon Stark of Winterfell." The mutineer lets Meera go, and she helps Jojen. Karl quips "and I thought this was going to be another boring day."

The White Walker, on a horse, has retrieved the baby. He rides to some kind of crystal outcropping and lays the baby at its center on a block of ice. The baby cries. Another White Walker approaches and picks up the baby. He touches the baby's face with his gross long, pointy nail and turns his eyes demon blue, making him a White Walker.

S4, Ep5

First of His Name

- "Game of Thrones" - "First of His Name" - May 4, 2014

We open on the crowning of Tommen Baratheon in the hall of the Throne.

He gets crowned and receives cheers of "Long may he rein" and nice applause. He smiles sweetly at Margaery. Then there is a big party and various people come to bow to him including Varys and Maester Pycelle. Throughout he smiles at

Margaery. Cersei takes note of this.

She approaches Margaery who says Tommen sits on the throne like he was born to it. Cersei notes they both know he wasn't. Cersei asks if she still mourns Joffrey, and Margaery says she does since he was her husband and her king. Cersei says he would've been her nightmare. Cersei says she loved him but the things he did shocked her and she is not easily shocked. Cersei says Tommen is a good and decent boy and will likely be the best king of the last 50 years. Cersei says he will need help if he's going to rule well. Margaery says he has Cersei. Cersei says a mother is not enough. She asks Margaery still wants to be queen. Margaery lies and says she hasn't even thought about it with all that's happened but that it would be a great honor but she'll need to speak to her father. Cersei says she'll speak to hers as well. Margaery says they may be faced with an alarming number of weddings soon and when that happens she won't know what to call her, sister? Mother? Cersei doesn't care for that last bit.

Barristan and Jorah inform Dany that Joffrey is dead, and that Daario has taken their navy. Dany says he wasn't instructed to do that. Daario says he heard she liked ships. They've got 93 ships. That might be enough to capture King's Landing but not enough to win all of Westeros.

They also tell her that in Yunkai, masters have re-established control re-taken those slaves who didn't leave and in Astapor a man has declared himself "His Imperial Majesty." She dismisses everyone but Jorah.

She says her liberation of slaves isn't going quite as planned. He says she could sail to King's Landing and take it, put all of this behind her and that the man who serves is one many think is a bastard who doesn't deserve the throne. She wonders how she can rule 7 kingdoms if she can't control Slaver's Bay. How can anyone trust or follow her? He says she's a Targaryen and the mother of dragons. She says it's not enough. She won't let those she's freed slide back into chains and won't sail for Westeros. He wonders what she'll do. She says she will do what Queens do: she will rule.

Sansa and Littlefinger walk towards the Eyrie. He tells her to cover her head since her hair might give her away. It's a tough path and Littlefinger explains how these mountains have provided good cover for 1,000 years. They arrive at the "Bloody Gate." He announces himself as Lord Petyr Baelish and "his niece Elaine."

The gate opens. They arrive and meet Lysa in her throne room. Her young son Robin is also there, both being creepy. Littlefinger gives him a gift of a small crystal bird and the little boy seems to love him. Lysa recognizes Sansa and welcomes her with a big hug. She calls her Aunt Lysa and Lysa says she mustn't call her that in front of anyone since the Lannisters can't find out that she's there,

noting they've been trying to destroy them all for years and now they've gotten a little taste of their own medicine, like the poison they gave her husband. Young Robin talks about the time he wanted to kill Tyrion and throw him to his death and throws his new gift through the moon window. Lysa says she's sorry Sansa had to marry "that filthy troll." Sansa confirms that Tyrion didn't force himself on her. Lysa tells Robin also not to call Sansa by her name in front of anyone but herself and Littlefinger and tells him to take her to room.

Once they're gone, Lysa attacks Littlefinger with a sloppy kiss. She wants to get married tonight. He wants to wait for a more proper time. She says they had their wedding night many years ago and asks if he remembers. He says it was like yesterday. Apparently, he was the one who told her to poison her husband and starts talking about that plot. He silences her with a kiss before she can blab more. He says the deed is done and fading into nothing and only speaking of it makes it real.. He says okay to getting married tonight. She brings in the person to preside over the marriage and says she's going to scream so loud when they make love they'll hear her across the Narrow Sea. She wasn't kidding as we see Sansa suffer through listening to the screams.

Cersei and Tywin agree that Tommen and Margaery must wait until it seems "decent" to marry. They agree on a fortnight. Her marriage to Loras will follow soon after. Tywin says marriages are for alliances not trust and that they need the Tyrells on their side to get out of the "tremendous amount" of debt they are in to the Iron Bank since their gold mines have run dry. They move on briefly to the trial and how she's building a case against Tyrion and how he can't talk about it. She asks what Tyrion deserves for lighting their future on fire. (Although she and Tywin both know it was probably for the best.)

Arya lies by the fire chanting the names of the people she is going to avenge for her family. The Hound asks her to shut up. She says she can't sleep until she says the names. The Hound's brother the Mountain is on her list and he says if they come across his brother they can both cross a name off their list. He tells her to finish her chant. She says there is only one more name: The Hound.

Lysa and Sansa eat and talk about Catelyn, who had a sweet tooth. Lysa notes how much interest Littlefinger has in Sansa and how he seems to feel responsible for her. The pleasant conversation takes a tense turn as Lysa gets angry and asks Sansa why she thinks Littlefinger feels this way. Sansa says because he cared about her family. Lysa says she means her sister Catelyn and gets angrier, squeezing Sansa's hands and says she knows Littlefinger loved her and asks if Sansa has had sex with him like he did with the whores in his brothels. Sansa insists she's a virgin and points out that Littlefinger has called her a silly girl and a bad liar and she swears she's a virgin. Lysa gets calm again and tells her not to worry soon the Lannisters will execute Tyrion and Sansa can marry Robin and become the lady of Vail.

Brienne is annoyed with Pod who can't seem to control his horse. There wasn't much call for riding with Tyrion he says. Brienne says perhaps she should've stayed with him. Brienne says it's going to be weeks to get to the Wall. She says he can go. He says he swore an oath. She says she's releasing him. He says he knows. What do you think will happen if you leave, she asks. He says, they'll say he wasn't a very good squire.

The Hound awakes and Arya is gone. He panics at first but finds her practicing her swordfighting. He's annoyed. He says what she's doing isn't fighting. She says it's not fighting it's dancing and she learned from the best teacher in the world, who was killed by a guy that the Hound has no respect for. She says he was outnumbered and unarmed. He tells her to give it her best shot. She attacks him and his armor stops her. He smacks her down and notes that her teacher is dead and his killer is alive because his killer had armor and a big sword.

Cersei goes to see Oberyn Martell. He's writing a poem. She offers to show him the gardens. They walk. He's writing a poem for his 8 daughters. They talk about his sister and he says at first he gets sad and then gets angry when he thinks of her and how she was killed. She says it's ironic that they're so powerful but he couldn't save his sister and she couldn't save her son and she wonders what good is power. He says they can avenge them. He notes that she believes Tyrion murdered her son. She says he knows he did. He says they'll have a trial and they'll know the truth. They talk about her daughter. He says she's well. Cersei says she wants to believe she's happy. Oberyn says she is since they don't hurt little girls in Dorne. She says they hurt little girls everywhere. She asks him to bring her a gift, a ship she had made for her and to tell her her mother misses her very much. He says he will do both.

Pod tries to cook a rabbit unsuccessfully. He didn't even skin it. Brienne is incredulous. He's never cooked anything. There were cooks, he points out. He tries to help her with her armor and she shoos him off. She asks what he did for Tyrion. He says he brought his meals, kept his clothes and linen clean, carried messages, and mostly poured wine. She asks if he did anything related to combat. Pod tells of when he killed a man in the King's Guard to protect Tyrion in the Battle of Blackwater. She seems impressed. Struggling with the armor she finally asks for help.

Roose Bolton's main man acts as Jon Snow's scout at Craster's Keep.

In a nearby hut Jojen sees the special tree in his mind and says it's waiting for Bran and they have to find it and that this isn't the end and that Bran has to make it and not let anything slow him down. Meera asks how will they know it's the end. Jojen, his hand aflame in his mind, says they'll know.

Roose's man returns to Snow and the others and says there are 11 men, most already drunk and they'll carve 'em up like walnut pie. He notes there's a hut with hounds chained up and they should steer clear, throwing them off the path of Bran. Jon says they'll move at sundown.

At the Keep, Kurt goes and grabs Meera in preparation, apparently to rape her. Bran begs them to leave her alone. They stand her up, tie her hands to the ceiling and bind her feet. He asks what a pretty little high born girl like her is doing out in the woods. He touches her hair and breathes vulgarity in her face. JoJen says to him if he lets his sister go he'll help Kurt. He says he has the sight and can see things that haven't happened yet. Kurt says that's a fine thing and wonders if he's seen what he and his men are going to do to his sister. He tells him not to close his eyes and turns back to Meera. He tells Kurt he saw his body burn and Snow fall and bury his bones.

At that moment The Night's Watch arrives with a howl and a fight ensues. Our evil buddy breaks off and undoes Bran who starts calling out to Jon. He says if Bran yells again he'll slit Hodor's throat. He hoists him up over his shoulder. Bran gets the sight, goes in Hodor's body and forces him to break free and kill Roose's man. He tells him to go free Meera and JoJen and crawls toward the battle.

Jon Snow is making mincemeat of the others. JoJen tells him not to call him because he'll take him back to Castle Black for protection and he needs to get to the tree. Bran reluctantly agrees they need to go.

Jon confronts Kurt, the last man standing. They tussle and Kurt gets the upperhand. One of Craster's women saves Jon by attacking Kurt from behind. When he turns on her, Jon shoves his sword through Kurt's head.

The Crows lost four men and have 10 dead mutineers. They wonder where Rast is. Rast has run. Run right into the jaws of Ghost, Jon's direwolf whom he taunted. Ghost returns to Jon. They collect up the women and ask them to come to Castle Black and they'll find them work and keep them safe. They say they'll find their own way. Jon wonders if they'll stay here. One woman spits and tells them to burn it to the ground and all the dead with it. So they do and stand and watch it burn.

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The Laws of Gods and Men

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We open on a ship with red sails on the water. Upon it are Stannis Baratheon and

Ser Davos. They sail under an enormous statue of a soldier into Bravos.

They then cool their heels all day in an anteroom. Davos says Easterners have a different sense of time. Stannis is unhappy. The doors to the room finally open and three men enter and sit in large chairs at a table. This is the Iron Bank. They are instructed to sit on stone benches in front of the table. Stannis sits. They establish that Tommen is King. Stannis says Tommen is a bastard. The man from the Iron Bank says Tywin disagrees. Stannis thinks his real Baratheon blood trumps Tommen's and therefore deserves the money in the Iron Bank. The banker says it's a matter of interpretation. They ask how many men they have: 4,000. Ships? 32. Nothing in a way of farming. The banker says these numbers don't add up to a happy ending and declines his request for cash but thanks him for the honor of his visit.

Davos tries to appeal to the banker who calls him a thief. Davos says technically he's not a thief, that it was the pirates who thieved and he just moved stuff around. But more pertinently he shows his hand and how Stannis chopped his fingers off. He says Stannis is a good man. He asks who has the real power in King's Landing. The banker says Tywin. Davos runs down the bad news of the Lannisters: Tywin, Cersei, Tommen, Jaime. The banker says this is a problem for another time. Davos says the time is now, Stannis is the only leader and doesn't just talk about paying people back, he does it and shows his hand again.

Davos goes to see his old friend the pirate and shows him a whole lot of coin and tells him they sail at dawn.

Theon's sister reads Thara reads Ramsay Snow's letter about what he's done to Theon to a group of soldiers on a ship. She says what they did to Theon they've done to all Iron Born and they must avenge him. They attack Bolton's castle from the water disabling the guards on the wall. She is taken to Theon who is kept in a stall in the kennels with the dogs. He shrinks from her in fear..She says they're going home and tries to calm him. He says his name is Reek. He thinks it's a trick and fights her. They begin to drag him away and Ramsay, covered in bloody cuts arrives with his own maen and a battle between the sides ensues as the dogs bark. Ramsay notes Thara's got bigger balls than Theon does but then Ramsay unleashes the dogs. Thara and her men run to the boats. She declares her brother is dead.

The next day Ramsay says he has a treat for Theon for not letting his sister take him and remaining loyal. He offers him a bath. Ramsay tells him to take off his clothes. Ramsay admires his handiwork, Theon's body covered with scars, his missing penis. Theon gets in the bath and looks for some kind of trick in the water. Ramsay washes him. He asks Theon (Reek) if he loves him. He says he does. He says he needs him to do something very important, help in taking a castle back from some bad men. He asks him to pretend to be someone he is not: Theon

Greyjoy.

A boy and his father tend to a flock of goats. The boy is throwing rocks over a cliff into the water when suddenly a dragon rises up before him and torches the flock and grabs a goat for good measure.

The shepherd comes before Khaleesi on her throne in Mereen. He unfolds a bundle, it is the burnt remains of his flock. He explains about the dragons. Khaleesi says she's sorry but will pay for their value three times over. He is very grateful. Barristan clucks at this.

The next supplicant is Loraq, He bows before her and flatters her beauty and explains he's from an old family in Mereen and he says his father was crucified. He was a master, yes, but he spoke out against the crucifixion of the children. He doesn't want to see Mereenian tradition eradicated and he wants them to have a proper burial and not be carrion for vultures. He gets on his knees and asks for this. She asks about the children that were crucified. He says he can't speak to the action of the masters only as a son who wants to bury his father so he can have peace in the next life. She grants him permission. She asks how many more supplicants there are to see her and Missandei says there are 212 more. Ser Jorah looks at her like "Hey, you asked for this."

The small council has a meeting and Oberyn complains about the early hour. Mace Tyrell tries to be obsequious. Varys reports in: The Hound has been spotted and they put a bounty on his head. He reports that Dany has taken up Queen-dom in Mereen. He notes how big her army has gotten and that she has two serious advisors and three serious dragons. Cersei says they can't be scare of a child halfway across the world. Oberyn says Varys is right that they should be worried about the army of the Unsullied. Tywin says dragons haven't won wars in years but armies do it all the time and they need to do recognizance in Mereen.

In the Throne room Varys meets with Oberyn. They talk about the Unsullied, Oberyn's travels around the world, and Varys' peculiar asexuality. He is guarded about his own story but says when he sees what desire has done to this country he's glad he's not interested and besides the absence of desire leaves one free to pursue other things. Oberyn asks like what and Varys looks at the throne.

Jaime goes to see Tyrion. He jokes "Let me guess, I've been pardoned." The guards put chains on him at the behest of Tywin. He is brought in to the throne room for the trial in front of a large crowd. Tommen sits on the throne. He stands and the whole room stands with him. Tommen recuses himself from the trial and says Tywin will sit as judge alongside Oberyn and Mace and if Tyrion is found guilty, may the gods punish the accused.

Tywin asks if Tyrion killed Joffrey. He says no. He asks if Sansa did it. He says not that he knows. He blames the pigeon pie. The first witness, a member of the King's Guard, recalls a time when Tyrion berated and slapped Joffrey before he was king. Tyrion tries to speak up but Tywin silences him.

Maester Pycelle reads a list of poison and claims his stores were plundered by Tyrion after he had him arrested. Pycelle says it is without question that poison killed him. He has the necklace that the Fool gave Sansa and says there was poison inside: "The Strangler." (Remember: Baelish threw it on the fool's dead body in the rowboat.)

Cersei reiterates the time that Tyrion vowed to seek vengeance and then lies about Joffrey fighting in the war. Varys testifies to the time that Tyrion said something about kings dying like flies and says he was not gladdened by the news of Robb Stark's death. Tyrion asks Varys if he remembers the time he told him that that everyone knew that Tyrion saved the city in the Battle of Blackwater. Varys says he never forgets a thing. Tywin calls an hour's recess.

Jaime tries to talk to Tywin about condemning his own son to death. Jaime notes that he also killed a king once and he did so to save Tywin's life and now he wonders if he saved his life so he can murder his brother. Tywin says if Tyrion's guilty he'll be punished accordingly. Jaime tells him of all the times Tywin talked about family and the legacy of the dynasty and wonders who will carry on the Lannister name. Tywin asks "what happens if I spare the life of my grandson's killer?" Jaime offers to leave the King's Guard, take a wife and have children to carry on the family name if he spares Tyrion. Tywin says it's already taken care of: Tyrion will be found guilty, ask for mercy, and Tywin will send him to join the Night's Watch and Jaime will do as he just said. They give each other their word.

Jaime goes to speak to Tyrion and tells him to ask for a formal plea for mercy and get sent to the Wall and says Tywin will keep his word even though that's the same story he gave Ned Stark. He tells Tyrion no more outbursts and this will all be over soon. Tywin seems to telepathically agree from the throne as he looks at Tyrion.

The next witness is Shae. Tyrion is flabbergasted to see her. She says that Tyrion and Sansa planned the murder together. She said she wanted revenge for her family and Tyrion was happy to help and hated Joffrey, Cersei, and Tywin himself and says he stole the poison to put in Joffrey's wine. She admits she was Tyrion's whore. She says he stole her. She says she did everything he wanted and she was his property. She says "He ordered me to call him 'My lion' so I did." He begs her, "Shae, please don't." She replies "I am a whore, remember." She says Tyrion promised to kill Joffrey so Sansa would sleep with him.

That is the last straw for Tyrion who says he wants to confess. He turns on the

gallery and snarls at them and says he saved all their worthless lives and he should've let Stannis kill them. Jaime stares at him hard, beseeching him to stop with his eyes.

Tyrion says to Tywin "Yes I'm guilty is that what you want to hear?" Tyrion says he's guilty of a far more monstrous crime than killing Joffrey, for being a dwarf and that he's been on trial for that his entire life. He says to Cersei: "I did not kill Joffrey but I wish that I had, watching your vicious bastard die gave me more relief than a thousand lying whores." He says he wished he had killed everyone. He says he knows he will get no justice here so he'll let the Gods decide his fate and so he demands a trial by combat. A little smile plays at his mouth as he stares down Tywin.

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Mockingbird

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Tyrion

We open in Tyrion's cell where Jaime is giving him hell for flipping out at the trial and screwing up the deal Jaime had made. He says this is not a joke. Tyrion's notes that it is one, just not a very funny one. He says he couldn't listen to Shae standing there telling lies and was stupid enough to think she'd fallen in love with him.

He points out that "the deal" was everything Tywin wanted: Jaime back at Casterley Rock and Tyrion shipped off to Castle Black and he says it felt good to take that away from him since Tywin knows he's innocent. When Jaime says that Tywin doesn't care about any of his kids, Tyrion disagrees and notes that Jaime was able to kill a king, lose a hand, and sleep with his own sister and still be a golden son. Jaime tells him to be careful since he's the only ally Tyrion has. Tyrion says he's just glad he got to stick it to Tywin.

Jaime says he can't save him because his training has proven he's just not good enough. Tyrion half jokes he should fight anyway because if he died that would really piss their father off. They laugh but the gravity of the situation is sinking in.

Tyrion figures Bronn will fight for him again and he will be in his debt for the rest of his life and asks Jaime to find him. He asks who Cersei is picking to fight for her.

We cut to the Gregor "the Mountain" Clegane-- brother to Arya's captor Sandor "the Hound" Clegane-- currently in the process of disemboweling several people as

some kind of perverse warm-up. Cersei approaches and thanks him for coming so quickly. He asks who he is fighting. She asks if it matters. He shakes his head no.

Bronn comes to see Tyrion. He has fancy new clothes. He has sold out to Cersei who has him betrothed to a dim-witted woman who is not an heiress, her sister is. Bronn says sisters die all the time, then his wife will inherit. He came because Tyrion once told him he would double the price of what anyone else was offering. Tyrion says he can't offer him a castle but he can offer him gold, gratitude, the potential to rule with him at Winterfell if Tyrion comes out of this and gets back with Sansa to Winterfell. Bronn notes that's a lot of "if and may and could" and notes it's bloody cold up north and the place Cersei has promised him is close and warm.

He also admits the Mountain frightens him because he's big, strong, and freakishly fast and he'd basically have to tire him out and get him off his feet. But with one misstep, he'd be dead. He asks Tyrion why he should risk it. Tyrion says "Because you're my friend." Bronn agrees but wonders exactly when Tyrion ever risked his life for Bronn. "I like you but I like myself more," he says with apologies. Tyrion says he shouldn't apologize for being an evil bastard with no conscience or heart because that's what he liked about Bronn in the first place. They shake hands. Bronn says they had some good days. Tyrion agrees. Bronn asks what he'll do. Tyrion says he'll just have to kill the Mountain himself and says it will make for a great folk song. Bronn says he hopes to hear it sung one day.

Oberyn comes to visit Tyrion in his cell. He tells him that many years ago he actually met Tyrion as an infant. He says all the way from Dorne they heard stories of the "monster" that had been born to Tywin Lannister-- a huge head, a claw, a tail, a red eye, both boy and girl parts. He admits he was disappointed when he saw him. He said to Cersei: "That's not a monster, that's a baby." Cersei, he notes, hated him with a white hot passion and pinched his little penis very hard --until Jaime made her stop-- and wished him dead.

Tyrion notes that sooner or later Cersei always gets what she wants. Oberyn asks what about what he wants: justice for his sister. Tyrion says he's come to the wrong place for justice. Oberyn disagrees and says he will right both their wrongs-- Tyrion's imprisonment and the rape and murder of his sister by 'the Mountain' ordered the Lannisters. He says he will be Tyrion's champion.

The Hound and Arya

The Hound and Arya come upon a structure and approach hoping for food but prepared for soldiers. They find a dying man. The man tells them that marauders burned his hut down. The Hound says the man's wound clearly isn't going to get better and wants to know if he wants out of his misery. The guy agrees and says it

has occurred to him to take matters into his own hands. Arya asks why he goes on, sitting there, bleeding out. The man says habit.

He asks who she is and because he's dying they both tell the truth. That Arya is the Hound's captive whom he is exchanging for ransom. The dying man thinks it's a fair exchange, a concept he believes in. He asks for drink, saying dying is thirsty work. The Hound gives him some. The man wishes it was wine. "So do I," says the Hound who then stabs the guy dead to put him out of his misery. He says to Arya, "That's where the heart is, that's how you kill a man."

Suddenly, someone attacks him from behind and bites his neck. The Hound quickly kills him. The guy's cohort explains to them about Joffrey and the poison and how there is a bounty on the Hound's head. She recognizes him as a prisoner who threatened her back in the day when she was posing as a boy. The Hound wonders if this guy is on her vengeance list that she recites. She says he isn't because she doesn't know his name. He gives it and she thanks him and neatly stabs him in the heart. The Hound says she's learning.

Later, as they sit by a fire he's frustrated trying to sew up the bite mark on his neck. She says for it to properly heal and avoid infection they need to burn away the rotten part and grabs a stick from the fire. He is understandably skittish about the fire. He's very grumpy about everything that's happened since he took her captive and says no reward is worth this much trouble and wishes he'd never laid eyes on her.

He notes that her brother gave her her sword. He points at the half of his face disfigured by burns and says "My brother gave me this." He says the Mountain thought he'd stolen his toy but the Hound was just playing with it. He says the pain was bad but the smell was worse but the truly worst thing was that their father protected the Mountain and told everyone that the Hound's bedding caught fire. Arya offers to wash out his wound and sew it up. He lets her.

Jon Snow

The Rangers who successfully attacked Craster's Keep return to Castle Black but although many cheer their work, Thorne is not impressed and continues to mock Jon Snow. He says this is no place for wild beasts and says to lock Jon's direwolf Ghost up or he will have him added to the stew for the night.

Later in front of the rest of the Night's Watch and the commanders Jon explains what happened and that Mance's army is on the way and will reach the Wall by the next full moon. He thinks they should seal the tunnel to the North, fill it with rocks and water and let it freeze.

Thorne says they have never been cowards and have defended Castle Black for 1000s of years and never sealed the tunnel. Jon says the gate won't stop the giants. Thorne mocks him because he's a steward. He asks the main builder if he agrees with Jon Snow about the tunnel and the gate. The builder hesitates but says no. Thorne tells Jon Snow that he and Sam will take night duty on top of the Wall until the next full moon.

Dany

Back in Meereen, Dany meets with Daario, who climbed in through the window. He offers her wildflowers but Dany is annoyed he came into her private quarters. He says he needs a favor. He is only good at war and women and since she's decided to hole up in Meereen, there hasn't been much war for him to partake in. She says but there are thousands of women in Meereen. He smoothly says he only has eyes for one and she does not want me. He reiterates that his sword is sworn to her no matter what, but wants her to "allow him to do what he does best." Send him to kill her enemies, any enemy, anywhere. She relents, "Do what you do best, take off your clothes." He does. Slowly. She checks out what he's working with.

Ser Jorah catches Daario on his way out the following morning. Daario mentions the queen is in a good mood. Jorah is upset. He goes to see her. She notes he's early, and he quips that he's later than some. She asks why he doesn't approve of her fling. He wonders how she can trust a sellsword.

She says she probably can't, but has sent the second sons to Yunkai to execute every master. Jorah argues that if brutality is all you've ever known, like the masters, Dany must show them something new if she wants things to be different. "Let priests argue good and evil. Slavery is real and I can end it and those behind it," she says. Jorah reminds her that he sold men into slavery once. She reminds him that he is now helping her show them to freedom. He wins the argument by pointing out he never would've been able to if Ned Stark had done to him what she intends to do to the masters in Yunkai. After contemplating this, Dany decides to send the Meereen citizen from earlier (who begged to bury his father) as her ambassador. He will deliver the message to Yunkai, live in her new world or die in their old one. She then sends Jorah after Daario to tell him she has changed her mind about executing all the masters. She ends with "No, tell him you changed my mind."

Stannis

The queen comes in on Melisandre while she's bathing. Melisandre mentions that she uses both lies and the truth to do the lord of light's work. She uses lies-- potions, powders, magic tricks, her body-- to make men believe until they discover the truth for themselves. The queen regards her naked body. The queen thanks god

for bringing Melisandre to them and Stannis to her. Stannis wants to bring their daughter with them when they leave Dragonstone, but the queen thinks she should stay behind because she has heretical tendencies. Melisandre says she understands how she feels, but that's not possible. She then points the queen towards the prophecy fire and tells her to see the truth for herself. When they set sail the Lord of the Light will need their daughter.

Brienne and Pod

Brienne and Pod stop for a hot meal and a bed for the night.

Hot Pie, the boy that once traveled with Arya & Gendry is their waiter and asks if they need anything else. Brienne compliments his pie, which proves to be a mistake as he sits down with them and won't shut up. He talks about his kidney pie, then about gravy, then asks if she's a knight, then asks what they're doing.

Brienne says they're looking for Sansa Stark. He stops at the name, which Brienne catches and she speaks about her pledge to Catelyn to bring the girls home. He denies any knowledge and walks away from them quickly.

They saddle up the next morning and Pod thinks they shouldn't be telling people they're searching for Sansa because the Lannisters want to kill them. Hot Pie comes out and tells them about Arya and how she posed as a boy and was headed to the Night's Watch and how she was captured by the Hound. He then asks them to give Arya a gift when they find her, he has baked her another direwolf cookie. Brienne smirks at Pod. "You were saying?"

Pod says the Hound will take Arya to Lysa at the Eyrie for money. And Brienne surmises if she is their only relative Sansa might head there too. When the road forks and it's time for them to make a decision, Brienne asks if he's sure. He says no, and they continue on their way.

Sansa and Petyr

Sansa walks out into the snow at the Eyrie. She seems pleased by it. She builds a castle in the snow that looks how she remembers Winterfell.

Robin comes out to see her. Robin babbles about being the Lord of the Vail. He asks when she'll go back to Winterfell. She says probably never since her family is dead and it's been burned. Robin babbles about how much of a brat he is and how Winterfell doesn't even have a moon door. He messes up her castle trying to add one and when she says he ruined it, he throws a tantrum and stomps her castle. She slaps him and he runs off. Littlefinger arrives. She says she shouldn't have done that, to which he agrees, but because his mother should've done it a long time ago.

He tells her to let him worry about Lysa.

She's sad about never seeing Winterfell again. Petyr says never say never. Sansa again seriously inquires about why he killed Joffrey. "I loved your mother more than you will ever know. Given the opportunity, what do we do to those who hurt the ones we love?" He then creepily explains that in a world where love trumps honor, she might have been his child. He touches her face and says she's more beautiful than her mother ever was, then kisses her. Sansa is all weirded out. Lysa has witnessed all of this.

Sansa goes to see Lysa who brings her to the edge of the moon door and explains what happens to bodies when they fall through and hit the rocks. Lysa says she knows what she did, and Sansa apologizes for hitting Robin. Lysa calls her a whore for kissing Littlefinger. Sansa points out that he kissed her. Lysa calls her a liar and holds her over the moon door. Petyr arrives just in time and tells her to let her go. Lysa screams, "I lied for you, I killed for you, why did you bring her here?" Petyr swears he will send her away. Lysa lets her go and cries. He calls Lysa his sweet silly wife and consoles her. He looks into her eyes and lovingly says he has only loved one woman his entire life. She smiles at this. He then gets serious and tells Lysa it was her sister, and pushes her out the moon door.

S4, Ep8

The Mountain and the Viper

- "Game of Thrones" - "The Mountain and the Viper" - June 1, 2014

We open in Mole's Town. Two members of the Night's Watch enter a tavern. A whore is belching tunes or the guests to guess. Everyone seems to be having a grand old time. She goes to see Gilly to complain about the baby crying and waking her up. Gilly apologizes. The whore says to keep the baby quiet and says she should've stayed with her own kind the Wildlings. Suddenly Gilly hears a noise. The whore thinks it's an owl. Gilly knows better. The Wildling's have arrived and they proceed to murder everyone in their path, including everyone in the tavern. Ygritte kills the whore. She hears the baby cry and finds Gilly. She puts her fingers to her mouth and shushes her. Blood is pouring through the ceiling.

The next morning Sam is tortured that they killed Gilly, he thinks. The others are mad they killed Crows, who were not supposed to be there. There all mad there's nothing they can do. They tell Sam how much Gilly survived and say she might have got out. He grabs on to this hope. Jon figures they must be next and now they know they're not ready for Mance and his army with just 102 men. They all have a much needed drink.

We cut to the Unsullied bathing themselves in a river. Grey Worm sees a naked Missandei bathing. She catches him and gives him a full view and then covers herself. She tells Dany who is braiding her hair. Dany points out that none of the Unsullied care what's under their clothes. Missandei thinks he was interested. Dany wonders about his castration, if it iscomplete. Missandei doesn't know. Dany asks if she's ever wondered. Missandei says she has.

Missandei goes to the throne room and Grey Worm finds her and apologizes. She says he doesn't need to and she was not frightened. He thanks her for helping him learn the common tongue. (Jorah is also haleping.) She asks if he remembers his name. He says he doesn't. She asks if he remembers being cut. He doesn't. She says she is sorry they did that to him. He wonders why. She says it is terrible. She says if he was never cut he wouldn't be Unsullied and have met Dany or her. She is touched by his confession. He apologizes again and leaves. She calls to him and tells him that she is glad she saw him. He says he is too.

We cut to Ramsay who is prepping a cleaned up Theon to once again be himself but still knowing that he is still Reek and always will be. He says Theon looks royal again, but really he doesn't. They stand and see a castle in the distance and Ramsay asks him to bring him the lord from the castle. Theon rides to the structure with a white flag and announces himself. He is let in. He approaches Lord Canning the commander of the castle and asks him to prove himself. He asks him why he is marching with the Lord Bolton army. He says Bolton took him captive at Winterfell and wants Canning-- decimated from war and illness, miles from the sea-- to abandon this fortress they can no longer hold and if they do Bolton will give them safe passage to the stony shore. Theon says his own father bent the knee to Robert Baratheon and there is no shame in it. Canning, who is very ill, spits blood at Theon and says only a whipped dog or a woman would speak this way and the Iron Born will not surrender and to tell Bolton that. Suddenly a man behind Canning clocks him in the head with an axe. The killer asks if the paper says that if they surrender they will be free. Theon says yes. But Ramsay says no, and we cut to the aftermath of the slaughter of the men at the structure. They have been flayed for good measure, the sign of the Boltons. Theon asks to go home. Ramsay says they will, to their new home.

We cut to Littlefinger who is being questioned by some kind of committee of Lords from the Vale about Lady Arryn's death and the fact that she died shortly after his arrival and their marriage. They think he is a "grubby" man who has been licking Tywin Lannister's boots and don't think Lysa would've killed herself considering how much she loved Robin. He says she was prone to melancholy and wasn't meant for such a brutal world. They ask about a witness, his niece. They want to talk to her. She is brought out. They ask that her name is Elaine and that he is her uncle. She says yes. They ask her to tell them what she saw. She apologizes to Littlefinger that she has to tell the truth. She tells her real identity. They accuse

her of lying. She says Littlefinger has been lying to protect her. She tells of her terrible time in King's Landing, Littlefinger smuggling her out, of staying with Lysa. They say glowing things about Ned Stark and say her secret is safe. They ask what happened to Lysa. She tells the almost truth saying Lysa caught Littlefinger kissing her --on the cheek-- and says Lysa turned on her and tried to throw her through the moon door and then Littlefinger tried to reason with her and Lysa killed herself. Sansa cries. The female member of the committee comforts her. She looks at Littlefinger who gives her the approving eye. They apologize for treating Littlefinger harshly.

Littlefinger begins talking political strategy with two of the committee people. They say they don't back Lannister but Robb Stark is dead so who should they back? Littlefinger says they should back Robin. That Lysa babied him and it's time for him to learn to ride a horse and swing a sword and visit the various villages of the Vale and meet his people. It's time for Robin to leave the nest.

Lord Barristan gets a note from a young boy with a seal on it. He reads it and is shocked by its contents. Jorah regards a map of Westeros. Barristan arrives with the note. It's a royal pardon signed by Robert Baratheon. It is Jorah's pardon. Barristan knows Jorah spied on Dany. He asks if he told Dany. Barristan says he told him first. Jorah wants to speak with her in private. Barristan says he will never be alone with her again. Jorah goes to the throne room to speak to Dany flanked by Barristan, Missandei, Grey Worm and some Unsullied. She asks for an explanation. He asks her to think of who benefits from her knowing about that pardon? Tywin Lannister. He wants them to fight each other instead of him. He finally, tearfully, explains that he did spy for Baratheon via Varys. He begs for her forgiveness. She says he betrayed her to the man who killed her father and stole her brother's throne. And as she lays out his other crimes he continues to beg for her forgiveness and list the things he's done to help her and that his loyalty is to her and that he has loved her. She tells him to go back to his masters in King's Landing and collect his pardon if he can. She says he has until dusk to collect his things and leave or else he'll have his head thrown in Slaver's Bay. He tries to reach out to her but she tells him to never presume to touch her or speak her name again. They are both heartbroken and hers has a side of shaking rage. We see him ride his horse away from Mereen.

Ramsay goes to Lord Bolton and tells him he got the Canning structure. Bolton walks with him and tells him Bran and Rickon have not been found and most of the Iron Born have fled and now thanks to Ramsay more will follow. They go on a hill and Bolton asks Ramsay what he sees. Ramsay says fields, hills, nothing. Bolton points in three directions and says 700 miles one way, 400 another, and 300 miles in another is the North, which is six times bigger than all of the rest of Westeros kingdoms and he is the Warden of the North. He asks Ramsay what his name is. He says Ramsay Snow. He hands him a piece of paper and says from this

day forward he is Ramsay Bolton, son of the Warden of the North. Ramsay goes to his knees and promises to be worthy of this honor.

Littlefinger goes to visit Sansa, who is sewing. He asks why she helped him. She says they would've killed him if they found him guilty. He says that's not an answer. She says she figured if they'd kill him what would they do with her? He notes, "Better to gamble on the man you know than the strangers you don't." He asks if she thinks she knows him. She says she knows what he wants. "Do you?" he asks. She looks at him.

The Hound and Arya are approaching the bloody gates of the Vale. She is saying she thought hearing of Joffrey's death would make her happy but it doesn't. The Hound notes nothing makes her happy. She says she was happy after killing some of the men on her revenge list. She says she just wishes she could've been there to see Joffrey die and since the Hound guarded him wonders what he thinks of his death. He says poison is a woman's way and that men kill each other with steel. They are stopped at the gates. They announce themselves and the guards offer their condolences that Lady Arryn died three days ago. Arya busts out laughing.

Robin is telling Littlefinger he's afraid to leave the nest and his mother told him the world was very dangerous and the Lord of the Vale belongs in the Eerie. He tells him to not worry about his death but to worry about his life and to take charge of his life for as long as it lasts since that is what it means to be Lord of the Vale. Sansa enters, all dressed up like a grown woman, kinda sexy and asks "shall we go.'

Tyrion drinks in his cell and chats with Jaime about the trial by combat. He asks how much longer and Jaime simply says soon. Tyrion asks if Oberyn has a chance. Jaime says he's never seen him fight. Tyrion panics that they are both going to die and starts worrying about his beheading. They reminisce about their "simple" cousin Orson who used to smash beetles with a rock. He talks about being obsessed with why he was smashing beetles since Orson couldn't explain for himself. So he observed him frequently because he had to know why he was doing it. He tried to stop him once unsuccessfully. Until a mule kicked him in the chest and killed him. He asks Jaime what he thinks, why he did it? Jaime says he doesn't know. Suddenly a bell begins clanging. Jaime gets up to leave and says "good luck today.'

Tyrion is brought out to stand by Oberyn. He does not approve that Oberyn is wearing very light armor, no helmet and is drinking. Ilaria's eyes go wide when she sees the Mountain. She kisses him and asks him not to leave her alone in this world. He says it's not his day to die. Maester Pycelle stands before the crowd, including Cersei, Jaime, Tywin and Varys and announces the trial by combat. The Mountain is huge but Oberyn is athletically nimble. He's also very chatty. He keeps

repeating that he is going to make the Mountain confess that he raped and murdered his sister and killed his children before he kills him. They fight, Oberyn finally gets the upperhand and stabs the Mountain several times and has him down on the ground but he hasn't struck the mortal blow. He keeps demanding that he confess and asks who gave the order, pointing at Tywin, and saying the Mountain must say her name. The Mountain suddenly gets a second wind and flips Oberyn over and confesses that he did indeed rape her, kill her and murder her children and says her name for good measure. Unfortunately for Oberyn while he's doing this confessing he is pressing Oberyn's eyeballs back into his skull and brains until-- Oberyn's head explodes. Ilaria screams. Tyrion swoon. The Mountain collapses. Tywin stands and says the gods have spoken and that Tyrion will be put to death.

S4, Ep9

The Watchers on the Wall

- "Game of Thrones" - "The Watchers on the Wall" - June 8, 2014

We open atop a windswept Wall at night. Jon Snow and Samwell survey the land. Sam asks about Ygritte. he wants to hear about loving someone and having them love you back especially since they're all going to die sooner than planned. Jon figured that Sam and Gilly might have. Sam points out that she'd just had a baby. Plus, she never offered. Jon asks if he would've broken his vows. Sam notes there's some wiggle room in the vows since all it says is they can't have kids or take a wife. He asks again what "it" was like. Jon tries to explain and can't and says he's no poet. Sam notes he is not. Jon notes all he got for it was an arrow close to his heart. Sam says they wildlings have already taken anything he ever wanted when they killed Gilly.

The Wildlings sit around a campfire and Tormund tells stories about a woman he bedded who was actually a bear? Ygritte has heard this story before and doesn't care to hear it again and only wants to make more arrows so she can kill Crows. She's mad as hell and she's not going to take it anymore. The Then leader challenges her on the fact that Jon is still alive and taunts her that if she didn't she will serve him up some of her ginger hooah. She says no matter what happens she's going to be the one to kill Jon Snow.

Sam is in the library reading and is disturbed by the Maester. He talks about growing old and blind and how he is surrounded by books and how ironic that is. He asks what Sam's reading. Sam is reading about Wildlings and the things they "do" when they attack. He busts Sam for falling in love with Gilly and says he was in love once. The Maester apparently was someone special, he's a Targaryen, and he could've been king and lots of girls threw themselves at him. One was successful he says. Sam asks who she was. The Maester says he could tell Sam

everything and can still see her right in front of him. The Maester tells him to go to bed. As he's leaving he hears Gilly begging to be let in the gate with the baby. He convinces the man guarding the gate to let her in. He apologizes. She begs him to not be sent away again. He says from now on wherever she goes he goes too. A horn sounds. There is shouting. An owl on the wall caws.

A Then mog comes out of his trance at the campfire, apparently he was in the owl, and he says "It's time."

Jon goes to the top of the wall and he sees a huge bonfire, just the kind that Mance Rayder promised. The Crows light torches at the top of the wall and roll ammunition into place. Jon runs into the leader Alliser who is looking at the bonfire. He asks '100,000 you say?' Jon says yes. Alliser says Jon is within his rights to say "I told you so" basically about closing the tunnel. He says being a leader means constantly being second guessed and you can't second guess yourself or it's the end. Alliser says this is not the end, not if the Night's Watch does it's job. Then Jon can go on hating him and Alliser can go on wishing Ygritte had killed Jon.

Sam takes Gilly to a food pantry deep within Castle Black. He says he will check on her as soon as he can. She's worried he's leaving her again. He says he has to go fight and can't hide. She says he won't matter up there but will down here with her. He says he swore an oath and he has to keep it because that's what men do. And then he kisses her. She asks him to promise that he won't die. He does.

The Crows scurry about preparing for the fight. One of them is very nervous. Sam tries to buck him up. He asks how Sam killed a White Walker. Sam says he wasn't trying to kill him he was just trying to protect Gilly and the baby. In that moment he wasn't himself, he was outside himself, nothing. But he's afraid now because he's not nothing anymore.

Ygritte takes a peek and reports back that there are not very many men and they can take them. The pack of Wildlings heads out to kill some Crows. We pull up and see their position is directly at the Wall's base not the other side where the fire is burning.

A large group of Wildlings march through the woods, including Giants on what look like woolly mammoths. Those on top of the Wall regard them.

Alliser pumps up the gang on the Wall and they start shooting flaming arrows at the approaching gang, but this group, by the fire is a decoy. When the arrows hit a few of them they step a few feet out of range and continue making noise to draw fire.

Brother Sledge runs up on to the wall and reports that the real threatening group of Wildlings isn't this group but those attacking the southern gate. Alliser gets the word and freaks and heads down to the southern gate, where Sam and just a few others are unsuccessfully trying to hold off Ygritte, Tormund, and the Thens who climb the much shorter gate.

Alliser tries to pump up the gang on the ground and tells them they should not want to fill the bellies of the Thens tonight and that tomorrow the Night's Watch will stand. The Wildlings breach the gate and Alliser leads the fight against them. Tormund makes it to where Sam was on the bridge and he and his buddy make haste.

Sledge is freaking out on top of the Wall and is clearly frightened of the coming Wildlings even as he poo poos them as a gang of thieves and says there is no such thing as giants. Jon says they can't just let them attack. One of the smarter Crows sends Sledge away and Jon commences giving orders. Wildlings begin climbing the Wall and the Crows lean out and begin picking them off.

The giants and the Thens are proving to be very adept at killing. As is Ygritte.

The Wildlings break in to the kitchen and continue their attack. Brother Sledge is a coward and runs away. He goes to the food pantry where Sam hid Gilly.

Sam and his buddy take up a new position and start trying to kill people. His buddy gets one and then is shot in the neck with Ygritte. Sam comforts him in death.

Back on top of the Wall, Jon continues to give successful orders. But then one of the Giants uses his mammoth and his own strength to bust open the gate. Jon sends his best man and five others down to hold the inner gate. He says if they make it through that inner gate, it's all over.

The fight continues down below with Alliser holding his own. He comes face to face with Tormund. They spar. Alliser falls and is injured but he yells to the men to hold the gate. (Clearly, they need to hold the gate.)

Sam lays his fallen comrade down. He surveys the fight and begins to run. He kills a Then. The men come down and Sam says they need more men. They say they're off to hold the gate and to tell Jon. Sam tells the frightened little boy powering the elevator to wait for their signal to bring them back down and to fight them.

They drop flaming oil barrel on the mammoth and men pulling at the Wall and successfully stave them off for the moment. They also manage to kill one of the giants. This makes the other Giant so mad he begins opening the gate singlehandedly. When they try to drop another flaming barrel but it backfires and

kills men on top of the wall.

Sam arrives and tells Jon of the dire situation below. Jon gives his buddy command of the Wall. The guy, surprised, turns to his comrades and says they might as well enjoy their last night and tells them to light them up. They all take flaming arrows and begin shooting.

The "hold the wall" gang arrive at the inner gate as the Giant is still trying to bust through the main gate, he is successful. It falls behind him. He runs towards the inner gate and the men begin to chant the vows of the Night's Watch preparing to fight him off.

Jon and Sam descend. Jon says he doesn't want Sam in the fight. Sam says he can't protect him forever and if the Wall falls they'll all be dead anyway. Jon hands him a key and says "I need him more than I need you."

Jon jumps out of the elevator and begins to fight off Wildlings. The battle is raging in every corner. It's hard to tell who's winning but it seems like the Wildlings.

Sam runs and unleashes Jon's Direwolf Ghost who helps in the fight. Jon fights with a Then.

Ygritte is on the move and spots them fighting. The Then is about to kill him when Jon gets the upper hand and does him in first. He hasn't caught his breath when he sees Ygritte has drawn on him. They take a moment, both overwhelmed by emotion. Suddenly she has an arrow through her chest. The little boy, whose family he saw Ygritte help kill, shot her. He nods at Jon. Jon grabs her as she falls. She asks if he remembers the cave. He nods. She says they should've stayed in that cave. He tells her they'll go back there. She says you know nothing Jon Snow, and dies. He cries over her body as the fight rages around him.

On top of the Wall as the climbers get higher the man in charge now says to drop the scythe. A huge scythe flies across the face of the ice and cuts down the climbers. The Crows can see they've won the battle for the night as the Wildlings retreat.

Down at the bottom Tormund, with a couple of arrows in his back still wants to fight. Jon tells him to simmer down but Tormund wants to fight. Jon shoots him in the leg and tells some other Crows to drag him away in chains and they'll question him in the morning. Tormund promises to throw him off the Wall.

Sam comes to Gilly in the pantry. She is happy he's still alive just like he promised. He's surprised to see Brother Sledge cowering in the corner.

As morning light breaks and the bodies are piled up Sam and Jon survey the wreckage. Sam wants to call it a great victory but Jon points out that they held them off for one night, they almost got through and they have a thousand times as many men. So not so much with the great victory and they'll hit them again tonight.

Jon says he's going to go kill Mance, because if he can the warring tribes he united will go back to warring with each other and scatter back home. Sam says he'll never get within yards of him and they will not only kill him but boil and flay him and make it last days. Jon says; "You're right, it's a bad plan. What's your plan?" Sam doesn't have one.

They go to survey the damage at the gate. All of the men defending the inner gate are dead but they killed the Giant so they were successful. Jon says they need to burn the bodies. They walk towards the outer gate. He tells Sam to raise the outer gate and lower it again as soon as he's out. He gives Sam his sword. As a farewell, Sam simply says: "Jon, come back."

S4, Ep10

The Children

- "Game of Thrones" - "The Children" - June 15, 2014

We open on Jon Snow marching out of the gate in the Wall. He passes the dead giant--being feasted on by crows. He marches into the woods bathed in a gauzy haze. Wildlings surround him with weapons. He raises his hands. He comes face to face with Mance saying he's been sent to negotiate. He and Mance enter his tent. Mance admits his trusting nature got the best of him when it came to admitting Jon Snow to his family of Wildlings. They speak briefly of Ygritte, Jon reports she is dead, not by his hand. They share a drink and toast to her. Mance notes Jon and his men did well fighting back and congratulates him on killing a giant the last of his kind. They toast the giant and Jon's friend the giant killed.

Jon proposes the Wildlings turn around. Mance scoffs at this saying he knows Jon's low on ammo and men. He truthfully tells him that he sent 400 men to climb the Wall much further down and they are likely over it by now. He says they're here to hide behind the wall just like Jon's people and they need Jon's tunnel because winter is coming and if the Wildlings, all 100,000 of them don't get South of the Wall for protection they'll all end up worse than dead. He offers a bargain: Jon goes back and opens the gate and promises that no one else will die. If he refuses, the Wildlings will kill every man at Castle Black. He knows Jon could probably kill Mance before his men could stop him but he asks if Jon is capable of a killing a man in his own tent after he's been offered a bargain? Suddenly they hear a noise. A knife is put to Jon Snow's throat and is asked if he is attacking them. He says no,

Mance is right, they don't have the men.

We pull back to see a great army on horseback charging into the woods from two sides killing Wildlings on both sides. It is swift and confusing and Mance is paralyzed. Suddenly he yells "Stand down!" He says his people have bled enough and he meant it. Stannis and Ser Davos arrive. They dismount and approach and Mance drops his weapons.

Stannis asks if Mance is the King Beyond the Wall. Yup. He asks if Mance knows who he is. Mance does not. Davos announces him as Stannis Baratheon the one true King of the Seven Kingdoms. Mance notes they're not in the Seven Kingdoms and Stannis and his men aren't dressed for the weather. Stannis says it's customary to kneel when surrendering. (Jon is keeping mum.) Mance says they don't kneel. Stannis threatens his men, that he will have them in chains with nothing to feed them and their treatment relies on their king. All the same, Mance says, they don't kneel.

Stannis asks what a member of the Night's Watch is doing with the Wildlings. He explains his mission. Davos scolds him for not calling him "your grace." Jon says he knows who he is since his father died for Stannis. When they realize he is Ned Stark's son they ask what they should do with Mance, what would Ned do? Jon notes that he was Mance's prisoner and was neither tortured or hurt and that he thinks Ned would take him prisoner and talk to him. Stannis thinks this is a good idea and has Davos escort him. Jon adds that if his father had seen what Jon had seen he'd also tell Stannis to burn the dead before nightfall, all of them.

The Mountain is lying on his death bed. Maester Pycelle and another doctor are trying to cure him from the grave injuries and poisoning. The other man thinks he can be saved against Pycelle's wishes. Cersei tells him to do anything he can. He notes the cure may "change" the Mountain. She asks if it will weaken him and he says "oh no." She tells him to proceed.

Cersei goes to Tywin to again get out of marrying Loras Tyrell, which is now set to happen after Tommen marries Margaery. He notes Jaime can't inherit and Tyrion is slated to die tomorrow and since she talks about her loyalty to the family all the time it's time for her to walk the talk. He starts to tell a story about her childhood and she interrupts him saying she doesn't want to hear another story about him winning. She says she will not have her last child stolen from her and she will not let Margaery and Tywin ruin Tommen, she will burn their house to the ground before she lets that happen. He asks how. She says she'll tell everyone the "truth." He asks what truth? She has a hard time believing that he never believed the rumors of Cersei and Jaime. When she says it flat out he says he doesn't believe her. And she looks at him and says "yes you do."

She goes to Jaime and he begins with saying she "won" and now she'll have one fewer brother. She talks about family and he notes Tyrion is family. She says he is not. He says she doesn't get to choose. She goes on and on again about Tyrion "killed" their mother. He argues again that he didn't "decide" to kill her. She says a disease doesn't decide to kill you but you still cut it out before it kills you. She asks what he chooses. He talks about all he endured to get back to her only to find her.. She interrupts and kisses him and says "I choose you." He notes these are just words. She says yes, just like the ones she used to tell her father the truth. She said she told him she is staying with Tommen and Jaime. He looks confused and asks if he'll accept that. She does not care. He asks what she said specifically. She tells him not to speak of Tywin. She says she does not love Tywin, she loves her brother and her lover and that people can make their jokes she doesn't care she only sees what matters and kisses his gold hand. He grabs her and kisses her and as he clears the table to make love to her he says someone may walk in. She says she doesn't care.

We cut to Dany in her throne room, Missandei at her side. An older man named Fennesz has come to speak to her. He is a former slave who taught his master's children about history including Dany's family. He says he is homeless. She says she has created mess halls and shelters. He reports that these places are rampant with the young preying on and stealing from the old. She promises the Unsullied will restore order. Even if she does, he wonders who he will be. At his former master's home he had respect and love and now he has nothing. He asks to be sold back to his master. He says the young may embrace this new world but for the old there is only fear and squalor and that he is not alone, many more will ask the same. She says she didn't take the city to reinstitute the slavery she sought to destroy. She says she will allow him to sign a contract with his former master for a period lasting no longer than a year. Barristan notes the master will abuse this new proposal.

A crying man approaches with a bundle that he says "came from the sky." It is the skeleton of his baby girl.

In her private quarters Dany is told the child was three. She then asks about one of her dragons, Drogon. He was spotted three days previously. She says to meet her in the catacombs. She goes to have a chat with her two remaining dragons down there. They are playing with carcasses. She observes them. (There is a huge chain bolted to the floor. She tearfully shackles their necks as they eat. She leaves. They cry out to her. She cries as the stone is rolled into place trapping them.

The Maester at the Wall speaks over the bodies of the dead at Castle Black before they are burned. Sam and Jon put the torches to the pyre as Stannis and his contingent, including his wife and daughter, look on. Jon looks at Melisandre across the fire.

Jon goes to see Tormund Wolfsbane as a prisoner. Tormund asks what's going to happen and if Stannis is his king now. Jon says he doesn't know and he doesn't have a king. He says they're going to burn the bodies of the Wildling dead and did Tormund want to say any funeral type words? Tormund notes the dead can't hear us. Jon leaves. As he does Tormund asks if he loved her, because Ygritte loved him. He says Ygritte belongs in the North, the "real North." Jon goes and gives her a proper single pyre burning in the woods. He walks away as it burns.

Out in a blinding snowstorm, Hodor pulls Bran on a sled as JoJen and Meera follow and his Dire Wolf runs ahead. JoJen is exhausted and falls. Meera says we're not going to make it. JoJen says they are already here. Bran calls out to them to look and they see the mighty tree with the red leaves and the face in the trunk. They approach. There is a small cave in the base of the earth under the tree.

As they approach White Walkers emerge from the frozen earth beneath them and begin attacking them. One attacks Hodor so Bran wargs into his body to fight back. Meera and Hodor are successful at fighting off the Walkers but JoJen is essentially dead. As two go to attack Bran two fireballs come out of nowhere and destroy them. A dirty little wild haired girl appears and tells Bran to come with her or die with JoJen. JoJen says to go. She sits his throat and runs as more Walkers attack. The little girl throws a fireball and incinerates JoJen's body and offs a few more Walkers. As they run into the cave the Walkers try to follow but implode upon entry. The little girl explains that the power that allows them to move doesn't work in the cave. Bran asks who she is and she says the first men called them "The Children" but they were born long before the first men. She says to follow because a man awaits them. They go deeper into the cave which is tangled up with the roots of the tree from above.

Hodor places Bran on his belly and scoots up to the three eyed raven of his dreams, now in the form of an old man with long white hair. He replies he has been many things and now he is what Bran sees. He says he's been watching all of their lives, with a 1,000 eyes in one. He says now at last Bran has come to him although the hour is late. Bran says he never wanted anyone to die for him. The man says JoJen knew what would happen and Bran has come to return what was lost. Bran thinks this means he will walk again. The man says he will never walk again but he will fly.

Brienne awakes in a field and calls out to Podrick. The horses are gone. Apparently, Pod huddled them wrong. She tells him he's carrying the bag. She walks up a hill and sees Arya practicing her sword work.

Arya calls out to the Hound that people are coming. Brienne asks if they are getting to the Bloody Gate. Arya says 10 miles. Arya asks if she's a knight and

what her sword's name is. Brienne says no but her sword is called Oathkeeper. Arya tells her hers is Needle. After a little girlpower bonding about how both of their fathers didn't want to teach them to fight but finally relented, the Hound emerges. Pod recognizes him. Brienne realizes who Arya is and tells her of the vow she swore to her mother to bring her back safely. The Hound points out that Arya's whole family is dead and Brienne didn't do a very good job of protecting Catelyn. Arya asks why she didn't. Brienne admits Catelyn asked her to bring Jaime Lannister back to King's Landing. The Hound accuses her of working for the Lannisters. She says she doesn't but he recognizes their gold and notes her Valyrian steel sword. Brienne tells Arya to come with her. She doesn't move.

Brienne and the Hound get into a knock down drag out fight with both getting in good licks but Brienne coming out the victor and pushing the Hound off a cliff edge where he tumbles into a heap. Brienne looks for Arya but she's gone. She heads down to the Hound who is calmly in his death throes. He eventually begs her to kill him but she simply plucks his bag of silver and walks off as he screams.

We cut back to Tyrion in his cell. Jaime enters to spring him and they go through a series of tunnels to make it to a stairway where Varys is waiting to aid him in his escape. They hug goodbye. Jaime kisses him and says "Farewell little brother." Tyrion thanks him for his life. Jaime tells him to hurry.

Instead of taking the stairs, Tyrion goes to his father's bedchambers. Shae is in his bed. She grabs a knife and she and Tyrion battle. He wrests the knife away and chokes her to death in tears. He says "I'm sorry," aloud. He grabs a crossbow from the wall and goes to what appears to be his father's restroom. Tywin tells him to put down the crossbow and asks who released him. He answers his own question knowing that Jaime had a soft spot for him. He says they should go to his chamber and talk. Tyrion notes that all his life Tywin has wanted him dead. He agrees but respects and admires that Tyrion refused to die and always fought for what was his. He claims they have no real plans to execute him since he's a Lannister, his son. Tyrion says he loved Shae and that he killed her with his own hands. Tywin says it doesn't matter, she was a whore. Tyrion raises the crossbow and tells him to say that word again. And what, he asks, he'll kill him in the privy? Tywin says they should back to his chambers. Tyrion says he can't because Shae is there. Tywin asks if he's afraid of a dead whore. So since he said the word again, Tyrion shoots him. Tywin sagely notes he shot him. He says he is no son of his. Tyrion says he's always been his son. And then shoots him again, this time dead.

He finally makes his way to Varys who tells him to trust him. He seals him up in a box-- with holes and food. The box is hoisted onto a ship. As Varys looks up at King's Landing and the castle, he hears bells toll and, realizing there is nothing there for him, he heads back to the ship and gets on board with the box.

We cut to a pretty waterfall. Arya rides her horse alongside the harbor. She spies a ship in the distance. She speaks to the captain and says she wants to go North to the Wall. She offers to work. He says he's not going north, but to Braavos. She says she has something, and offers the iron pendant that she was given. He is taken aback by the medallion. She says "Valar Morghulis." He responds and says of course, she will have a cabin. The ship sets sail. Arya runs to the bow and watches as they head out.

S5, Ep1

The Wars to Come

- "Game of Thrones" - "The Wars to Come" - April 12, 2015

And we're back! Winter is coming!

So the fifth season premiere was a jam-packed affair with appearances from almost all of the major characters, letting us know what's been happening since the season finale.

Flashback

We see Cersei's youthful visit to the witch who revealed her future.

Tyrion and Varys

We get to see Tyrion's vantage point from inside his travelling crate from the boat through a city to his final destination: the palace of a friend of Varys. Tyrion grumbles about having to take the whole journey that way-- including pushing out his own poop through the breathing holes--but Varys points out, he had to throw that poop overboard, and that he is a very wanted and recognizable man. Once they arrive Tyrion begins drinking almost immediately but Varys wants to have a serious talk about the future. He waits a couple of minutes as Tyrion throws up onto the concrete and takes another swig of wine. He clearly believes that Daenerys is the next person who should sit on the Iron Throne and thinks Tyrion can help put her there.

They have a series of very funny exchanges in which Varys tries to remind Tyrion that he has both a warrior's spirit and compassion in his soul and he needs to find those things again for the good of the future of Westeros.

Tyrion reminds Varys that he very recently killed the love of his life with his bare hands and shot his own father with a crossbow. "I never said you were perfect," says Varys, who thinks it's time for Tyrion to stop pickling his liver and start

thinking about the future.

Daenerys

The Khaleesi has problems of her own over in Mereen, including the fact that her dragons, at least the two she still has locked up, are very grumpy indeed, and have gotten considerably larger, and not necessarily interested in listening to mom.

Even though she has done some good there, there is unrest in Mereen and a member of the Unsullied is murdered in a brothel by a political uprising group. Her advisors tell her that she should bring back the fighting pits-- where slaves used to fight to the death. Dany does not want to hear this, she has freed the people and doesn't want them fighting for sport. But when Daario Naharis gets her ear-- post-coital-- he explains that they could fight as free men. He also shares his story, of how his mother was a prostitute who sold him into slavery, and he ended up in those pits. By fighting all the different men there, he became the fearsome warrior he is today.

Cersei and Jaime

The intimately involved siblings are again grieving over a corpse. But instead of getting randy about it, Cersei is raging mad. Mostly at Jaime for letting Tyrion escape and, by proxy, helping kill Tywin who lies in front of them with those creepy eye stones over his lids. She rails that he was always Tywin's favorite and again gripes about him going into the Kings Guard.

At the funeral she barely contains her rage as people try to share condolences. And she flashes back to a time when she was a teenager -- still as haughty as ever -- and she and friend went to see a witch in the woods to get Cersei's future read. The witch makes Cersei cut her finger so she can drink her blood. (Um, ew.) The witch predicted how many kids she would have and got several other things right on the nose as well. It does not look like things bode well for Cersei.

Meanwhile, her husband to be Loras Tyrell has basically given up the pretense of disguising his sexuality, taking a male lover and letting him leave his room all naked as Margaery enters and scolds him. Loras wonders what the big deal is since everybody knows anyway. He figures he probably won't have to marry Cersei now since it was Tywin's idea but that she is still stuck in King's Landing. But she is clearly doing some scheming because she says she might not be.

Brienne and Pod

After losing Arya Stark at the end of last season-- Brienne was busy kicking the Hound's ass-- the travel companions are at a loss as to what to do. He figures that he'll just keep traveling with her and that maybe they can find Sansa. But Brienne

is beyond dispirited and the idea of spending more time with her "squire" is not cheering her up since she's not actually a knight. She grouses that all she ever wanted was a Lord she could believe in and that she herself is no leader. As the scene turns to Sansa and Littlefinger headed west, another near miss from Brienne and Sansa.

Sansa and Littlefinger And speaking of Sansa, after she and Littlefinger have wisely dropped off Robyn Arryn at a training school for boys-- where it looks like he'll have a lot of catching up to do with the regular boys-- he says it's time for them to take a trip. But she can tell in their carriage that he is not going the way that he told others they were going. Of course, Littlefinger has a new plan up his sleeve and he says they will going to a place where they will be safe.

Jon Snow, Mance Rayder, and Stannis Baratheon Over at the Wall, the Night's Watch is regrouping and Jon Snow is actually busy training the young boy who killed Ygritte to fight. Stannis Baratheon wants Jon to break from the Night's Watch and help him fight to take back Winterfell and beyond. Jon isn't so sure about all of that. But when Stannis asks him to try and persuade Mance Rayder to bend the knee to Stannis-- hopefully throwing the fighting forces of the free folk behind Stannis who says he will give them land and freedom south of the wall if they fight for him-- Jon sees the wisdom of this since it means death for Mance otherwise.

But Mance won't budge, even though this means he will be burned alive. Jon pleads with him not to let his pride get in the way of his life and maybe the betterment of the lives of his people. He points out that Mance was able to unite incredibly disparate groups and that power could mean something in the future. He thinks Mance is making a mistake. Mance points out that he is making that mistake as a free man.

When Stannis is told of his decision you can see that even though it isn't what he wanted that he admires Mance's commitment. Melisandre gets up and mumbo jumbos about fire and god and good and evil and the choices we all have to make, and then lights Mance on fire. Everyone watches, flinching as the flames lick at his body. The Wildlings cringe, Gilly buries her head in Sam's chest. Jon stalks away. As he's about to feel the worst of it, out of nowhere he gets an arrow to the heart. Jon Snow has spared him from the worst of the suffering.

(So, that means we did not check in tonight with Arya Stark or Bran Stark.)

S5, Ep2

The House of Black and White

- "Game of Thrones" - "The House of Black and White" April 19, 2015

More big doings all over the place tonight as we check in with multiple characters.

Arya

We start with Arya who finally arrives in Braavos and stares in awe at the behemoth Titan statue guarding the city. Her benefactor drops her off at the House of Black and White, a huge stone structure that has one black door and one white door. She knocks on the black door and a man answers but tells her that no one by the name of Jaqen H'ghar is there and seems unimpressed by the pendant that he gave her. So she sits on the steps with nowhere else to go, reciting her revenge list ("Cersei, Walder Frey, The Mountain, Meryn Trant") for a day or two in the rain and shine. She then stands, tosses the pendant into the water and heads to the city. There she kills a pigeon for food and soon after some older boys stop her. She draws her sword and is ready to take on all three until the man from the B/W house appears out of nowhere and scares them away. He takes her back to the B/W house and flips her her pendant which she threw in the canal and says she lost something. Suddenly the man's face changes into the Jaqen H'ghar that she knew. She is confused. He says there is no man by that name. She asks who he is and he says no one, which is what she must become, and he invites her in.

Brienne and Pod; Sansa and Littlefinger

By coincidence this foursome all decide to stop at the same saloon at the same time for a bite to eat and drink. While Pod is busy ogling the ale girl he sees Sansa and Littlefinger and alerts Brienne. Brienne, of course, throws caution to the wind and goes right up to them explaining her whole deal about being Catelyn Stark's sworn sword and her vow to save Sansa. Littlefinger says her track record isn't very good since both Renly and Catelyn died on her watch and she was accused of killing Renly to boot.

She explains about the whole "Stannis shadow monster" thing but that only garners giggles from Littlefinger's group of knights. He says she is a stranger and he is family to Sansa now, her uncle since marrying Lyssa Arryn, and they don't want or need her around. Brienne tries to beseech Sansa but Sansa has nothing but disdain since she saw Brienne kneel before Joffrey. Brienne points out that nobody really wanted to do that but you know, hey, he was king and she and others there like Sansa didn't have a choice. Sansa says she does now and agrees with Littlefinger that she should bugger off.

They clearly mean to detain her, however and Brienne is too smart for that. She busts some skulls and then takes off, slicing up a few others for good measure as she and Pod ride off.

They are pursued by three of Littlefinger's men. Pod's horse goes rogue and dumps him in the water while Brienne gives the pursuers the slip. When Pod heads back to the road a man comes at him but Brienne saves his life and then handily dispatches with the two others. She tells Pod she saw which way Littlefinger's caravan was going and they will follow. Pod notes that since both Stark girls refused her service maybe she is released from her vows. She asks Pod if she thinks Sansa is safe with Littlefinger. He begrudgingly agrees she is not and they head off to follow the trail.

Tyrion and Varys

The dynamic duo are also on the road in a fancy stagecoach which Tyrion is grumpy about. He wants to take a walk. Varys notes that Cersei has offered a lordship for his head. Varys starts in again about their need to find a good ruler. Tyrion says everywhere already has a ruler. Varys compliments the great promise Tyrion himself showed as a ruler when he was the Hand of the King-- in addition to killing people. Tyrion says he was a servant. He notes Shae begged him to leave King's Landing and he wouldn't because he liked it, even as a servant. They discuss how the upper classes, the servants, and lower classes all despise each other. Tyrion reiterates his desire to simply take a walk. Varys notes the bounty again. Tyrion wonders if she's just going to kill all the dwarves that walk the land.

We get the answer, a resounding yes, when we smash cut to the head of dwarf being slammed on a table in front of Cersei and Qyburn back in King's Landing. "Not him," she sniffs. Creepy Qyburn asks to keep the head.

Cersei, Jaime, and the Small Council

Prior to that mix-up, Cersei and Jaime unwrap a most unpleasant present from Dorne. Hanging in the jaws of a fearsome snake sculpture is a necklace that Cersei gave to Myrcella, who you may remember they sent off to Dorne to marry the Prince's son.

They both recognize it as a threat against their daughter. They know the people of Dorne blame Oberyn Martell's death on them. After a whole bunch of sniping at Jaime about how worthless he has been, Jaime swears he will go to Dorne and spirit Myrcella away. She says that would be an act of war. Jaime says he will do it on the QT. She scoffs at the idea that a one-handed man is going to rescue their daughter alone. He notes he never said he was going alone and heads off to enlist Bronn to help him, promising him a better girl to marry and a better castle to live in when he gets back from Dorne.

In Dorne, Cersei was right, Oberyn's lady friend Ellaria Sand is hopping mad. She

goes to the Prince, Oberyn's brother, who looks like he may be in a wheelchair, and demands justice and says the Sand Snakes are with her. The Prince notes that it was a trial by combat so it doesn't count as murder so he will bury and mourn his brother but he isn't seeking vengeance.

She is enraged and sees Mycella Baratheon (but really Lannister) making kissy face with her boyfriend, the future king and says she wants to send her back to Cersei piece by piece. The prince notes that he is not having that and they don't not mutilate little girls for vengeance while he is charge. She wonders aloud how long that will be, which does not escape the notice of the Prince's guard.

Back in King's Landing, after dismissing the wrong dwarf head, Cersei convenes a meeting of the small council who are aghast when she--a WOMAN--sits in the seat meant for the Hand of the King.

She says she won't be serving as Hand, just helping run the meetings at the behest of her son while he comes of age. (She also notes Jaime is off on a sensitive diplomatic mission.) She quickly gives everyone at the table a promotion-- Lord Tyrell will be master of ships and coin, her creepy ex-Maester buddy Qyburn will be master of whispers, much to the chagrin of Pycelle, and she makes Uncle Kevan master of war.

Kevan says he doesn't take orders from the Queen Mother and when King Tommen calls for him to convey his wishes he will be ready, but until then he's going back to Casterley Rock because he's not going to be her puppet.

The Wall

Stannis's daughter Shireen is very sweetly teaching Gilly to read in the library at Castle Black as Sam sits in another corner and reads.

They discuss Shireen's grayscale disfigurement. Two of Gilly's sisters had it and it turned them rabid and she wonders how Shireen was cured. She isn't sure but knows many people tried. Her mother arrives and dismisses Sam and Gilly and tells Shireen to stay away from them because they could try to strike at Stannis by hurting her. Shireen can't picture the two most docile people at the Wall hurting her but her mother doesn't want to hear it.

Stannis is mad at Jon Snow for showing mercy to Mance Rayder noting that if you show too much kindness, people won't fear you and then they won't follow you. Jon says it doesn't really matter since the free folk won't follow Stannis anyway after what he did to Mance.

Stannis wonders if they'd follow Jon Snow and he says they would only follow one

of their own. Stannis share a note from from Bear Island for whom he asked for help and they said there is only one king and his name is Stark. Jon smirks a bit at this and then apologizes and says northerners can be like free folk, difficult to control and only loyal to their own. Stannis notes there will be a vote that night for a new Lord Commander of the Night's Watch and since Alliser Thorne is going to win Jon's life will probably be terrible going forward. Jon agrees but says he swore an oath. Stannis says Jon showed bravery and that made Alliser look weak and he would never punish a man for bravery.

And then Stannis offers him something he's always wanted. He says Jon Snow can give him the north. Jon says he can't since he is a bastard, a Snow. Stannis says if he kneels before him and swears his fealty he will rise Jon Stark, lord of Winterfell.

Later when he tells Sam, Sam is thrilled for him. Jon says it's the first thing he can remember wanting. But, Jon says he will refuse because it he can't take his own vows to the Night's Watch seriously how could he be noble enough to be a lord?

They are in the common area and all of the crows are there, it's time for the vote for the 998th Lord Commander of the Night's Watch. One man rises and speaks for Alliser. Another speaks for someone named Dennis. And just as the nominations are about to close, Sam bursts out with a nomination for Jon--busting on Lord Janus for hiding during the battle in the process. He eloquently speaks of Jon's accomplishments and says he was the commander they turned too when the night was darkest.

Alliser notes that Jon Snow loved a wildling and his allegiances might not be true. The vote is taken. When Maester Aemon is told it is a tie, he breaks the tie in Jon's favor and many of the men cheer and chant Snow! Snow! Snow! He is gobsmacked.

Daenarys

In search of the man who killed the member of the Unsullied in the premiere, Daario leads Grey Worm around the bowels of the city. He notes the Unsullied are too conspicuous and don't blend in like Second Sons because they don't drink, whore, or fight.

They enter an apartment that appears to be empty but then Daario stabs into the wall and they find the man, calling him Son of Harpy. Dany meets with her council, including Daario, Barristan, Grey Worm, Missandei, a former slave, and a man from the former ruling class. They all argue for different ways of dealing with the man, killing him outright versus a fair trial. She listens to their various passionate arguments and dismisses them.

Barristan hangs back and says he wants to talk to her about her dad. He was there when the Mad King truly went mad and set towns and castles aflame and burned men alive with wildfire and laughed as they screamed. Barristan says these methods sowed seeds of revolution that killed every Targaryen except two, Dany and her brother. She says she's not her father. He agrees and thanks the gods. He says the Mad King meted out the justice he thought people deserved and each time it made him feel powerful and right. She agrees that what the Son of Harpy deserves is a fair trial.

But the former slave on her council takes matters into his own hands and kills the Son of Harpy and displays his body in public with the masks they use. Dany calls him before her. He says he knew her hands were tied so he did what she could not. Dany knows that she cannot let this stand and orders him to death.

She walks the streets of Meereen as former slaves call out "Mhysa" (Mother) to her. The former slave owners stand on the other side, glowering. She addresses the crowd, saying she promised them freedom and justice and notes one cannot exist without the other. She brings the killer down and says he killed a man who was awaiting a fair trial and the punishment is death. He pleads for mercy as do the other former slaves. She gives the nod. Daario does the job, beheading him.

The former slaves begin hissing at her. She is taken aback. One throws a rock at the former masters and fighting breaks out. They hustle her away. The Unsullied try to hold the line but the fighting continues. Later that night in her quarters, all of her guys say they will guard her this night. She asks them to leave. She hears a noise and goes to look outside. Her errant dragon has returned! She goes to touch his nose. But before she can he flies off again.

S5, Ep3

High Sparrow

- "Game of Thrones"- "High Sparrow" - April 26, 2015

Bravvos: Arya

We open inside the House of Black and White from last week.

As Arya sweeps in one corner of a vast room whose walls are lined by statues, a seemingly desperate man is given a drink from the circular pool in the center of a room by Jaqen H'aghar. He then kneels to pray before one of the statues. Other men are doing this.

Arya notes she has been sweeping for days and wants to begin her apprenticeship to become a "faceless man." Jaqen notes that all men must serve. She didn't think that would mean sweeping. She wants to serve as a faceless man. He says she wants to serve herself and must serve god, noting "There is only one god, the girl knows his name and all men know his gift." He walks away. A door opens and men come to carry a seemingly dead man out on a gurney. She asks where he is being taken and gets no answer.

Arya is hanging out in her room when another girl enters. She asks who she is and says she doesn't deserve to be there and didn't earn her coin nor respect its value. She again asks who she is. Arya says "no one" and the girl whacks her with a stick and asks again and it goes on. Arya gets justifiably angry and says the girl is about to find out and goes for Needle. Jaqen enters and the other girl says they were playing the game of faces. Jaqen says she is not ready. Arya says she is ready for anything she needs to do to be a faceless man. He notes she is still clad in Arya Stark's clothes and surrounded by her things so how can she claim to be no one?

She changes into the same kind of plain dress the other girl was wearing and heads to the water and sinks her clothes, silver, and her coin again. She tries to toss Needle but it is her last remaining tie to her father and family and she begins to weep and can't do it. Instead she hides under a nearby pile of rocks.

Back in the House she sweeps some more. When men carry a guy back on a gurney she doesn't even notice. Until she sees they left the door open. Before she can sneak in, Jaqen appears and leads her through. They go down some stairs and into a chamber where one of the dead men lies, the girl that hit Arya is there. Silently, she follows the girl's lead and helps take off the man's shirt and they begin washing him. She asks what they do after they wash them and the girl does not answer.

King's Landing: Margaery, Tommen, and Cersei

Margaery and Tommen marry. Everyone claps, even Cersei.

We cut to their marital bed where both are out of breath. He is scared he hurt her and she assures him he did not and says it was lovely and calls him the sweetest king that ever lived. He says he wants to do it all day every day for the rest of his life. They talk about getting used to words like king, queen, husband and wife. He says he sometimes thinks that he got the most beautiful woman all because his brother died. She tells him not to feel guilty. He says what's odd is that he doesn't. They learn that they both love to sail and decide that this means they will be happy forever.

She wastes no time planting seeds of division. She claims it's wonderful having

Cersei watch over them and then wonders aloud if Cersei likes it in King's Landing. He says he thinks she misses home. Margaery notes Cersei is so protective, especially given all the death she's been through husband, son, father that she will never let him out of her sight.

We cut to Cersei and Tommen walking and him immediately asking if she misses Casterley Rock since it's where she grew up. She says this is her real home and wants to stay in King's Landing. He says he just wants her to be happy.

She goes to see Margaery, who is regaling her ladies in waiting with tales of Tommen's enthusiasm. She calls her mother but asks what the protocol is, does she call her Queen Mother or Dowager Queen? Cersei, who came to let her know if she needs anything to just ask, bristles at all of this, especially when she tells her about Tommen's prowess-- half lion, half stag and says she'll be Queen Grandmother soon. Cersei notes what a lovely day that will be. She walks away and she can hear the ladies laughing.

The High Septon, whom we just saw marry Margaery and Tommen, is in Littlefinger's old brothel picking women when a group of the super religious Sparrows enter and castigate him for making a mockery of religion. They drag him out and force him to walk naked through the streets and beat him.

He heads to the Small Council to complain and basically asks for their leader's head on a stick.

Cersei goes to see the High Sparrow in a filthy area where he is feeding the hungry and poor and shoeless. She notes that probably wasn't the best approach to take, beating the Gods' servant. He notes that hypocrisy is a boil and that lancing boil is never pleasant. She says the High Septon wants her to execute him but she agrees with the High Sparrow and says that the man's behavior and attitude were corrosive so she threw him in the dungeon. She is clearly impressed by the High Sparrow and notes that faith and the crown are the two pillars that hold up the world and that they must protect one another.

She goes to see her creepy guy Qyburn and asks him to send a raven requesting a meeting with Littlefinger and to make sure he is clear on the meaning of the word immediately.

Winterfell: Theon, Roose, and Ramsey

Theon walks through the yard at Winterfell where many men are busy fixing things up.

He comes upon two men hoisting up a pair of flayed bodies, Roose's signature and

sigil as you'll recall. Theon is horrified.

We cut to him serving Roose and Ramsey food. Roose explains that they can't hold the north with terror alone. Ramsey points out that the flayed bodies were of people loyal to the Starks and wouldn't pay taxes to the Boltons and that he killed the couple and made the son watch. The son then paid the taxes. No dummy, he.

That's all well and good says Roose but they got powerful by building alliances with powerful people, not flaying them. So, now that Tywin Lannister is dead and they can't count on that family to send an army this far north if needed, they need to make an alliance a new way. He announces it's time for Ramsey to marry and he has the perfect girl to solidify their hold on the north. Theon listens to all of this silently but intently.

Moat Cailin: Sansa and Littlefinger

Sansa and Littlefinger arrive at Moat Cailin, a dark and foreboding collection of towers ruled by the Boltons, and she says she remembers it from a trip as a child. Littlefinger admits it does look a bit shabby but that he is taking her home to Winterfell. She begins to realize what this means, the marriage proposal he spoke of was for her, not himself. She begins to panic and points out that Roose Bolton murdered her brother and took Winterfell and works for the Lannisters and she won't marry him. He says Winterfell is hers and her place is in the north and that she's not marrying Roose but Ramsey, his heir who will one day be warden of the north. She continues to protest. He says he won't force her to do anything because he cares about her and if she wants to go they will go but she must know that she will have to continue running and she needs to stop being a bystander. He says there is no justice in the world unless they make it. He says she loved her family and she should avenge them. He kisses her forehead.

She acquiesces and they ride on to Winterfell. With two sets of eyes watching as they go.

Sansa and Littlefinger ride into Winterfell. Theon watches from above, agitated.

Littlefinger presents her to Bolton and after a moment she bows to him. He introduces Ramsey who kisses her hand.

She's shown to a room and the maid says "Welcome home Lady Stark, the North remembers."

Sansa walks about Winterfell as Ramsey tells Littlefinger he will never hurt her. Littlefinger asks after his lordship and Ramsey notes he was just recently made a lord. Roose arrives and dismisses Ramsey. He asks after Littlefinger's loyalties to

the Lannisters. Littlefinger notes that Tywin's dead, Cersei's power is waning, Tommen is soft and Jaime has one hand so he's not worried about any consequences for giving Sansa to him. His message from Cersei has found its way from the Eyrie to Winterfell and Roose read it. He wonders why Littlefinger is gambling his position. Littlefinger notes that every ambitious move is a gamble, just like Roose's killing of Robb Stark and that's worked out. He also tells Roose that since the Eyrie is his now they can be powerful since the last time the lords of the Eyrie and the North aligned they brought down the greatest dynasty the world has ever known. He says he needs to reply to Cersei. Roose would like to read that reply.

Near Moat Cailin: Brienne and Pod

Brienne and Pod watch as Sansa and Littlefinger pass by Moat Cailin. She says they'll take the long way around to go undetected and it won't matter if they lose them because she knows where they're going.

They chat about their pasts and she asks how he came to work for Tyrion. He explains that even though Tywin gave him to his son as a form of punishment it worked out since he was very good to him. She gets churlish and notes every lord he worked for was good to him and she's sorry he has to squire for such a nasty person. Because Pod is the very best, he says he's proud to be her squire since she's the best fighter he's ever seen and beat the Hound. She softens and apologizes for snapping all the time. He says if she didn't, he wouldn't learn. She asks if he wants to be a knight and he does. She says they will start training, twice a day. She says she can't knight him but she can teach him how to fight. He says he supposes that's more important. He asks how she came to serve Renly, who Tyrion says was a good man. She agrees he was and explains.

When her father was looking to marry her off he had a great ball where dozens of young lords came and danced and were sweet to her and didn't seem to notice how mulish and tall she was. It was the best night of her life until she realized they were making fun of her as a game. They called her "Brienne the Beauty" as a joke and she realized "I was the ugliest girl alive." She wanted to run away but Renly took her in his arms and told her not let them see her tears because they were nasty little shits unworthy of her tears. Pod wonders why he did this since he was gay. Brienne gets testy and says "yes he liked men, he danced with me because he was kind and didn't want to see me hurt." She says from that day until his last day she swore to protect him as part of his King's Guard, but couldn't save him and notes that nothing's more hateful than failing to protect the one you love. But now she plans to avenge him by killing Stannis.

The Wall: Stannis, Jon, and his buddy

Meanwhile, at the Wall Stannis, Davos, and the little boy who killed Ygritte, Olly who is now Jon Snow's steward have a sit down. Jon says he considered Stannis's offer to be Jon Stark but he swore an oath to the Night's Watch and now he is Lord Commander and his place is here. Stannis points out that Jon is as honorable and stubborn as his father. Jon calls this high praise but Stannis says he didn't mean it as praise since his honor got Ned killed.

Jon asks how long they'll be staying because food is becoming an issue since he's feeding his men, Stannis' men and the wildling prisoners and winter is coming. Stannis says he knows and they are going to leave in a fortnight ahead of the snow. He leaves the fate of wildlings to Jon. He also advises him to send Alliser Thorne away. But Jon said he heard you were supposed to keep enemies close. Stannis says whoever said that didn't have many enemies and leaves.

Davos stays behind and tells him that Stannis believes in him. Jon says he is sorry he disappointed him. He says Stannis just wants to do right by the Seven Kingdoms. Jon notes that he does, as long as he's ruling them. Davos snappishly points out that it is Stannis's blood right to the throne. Jon says he's sworn to steer clear of politics. At that Davos asks Olly to repeat the vow of the Night's Watch and stops him when he gets to the part about how they will be "the shield that guards the realms of men." Stannis says Jon would be better off trying to do that not sitting at a frozen castle at the end of the world but by helping Stannis with the fight because as long as the Boltons rule the north, the north will suffer.

Jon holds his first big meeting as Lord Commander, Maester Aemon is not there, he's not feeling well.

He announces they need to dig a new latrine pit and announces they need a latrine captain and picks Brian because he says it seems like a good job for a Ginger. He addresses Ser Alliser and everyone thinks he's going to lower the boom. But instead he says nice things to him about his service and bravery in battle and names him "First Ranger." But when it comes to Lord Janus he is not so kind. He tells him he is going to send him to command of Gray Guard. This is a crap assignment at the end of the world and Janus balks. Loudly, talking back to Jon and telling him to take the assignment and stick it up his bastard ass. Jon makes sure that he's hearing what he thinks, that Janus is disobeying a command. He is. Jon tells the men to take him outside and asks Olly to bring him his sword. Alliser stands aside from Janus and lets them take him. They bring him to the chopping block. Jon asks if he has any last words.

Stannis watches from afar. When Janus realizes he is serious he begs and apologizes. Jon raises the sword. Janus begs for mercy and says he's afraid, he's always been afraid. Jon chops off his head anyway. Stannis gives Jon the nod of approval. There's a new Lord Commander in town now, yall!

Volantis: Tyrion and Varys

The buddies are still riding and Tyrion is gripped with cabin fever. Varys continually reminds him of the bounty on his head. Tyrion no longer cares and says he will be of no use to Daenerys Targaryen if he is crazy. So they stop in a very crazy, busy, dirty city Volantis where he claims he can just be one more drunk dwarf.

They mosey around the market, Tyrion gets some booze and they take in a Red Priestess preaching to a flock in the square about the "dragon queen." Tyrion kids Varys that he didn't realize they were going to meet the savior. But when the woman stares right at him they hotfoot it out of there to a brothel. He finds a woman he likes but when the moment arrives to head to a room he realizes he can't do it, much to his own shock. He says he hopes this passes.

But he won't get to find out because also hanging out in this brothel is a very agitate Ser Jorah who sees him and when he is away from Varys, he kidnaps him!! Lucky he had that rope and ball gag handy!

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Sons of the Harpy

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Ser Jorah and Tyrion

We open on water, a man gets out of a small boat and walks to the shore with a basket and is promptly knocked out by Ser Jorah. He takes the still bound and gagged Tyrion and tosses him in the boat and shoves off.

Tyrion convinces Jorah to take off his gag, mainly by being irritating. He asks who he is. Jorah only says "your captor." He is disappointed there is no wine and says he can't sleep without it. Jorah tells him to stay awake. Tyrion says he's going the wrong way since Cersei is in Westeros which is west. Jorah says they are going East to Dany, who is the queen he serves. Tyrion laughs at the irony and notes that's where he was going anyway so it was a waste of a kidnapping. He notes all of Jorah's things and that he is a down on his luck man from the West in Essos and surmises exactly who he is. He asks how he was serving Dany in a whorehouse half a world away. He asks why she sent him away and also remembers that he was sent to spy on her and found out and exiled him and now he hopes to win her favor back by giving her Tyrion. He wonders if Jorah thinks Dany will execute Tyrion and pardon him? He says he thinks the reverse is just as likely. Jorah says nothing

and smacks him across the face.

En route to Dorne: Jaime and Bronn

On a much larger vessel, Jaime and Bronn sail past the isle of Tarth on the way to Dorne, and Jaime clearly thinks of Brienne.

In the hold Bronn asks why they aren't sailing on a Lannister ship. Jaime explains the covert mission of rescuing his niece Myrcella. Bronn is all smirky like "Your niece?" Jaime says nothing. Bronn wonders why he's doing this since he's so recognizable. Instead of getting into the nitty gritty of it about Cersei he simply says "It has to be me." Bronn wonders if Jaime set Tyrion free. Jaime says Varys set him free. Bronn says if he ever sees the "little fucker" to give him his regards. Jaime notes that Tyrion killed their father and so if he ever sees him he will split him in two, and then give him Bronn's regards.

Bronn and Jaime make landfall in Dorne in the morning after a lot of rowing by Bronn. They sleep and enjoy a little breakfast. They discuss the best ways to die, Bronn would choose in his own keep, drinking his own wine, watching his sons grovel for his fortune. Jaime was hoping for something exciting. Bronn says he's had an exciting life and wants a boring death. Jaime wants to die in the arms of his lover. He asks if she wants the same thing. Jaime doesn't answer and says it's time to go. Bronn asks about the captain and whether he'll snitch on Jaime. Jaime says he paid him handsomely not to squeal. Four Dorne-ish riders approach. They try to hide but can't. Bronn approaches and says he's glad they found him. He claims he is named Cooper and that Jaime is Darnell and that their boat capsized in the night and they managed to swim ashore. The men force them to disarm. Bronn pretends to do so and then quickly kills two of them. He slows one down for Jaime so he can fight. He does so triumphantly with his left hand. It ain't easy but he wins, thanks to his fake hand being able to grab the other guy's sword. Bronn praises him and says he had a wonderful teacher.

They take two of the Dorne-ish men's horses. Bronn is happy. Jaime says they have to bury the bodies so as not to raise questions. Bronn is annoyed.

Elsewhere on the beach at Dorne, Ellaria rides to meet three women she calls her daughters. She explains they have to avenge Oberyinn since the King will do nothing. They point out they have no army. Ellaria says they don't need an army when they have Myrcella as a bargaining chip. One of her daughters uncovers a man buried up to his neck in the sand with snakes crawling on his face. He is the ship captain that Jaime bribed, but not well enough. He blabbed Jaime's plan. Ellaria realizes if he gets to Myrcella first they are screwed. She says they need to choose between the king's way of peace or her way of war. All three daughters are with her.

King's Landing: Cersei, Loras, Margaery, Tommen, High Sparrow, the Sparrows

At a small council meeting The Queen Mother is getting a very bad financial update from the Master of Coin Tyrell about the Lannister holdings in the Iron Bank and how they've called in a quarter of their debt, which they can only pay half of. And with winter coming things are dire. Tyrell offers to front them a loan. She says he's done enough and they would be better off going to the Iron Bank in person and negotiating better terms. She sends him off to Braavos with his own Kingsguard security which clearly tickles him. Grand Maester Pycelle notes that the small council has grown even smaller. She notes "not small enough." Qyburn smirks at all of this.

Cersei hosts the High Sparrow and offers him wine but he demurs, not enjoying the taste. He asks how he may serve. She notes that all over Westeros septs are being burned and "silent sisters" raped and priests being murdered. The High Sparrow says war teaches people to obey the sword not the gods. She says perhaps the gods need a sword of their own and recommends resurrecting the ancient army of Faith Militant who dispensed "the justice of the Seven." He notes the Faith Militant was disarmed two centuries ago but she says if she explains their holy purpose to King Tommen she believes he would resurrect it and the High Sparrow would be its leader and could arm the congregants he felt worthy of defending the bodies and souls of the common people and serve the gods. He says it is an honor he never expected or wished for. She says this is why he was chosen and notes that the most wicked are often the most wealthy and beyond the punishment of the king. He notes all sinners are equal in the eyes of the gods. She notes she knows of one sinner in King's Landing, shielded by gold and privilege. He says "may the father judge him justly."

We cut to the Sparrows, now armed as the Faith Militant, attacking a market. Spilling wine and destroying artifacts. They then attack Littlefinger's brothel, striking down patrons and prostitutes. They reserve their worst punishment for a gay nobleman they find.

Meanwhile, the one Sparrow we have come to know is getting the order's symbol carved into his head. They all have it. He, with a group of other robed Sparrows, goes and seizes Loras Tyrell and "arrests" him for breaking the laws of gods and men with his homosexuality. He asks the men who they think they are. The Sparrow: "Justice." (Well, now we know why Cersei sent Lord Tyrell away.)

An outraged Margaery goes to Tommen and demands to know why this has happened. He says he knows nothing about it. She says arresting Loras is Cersei's revenge against Margaery for taking Tommen away from her. She asks if he has any affection for her. He says he does. She says she can't bear to think of her

brother locked away in a grimy cell.

Tommen goes to Cersei and demands Loras be freed. She notes she didn't arrest him. He says no but she demanded the arming of the Faith Militant who are now an army. She says yes, they can't allow the Queen's brother to be arrested no matter his perversions. Tommen asks if he can tell Margaery she will release Loras. She notes again she is not holding him and says since he is the King he should ask the High Sparrow to release him.

Tommen goes to see him but a group of Sparrows blocks his way. His Kingsguard offers to kill them all, and send them to the gods they love. Suddenly the people around the High Sparrow's church start calling him a bastard and an abomination. He is intimidated. He says he will find another way. He goes to Margaery and says he could not free Loras without violence. She notes he is the king and supreme ruler and can't allow fanatics to imprison her brother. He says he is going to speak to the High Sparrow, she wonders when. He says soon. She goes to send word to her grandmother. Tommen wonders if she will return. She says she needs to be with her family.

The Wall: Jon Snow, Sam, Stannis, Selys, and Melisandre..

Jon Snow trains men in the courtyard at Castle Black and Selyse and Stannis watch and she notes he thinks highly of this boy, a bastard by some tavern slut. Stannis says he does and maybe he is but that wasn't Ned Stark's way. She wishes she could've given him a son. He says it's not her fault. She says she gave him nothing but deformity in Shirleen. Melisandre arrives and says that Shirleen's scars mean nothing to the lord of the light since she has the king's blood in her. She dismisses Selyse and then makes Stannis assure her that he is taking her with him when he marches on Winterfell. He says he will since he needs her. He asks what she needs and she says "To serve my lord."

Jon Snow is signing letters Sam is putting in front of him, they are letters asking prominent noblemen to send men to help protect the Wall during the winter. He balks when he sees a letter asking Roose Bolton for help since he murdered Jon's brothers. Sam says they swore to be watchers on the wall and they can't do that with 50 men and can't do that without help from warden of the north. Jon signs.

Melisandre swans in and he asks how he can help her. She notes he can ride south with them as a guide since he knows the north well and Winterfell best and wonders if he doesn't want to chase rats out of Winterfell. Jon reiterates Castle Black is home now and the Night's Watch doesn't get involved in politics or war. She says there is only one war and asks him to come and see something. He says if it's visions he's not interested because he doesn't believe in them. She instead offers the vision of her naked form which he does seem to find transfixing. She babbles

on about making life and how he ignores his own power and he should embrace it and if they joined together there would be even more power. But he's not really listening because she placed his hand to her breast. Jon does snap out of it however and does not break his vows again because he still loves Ygritte. She leaves and says "You know nothing Jon Snow."

Shireen goes to see her dad. Stannis does not seem happy to see her. He asks if she is lonely. She says bored. He says his father said boredom showed a lack of inner resources. She tells him she's glad she came since her mother told her she didn't want to bring her. Stannis says she shouldn't have said that. Shireen asks if Stannis is ashamed of her. He tells her a story about her infancy and how he got a doll from her from a Dorne-ish man and how happy she was when she got it in her cradle. He says by the time they burned the doll it was too late. He was told she would die or worse, the greyscale would take her slowly. He was advised to send her away and he told them to go to hell and he called in every Maester and they saved her and he didn't want to send her away because she was a princess in House Baratheon and his daughter and he loves her. She hugs him.

Winterfell: Sansa, Littlefinger, the Boltons

Sansa lights a candle in the catacombs for her family. Littlefinger comes and notes that she is lighting a candle for her aunt Leanna, whom her father said was quite beautiful. Littlefinger says he met her once at Haarenhall, she was already promised to Robert. He was a boy from nowhere and he watched a great tournament between Barristan Selmy and Rhaegar Targaryen. Rhaegar won, rode past his wife and made a crown of winter roses and laid it in Leanna's lap. He wonders how many thousands had to die because Rhaegar chose Sansa's aunt. Sansa says he chose her and then he kidnapped her and raped her. Littlefinger leads her away from "somewhere the dead can't hear us." She asks where he is going. He says Cersei sent for him and he has to go to King's Landing to keep her off the scent. She doesn't want to be left alone here. But he assures that Stannis is on the way to the rescue and will eventually take the iron throne. He says a betting man would bet on Stannis and he is a betting man. He thinks Stannis will name her Wardeness of the North, and says he needs her as the last surviving Stark. She wonders what happens if Stannis loses to the Boltons. He says she will have to make Ramsay her own which should be easy since he's already fallen for her. She says Roose frightens him. Littlefinger says he should, he's a dangerous man but even those can be outmaneuvered and she has learned to maneuver from the best and when he returns she will be strong. He kisses her and asks if she believes him. She says she expects she'll be a married woman by the time he returns.

Mereen: Dany and Selmy

Dany surveys the city while Selmy reminisces about how her brother Rhaegar

would sing to the people in the Red Keep. He actually busked and Selmy kept the money for him and Rhaegar gave it to orphanages and other charitable things and sometimes he got drunk. She is amused by this. Daario arrives and announces that Hizdahr Zo Loraq is there to see her. He's there to recommend reopening the fighting pits and it's a tradition, while distasteful to her, that she needs to embrace to ensure some kind of piece between former masters and slaves.

Meanwhile the Sons of Harpy indiscriminate murder a man in a market. The Unsullied go after them when a woman points the way. She seems to be up to something though. And she was. The way she points leads the small group of Unsullied into an ambush. Selmy hears a ruckus and people start running past him. He draws his sword and heads toward the fight. Grey Worm is stabbed but keeps fighting. Selmy join the battle and fells more than half a dozen Sons before being killed. Grey Worm collapses beside him.

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Kill the Boy

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Meereen: Dany, Daario, Grey Worm, Missandei, Hizdahr zo Loraq, Dragons

Dany and Missandei look over Barristan's body and Dany talks about what a loyal friend and advisor he was. Daario wants to "clean out" the city neighborhood by neighborhood. Dany instead asks for the leaders of the great families rounded up and brought to her.

She brings them to the dragon pits and forces them towards them in the darkness. She wonders who among them is innocent and who is guilty, she says they will let the dragons decide. She pushes one man forward and he is enflamed and ripped apart by the dragons and it's awful. She says she doesn't want to overfeed them and sends them back to the dungeons to stew.

Missandei goes to see Grey Worm who has been out for three days. She breaks the news of Barristan. Grey Worm feels like a failure. She reassures him he didn't and says he will fight again. He admits when he was stabbed he felt fear, not that he would die, but that he would never see her again. She joins him in bed and kisses him tenderly.

With her most trusted advisors dead, Dany asks Missandei for her advice. Missandei claims she is in no position to have an opinion. Dany disagrees. Missandei speaks freely and says she has watched Dany take the counsel of her advisors and also ignore them but she has been most impressed when she has

trusted her gut and come up with a choice of her own.

Dany makes a choice: She goes to the dungeons and tells Hizdahr zo Loraq that she was wrong and he was right and her new plan is to reopen the fighting pits, but only among free men, and that there will never again be slavery. And as a sign of her good faith and forge a lasting bond with Meereen she will marry one of their highest noblemen, Hizdahr zo Loraq himself.

Castle Black: Jon Snow, the Grand Maester, Tormund Giantsbane, Stannis Baratheon

Jon meets with the Grand Maester for advice on something he has to do but will bitterly divide the Night's Watch and half the men will hate him. The Grand Maester notes they already do and tells him to do it. He tells Jon he will find little joy in his command but with luck will find the strength to do what needs to be done. He tells him to kill the boy Jon Snow-- winter is almost upon us-- and let the man be born

Jon meets with Tormund Giantsbane and tells him they are not enemies and asks him to lead the free folk back south of the wall. He says he doesn't want them to kneel before him as a king he wants them to fight with him against the army of the undead that is coming with the onset of winter, who will kill the free folk first if they don't move. He says he will talk to Stannis about lending a fleet of ships to collect up the people. Tormund says he will do it only if agrees to come with him and convinces the free folk that the ships that they are boarding won't be torched.

The Night's Watch men are predictably not happy about this. Sam tries to explain to them about the abandoned villages where they could settle. The men point out the villages are abandoned because free folk torched and killed the people, like they did Ollie's family. Jon says they have all been fighting for hundreds of years but they can either abandon them free folk or they can learn to live with them or they can deal with the army of the dead alone.

Back in his office Jon tries to explain to Ollie while he is doing this but, while respectful, Ollie isn't having it.

Sam and Gilly while away some time in the library where she wonders if these are all the books in the world. He tells her about the Citadel where there are many books. She feels ashamed that she doesn't know things like he does. But he points out that she has so many other skills he doesn't have. He explains the Citadel is where the maesters go to learn and says it was his dream to become one but instead became a man of the Night's Watch.

Stannis enters and Gilly scurries. Stannis notes that Sam's father was a great soldier

who was the only one who ever defeated his brother Robert. Stannis knows that Sam killed a White Walker and wonders how. Sam explains about the dagger of dragon glass. He doesn't know why this worked and is reading up on that, Stannis tells him to keep reading because he needs to now how to fight them.

He goes to see Davos and tells him it's time to move out and that the queen and princess will be coming with them. Davos wants to wait for Jon Snow to return with the wildlings but Stannis says they have to act now and ahead of weather. They mount up and move out and Jon and Melisandre share a stare as they move out.

Winterfell: Brienne and Pod, Roose and Ramsay

Staying at a tavern, Pod wonders if Sansa is better off now that she's home. Brienne knows she is not better off with the Boltons. She asks a tavern who knew Ned Stark to get a message to Sansa in Winterfell.

Over in Winterfell Roose beds his old girlfriend Miranda who is jealous of Sansa. He says jealousy bores him and she knows what happens to those who bore him. She bites his lip drawing blood and says she won't be boring and they make out.

A maid comes to Sansa with the message that if she ever gets in trouble to light a candle in the highest window of the broken tower and that she still has a friend and is not alone. She is confused but goes to look at the tower. There Miranda approaches her and compliments her dress, which Sansa made herself. She tells Sansa she has a surprise for him and brings her to the kennels where Theon Greyjoy is. She says his name and he shakes his head and says "You shouldn't be here." She storms out.

Later, Theon is dressing and tending to Ramsay who is typically evil to him and asks if he has something to tell him. He confesses Sansa saw him at the kennel and begs forgiveness. Ramsay forces him to his knees and forgives him.

Roose, Ramsay, Sansa and his "mother" have dinner and Ramsay makes a toast to their wedding and future. happiness. He says it must be hard for her to be in strange place. She notes it is not strange it is her home aonly the people are strange. Ramsay agrees that they are. Theon arrives and Ramsay forces him to apologize for "killing" Bran and Rickon and notes since Theon is the closest she has to kin he will give away the bride. Then Ramsay's stepmother announces she is pregnant and Roose says it's a boy.

Later Roose and Ramsay discuss the impending birth and Roose knows Ramsay is

worried the new child threatens his position but he points out that he knows now what he knew when he first laid eyes on him, that Ramsay is his son. (Origin story: Roose raped a peasant woman under the body of her dead husband. No wonder Ramsay is so evil.) He tells Ramsay he needs his help to defeat Stannis and Ramsay says he will be by his side in the fight.

Valyria: Tyrion and Jorah

Tyrion tries again to make some small talk with Jorah after he got punched in the face. He also asks for wine. Jorah says no to this.

Tyrion figures out that they are going through Valyria to get to

As they glide through the ruined city they are gobsmacked when they see one of Dany's dragons flies overhead. This is a very dangerous distraction, however, as they don't notice when one of the famed Stone Men jumps into the water by their boat. These are the men, riddled with greyscale, who have been banished to these parts like a sort of Westerosi leper colony.

The men attack the boat. Jorah warns Tyrion to not allow them to touch him and be infected. Jorah fights them off but more come. Tyrion begs to be untied so he can defend himself. But Jorah is busy. When one man advance to close, Tyrion jumps overboard to escape. He furiously tries to untie his bonds but as he does he is grabbed from underneath by a Stone Man who drags him further down.

He comes to some time later. Jorah saved them and they are on a shore somewhere. He says they'll need to rustle up another boat or else they have a very long walk ahead of them. Jorah asks if Tyrion was touched and he says no.

Jorah says he's off to get wood and as he turns, he pulls back his sleeve to reveal he's infected with greyscale.

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Unbowed, Unbent, Unbroken

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Braavos: Arya, Jaen, the mean girl and some corpses

Arya is still washing bodies. When she sees the door out of the corpse washing room is open she goes to it but the mean girl shuts it and tells her she's not ready yet. Arya notes she's been here for weeks and wants to know what's next and play the game of faces. The girl says Arya already played and lost. She asks who she is

and Arya again says no one. Arya asks who the girl is and the girl tells a story much like Arya's own and then asks if Arya believes her.

Later, when she is sleeping Jaen comes to her and asks who she is and instead of saying no one, she tells her actual story. But every time she fibs-- like saying her father died in battle-- or lies he slaps her virtually. This goes on and on. He asks if she truly wants to be no one and when she says yes he slaps her again. She says she no longer wants to play this game, he says you are always playing.

Later still, when a man brings his ill daughter to the House of Black and White, Arya shows her great compassion as Jaen watches. When she is washing the body of the girl he finally takes her beyond that room to an even bigger room which has a sort of face mausoleum in it. From floor to ceiling are these huge stone cylinders which have heads with the faces facing out. She walks around in wonder.

Jaen asks if she is truly ready to become no one. She hesitates. He notes she is ready to become someone else, however.

On the road: Tyrion and Jorah

The odd couple continue their journey and Tyrion is now grumpy eating berries and roots and what an awful travelling companion Jorah is. Jorah wonders if he ever shuts up.. Tyrion finally explains what happened: that he killed his father since he was trying to execute him for a murder he didn't commit and his dad was banging his girlfriend. Jorah did not know this. He also, sadly, did not know that his own father was dead, something Tyrion learned while visiting Castle Black. To add insult to injury he first tells him what a good man he was and then says he was killed by his own men. Ouch. Tyrion feels badly for breaking the news.

He asks why Jorah thinks Dany should rule and what difference it will make, especially since her family is famously crazy, including the Mad King who liked to burn men alive for fun. Jorah asks if he believes in anything. Tyrion honestly answers no. Jorah says he was once cynical like Tyrion but once he saw Dany emerge unscathed from the fire, listening to baby dragons cry, he started to believe. He also notes she is the rightful heir to the throne. Tyrion wonders what difference it really makes after all, even a thousand years of peace and prosperity will be followed by war and strife.

They are walking and talking and on the move when they are captured by slavers who want to send Jorah to the salt mines or use him as a galley slave and kill Tyrion and sell his penis because apparently "dwarf cocks" have magical powers. They are about to kill him and cut his business off when he convinces them he needs the cock to be verified from a dwarf first. And he also convinces them to spare Jorah from the salt mines since he was once a great fighter who won many

battles and he promises he will make it happen in the fighting pits in Meereen since he killed a Dothraki bloodrider in single combat.

King's Landing: Cersei, Olenna, Loras, Margaery, Littlefinger

Littlefinger arrives and is given a stern warning by Lancel Lannister, the one who turned Faith Militant Sparrow leader. It is creepy.

He meets with Cersei and, in his special double-dealing way, tells her the Boltons and Baratheons will duke it out for the North and she should wait-- but not too long-- and pounce while whatever victor is licking their wounds and then take back the north. He says the Knights of the Veil -- now his men via Robin Arryn--could totally get this done for her and it wouldn't cost her a penny or a single soldier. He also outs Sansa, which of course gets her blood boiling since she thinks Sansa helped kill Joffrey. She wonders what's in it for him and he says he would like to made Warden of the North and swears fealty to the crown. She agrees as long as she gets Sansa's head on a spike.

Cersei's blood is boiling all over the place tonight and it spills heavily on the rest of the Tyrell family now.

Olenna shows up to register her outrage over Loras being locked up and to threaten pulling financial and food support from King's Landing. Cersei points out she didn't lock up Loras, the Faith Militant did. (Of course she set the Faith Militant in motion.) She insists it's just a simple inquest, not a trial and Loras will surely be cleared and the Tyrell/Lannister alliance will continue. Olenna seems to, begrudgingly, accept this.

Except when the inquest comes both Loras and Margaery deny he's a buggerer-- under oath-- but then the High Sparrow calls Loras' most recent lover to the stand, who not only says he lay with Loras but that Margaery knew about it. So the High Sparrow determines there is sufficient evidence for a trial and not only is Loras guilty but so is Margaery since she just bore false witness before the gods saying that Loras didn't fornicate with boys. So he has them both taken away. Cersei is triumphant. Tommen is confused. Margaery is outraged. Olenna is livid.

Dorne: Jamie, Bronn, the Sand Snakes

Myrcella and her intended make out in the courtyard. Prince Martell watches them and tells his right hand man they must protect them.

Jamie and Bronn continue on their journey, with Bronn singing an old Dornish folk song. They come upon a convoy headed to town and follow them in. They are now clad in Dornish gear to try and blend in.

The Sand Snakes prepare to snatch Myrcella.

They all converge. Jamie and Bronn try to snatch her but she is confused and doesn't want to go and then Bronn knocks out her boyfriend. Then the Sand Snakes show up and the three of them begin battling Jamie and Bronn. One nicks Bronn. But before it can go further. Then the Prince's bodyguard and a whole bunch of Dornish King's Guard show up and force everyone to drop their weapons. Ellaria is also captured.

Winterfell: Sansa, Ramsay, Miranda, and Theon

Meanwhile things have gone from bad to worse for Sansa.

Miranda shows up to give her a bath for her wedding night. In doing so she washes the dye out of Sansa's hair and scares her with stories about Ramsay and how he easily gets bored with all of his previous women. Sansa is hip to her though and asks how long Miranda has loved Ramsay and realizes that she is mad that Sansa has shown up and usurped her. She notes that she is Sansa Stark, a lady, Winterfell is her rightful home, and she is not afraid of Miranda and dismisses her. Miranda is not happy.

Later, all dressed beautifully for the wedding, Theon shows up to escort her to the ceremony. She refuses to take his arm. He says Ramsay will punish him if she doesn't. She thinks he killed her younger brothers so she notes that she doesn't care what Ramsay does to him.

They head to the ceremony out by the tree with the colorful leaves. It is snowing lightly. It would be beautiful if it wasn't so awful. Theon "gives her away." Ramsay accepts her.

They head back to their marital bed and Ramsay's true colors frighteningly emerge. He asks if she's a virgin. She says she is since Tyrion was gentle and kind and didn't force her to consummate their marriage. He then tells her to disrobe and forces Theon to stay in the room. She turns away from him towards the bed and is slowly fumbling with her clothes, terrified. Theon is beside himself with despondence. Ramsay grows impatient and begins ripping off her dress from the back. He tells Theon that since he knew her as a girl he can now watch as she becomes a woman. He bends her over the bed and rapes her. We cut away from the distraught Sansa and hear her screams as Theon watches, shaking and in tears.

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The Gift

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Castle Black: Jon, Sam, the Maester, Gilly

Jon Snow is preparing to take his leave of the Wall and Alliser Thorne reminds him he thinks this is a bad idea. Sam gives him the dragon glass he used to kill the White Walker and hopes he doesn't need it.

Later, Maester Aemon plays with baby Sam and Gilly. He says he reminds him of his brother "Egg," Eghard Targaryen. He is clearly on his last legs. Gilly tells Sam to get some sleep but he begs off saying he can't leave him. The Maester keeps calling out to "Egg!" and draws his last breath saying something about dreaming of the towers of old. Sam leads his funeral service and recalls him as wise, gentle, and kind and councilor to a dozen Lord Commanders. As he and Alliser light the funeral pyre, Thorne leans over and tells Sam he's losing all his friends, because he's mean like that.

Later, when Gilly is washing some clothes two men come in and menace her, wondering if she is actually pretty or only pretty because she's the only girl there. She tells them to leave but they corner her. Sam comes in and draws his sword. He tries to protect her but they beat him to a bloody pulp and call him names. Just as they are about to take advantage of her though, he rises again and says he killed a White Walker and a Thenn and can take them too. They aren't afraid until Jon's Direwolf Ghost materializes and growls at them. They leave and Sam promptly passes out.

Later, she tends to him and tells her to never do that again since he's not a fighter. He says he had them in the palm of his hand. She makes him promise that no matter what happens to her he will take care of baby Sam. He vows to take care of her as well. She kisses his cheeks and then his mouth and then she gets on top of him and kisses him. He makes a noise and she asks if she's hurting him. He assures her that she is not. They make love.

Dorne: Jamie, Myrcella, Bronn and the Sand Snakes

Jamie is in a large ornate room. Myrcella is brought to him. He apologizes for what's happening and tells her Cersei has been worried since threats have been made against her and she must go back with him. Myrcella isn't having it, noting she didn't want to come here but she did her duty and now she is in love with Tristane, marrying him, and staying right in Dorne. He says he doesn't understand, and she notes that he couldn't since he doesn't know her.

Meanwhile, Bronn is singing in the prison alongside the Sand Snakes. They chit chat about the fight. Bronn notes that Dornish women are the most beautiful in the

world, but not necessarily those three. One engages him and begins to tantalize him from the opposite cell with a view of her naked body. She keeps asking about where she cut him and he says his arm is fine. Then she asks about his head and suddenly he starts to get dizzy and his nose is bleeding. She notes she had poison on her dagger called "The Long Farewell" since it takes a while to set in. She pulls a small vial off her necklace, the only known antidote. She asks who the most beautiful woman in the world is. He correctly answers her and she tosses him the antidote. He drinks it and she tells him that she thinks he is very handsome as well.

Winterfell: Sansa, Theon, Ramsay

Theon brings Sansa her lunch. She rises from her bed, bruised and fearful. She begs for his help. He says he can't and that he is no longer Theon. She tries to remind him who he is and begs him to light a candle in the tower. Instead, he goes to Ramsay.

Brienne waits and watches for the sign.

Sansa is summoned outside by Ramsay who kisses her and says that he is so glad she is beautiful and not the beast he feared his father would marry him to. He says she's made him very happy. He notes that Stannis rides for Winterfell but the current snowstorm has hampered his march, which is good since his men know how to fight in the cold. He notes that soon he will be warden of the north and she the wardeness. She wonders if that's true since his stepmother is pregnant. She says a true born will always have the edge to be heir over a bastard. He notes that he was naturalized. She retorts that he was naturalized by another bastard Tommen Baratheon. He winces slightly at this but has the last word when he shows her the flayed body of the woman who came to her in her chambers to tell her about putting the candle in the tower. He tells her to hold on to her candles since the nights are so long now. She is devastated.

On the Road to Winterfell: Stannis, Davos, and the troops

Stannis meets with Davos who reports that the cold has killed horses, is hampering the men and that swordsmen have abandoned the fight. He urges Stannis to head back to Castle Black to wait out the storm or the whole winter if necessary saying this isn't the right time. Stannis notes this is the only time and if they go back he will be known as "The king who runs." Plus, the winter could last for years and in that time who knows what will happen? He says they march now to either victory or defeat, but they march now.

He turns to Melisandre and notes that he has always trusted in her visions and prophecies but is clearly getting nervous. She says he saw the great battle in the snow in the flames himself and that she has seen herself walk along the battlements

of Winterfell as the flayed man banners were lowered. But the vision will require sacrifices. He says they need King's blood and don't have it without Robert's bastard Gendry. She says there is another who has king's blood in her veins, meaning they should sacrifice Shireen. He is disgusted by the suggestion and tells her to leave.

Slave Auction: Tyrion and Jorah

Jorah is put on the block and the auctioneer talks up his famous fighting history to up the bids. One slaver finally buys him and begins to take him away and then Tyrion says he has to buy him as well since they are a team since he's a great fighter too. Everyone laughs at this until Tyrion manages to take down one of his minders with his own shackles, beating the younger, larger man with his chains. Everyone laughs and the slaver is amused so he takes Tyrion as well and promptly whacks him in the face for being mouthy about "wages."

Meereen: Dany and Daario

The two lovers enjoy a little post-coital chat and Daario wonders how long before the King of Meereen comes to claim his pillow. Dany points out that her marriage to Hizdahr is political and he knows that. They talk politics. She says she has no choice but to marry him since she needs the city behind her. Daario says everyone has a choice, even slaves: be a slave or die. He says she should marry him instead. She notes that even if she wanted to do such an inadvisable thing she couldn't. He notes that she is the queen and can do whatever she want. She insists she can't. He notes that means that she is the only person in Meereen who is not free. He makes one more suggestion: on the day of the great games gather all the great and wise masters and slaughter them all. She says she is a queen not a butcher. He says all rulers are either butchers or meat.

Before the "great games," the newly rounded up slaves have to battle to the death to get a slot, sort of a semi-final round. The slaver sends several men out but not Jorah or Tyrion, who is shackled to the wall.

Dany and Hizdahr come along to watch the early battles. The slaver is surprised and heartened to see the queen and her future king. Jorah hears them make a pledge to the queen and realizes she's there. He sees her through the bars watching the battles which are very bloody and gross. She is unsettled and clearly wants to leave. Sensing this Jorah grabs his helmet and runs out and joins the fray even though he wasn't chosen. He dispatches every one of the remaining fighters one by one. Tyrion is trying to break free from the wall because he's missing all the action and a huge guy comes along and splits his chains for him.

Jorah, victorious, stands before Dany and removes his helmet. She is not happy

and tells them to get him out of her sight. He cries out that he brought her a gift. This is Tyrion's cue, he emerges saying that he is the gift. She asks who he is and he tells her and she is clearly surprised.

King's Landing: Olenna, High Sparrow

Olenna and the High Sparrow banter in the church and she scoffs at his "man of the people" act and says she can smell a fraud a mile away and that she is here to get her grandchildren out. He says they broke the rules of the gods and are now paying and it doesn't matter how high born they are. She offers him money and then threatens to take away the food the Tyrells send to King's Landing. He notes it must be strange for her not to be able to sniff out a hidden agenda and he doesn't have one and that the Gods demand justice. She notes that half the people in King's Landing have broken the laws that Loras and Margaery have. When she talks about withholding food he wonders if she's ever sown a field or reaped a harvest, knowing she hasn't saying her wealth and power have given her blind eye. She says she is one of the "few" and when the many stop fearing the few... and trails off, letting her fill in the rest of that idea as he walks away from her.

On the way out of the church she gets a note with Littlefinger's mark.

Up in the castle Tommen is livid that there is nothing he can do and swears he will start a war and wipe out the Faith Militant to get Margaery back. She notes that he knows who the first casualty of that war will be. He says he simply loves her. She says they must be strong for those they love. He wants to speak to High Sparrow but she says she will talk to him and do what she can to win Margaery's freedom and Loras', saying his happiness is all she wants. He says he knows, but she says he can't know until he has kids of own saying she would do anything for him, burn cities to the ground and that all that matters to her are him and Myrcella.

Littlefinger meets Olenna at his now ruined brothel, destroyed by the Sparrows. Olenna doesn't have time for his nonsense and tells him not to bother pretending he cares about House Tyrell. She notes that their fates are joined by their murder of Joffrey and that if things fall apart she won't protect him. He tells her that Cersei wanted information from him and he gave her some, but not all that he knows. And he tells Olenna he has a gift for her, the same kind he gave Cersei, a handsome young man.

Cersei goes to see Margaery in her dank, horrid, cell and mockingly calls it horrible and unacceptable and asks if they are feeding her enough. She drops off some venison stew, her leftovers. She goes on about how they did everything they could for her. Margaery, dirty and disheveled isn't having any of this, speaking plainly, accusing Cersei of doing this to her and saying she's not buying her act. Cersei says Margaery is clearly not thinking clearly and will come back. Margaery

throws the stew at Cersei and call her a hateful bitch and tells her to get out. Cersei walks out with a big shit-eating grin on her face, because she has really, really not thought ahead.

She then goes to see the High Sparrow and asks about what will happen to Margaery and Loras, he explains they will have separate trials and if they confess to their sins before then they will be at what is called "mother's mercy." Cersei thanks him for bringing whatever justice they deserve in the eyes of the seven gods. He begins nattering on about the small simple chapel they are standing in which is so ancient no one knows who built it, unlike the ornate cathedral that was built up around it. He muses about what happens when you strip away the gold and statues and pillars of the larger structure, what remains is this simple chapel. He notes this stripping away is now happening to the Tyrells and their true hearts will be laid bare for all to see and their punishment will be the same as it would be for anyone, high or low born. He asks her what she thinks they will find when they strip away Cersei's finery. She starts to get nervous, as she should.

The High Sparrow tells the story of a young man who came to them broken in body and spirit and piece by piece he unburdened himself, letting go of vanity and pride and sin that now his soul is so light that he will float through the heavens like a bird. He notes this man has a lot to say about Cersei: enter Lancel Lannister. Cersei sees him and begins to sway but there is a formidable nun at the door. Cersei orders her to the side but the woman seizes her and drag her away. The High Sparrow is happy. The nuns throw her to the ground in a cell. Cersei tells her to look at her face since it's the last thing the woman will see before she dies. The nuns shut and lock the door.

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Hardhome

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Wow, you guys. Tonight was intense.

Meereen: Dany, Jorah, Tyrion

Tyrion and Jorah stand before the queen and she is practically vibrating with anger. She asks Tyrion why she should accept him into her service. He says he seeks to advise her and see if she deserves his service. She offers to send him back to the fighting pits. He then tells Dany's life story to her and how she had no power, wealth, lands or armies but how she came into them and how Varys told her that she was their best hope as a ruler. She asks his advice on Jorah. Tyrion speaks well of him mostly talking about how devoted he is, that he's probably in love with her,

that yes, he did betray her, but he only seeks to serve her and a good queen doesn't inspire others to be devoted to her if she kills those who are. He says she should go on to rule but not with Jorah by her side. She tells the guards to take Jorah out of her city, sparing his life, but still crushing him emotionally. As he walks away he regards the greyscale growing on his arm.

He goes back to the slaver and tells him the slaver can own him if he lets him fight before the queen in the pits.

Later, after he's washed up and had some wine, Tyrion and Dany talk-- a little family history, Mad King, killed his dad, yada, yada-- still with the threat of her killing him hanging over him. He explains what Varys said to him about how she could be the best ruler. She announces that she isn't going to kill him but will instead take him on as an advisor. He explains how she has no support since there are no Starks or Targaryens, the Baratheons and Lannisters won't help, and maybe she'll have the Tyrells. She talks about the endless spinning of the wheel between the families. He says she can't stop the wheel. She says she doesn't plan on stopping it, she plans to break it.

Winterfell: Sansa, Reek, the Boltons

Reek brings Sansa her dinner and she confronts him about ratting her out. He says he was doing her a favor since Ramsay always finds out and would've punished her further. He explains how he transformed him from Theon into Reek. She says she's glad Ramsay did this to him and if she could do it all again she would do it to him too. He says he deserved everything he got for turning his back on Robb and taking Winterfell. But, he does finally admit that he didn't kill Bran and Rickon like she thought before he runs away. So Sansa now knows her brothers 'are alive.

Meanwhile, Roose is talking with his generals and Ramsay about their war plans, which are basically to wait for Stannis to arrive at the fortified Winterfell, mow them down and let them starve and freeze. He sees Ramsay disagrees. Ramsay wants to take the fight to Stannis. Roose says this is foolhardy and besides their army couldn't make it through the snow anyway. Ramsay says he doesn't need an army, just 20 good men.

Braavos: Arya, Ja'qen Haqar

Ja'qen is teaching Arya to become a new person, a spy of sorts. She is taking on the identity of "Lana," an orphan who sells oysters, clams, and cockles from a cart in the markets down by the canals. As we watch her recite her tale to him he taps her arm when she trips up or to make adjustments. We watch her go about her life in the market with the oysters and she waits on a wealthy, crotchety man upon whom Ja'qen wants her to spy for some reason, to serve the Many Faced God. The man

seems mean and arbitrary. We learn he is a gambler who bets on the journeys of sailors. The people he screws pray to the Many Faced God and they take care of the people who do the screwing. He tells her to go back and catch the gambler, stake out his habits, and then, essentially, poison him. The Many Faced God is all about vigilante justice apparently. Arya, of course with her vengeance list, smiles as she walks away with the vial. The girl who was mean to her before tells Ja'qen she doesn't think Arya is ready. Ja'qen says whether she is or not doesn't matter to the Many Faced God.

King's Landing: Cersei

Cersei stewes in her cell, all dirty and disheveled. A Silent Sister enters and whips a piece of bread at her and offers her a spoon full of food only if she confesses. Cersei reiterates that hers will be the last face the woman sees before she dies. The sister whacks her head with the spoon.

Qyburn comes to visit and the news is not good. No word from Jamie and the King has taken to his bed and is not eating and no amount of cajoling can get him to come see her. Also, her Uncle Kevan is returning to serve as his hand until this mess is sorted out. Qyburn says there is a way out but Cersei, knowing this means confessing at or before the trial fornication, incest, treason, Robert's murder etc. She refuses to give the High Sparrow, who she put in power, the satisfaction of a confession. He tells her "the work continues" in his lab re: his crazy reanimation of the mountain.

The Silent Sister returns again with water and she again reiterates her threat, after trying to bribe her first by offering her to make her a powerful woman. The sister pours the water on the floor and leaves her. Cersei desperately sucks at the floor.

Castle Black: Gilly and Sam

She tends to his wounds. He asks how she is. She says she's fine but admits she's a little scared. Ollie arrives with food. He asks him why Jon is trying to save the Wildlings, who killed his parents and his whole village. Sam says Wildlings are people, with both good and bad. Ollie wonders how they can trust them. Sam says he's seen the White Walkers and says they are coming for them and they will need every man they have, to fight them and sometimes men have to make hard choices, ones that look wrong at first but they know are right. He tells him to try not to worry, and says he's been worrying about Jon for years and he always comes back.

Hardhome: Jon Snow, Tormund Giantsbane and a shitload of White Walkers

We cut to Jon and a bunch of men rowing ashore from the fleet of boats they borrowed from Stannis. The Wildlings of Hardhome await them on the shore. Very surprised to see Tormund Giantsbane with Crows.

The leaders greet them. Jon announces they're allies. The leader of the Hardhome calls Tormund a traitor. Jon says they are not there to fight but to talk. Tormund kills the leader, making his point, and tells the others to gather the elders to talk.

Jon explains what is happening and that he knows that they are not friends and never will be. It's about survival and putting the Wildlings behind the Wall to protect them and that together they can beat the White Walkers. They are beyond skeptical. He shows them the Dragonglass that they can use to kill the Walkers. He tells them they can settle on the lands south of the wall. He invokes the dreams of Mance Rayder and says he will let them settle if they swear to join him when the real war starts. They ask where Mance is. Jon explains about the arrow but Tormund explains it was in mercy given the situation. Jon beseeches them to think about their children: "The long night is coming, and the dead come with it." He says the Walkers are coming and none of them can stop them alone. They have to band together and still even then they might not win but at least they'll give them a fight. Tormund vouches for him and says he's a good fighter, a good leader, and they need each other. They trust Tormund and throw in with them, except the Thenns, who aren't impressed.

The Wildlings start loading up to get on the ships. There are going to be at least 5,000 and many are still staying behind. Tormund says they'll come around when they begin starving.

The Giant looks at the dragon glass. Edmure is collecting it but lets the giant keep it.

Suddenly, all the dogs start barking... and then, all hell breaks loose.

An army of White Walkers and Wights descends on Hardhome and it is terrifying. They run to shut the gates and people are still outside them. Everyone inside the gates regards the onslaught mouths agape. And suddenly the Wights are at the gates, busting through.

People start running for the rowboats to the ships overcrowding them.

Inside the keep the Wights descend, like aliens from "Alien" and the fight is on. Arrows are flying, swords are swinging. Wights are screaming. Jon calls the Night's Watch to follow him and fight. They all do.

They fight valiantly for awhile, a White Walker and Jon go toe to toe. Jon

scrambles for the dragon glass but can't get to it. When he pulls his own sword he destroys the White Walker. So now we know Valyrian steel can destroy them.

But one sword isn't enough as 1,000s are coming. Jon and Tormund and a few others outrun them to the boats and the Wights slaughter scores more. As they row away they look back towards the shore. The main White Walker (Night King) regards them and raises his arms to the side. As he does all of the Wildlings they killed open their eyes, they are ice blue. They are now Wights. They rise up again. Jon and the few other survivors in the boat are suitably freaked out as they float back to the ship, the Giant beside them, swatting off Wights.

The long night has come and the dead have come with it.

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The Dance of Dragons

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On the road to Winterfell: Melisandre, Stannis

In a tent in a frozen encampment Melisandre stares into a fire as snow and wind blow outside. She has an epiphany of some kind and heads out and looks around. She sees tents catch fire all around the encampment, seemingly spontaneously. She sees a horse on fire run by. Ramsay Bolton's group of 20 men is responsible. Davos says no guards raised an alarm. Stannis says to hang the guards. Davos wonders if they are going back to Castle Black. They are not. Nor are they marching to Winterfell. Davos is confused at this course of inaction. Stannis stares at Melisandre and his wife and tells Davos to have the dead horses butchered for meat.

Stannis looks at the pieces on his war map. Davos enters and Stannis orders him to go tell the Lord Commander (Jon Snow) to send supplies, horses, and food in return for all the men the Night's Watch needs. Davos doesn't want to abandon Stannis. Stannis says he isn't and tells him not to come back empty-handed. Davos pleads to take Shireen with him since a siege is no place for a little girl. Stannis says his family stays.

Davos walks out among the freezing, starving, dwindling men. He goes to Shireen's tent, she's reading a story called "A Dance of Dragons" about an old battle with the Targaryens that split the kingdom. They chat about the story. He gives her a carved reindeer he made. She asks him to make a doe to accompany it. He says he will. She gives him a kiss. He is saying his thank yous for teaching him to read and be a grown-up and, of course, goodbye.

Stannis comes to visit Shireen and she tells him about the "Dance of Dragons." She explains about the Targaryen history. She says she thinks the story is poetic. He asks her about choosing sides. She says it's doing that that makes everything so horrible. He has clearly made his decision about what he is going to do in order to "fulfill his destiny." He is clearly troubled and she says it's alright. He notes she doesn't even know what he's talking about. She says she doesn't care, she wants to help and asks if she can. He says she can. He hugs her and says "Forgive me."

She is led by guards to a pyre. She finally realizes what is about to happen as she sees Melisandre standing there by the man with the fire. Shireen begs for her father. Melisandre says it will all be over soon. Two men seize her and tie her to a pole as she begs to see her father. Her horrible mother holds Stannis' hands and says this is a good thing and if they don't make this sacrifice they will all starve and die as Melisandre says the prayer and Shireen is set afire. She screams for help from her father and mother. Her mother finally sees reason and runs to her but is held back by guards. All the soldiers watch as Shireen burns and screams. And Melisandre looks on beatifically. Stannis turns away.

The Wall: Jon Snow, Tormund, the Wildlings

The survivors of the attack at Hardhome reach the Wall. Ser Alliser Thorne spies them from the top. He and Jon stare at one another. Alliser is clearly surprised he is back. Alliser tells them to open the gates. The Wildlings, thousands of them, file in. Jon tells Sam it was a failure. Sam says he saved all these people. Jon says "and no one else" and that fact is not lost on them. Everyone stares as the Giant roams through. Ollie sees Jon and stalks off, catching his eye.

Alliser approaches a bloody and tired Jon. He tells he has a good heart but he will get them all killed.

Dorne: Jaime, Prince Doran, the Sand Snakes, Myrcella and Tristane

Jaime meets with the family and explains he is there to look after Myrcella since they received a threatening message via the necklace. Doran realizes the lead Sand Snake sent this. Doran says he won't kill Jaime, he doesn't want war. Doran makes a toast to King Tommen. The lead Sand Snake pours out her drink in disgust. Tommen has insisted on Myrcella's return and Doran can't disobey the King. So he will send her and Tristane back. Doran wants Tristane to take Oberyn's place on the small council. Jaime says he will. The lead Sand Snake snarls at him and Doran says she better think twice about talking to him like that. Jaime asks after Bronn, and the Dornish agree to set him free on one condition: he has to let Doran's huge

bodyguard whack him in the mouth with his elbow. Ouch.

Later, Doran asks the lead Sand Snake to swear her allegiance to him or die. She kneels before him and kisses his hand, to the chagrin of her daughters, still bound at the hands. He warns her that he believes in second chances but not third ones.

She goes to see Jaime. She reassures him she knows of his love for Cersei and that no one cares about incest in Dorne and it's always changing across the Seven Kingdoms about who people are allowed to love and the only thing she knows is we want who we want. She also notes that Myrcella had no part in the terrible thing that happened to Oberyn and perhaps even he is also innocent of that.

Braavos: Arya, the Gambler, Jaen, Meryn Trant

Arya's on her morning "oysters, clams and cockles!" run when she spies the gambler. She puts the poison in her pouch and approaches. She is unsure at first and sees something and walks past him as he hollers at her. It's Mace Tyrell arriving with Meryn Trant. She watches them disembark and be welcomed by the men from the Iron Bank. She turns away as they pass.

They head on to the Bank and she follows their party. Meryn Trant spies her as Mace Tyrell talks about investments and gambling to the chagrin of the bankers who don't consider themselves gamblers. When they come out, Mace begins to sing for some reason and Arya continues to watch.

Later, Trant and some other guards head to a brothel and Arya continues to follow, having fallen down on her duty with the gambler at the canal. She brings a tray in and some of the whores are interested in her oysters. She continues to wander and watches as Meryn chooses a woman. He keeps turning them down because they are "too old." The madam offers up her most expensive girl and he turns her down as well. She gets pulled into the room with Meryn by one of the Knights who wants oysters. Meryn seems to sort of recognize her but not exactly. The madam brings in a VERY young girl and he says "good." The girl looks very alarmed. The Madam shoos Arya out.

She heads back to the House of Black and White where Jaen is tending to someone. She lies and says the gambler wasn't hungry today and she will get him tomorrow. He knows she is lying.

Meereen: Dany, Daario, Tyrion, Hizdahr, Jorah

The day of the Great Games in the fighting pits has arrived. The fighters declare their allegiance to Dany. She seems uncomfortable. Hizdahr notes they are waiting for her to clap her hands to start fighting. She does, they do.

Daario leans in between Dany and her fiancée and is all up in the guy's face. Dany is amused. Hizdahr is not. The first fight ends in a beheading. Tyrion does not have a taste for it. Dany and Hizdahr snipe at each other about what is true and false and the nature of belief.

Jorah shows up in the next fight and declares his allegiance. Dany looks upset. But then she hardens and gives the clap. He nods at her. The fight begins. When he takes a major hit, Dany winces. Tyrion is on the edge of his seat. Jorah bests one man. He takes on the next. Again he is cut. Again she winces. Other fights are happening simultaneously and the crowd cheers with bloodlust. Jorah is down on the ground with a sword at his neck. Another fighter saves him, apparently wanting to fight him himself. Tyrion says Dany can end it. Hizdahr says she cannot. Jorah bests the man who saved him. The crowd boos him. Suddenly, he throws a spear right towards Dany. He kills a man in a mask behind her.

All hell breaks loose. As hundreds of men in masks emerge from the stands and go on a killing spree, including Hizdahr.

Dany, Missandei, Jorah, Daario, and Tyrion make their way to the center of the arena fighting every step as the Unsullied try to protect her. Suddenly, Drogon the errant dragon arrives and begins breathing fire and eating the men in the masks. Tyrion is agape. As is everyone else. Dany is ecstatic. The masked men begin to throw spears at the dragon. Dany approaches and he seems to recognize her and be happy to see her as she pulls out a spear. She climbs aboard his back and commands him to fly and he does, taking her up and out of the arena.

Erm, except they left Tyrion, Daario, Jorah and Missandei behind? Oops.

S5, Ep10

Mother's Mercy

- The snow is melting. Melisandre tells Stannis the Lord of Light has made good on his promise and the path to Winterfell is clear. Stannis gives her the cold shoulder. One of his men tells him that half his men deserted during the night, with all the horses. Melisandre is surprised by this. Another soldier brings Stannis to a tree where his wife has hanged herself, clearly not having been able to take the guilt of Shireen. Stannis says to cut her down. Another soldier tells him that Melisandre has just deserted him. He orders the men to press on to Winterfell.

At Castle Black, Jon tells Sam about what happened at Hardhome. He says there's no way to get the dragonglass back, and despite killing a white walker, there isn't enough Valyrian steel left in the kingdoms to beat them. They joke about how

hated they are among the Nights Watch. Sam then asks to take Gilly and her child to Oldtown, where Sam can become a maester. He says at the Citadel, he can learn things that will help defeat the white walkers. He also says if he stays, Gilly and her baby will die, and he'd die trying to protect them. Jon finds out he slept with Gilly, and Jon says he's glad the end of the world is working out for someone. Sam promises he'll come back. Sam, Gilly and the baby get in a carriage. Jon and Sam wave goodbye before they leave.

Stannis and his men arrive at Winterfell, looking exhausted. Sansa uses the corkscrew to unlock her door. She heads for the tower to light the candle. Podrick sees Stannis's army and tells Brienne. She hesitates, and leaves her post, just before Sansa lights the candle. Stannis begins preparing for the siege, but his man tells him that there won't be a siege. Thousands of Bolton troops, on horses charge on Stannis' army. Stannis can see that he is defeated. He draws his sword anyway and charges into battle. Many of his men run away. Sansa watches as the Boltons engulf Stannis's army. Cut to Stannis, wounded, trudging through the forest clearly having lost the battle. Two Bolton soldiers find him. He kills them both, but is gravely wounded in the leg. He leans next to a tree and groans. Brienne finds him. She tells him who she is and that she was Renly's kingsguard. Stannis admits he killed Renly with blood magic. She draws Oathkeeper and sentences him to death. "Do you have any last words?" Showing no fear, Stannis replies, "Go on, do your duty." Brienne swings her sword. Cut to Ramsay killing the last of Stannis' men. He says they're done and his wife must be lonely. Sansa leaves the tower, and is confronted by Myranda and Theon. Myranda points a bow at her and wants her to go back to her room. Sansa would rather die. Myranda says she can't kill her, as Ramsay needs her for an heir. But that doesn't mean she can't wound her. Before she shoots, Theon throws her of the wall, killing her. He sees the Bolton's are returning. He brings her to the top of the castle wall. They see that there is snow on the ground. They jump.

In Braavos, Meryn Trant is in the Brothel. He is not only a pedophile, but gets off on beating the girls. One of them, doesn't scream no matter how hard he hits her. He tells the others to leave. The girl is revealed to be Arya, wearing a face. Before Trant can react, Arya plunges a knife in his eyes. She brutally stabs him, in many areas, while telling him how he killed Syrio Forel. She says she's Arya Stark and he is nothing, before slitting his throat. In the House of Black and White she puts the face of the girl back on the wall. Jaqen says she took the wrong life, and The Waif says she isn't ready and restrains her. Jaqen takes out poison and says a debt is owed to the many-faced god and only death can pay for life. He drinks the poison himself. Arya cries over his body, saying he was her friend. The Waif, now wearing Jaqen's face says he was no one at all. Just as Arya should've been, before taking from the hall of faces. She takes off face after face from the body, until finding her own. Jaqen tells her that to "someone" faces are as good as poison. Arya screams "Whats happening?" as she goes blind.

In Dorne, Jaime and Bronn are ready to depart with Myrcella and Trystane. Ellaria apologizes to Myrcella and kisses her on the lips. Bronn and Tynene flirt. On the boat, Jaime gives the necklace back to Myrcella. He tells her he's glad she's happy with Trystane and she's lucky the arranged marriage worked out so well. She wonders if Cersei will like him and they laugh, knowing she probably won't. Jaime says you don't choose who you love and slowly begins to tell her about him and Cersei, but she says she already knows. He is shocked, but she says she's glad that Jaime is her father. They hug, until her nose begins to bleed and she collapses and dies. Ellaria poisoned her when she kissed her. Ellaria and the Sand Snakes are on the docks, watching. She wipes off the remaining lipstick and takes the antidote. They walk away knowing they were successful.

In Mereen, Tyrion, Jorah, and Daario are in the throne room. Tyrion tells them that neither are fit to marry Daenerys. Grey Worm and Missandei enter. Grey Worm tells Jorah he shouldn't be there. Daario notes that he did save Dany's life. They plan to go after her. Jorah and Tyrion argue about who should go. Daario settles it, saying that Tyrion wouldn't help them find her and should stay as he has the most experience in governing a city. He says the people will listen to Grey Worm and Missandei. Tyrion watches as Jorah and Daario take off in search for Daenerys. Varys enters. Tyrion sees no point in asking how he found him. Varys tells him information is the key in governing a city. Varys could help him in this regard. He believes Tyrion is up to the task of governing Meereen. Tyrion says he missed him, and Varys replies, "Oh, I know."

Dany is in a field somewhere, with Drogon. Dany says she needs to go home, but Drogon is tired and wounded and just wants to rest. Dany tries to get on his back. Drogon shrugs her off. She goes off alone in search of food when a Dothraki bloodrider finds her. More come. She drops a ring as means of a breadcrumb, as thousands of Dothraki surround her.

Cersei is in her cell. The septa comes and she finally agrees to confess. She tells the High Sparrow that she slept with her cousin Lancel, but not Jaime. He notes that lying before the gods is a great crime. She denies that her children are Jaime's. He tells her that there will be a trial. He will let her return to the Red Keep after her atonement. She is stripped naked and roughly scrubbed clean. They then brutally cut her hair. Outside, the High Sparrow addresses the people and says Cersei's atonement is to walk naked through the streets of Kings Landing. Cersei begins the walk, while the septa rings a bell and repeatedly yells "SHAME!" The peasants curse her, flash her, throw things at her. Cersei tries to remain strong through the walk, but by the end she breaks down in tears. Feet bloody, covered in spit, dung, and god knows what else, Cersei finally makes it into the Red Keep. Qyburn quickly covers her with a robe. He introduces her to the newest member of the kingsguard. A giant of a man, who used to be the Mountain. Qyburn says he swore

a vow of silence, until all of Cersei's enemies are dead and evil has been driven from the realm. Cersei looks vengeful.

Back at Castle Black, Davos tries to convince Jon to have the wildlings join Stannis's army. Jon refuses saying it isn't their fight. The gate opens and Melisandre rides through, looking beaten and depressed. Jon asks about Stannis and she doesn't answer. Davos asks about Shireen and she looks at him sadly. Davos is heartbroken.

At night, Jon is looking at some papers in his office, when Olly enters. He says one of the wildlings he brought back knows where his uncle Benjen is. Jon scurries out of the room. Jon asks Alliser where the man is. Alliser leads him to where a bunch of the Nights Watch are gathered and at the center is a cross with the word "traitor" written on it. Jon turns and Alliser stabs him in the gut. "For the watch", he says. Many of his other Nights Watch "brothers" also stab him. Jon falls to his knees, struggling to stay conscious. He looks up and sees Olly, in tears holding a dagger. Jon says "Olly..." Olly stabs Jon in the heart and says "For the watch." The nights watch leave, as Jon bleeds out in the snow.

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The Red Woman

- Castle Black at night, wolves howl in the distance. Jon Snow lies lifeless in the snow and blood. Davos notices and runs to the body. A few loyal Night's Watch carry him inside, place him on a table. Eddison Tollert suspects Alliser Thorne. Melisandre comes to see the body and appears puzzled. In the Main Hall Ser Alliser takes responsibility to an angry group and says he was being loyal to the Watch, but Snow was wrong to bring in the Wildings. In the other room the small group plan a fight. Davos hints to Eddison there are others who owe Jon Snow their lives.

Ramsay Bolton is sad to see his bedmate Myranda dead, he vows vengeance for her but tells the Maester to feed her body to his dogs. Roose Bolton congratulates Ramsay for his command in the battle, but suggests it wasn't a great victory as the Baratheon army was in poor shape. Roose urges Ramsay to find Sansa and produce an heir, meanwhile his own wife Walda Frey is carrying a boy.

Theon leads Sansa into an icy stream as baying hounds get closer. Downstream they get back on dry land and take shelter by a large uprooted tree. They hug each other for warmth. The hounds close in again, Theon says he will protect her. A group of Bolton horsemen and dogs arrive and surround the two. Brienne enters at the gallop and cuts down the soldiers. Podrick manages to hold his own and Theon makes sure there are no survivors. Brienne kneels before Sansa and offers her life.

Sansa accepts and pledges her honour in return.

A ship arrives in King's Landing. Cersei is happy to think Myrcella is arriving from Dorne. As the launch comes to shore she sees a silent Jaime and a draped coffin. Later Jaime tries to comfort a distraught Cersei. Cersei says it was prophesized long ago, Jaime wants to live for today, the future is in their control.

Septa Unella reads scripture to Margaery in a cell and demands she confess. The High Sparrow enters and more calmly asks that she confess her sins before she can see Loras. Margaery is left deep in thought.

In Dorne, Elaria Sand helps a weak Doran Martell to his garden chair. He gets a note that Myrcella is dead, suddenly the Sand Vipers kill his big guard and Elaria stabs Doran to death sneering at his weakness and his weak son.

On a ship in Backwater Bay, Trystan Martell paints a stone. Two Sand Vipers come in and challenge the young man. He attempts to defend himself but is killed quickly.

In Mereen Tyrion and Varys stroll the streets and banter. They come across a preacher and note the City is paralyzed with fear. Bells ring and people shout and run. The two go to the harbour and see Dany's invasion fleet in flames.

Daario and Jorah find remains of a dragon's meal. The two chat and look forward to Dany's rule. Jorah checks his forearm, the greyscale is spreading. They find the trampled ground of a Dothraki horde. At the centre, Jorah finds the ring Daenerys dropped.

In the barrens, the horde walks and rides. Daenerys is bound like a prisoner and walks beside two foul-mouthed horsemen. At the campsite, she is brought to Khal Moro. She is defiant and speaks in their language announcing her titles. Once she mentions she was wife to Khal Drogo then Moro backs off and cuts her bonds. Although it is forbidden to have sex with the widow of a Khal, her place is in Vaes Dothrak , in the temple of the Dosh Khaleesi.

Arya is a blind beggar in the streets of Braavos. She gets a few coins in her bowl. The Waif comes to taunt her, throws her a stick and challenges her to a fight. The Waif shows no mercy and beats Arya senseless, and promises more the next day.

Back in Castle Black Ser Alliser demands entry to the room holding Jon's body. He offers amnesty and free passage to Davos to go south. Davos is polite but refuses to unlock the door, he warns the others they will be slaughtered. Davis suggests the Red Woman can do something.

In her room, Melisandre removes her ruby necklace and transforms into a wizened hag. She ponders her nude appearance in a mirror, then goes to bed.

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Home

- In a cave an older man's head is intertwined with the branches. Bran Stark lies at the foot in a trance. The two time travel back to watch Ned and Benjen Stark play fighting as youth. Lyanna Stark arrives on horseback. A heavysset boy named Willis is there. It is a young Hodor. The Three-Eyed Raven ends the session abruptly. Bran wakes and sees Hodor, Meera is outside the cave pondering. Leaf tells Meera that Brandon Stark needs her.

In Castle Black Ser Alliser tries to get Davos to open the door. A man with an axe starts to chop the door down, but suddenly Wun Wun leads a large throng of Wildings into the Courtyard. The Night's Watch surrender. Eddison Tollert has brought Tormund, they throw Alliser and the other murderers into the dungeon. Eddison and Tormund look at Jon's lifeless body and plan a pyre.

In a lively market a man jokes about Cersei to much laughter. As he goes for a piss the Mountain appears and kills the man.

Cersei leads the Mountain downstairs but the Kingsguard stops her from attending Myrcella's funeral. King Tommen and Jaime observe the casket in the Sept of Baelor. Tommen says Cersei is not allowed in the Sept. He feels ashamed he wasn't able to protect Margaery and Cersei. The High Sparrow comes in and says Tommen cannot see Margaery until she atones. Jaime and the High Sparrow trade verbal threats, Jaime seems prepared to kill the leader but suddenly a large group of Faith Militants arrive, Jaime relaxes.

Cersei overlooks Kings Landing from the Red Keep. Tommen arrives and apologizes. He feels bad he did not punish the High Sparrow earlier. The two hug.

Tyrion tries to be friendly with Varys, Grey Worm and Missandei. With the fleet burned and the Slavers re-gaining control, Tyrion suggests unchaining the two dragons. He says the beasts are intelligent and goes alone to the deep underground cell. One lunges at him from the dark, Tyrion is startled but remains calm and tries to soothe the savage beast. Talking gently he unhooks the neck clamp. The second offers his neck also, Tyrion releases it and both dragons go back to the darkness.

The Waif beats Arya as they spar with sticks. Jaen tests her about her name, and lets her follow him as she refuses to answer with 'Arya'.

Roose Bolton questions Ramsay on how Sansa escaped. He seems displeased with Ramsay, who wants to attack Castle Black. A maester announces a boy is born to Roose's wife. Ramsay comes forward to hug his father, then stabs and kills him. Harald Karstark watches and supports Ramsay. They will say Roose was poisoned by enemies.

Ramsay has the mother Walda Frey and newborn baby come to the kennel. She is puzzled and nervous about the dogs. Ramsay opens the gates and let's the dogs attack and kill the woman and child.

Theon gathers wood, Pod starts a fire. Brienne and Sansa talk. They discuss Arya and Winterfell. Theon asks for a horse and says he's leaving them and going home, there is no way he can repay what he did to the Starks.

In the Iron Islands the King argues with his daughter Yara. She is exasperated by useless battles to take small mainland castles, and wishes to withdraw. Angry, Balon goes outside, a rickety rope bridge connects two towers. In the middle a hooded figure stops his way, it is Euron Greyjoy, a nephew back after many years away. Euron tosses Balon off the bridge.

In the morning Yara and others commit Balon's body to the sea, unsure how he died. The Maester tells Yara she does not automatically become Queen, the group will decide.

Davos goes to see Melisandre. He asks if she can bring Jon back. Not too confident, she says she saw it done once. The Red Witch doubts her faith. She washes the body and snips some hair. She chants some ancient verses in another language. Tormund, Eddison and Davos watch silently. She washes his hair. She puts her hands on his torso and speaks the words. Nothing seems to happen and Tormund leaves snorting. Davos looks down in thought then leaves also.

The sleeping dire wolf stirs, then Jon awakes gasping.

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Oathbreaker

- Davos watches stunned as Jon Snow sits up gasping. His wolf also stares. Jon touches his stab wounds and stumbles. He remembers being stabbed. Melisandre asks what he saw after being stabbed, but there was nothing. She says the Lord of Light sent him back, someone has to be the Prince Who Was Promised. Davos urges to keep going on cleaning up, but Jon is despondent. Jon and Davos walk to a balcony overlooking the Courtyard, he walks through the silent Night's Watch. Tormund Giantsbane gives him a friendly hug. Eddison Tollert is glad to see him.

Sam and Gilly are in a ship in a storm. Sam is seasick while Gilly is cheerful and excited. Sam tells her they are going to his family home, his mother can take care of her while he is in Maester training in Old Towne.

A group of horsemen approach a high castle. A knight hones his sword. Bran and the Three Eyed Raven stand and watch, they have travelled back in time to observe an important event. Bran recognizes a younger version of his father Ned Stark, the man beside him is Howland Reed, Meera's father. The knight is Ser Arthur Dayne, the Sword of the Morning, the best swordsman. Stark has come for his sister, Dayne draws two swords. Five men against two, Then four on one, Dane with two swords defends against Stark's party. Three on one. Then two on one. Finally one on one, Ned Stark is about to lose until Reed recovers and stabs Dayne in the back, Bran is surprised how the battle ends. A scream in the castle, Ned runs toward. Bran calls out to his father, Ned stops and seems to have heard him. The Three Eyed Raven ends the trance, back in the cave he tells Bran he has to learn everything before taking over as the Three eyed Raven.

Daenerys is walking in a dusty group as a prisoner. She is brought to a hut of Dothraki women, the Widows of the Khals, the Dosh Khaleen. The oldest lectures Dany in an unfriendly manner.

In Mereen Varys meets a local woman. It is Vala, she has helped the Sons of the Harpy. She is bitter about the takeover of Mereen. Varys knows her son Dom and makes a veiled threat. He offers her a ship and silver to go away with her son.

Tyrion, Grey Worm and Missandei sit quietly. Tyrion tries to engage the two in conversation. Varys joins them and says there are three groups funding the Sons of the Harpy. Tyrion asks Varys to send a message to the Slave Master triad.

Maester Qyburn speaks to a group of street kids. They are Varys' Little Birds. He gives them candied plums and asks them to bring more friends, and whispers. Cersei and Jaime are there and the Mountain stomps in. The kids scatter. Cersei is planning to use Gregor Cleghane in an upcoming Trial by Combat. Cersei wants the Little Birds to find out everything.

Pycelle tells the Small Council Qyburn was thrown out of the Citadel for black magic. Jaime and Cersei arrive, the Council tell Cersei she had no place there. But the twin Lannisters take seats and try to convince the others to rise up against the High Sparrow. The others refuse and leave the two alone at the table.

King Tommen goes to see the High Septon. He is angry at the High Sparrow and wants Cersei to be able to see Myrcella's body. The High Sparrow talks in soothing tones, he says Cersei still has to go through a trial. He urges Tommen to have an

open mind and the young King seems to listen.

A blind Arya is beaten by the Waif. Arya also practices living blind, by her other senses. The Waif is trying to get Arya to reject and leave her past. Arya improves and is finally able to defend herself. When Jaen asks her name she replies 'a girl has no name'. He offers a bowl of water and after a sip, she recovers her eyesight.

Smalljon Umber meets Karstark and Ramsay Bolton. He has come to join Bolton to fight the Wildings and Snow. Umber refuses to kneel before Ramsay but does present a gift, Osha and Rickon Stark, and a black wolf's head as proof.

At Castle Black the four men who knifed Jon Snow are arranged on a gallows. Jon asks them if they have any last words. Ser Alliser is defiant and doesn't regret. Jon cuts the holding rope and the four hang. Jon is sad about Olly in particular, then gives Eddison the cloak of the Commander, he says his 'watch has ended' and walks away.

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Book of the Stranger

- Eddison asks Jon Snow what now? and reminds him of what is coming, Jon replies he has already given his life for the Night's Watch. A horn sounds, visitors arrive at the gates to Castle Black. Sansa, Brienne and Pod. Sansa and Jon hug each other warmly. Later they share a soup, and reminisce. Jon is tired of fighting and killing but Sansa wants help to take back the North. They decide to go and take back their home, Winterfell.

Davos and Melisandre talk, she says Jon is the 'Prince That Was Promised' . Davos asks what happened to Shireen Baratheon. Brienne joins them and states bluntly she executed Stannis.

Robin Arryn, the Young Lord of the Vale, House Arryn, feebly tries archery. Littlefinger arrives and presents the teen with a gift of a gyrfalcon. Yohn Royce wonders why he had returned, the two men bicker. Baelish gets agreement for the Knights of the Vale to help Sansa.

In Mereen the four Ruling Council, Tyrion, Varys, Grey Worm, Missandei; discuss upcoming negotiations with the Slave Masters. The slavers want Daenerys and the rest gone. Tyrion offers them seven years to end the practice, there will be some compensation, and if they cut off the Sons of the Harpy. The men are given female escorts and told to consider the offer. Then Tyrion meets a delegation of upset former slaves from Mereen. They don't trust Tyrion but Grey Worm and Missandei support the Lannister. Alone later, Grey Worm urges Tyrion not to trust the

Slavers.

Jorah and Daario walk through the hills, Jorah is tiring. Daario brags about being the one chosen by Daenerys. They overlook Vaes Dothrak and plan their entry. Jorah says they need to remove their weapons, as they unload, Daario notices the greyscale on Jorah's forearm. At night they sneak into the Dothraki City. They need to kill two locals to keep quiet, Jorah is beaten up.

In the tent with other widows the Dothraki women talk, there is a meeting of the Khals the next day when Daenerys' fate will be decided. Walking outside with another woman, Daario and Jorah appear and urge escape, Dany refuses, for now.

In the Sept, Margaery Tyrell is brought to the High Sparrow. He questions her and feels she is not ready for atonement. He recalls his past as a cobbler who worked hard for money and fine goods until he realized it was all pointless. He takes Margaery to see her brother Loras in a dark cell. Loras is completely broken, his sister tries to boost him up.

Cersei tells Grand Maester Pycelle to leave King Tommen alone. Tommen is worried for Margaery and seems to be willing to appease the High Sparrow. Tommen then trusts his mother and tells her about a private conversation he had with the High Septon.

Cersei and Jaime meet with Olenna and Kevan. The four plan a combined Tyrell/Lannister action against the High Sparrow during Margaery's upcoming Walk of Atonement.

In the foggy north Theon arrives at the Iron Islands. Yara is not happy to see him. She is still upset he betrayed her earlier when they tried to save him from Bolton. Theon weeps and says he has no wish to be King, only to help her rule.

In Winterfell, Osha is brought to see Ramsay Bolton. Osha attempts to downplay her role with the Starks, she tries to seduce Ramsay. But he knows all from torturing Theon and slits her throat, then wipes the knife and continues eating an apple.

A Bolton messenger arrives at Castle Black under a white flag. The letter is brought to Jon who is dining with the others. Ramsay has written a letter challenging Jon and noting he has Rickon prisoner. Ramsay signs the letter Lord of Winterfell and Warden of the North. Sansa says Ramsay has 5000 men, Tormund only has 2000, but they have to go and take back Winterfell.

The Dothraki Khals bring Daenerys to them in a large hut. She tells them her plans. They hear her out but then laugh, insult her and threaten to take turns raping her.

Calmly, she tips the burning braziers and the hut erupts in flames. The Dothraki Khals scream and burn. As the other Dothraki citizens come to see, Daenerys steps out of the raging inferno, completely nude and unharmed. Everyone bows to her in awe, Jorah and Daario come forward and bend their knees.

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The Door

- Sansa sews a garment and receives mail. She goes with Brienne and goes to meet Petyr Baelish in Molestown, close to Castle Black. Littlefinger offers the Knights of the Vale. Sansa is very bitter at being handed to Ramsay Bolton and hints at the abuse she received. Littlefinger apologizes and offers to do anything to make amends. He then adds that Blackfish has taken Riverrun and could be a future ally.

Arya and the Waif spar with poles, once again Arya is on the losing end as the other girl has superior fighting skills. Jaen observes and seems displeased. Once again he lectures her in the Hall of Faces, Jaen gives her a second chance to complete an assignment, and gives her a vial of poison for the target, an actress.

At an outdoor stage a play is underway, the show depicts the death of Robert Baratheon with Cersei. The Ned Stark character is depicted as a buffoon, Arya watches and scowls and is even sadder when the beheading is played out.

Backstage after the show the actors laugh and joke. Arya enters and pays attention to Lady Crane, the lead actress, who prefers rum as her drink of choice. Arya then reports to Jaen and seems puzzled why Crane is being targeted. She suspects the other younger actress is jealous and behind it, but Arya commits to completing the hit.

Bran is in a trance. Inside the dreamworld he walks with the Three Eyed Raven and sees the Leaf and the Children plunge a dragon glass blade into a man and create a White Walker. He wakes and Leaf says they did it to defend themselves against Man.

In the Iron Islands Yara tries to take over as Queen, but faces resistance. Theon steps up and tells the gathering Yara is the rightful Leader. Euron Greyjoy, their uncle, now announces himself and claims the throne. Euron freely admits to killing Balon Greyjoy. The Greyjoys debate their claims. Euron makes a compelling case and wins over the assembly. They prepare a drowning ceremony while Yara and Theon get away. Euron recovers from his baptismal drowning and is crowned King, but his niece and nephews have left with most of the Ironfleet. Euron demands they start building 1000 ships.

On a hillside Daenerys meets Daario and Jorah. Mormont shows the spreading greyscale disease on his arm. He tells Dany he loves her and says farewell. She sadly orders him to find a cure and heal himself then return to her side.

Tyrion, Varys, Missandei and Greyworm discuss the seeming peace in Mereen. Tyrion stresses the need for some positive propaganda that Daenerys was the one responsible. Tyrion then meets a Red Witch. The witch agrees Daenerys is the rightful leader and will help make sure she is respected and obeyed. Varys points out another red witch mistakenly supported Stannis Baratheon, she agrees but hints that she knows how and when Varys was castrated. The eunuch is stunned.

Bran awakes and tosses a pebble at the Three Eyed Raven, who remains asleep. Bran goes into his trance again and sees a winter world, a large army of zombies. He walks through their ranks up to a White Walker on horseback. The Night King touches Bran, he wakes screaming. The Raven says they are coming now and says it is time for Bran and Meera to leave, and time for Bran to become the Three Eyed Raven.

Jon Snow, Davos, Tormund, Sansa and Brienne discuss their situation. They review the Houses of the North and realize most have gone to the Bolton side, and it will take some convincing to get the rest on their side. Sansa mentions the Blackfish will support them but doesn't mention meeting Littlefinger. Later Brienne expresses some distrust about Davos and wonders why Sansa lied about how she knew about Blackfish. Sansa gives Jon a furry cloak as they prepare to leave Castle Black.

In the cave Meera feeds Hodor, suddenly she runs to the mouth, there the Night King and Army approach. Leaf tells Meera to get Bran and run. Bran and the Raven see the past. The Children try to fight the zombies with fireballs but they come on into the cave. Meera loads the entranced Bran in the sled as the zombies reach the wier tree. Through the dream Bran takes control of a teenage Hodor in the past and present. Meera kills a White Walker with a spear. Bran's wolf is killed by zombies. The Night King kills the Three Eyed Raven. Meera and Hodor flee with Bran deeper into the cave. Leaf is killed but takes out many zombies. Hodor opens a door to the outside, then holds the door shut to allow Meera and Bran more time to escape. Hodor dies crying out "hold the door...ho dor..."

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Blood of My Blood

- Bran and Meera struggle through a snowy forest, Bran is in a trance seeing Westeros' history. Too tired, Meera collapses and cries, Bran sees again the White

Walkers, he wakes and says "they found us." A dark figure on a horse intervenes and kills the zombies with fire and the three leave on the horse.

In a more pleasant clime, Sam and Gilly ride a stagecoach. Sam warns Gilly he has not informed his father of her Wildling background. They arrive at a large palace and are warmly greeted by Sam's mother and sister. He introduces Gilly and the infant as their son Samwell. Lord Tarly is at a hunt and will join them for dinner.

Tommen and the High Sparrow discuss some plans in the sept, they discuss Margaery's conversion to the Faith. Tommen and Margaery meet alone, and discuss the High Sparrow. Margaery seems repentant about her cynical past and also wants some atonement for her brother Loras.

Gilly is dressed and made up for a formal dinner. Lord Tarly is gruff and insulting to Sam and soon learns Gilly is a Wildling. He orders Sam to leave by daybreak but Gilly and the bastard can stay.

Alone, Sam apologizes to Gilly, she understands and they kiss. Sam gathers them up and leaves before daylight and takes the family Valerian sword Heartsbane with him.

A troupe of actors re-enact King Joffrey's poisoning. Arya watches and laughs with the audience. She considers the lead actress doing her soliloquy. Going backstage she poisons a drink at the actress' makeup table. Unable to leave, the actors come backstage after the show and Arya is stopped. The lead actress has noticed her and thinks Arya is an aspiring actor. They chat, the actors have a bitchy squabble, then Arya spills the poisoned bottle and warns the actress someone is out for her. Arya recovers her sword, Needle. Jaquen gives permission to the Waif to finally take care of Arya.

In King's Landing Mace Tyrell leads a large armed troop and meets Jaime. At the sept The High Sparrow is making a speech to a large crowd about Margaery. Jaime and Tyrell march in and demand Margaery and Loras. Tensions rise, the the High Sparrow says there will be no Walk of Atonement. He reveals King Tommen is on their side and an alliance between the Crown and the Faith. Tommen makes a speech to solidify the pact, then announces Jaime is no longer Lord Commander of the Kingsguard. He is banished from King's Landing.

Walder Frey reams out his two sons for losing Riverrun and the Blackfish. Angrily he orders them to take it back and use Edmure Tully as a hostage.

Jaime laments he is being sent to Riverrun, Cersei calmly tells him to stand at the head of the Army, she is confident her upcoming Trial by Combat will be a surprise. Jaime and Cersei kiss passionately.

The dark figure butchers a rabbit and says he was sent by the three-eyed raven. It is Benjen Stark. He had been stabbed by a White Walker but was saved by the Children before it took hold.

Danerys rides with her Dothraki through a sandy wilderness. She discusses her plans with Daario. She rides on ahead alone. As the men wait a dragon appears overhead, Danerys is riding. She lands in front of the horde and makes a fiery speech to gain their loyalty in the war across the sea.

S6, Ep7

The Broken Man

- In a sunny countryside a group of men build a tall tower. The leader Brother Ray (Ian McShane) smiles and jokes. One large man carries a log by himself, the Hound, Sandor Cleghane.

The Hound chops wood, Brother Ray comes by to chat. The meal bell clangs and everyone gathers, the Hound sits alone. Ray recalls how he found Clegane close to death, he thinks the Gods aren't done with him yet. Ray has heard of his past.

The High Sparrow comes to talk with Margaery, he is impressed as she recites passages from memory. He wonders why she hasn't resumed conjugal relations with King Tommen. They need an heir to continue the cause. He also asks that she talk to her Grandmother.

Margaery meets Dame Olenna Tyrell with a watcher present. They discuss Loras and his need to renounce his title. Margaery urges Olenna to return to Highgarden and secretly slips her a note. Alone, Olenna Tyrell sees a hand drawn rose and smiles.

In the north, a group of Wildling leaders discuss continuing with Jon Snow. Jon tells them they need to fight with him for their families' sake. Tormund Giantsbane also tries to convince the others, Wun Wun the Giant supports Snow and the rest Finally agree.

Back in King's Landing Cersei visits Olenna, surprised the older woman is leaving. Olenna blames it all on Cersei and tells her she is the worst person she's ever met, but suggests Cersei should leave too.

Jaime leads a large army towards Riverrun. Bronn rides alongside and the two joke around. Outside the castle Jaime meets the Frey boys who are threatening to hang Edmure Tully. Blackfish looks down on them impassively and refuses to yield the

castle. Jaime approaches Frey and ridicules their siege methods. He slaps the oaf then demands Tully be fed and cleaned up. Jaime announces he is taking over, then tells Bronn to set up a parley with Blackfish.

Jon, Sansa and Davos meet Lyanna Mormont at Bear Island, a young child with a commanding presence. They ask for House Mormont's allegiance. The girl quizzes them and hesitates until Davos explains the real War is coming with the Dead and the North must be unified. Lyanna agrees to provide her 62 fighting men.

Jaime rides on a white charger to the Riverrun drawbridge, he meets Blackfish and requests a surrender. Blackfish says they have two years' provisions and refuses. Jaime is finally upset at the failure to yield, Blackfish manages an insult on parting.

At House Glover the Lord refuses to join Jon Snow despite being sworn to support the Starks. Glover is bitter over the results of Robb Stark's war.

The Ironborne ships are moored at a covered bridge, inside the men and Yara drink and play with topless prostitutes. Theon is uncomfortable, Yara urges him to drink up and tries to build up his self esteem, and commit to be with her to join the Dragon Queen and take back the Iron Islands.

Davos explains their snowy, Rocky encampment is the same place as Stannis stayed. They have less than 3000 men, Sansa says they need more men and distrusts Davos. She eyes a carrier raven, then pens and seals a note.

Brother Ray preaches to his flock, he is a reformed thug and talks now only of peace and bringing goodness to the world. Three men on horseback arrive. Sandor is wary as the horsemen menace the peaceful gathering. Later he chops wood again, he warns Ray the men are from the Red Guard. Ray refuses to prepare for a fight.

Arya walks up to two men at a cafe, she asks for ship's passage and provides a bag of coins, to leave at dawn. On a footbridge she is attacked and stabbed in the stomach by the Waif, disguised as an old woman. Arya manages to jump in the canal and swim to safety. Bleeding she stumbles through a marketplace,

Sandor grabs a drink after heavy brush cutting. He hears a cry in the distance but when he arrives at the tower site everyone is dead, Brother Ray hanging in a noose from the rafters. Sandor grabs his axe.

S6, Ep8

No One

- Lady Crane acts out the death of King Joffrey as Cersei again, this time showing anger as Arya had suggested earlier. Backstage she finds the wounded Arya. She stitches up Arya and serves some soup. Arya is coy about her plans and hints she is travelling west of Westeros, to the unknown. Arya falls asleep.

In a woods four men joke around a campfire. The Hound strides in and kills three quickly with his axe, demands to know where the man with the yellow cloak is from the last one left, but refusing to tell the defiant man, is killed also.

In Mereen, Varys and Tyrion walk easily in the City. The deal with the slavers has brought some normalcy. Varys is leaving to find more allies abroad.

Maester Qyburn enters Cersei's chambers. He announces seven members of the Faith Militant are there to see her. They order her to go see the High Septon, she refuses. The huge armoured Mountain steps in and brutally kills one Militant, Cersei returns to her apartment.

Brienne and Pod arrive at Jaime's siege of Riverrun, she asks to see Jaime. Bronn and Pod re-connect and joke about Brienne and Jaime. Jaime and Brienne discuss the Tully's and Riverrun. Brienne asks for a chance to convince the Blackfish to leave the castle. Jaime gives her until nightfall. He also lets her keep the Valerian sword.

In the castle Blackfish refuses to surrender his family seat. Brienne gives him a letter from Sansa but says he doesn't have enough men to help Winterfell. Brienne tells Pod to send a raven north with the message she failed.

Cersei arrives in the Throne Room but is held back by Kevan Lannister and told to sit with the other ladies. Tommen makes a decree that Loras and Cersei will be tried and the Crown is forbidding Trial by Combat. Cersei is stunned. Qyburn sidles up beside her and whispers that the rumour he investigated is true.

Tyrion tries to engage Grey Worm and Missandre in drink. They sip wine, Tyrion tells a joke which falls flat. Missandre tells a humorous joke. Grey Worm also lightens up. Suddenly warning bells clang, the Slave Master fleet has returned in strength.

Jaime enters a tent with Edmure Tully tied to the centre pole. Although civil, Jaime states his respect for Catelyn Tully Stark, he threatens Edmure's baby boy and every Tully in order to end the siege. Edmure arrives at the castle and demands entry. Blackfish tells the guards to refuse but they state Edmure is the rightful Lord of Riverrun and they must obey. Edmure's is allowed in. Jaime and his army wait. Edmure orders the men inside to lay down their arms and open the gates. He also orders the Blackfish to be put in irons. Near the river Blackfish helps Brienne and

Pod escape, he draws his sword and goes to fight. A guard reports to Jaime the Blackfish is dead, Jaime sees Brienne and Pod row away in the dark and waves farewell.

The Slave Master fleet assaults Mereen with fireballs. Tyrion is unsure what to do, Grey Worm suggests a defensive strategy. A loud noise on the roof startles them, Daenerys walks in from the balcony.

On a country road the Hound finds Beric Dondarrion about to hang the yellow cloak man and others for pillaging local villages. Beric won't allow him to kill them with an axe, so he kicks out the boxes and the men dangle on their noose. The Hound takes the Lemoncloak's boots. Afterwards, Beric tries to convince Sandor to join them going north where he can do some good.

Lady Crane checks on Arya, turns to a sound behind her. As the young Stark wakes she finds Crane dead and the Waif taunting her. Arya runs and the Waif chases through the streets and steam baths of Braavos. Arya falls and her wound re-opens. Weakened, she leaves a bloody trail for the Waif. They face each other in Arya's room, the Waif is confident, until Arya extinguishes the lone candle. The room goes black. Later Arya goes to see Jaqen. He seems satisfied she is finally a 'no-one'. As she announces she is Arya Stark and going home, he smiles and lets her go.

S6, Ep9

Battle of the Bastards

- Mereen is assaulted by flaming catapults, Daenerys watches impassively. Tyrion attempts to explain what happened, the Queen says she is prepared to fight. Tyrion mentions that her father Aerys Targaryen had planned to burn King's Landing with wildfire hidden under major capital buildings, which was why Jaime had killed him. In a cease fire three Slave Masters arrive and state their terms for surrender. Daenerys turns the tables and demands their surrender. Drogon appears, Daenerys climbs on and flies away. The other two dragons break out of their confinement in the dungeon. The three flying beasts gather over the attacking ships. Daenerys gives Drogon the order ("dracarys") to burn the ships -- Rhaegal and Viserion follow suit, breathing fire on a few of the fleet's number. The battle over, Tyrion then proceeds to reprimand the three Slavers and Grey Worm kills two of them. One is left alive to tell other potential usurpers how Daenerys deals with them.

Ramsay Bolton and his retinue arrive for a parley with Sansa and Jon at centre field. He mocks them, reminds them he has Rickon, and refuses Jon's offer to settle things one-on-one. They break away with the formal battle set for the next

morning.

Jon and his War Council strategize, with a smaller force they will try to dig trenches, absorb a charge, and prevent any flanking attacks. Sansa seems pessimistic and warns Jon that Ramsay is setting a trap, she is upset her advice wasn't considered. Sansa is also fatalistic and says they can't save Rickon. The two argue, Jon expresses his confidence against the odds.

Davos and Tormund chat, the Wilding offers a drink of fermented goat's milk but Davos wants to walk alone until he shits his guts out. Jon goes to talk to the Red Witch, she seems depressed and has no advice. Jon tells her not to "bring him back" if he dies, she says it is out of her control, the Lord of Light decides, and there is a reason Jon was recovered.

Outside of camp, in the darkness, Davos comes across an old fire. Kicking the burnt wood he finds the small carved stag he had given young Shireen Baratheon long ago. He then realizes what happened there.

Tyrion and Daenerys meet Theon and Yara Greyjoy. Unaware of all Theon has gone through he mildly insults the man, they are surprised when Theon says he is unfit to lead the Ironborne. In return for the Iron Islands the Greyjoys offer their ships and support Daenerys' claim to the Throne. The women shake on it with the Westeros arm lock.

Outside Winterfell the two armies face each other quietly a few hundred metres apart. The imposing and more numerous Bolton ranks stand firm. Ramsay rides a horse leading Rickon Stark by a rope. He holds a short sword high, then plunges down and cuts Rickon's bonds. He tells the frightened teen to run towards Jon. Rickon takes off across the no-man's land, Jon mounts his horse and races toward him. Ramsay playfully shoots arrows at Rickon getting closer each time. Near halfway an arrow kills Rickon before Jon can reach him. Enraged, Jon Snow continues on toward the Bolton army. Davos and Tormund are dismayed but rally and lead their troops forward.

Ramsay commands his longbows to fire, Jon's horse is hit and he falls to the ground. The Bolton Cavalry charges at him. Taking up Longclaw he prepares to meet the charge, suddenly his own Cavalry are there and the armies clash. Ramsey's archers continue to fire into the melee which is brutal hand-to-hand combat. Davos then leads the Reserve forward and Smalljon Umber leads more Boltons into the fray. The bodies pile up. The Bolton troops completely surround the Snow forces and link their shields tightly with long pikes. Slowly the circle tightens as the Wildings try to break through in vain. The giant Wun Wun even has trouble and is riddled with arrows. At one side a large mound of bodies give some hope to escape. Jon is trapped under the mob of men and struggles to get up.

Tormund engages Umber. Now all are pushed in tight. A horn sounds in the distance, Ramsay looks to his right and sees a large cavalry force join the battle, Sansa and Littlefinger leading. The blue and white horsemen of the Vale smash through the Bolton army. Ramsay retreats to Winterfell followed by Jon and Wun Wun .

Wun Wun smashes the main doors to break into the castle but pays the ultimate price. He gazes at Jon as he dies, Ramsay firing the last arrow into the giant's eye. Ramsay now fires arrows at Snow, but Jon grabs a shield and protects himself. He gets to Bolton, seemingly intent on beating him to death. However, he stops when he sees Sansa, knowing he should leave Ramsay's fate to her.

The Bolton banners are dropped and the Stark wolf banners are draped from the walls. Jon tells Tormund to bury Rickon in the Crypt. Sansa goes to the dog kennel where Ramsay is alive and tied up in a cage. Knowing his end is near he still tries to insult her, she tells him all trace of him will disappear, then releases his hungry hounds. Having been starved for a week by their master, they attack and chew his face, Ramsay Bolton dies screaming.

S6, Ep10

The Winds of Winter

- Church bells are ringing throughout Kings Landing. Everyone, from the High Sparrow to King Tommen, prepares for the trials of Cersei and Loras. The mood is sombre as people begin to take their positions. In the Red Keep, Cersei is dressing, looking upon the city. She puts on a black leather dress with a chain across the front, unlike anything she wore before; it looks more like an armor. In the Sept of Baelor Loras Tyrell is brought in, shivering and disheveled. He says there is no need for a trial; he is ready to confess everything. He is willing to renounce his title and future to become a member of the Faith Militant. The High Sparrow has their cult's star carved into his forehead. Mace Tyrell, his father, is upset and tries to run to his son, but Margaery holds him back. Margaery is upset too, that wasn't part of their deal, she says to the High Sparrow, confirming that there was some negotiation going on between them. In the king's chambers, Tommen is ready to go to the trial, however, the Mountain blocks him from leaving.

As Grand Maester Pycelle makes his way to the Sept of Baelor, he is beckoned by a child who whispers something in his ear and he follows the child to Qyburn's laboratory. There Qyburn tells Pycelle "Before we can usher in the new, the old must be put to rest", just before a gang of children (the "little bird" spies) surround him, stabbing him to death. As the other sparrows leave to seize Cersei who has not come to the Sept, Lancel notices a child running to the chambers below the Sept and he starts chasing the child. He is led to a dungeon with a great array of

barrels. He takes in the scene, with surprise, realizing, just before he is stabbed in his leg by the boy he was chasing, that it is a massive stash of wildfire with several candles burning in a small pool.

In the Sept, people are waiting, apprehensively. Margaery senses there is something wrong about Cersei not coming; "She's beaten you; she knows the consequences of not being here", she warns the High Sparrow, but he ignores her. She tries to get everyone out, but the Faith Militant block her way.

Lancel crawls forward toward a candle burning down in green pool of wildfire near the barrels. He is trying to blow it out and stop the wildfire igniting but he is not in time. There is a massive explosion, the green flames ripple through the building, sparing no one. Everyone in the Sept is obliterated and the building collapses in a green plume of smoke. One of the giant bells of the Sept flies through the city, smashing into a small plaza. Cersei looks on from the Red Keep, sipping her wine, with a gleeful smile.

Continuing with her revenge, Cersei visits Septa Unella, the one who shouted "Shame!" at her during her walk of penance. She is strapped to a table, and Cersei waterboards her with wine and taunts her, admitting all her sins - killing King Robert, having kids with Jaime - and that they felt good to her. "Even confessing feels good under the right circumstances", she says. Unella says she is happy to die and see the gods, but Cersei tells her it's going to be a long time before she dies. "This is your god now", Cersei says and brings in the Mountain to torture Unella. He takes off his helmet, revealing a horrific sight. "Shame", Cersei says gleefully as she walks away from the screaming Unella, closing the chamber door.

Tommen, looking over the devastation of the Sept, is devastated at the turn of events. As the guard leaves him alone, he takes off his crown and drops out the window to his death. When Cersei sees her last child's dead body she appears sad, but not surprised and rather cold. The prophecy after all had prepared her that all her children would die. She decides to have him cremated.

At the Twins, Walder Frey toasts his house's stronger ties to House Lannister. Bronn and Jaime drink. As Walder Frey gloats about his victory "Here we are now, two Kingslayers!... Fear is a marvelous thing", Jaime corrects him; he hasn't really accomplished anything apart from murdering defenseless wedding guests. Whenever Walder needs help he calls the Lannisters to bail him out. The Freys have needed the Lannisters. Why do the Lannisters even need the Freys? Meanwhile, a pretty serving girl gives Jaime a couple of seemingly flirtatious looks.

Later, when Walder is alone, the girl comes back. Walder wants to know where his sons are. The girl says they're right here, and reveals they're cooked into the pie she

just served him. The girl whips off her mask and reveals herself to be Arya Stark. "The last thing you're ever going to see is a Stark smiling down at you as you die", she says. She slits his throat in much the same manner that her mother, Catelyn Stark, was killed.

Sam, Gilly and little Sam arrive in Oldtown, where men become maesters. They see the white ravens leaving the Citadel, signifying Winter is here. Sam enters the impressive library, where he will need to wait for the arch maester to verify his credentials, while Gilly and Little Sam must wait outside.

At Winterfell, Jon Snow and Melisandre are discussing recent events as Davos walks in, throwing Shireen's toy stag at her. He tells Jon the witch had little Shireen burned alive and demands that she is executed for it. Melisandre says she has been ready to die for a long time, but she can help Jon defeat the Night King. Regardless, Jon banishes her; she must ride south, and if she returns north, he will hang her as a murderer.

Jon and Sansa reconcile. He says it was Sansa who won the battle, and asks her if she can really trust Littlefinger. She apologizes for not telling him about the Knights of the Vale plan and agrees it is not wise to trust Littlefinger. Later on, Sansa meets with Littlefinger and asks him what he wants. He admits he is after the Iron Throne, with Sansa as his queen and attempts to kiss her. She appears to entertain the thought but avoids the kiss.

North of the Wall, Bran Stark, now the new Three-Eyed Raven, bids farewell to his reanimated Uncle Benjen. Benjen cannot pass beyond the Wall because he is technically dead. "While it stands, the dead cannot pass", he says, reminding them that the Wall was built to keep out the White Walkers, and there is a spell on it that prevents anybody who is undead from passing. Bran and Meera are left near a weirwood tree, where Bran again goes into the past to finish his vision of his father, Ned, at the Tower of Joy. They go in and find Lyanna Stark, Ned's sister, dying in a pool of blood. "Promise me, Ned" she says. She whispers something in his ear. A baby is brought to Ned. The closeup of the child cuts to a closeup of Jon Snow, all grown up, seemingly confirming Jon's true parentage; Jon was never Ned's bastard son but the son of Lyanna Stark and Prince Rhaegar Targaryen.

At Winterfell, Jon is overseeing a debate between the Lords of the North. There are disagreements about whether they should side with Wildlings. The 10-year old Lady Mormont chastises them for their cowardice and declares Jon the King in the North. Lord Glover who had refused to help now agrees Jon is the King. Soon others join in. "The King in the North!" everyone cries as Jon rises. Sansa is seen smiling, whereas Littlefinger is not pleased with the development, as his interest was to establish Sansa as the true Stark heir and stays quiet in the background.

In Dorne, Lady Olenna, in black mourning clothes, her whole family wiped out, meets with the Sand Snakes. They all want to go to war with the Lannisters and Varys arrives on the scene, conveying "fire and blood", war is coming.

In the south, Jaime and his crew ride to King's Landing, where they see in shock the smoking ruins of the Sept of Baelor and hurry to the Throne Room. There the lords and ladies have gathered. Cersei walks in, with her entourage, the Mountain and the rest of the Kingsguard. She takes her seat on the Iron Throne. Cersei and Jaime share a look; Jamie looks at her, befuddled, from the gallery. Qyburn is the Hand of the Queen. "Long may she reign", Qyburn proclaims.

In Mereen, Daenerys asks Daario to stay behind while she sails to Westeros, to rule Mereen for her until they elect their own rulers, effectively breaking up with him. She admits that he would be a distraction and prevent her from being able to enter into a political marriage. Daario is frustrated and declares his love for her but ultimately accepts her decision. Daenerys discusses with Tyrion how it went with Daario and it appears he was the one who had advised her to leave her lover Daario behind, for political expediency. She confesses to Tyrion it was not hard to let go of Daario and only looks forward, to the charge to Westeros. He says "I've been a cynic for as long as I can remember. Everybody was always asking me to believe in things... but I believe in you". She then presents him with a pin she had made for him; she's making him her Hand of the Queen. They set sail for Westeros and the parting shot is of her significant fleet sailing west, with her great dragons flying over the ships and waves.

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Dragonstone

- Season 7 Ep 1

Walder Frey treats his male relatives to a feast, he recaps the Red Wedding then poisons them all with wine. Arya unmask herself, leaves two girls as witnesses.

A cloud comes over the land, the Night King, white walkers and zombies marching south.

Brann sees the vision as he is pulled up to the Wall Gate, Bran greets Eddison Tolle and explains the Whitewalkers he saw at Hardhome are coming.

Jon gives orders to find Dragonglass and start training all men and women from age 10 in combat. He sends Tormund and the Freyfolk to the East Watch Castle. Sansa argues about the Karstark Castles, Jon overrules her. He gets an oath of loyalty from Ned and Alice Karstark. Later Jon tells Sansa not to question him in

public. She urges him to be smarter, and listen to her advice.

Cersei sends a raven message ordering him to King's Landing. Sansa warns him not to cross Cersei.

Jaime and Cersei talk over a large map of Westeros. Cersei explains Daenerys and Tyrion are coming. Jaime thinks they will land at Dragonstone. Cersei says they are surrounded, Jaime says they need to work with the Tyrells, they need allies, and says they are the last of their family.

An Armada approaches, the Ironborne have come to help Cersei. Euron Greyjoy has an audience with Cersei. He wants vengeance against Theon and His sister. They recount a past battle between their families, Greyjoy claims he doesn't mind the loss to the Lannisters. Euron wants to get married in return for the 1000 ships. Cersei says she doesn't trust him, he leaves saying he'll be back with a gift.

Samwell Tarly is treated like a newbie at the Maester Citadel and given chamber pot duties. He notices a locked gate section of the library . He helps with an autopsy, and asks for access to the restricted books. Archmaester Marwyn finally believes him but reassures him the Wall has held everytime. At night Sam takes the keys and enters the restricted area.

Brienne spars with Pod as Tormund watches. Baelish and Sansa talk, he wonders if she is happy. Brienne is suspicious of Baelish.

Arya riding alone comes across a group of men (incl. Ed Sheeran) singing by a fire, she joins them. They chat in a friendly manner. Arya announces she is going to kill the Queen, the soldiers laugh.

The Hound travels through snow with Beric Dondarrion and his men, they stop at a deserted inn. Cleghane is wary, but they enter. They find skeletons. Cleghane wonders why Beric has been resurrected, Beric is not sure why. They urge him to look into the fire to see answers, Cleghane sees the zombies coming to Castle Black. Later Sandor buries the dead people, Dondarrion realizes Cleghane knew them, this was the family Cleghane had taken the silver from in an earlier season.

Sam is tired and reads an old manuscript he has taken home. He finds a reference to Dragonglass, then finds a map showing that under Dragonstone is a mountain of Dragonglass, and pens a note to Jon. On his rounds of a jail area a hand thrusts out of a cell and a voice asks if Daenerys has landed yet,

Daenerys makes landfall beneath a great castle and kneels in the sand. She leads her troop to the front doors and walks in past the stone dragon heads. The

Dragonstone castle is at the end of a long path up the cliff. They enter a deserted Throne Room. The map room left by Stannis Baratheon is in place.

S7, Ep2

Stormborn

- Episode 2

A storm rages outside Dragonstone. Daenerys plans with Varys and Tyrion. Dany challenges Varys, gets him to admit he has been self-serving. Varys swears loyalty under threat.

Red Witch Melisandre arrives, she states the prophecy of the Prince or Princess that Was Promised, and mentions Jon Snow the King of the North. Tyrion says he likes and trusts Jon, and can be a valuable ally. Daenerys orders a message for Snow to come and bend a knee.

Sansa, Jon and Ser Davos review the message, Davos says it may be helpful.

Cersei speaks to her Council instilling fear of the Dothraki hordes and the Targaeryon past. Her maester Qyburn says they are working on a plan for the dragons. Jaime speaks to Lord Tarly, he wants him to be their lead General, but Tarly is a Tyrell Bannerman.

Jorah Mormont has bad grey scale over most of his torso, the Arch Maester says it is too late to stop it. Sam mentions Shireen Baratheon but the Maester says she was a child and it was caught early. Jorah can only stay in the Citadel one more day.

Qyburn shows Cersei a crossbow weapon designed to kill the dragons, he points out they are not invincible.

Daenerys has a war council; Olenna Tyrell, Yara Greyjoy and Ellaria Sand are there and encourage immediate war and attack. Tyrion explains the plan; Dorne and Tyrell armies will lay siege to Kings Landing, the Dothraki and Eunuch Unsullied will attack Casterly Rock the Lannister Home. Olenna tries to get Daenerys to 'be a dragon'.

Missandei and Greyworm share a heartfelt farewell. They kiss, she disrobes, she strips him, they make love.

Sam is given homework and is piled with reading. Sam says he may have found a cure for greyscale but the Arch Maester discounts it as too dangerous. Jorah writes a note in his room, is disturbed by Sam bringing food. Sam orders Jorah to drink a

bottle of rum, he has the book and will follow the painful cure. Sam begins to cut off the infected tissue, Jorah is in agony.

Ayra sits in a pub alone, a chubby lad, her old friend Hot Pie brings her a tasty bread. They chat, he reveals Jon Snow has won the Battle of the Bastards, surprised she finishes her meal and departs.

Jon Snow gets Sam's message that dragonglass lies beneath Dragonstone. Snow then updates his Council and says he will travel to meet Daenerys, the North needs her dragonglass and power. Sansa and the Lords try to change his mind. Sansa will be left in charge, Petyr Baelish smiles at the news. Later Baelish talks to Jon in the catacombs, the two are not friends. Jon rides off with Davos and a small troop.

Arya's horse is unsettled, she draws her sword as a pack of wolves surrounds her fire. The alpha is Nymeria, her long lost family pet. The huge direwolf turns and leaves with the pack.

The Sand Snakes are unhappy on a ship. The Dornes are sailing with the Greyjoys. Suddenly they are under attack, Euron Greyjoy and his massive battleship ram and board, the fighting is fierce, the Greyjoy fleet is in flames. Euron kills two Sand Snakes, Ellaria is taken, then Euron subdues Yara; Theon, panics and jumps overboard. Later he surveys the ruined fleet on a float as Euron's ship sails away.

S7, Ep3

The Queen's Justice

- S7 Ep 3

A launch beaches at a rugged coast, Jon Snow arrives at Dragonstone, Snow and Davos greet Tyrion and Missandei warmly, but are required to disarm. Tyrion and Jon chat and catch up since they last met, both have long stories to tell. Suddenly a dragon swoops low and startles the visitors.

Melisandre and Varys watch from on high. She is on her way to Volantis but ominously says she will be back.

Jon is brought to the Throne Room, Missandei announces the Queen's titles, she says the Stark's pledged loyalty to the Targaryen's for eternity. Daenerys demands Jon bends a knee. The meeting goes sideways as Jon refuses and brings up the White Walkers and The Army of the Dead. Varys arrives and whispers something in Daenerys' ear, she ends the meeting.

Varys has the bad news about the lost naval battle and the loss of the Sands.

Theon is rescued by remnants of his fleet, they are disgusted by his cowardice.

Euron Greyjoy rides a horse into King's Landing leading Yara and Illaria and Tyene Sand by the neck. The women are pelted by the crowds. Euron presents the women to Cersei. Cersei announces Euron and Jaime will co-command the military.

In a dungeon Cersei taunts Illaria, bitter about the murder of her daughter. Cersei kisses the Tyene Sand and wipes off the lipstick poison, the same one Illaria used. Illaria, chained and gagged, is in tears.

Cersei goes to the dining room, a depressed Jaime is there, she takes him for sex. In the morning a door knocks, a visitor has arrived from Braavos. The representative from the Iron Bank commiserates but gets to the money talk. Cersei attempts to show her side is the better bet and asks for two weeks to prove it.

Tyrion and Jon talk at a high cliff, Jon is frustrated as a de facto prisoner. Tyrion believes him about the Night King, but may be able to help with a reasonable request. Tyrion then relays the request for dragonglass to Daenerys. Later Dany meets Jon overlooking the sea. Daenerys agrees to give him the dragonglass.

Back in Winterfell Sansa gives orders to gather grain, put leather on metal breastplates. Baelish says she's doing a great job. He warns her to be prepared for anything. Summoned to the courtyard she meets her brother Bran, the two hug. They chat at the red tree. He says he is the Three Eyed Raven, all knowing and all seeing, but difficult to explain. Jorah Mormont is examined, the grey scale infection is inactive. Jorah is free to go and thanks Sam Tarly, they shake hands in farewell. In the office the Archmaestre reprimands Sam but acknowledges he completed a difficult cure, but gives him a punitive task to copy old manuscripts.

Daenerys wants to go to sea with her three dragons to defeat Euron. Tyrion, Varys and Missandei say it is too risky. They discuss the battle in Casterly Rock, Tyrion reveals only he is aware of a secret sewer passage, The entry point for the Unsullied. Grey Worm and his eunuchs prevail but the Lannister defense is weak, the expected 10,000 defenders are not there. Euron and his fleet are in the harbour burning the Unsullied ships.

Instead Jaime leads his army against House Tyrell, winning easily. He meets Dame Olenna afterwards, Olenna regrets underestimating how evil Cersei is. Jaime offers her poison as a way out, Olenna drinks quickly. Olenna then reveals she was the one who poisoned Joffrey. Jaime leaves with a grimace.

The Spoils of War

- S7 E4

Jaime Lannister opens a wagon full of gold from the Tyrell vaults at Highgarden, the army is on the march back home. Bronn is there wondering why Jaime is upset. Bronn gets a cash reward but wants more. Jaime orders Bronn to help the Tarly's round up food from the local farmers.

The Iron Bank rep thanks Cersei for the gold repayment, on its way. He suggests future deals and their support. She plans on deals with Essos.

Petyr Baelish sits with Bran and gives him the Valeryian steel dagger that killed his mother, but doesn't know who owned it. Baelish promises support but is stopped by a cryptic comment, "chaos is a ladder", Littlefinger had used that phrase in private conversation with Varys years ago (S3 E6). Meera Reed arrives to say she is leaving to be close to her family, she gets upset with his blasphemous thanks, he mutters he is no longer Brandon Stark.

Arya arrives at the gates of Winterfell, the two guards don't believe she is a Stark, but she convinces them to let her in. She sits and views her home, then slips away from the guards. Sansa is told about Arya, smiles then goes to the crypts. The two sisters finally meet. Arya asks if Sansa killed Joffrey, and mentions her kill list. They meet Bran at the red tree, Bran is moody and knows about the list. Bran gives Arya the dagger.

A Dragonstone Missandei and Daenerys wait for word from Greyworm. Jon Snow wants to show them a cave, they have found a large vein of dragonglass. Deeper in the cave Jon shows her ancient wall drawings, the Children of the Forest and First Men, and the Wights. Jon stresses they need to join together to fight the real enemy. Daenerys says she will fight for the North when he bends the knee.

Outside the cave Tyrion has somber news about Casterly Rock. They need adjustments to their strategy, Daenerys is furious and wants to attack Kings Landing. She asks Jon's opinion, he hesitates but warns against attacking civilians.

At Winterfell Brienne toys with Pod sparring with swords. Arya comes and wants to play. Arya displays superb fencing skills as Littlefinger and Sansa watch.

Davos and Jon chat about Daenerys, and their meagre 10,000 troops. They meet Missandei and explain Snow's bastard name. The men are surprised Missandei is serving Dany by voluntary choice. They see a ship arrive. Theon has returned, Jon is angry with him but Greyjoy briefs them on Euron and Yara.

Jaime and Bronn watch as their army is strung out, tired and preparing to bivouac. The gold is safely at Kings Landing. They chat with Dickon Tarly, it was his first battle. They hear a rumble and Jaime sounds the alarm for swords and shields, the foot soldiers scramble to form a line. Dothraki cavalry charge down the plains, and a dragon swoops in overhead. Dany rides and opens fire, burning a hole in the Lannister line, the Dothraki break through. Dany on her dragon provides aerial support burning the Lannister army. Jaime organizes a squad of archers to veer the dragon off, Bronn rides to get the "scorpion". A Dothraki chops Bronn's horse's legs, he falls and loses his bag of silver. Getting to a wagon he arms the huge crossbow and searches the sky for the dragon. Tyrion watches with dismay from a hilltop as the Dothraki slaughter the Lannister army. As the dragon flies in low, Bronn fires but misses, he reloads. With the dragon coming back around his second shot hits the flying beast, Dany rides the injured animal to the ground. She dismounts and attempts to pull the bolt. Jaime sees a chance and charges with a lance. Just before the dragon turns to roast Jaime, Bronn knocks him aside and both men fall into the deep lake,

S7, Ep5

Eastwatch

- Bronn and Jaime surface gasping from the river. Jaime is worried about what three dragons can do having seen one in action.

Tyrion walks through the burnt wreckage, prisoners are gathered in front of Daenerys and her dragon. She asks the remnants of the Lannister army to bend a knee or die, Drogon encourages them with a roar. Lord Tarly is defiant, his son Dickon also refuses. Tyrion tries to get Daenerys to show some mercy but she orders Drogon to flame the two. The rest of the prisoners kneel quickly.

Jaime reports to Cersei, Jaime is now pessimistic but Cersei will fight on with mercenaries. Jaime then reveals Olenna Tyrell killed Joffrey, Cersei accepts the logical truth.

Drogon approaches Jon Snow, nervous he touches the snout, the beast relaxes. Dany gets off, she reports her victory. She asks about the knife in the heart, he changes the subject.

Jorah Mormont arrives, Jon is introduced, Dany and Jorah hug.

Brann wargs into a raven and flies over the wall with a flock, they find the advancing wights. Brann wakes and says they need to send a raven.

The ArchMaestre reads the warning from Brann but is doubtful with the other

Maesters. Sam suggests they take it seriously and do something but the others laugh it off.

Varys and Tyrion share a drink, Varys remembers Aegon Targaryen and his cruel rule, he urges Tyrion to get her to stop the burnings.

Jon gets his message, he takes it to Dany's Council. They plan to capture a Wight to show Cersei, Tyrion is to convince Jaime a truce is needed, Davos will get Tyrion into Kings Landing, Jorah will help bring the Wight. Jon will lead the mission beyond the Wall.

The North Lords grumble to Sansa about Jon's absence, she settles them down. Arya complains afterwards that Sansa let some insults go and some heads should roll, she suggests Sansa wouldn't mind if Jon didn't return.

Davos and Tyrion land near Kings Landing, Davos says he is off to Fleabottom leaving Tyrion. Bronn leads Jaime to the meeting with Tyrion in a catacomb. The murder of Tywin still is between them, Tyrion raises the idea of an armistice while they deal with the north.

Davos meets a blacksmith, Gendry back at work making swords. Gendry is happy to leave with Davos and takes a big warhammer. At the boat two nosy guards approach. Davos pays them a bribe and jokes. Tyrion arrives and the guards recognize him, Gendry kills them with the hammer.

Jaime reports to Cersei, she knew from Bronn he met Tyrion and realizes an accommodation with Daenerys would be useful. She also says she is pregnant with Jaime.

Gendry meets Jon Snow and the two talk of meeting their respective fathers, Gendry will go north with them. Tyrion wishes Jorah luck and gives the lucky coin from their earlier travels. Snow, Mormont, Davos and Gendry leave by their launch.

Sam Tarly is frustrated as Gilly reads from one of the manuscripts he is transcribing. She puzzles over a passage about a Prince Rhaegar marriage and coincident annulment. Fed up, Sam takes some old documents, packs up his family into a wagon in the dead of night and leaves the Citadel, wanting to do more.

Littlefinger gives a serving girl something, Arya watches and spies on his activities. A man brings a document to his door, Baelish thanks him then leaves. Arya picks his door lock and enters his room. She searches. She finds a tiny scroll under the mattress, signed by Sansa. Leaving the room, Baelish watches from a dark alcove with a devious smile.

Snow's Group arrives at the EastWatch Castle. They brief Tormund on their mission. Tormund shows them three prisoners, the Hound, Dondarrion and Thoros. After some back and forth about old slights the small group agree to work together. Davos will stay behind. The gate raises and the team ventures north into the snows.

S7, Ep6

Beyond the Wall

- S7 E6

The Snow party marches and Tormund jokes about life in the Wilds. Gendry whinges about his sale to the Red Witch. Jon and Jorah chat, Jon offers the sword Longclaw, Jorah refuses to take it.

At a snowy Winterfell Arya and Sansa reminisce about their father Ned. Arya accuses Sansa of betrayal and shows the note Sansa wrote to Robb years ago asking for his surrender. Sansa counters and states she was the one who won back Winterfell. Arya threatens to show the note to the Lords of the North.

Back on the hike Tormund teases Cleghane, they talk of Brienne of Tarth. Dondarrion and Jon chat about their resurrections, and the reason why. They approach an Arrowhead shaped mountain (similar to The Matterhorn).

Tyrian and Daenerys chat about Jon and Cersei. They need a strategy for the upcoming meeting. Tyrian urges caution and no impulsive acts, he also brings up a succession plan, Dany cuts him short.

In a blizzard a bear with blue eyes attacks, the squad. Dondarrion lights it on fire, the burning bear goes for a transfixed Hound, Thoros jumps in front but is mauled. The bear is killed, Thoros' wounds are cauterized

Littlefinger counsels Sansa, they discuss Arya. Baelish suggests Brienne can help.

Tormund and Jon see a group of zombies in a canyon, they attack them, Jon kills the white walker leader and all except one crumble to dust. The wight screams out and as a larger mass approaches the humans takes shelter on an island rock. Gendry was sent back to EastWatch to get help, he runs and reaches the Gate. Davos calls for a Maester to send a raven.

At the frozen lake a huge army of wights surrounds the island, kept back by thin ice. Thoros dies, they burn his body. They see the Night King watching on high, Beric Dondarrion says they need to kill him.

Sansa receives an invitation to King's Landing, she decides to send Brienne. The Knight from Tarth is worried about Littlefinger but Sansa dismisses her.

Daenerys prepares to ride north, Tyrion says it is too dangerous, but she flies away with all three dragons.

The Hound throws rocks at the zombies, one lands on the solid ice, the attack begins. The humans fight at close quarters and save each other, Jon orders a fallback. Things look desperate, then the dragons arrive breathing fire. Dany lands to pick up the men, Jon stays last. The Night King throws a blue lance and kills a dragon. Jon stares down the Night King, then is dragged underwater. Dany takes off and another lance just misses Drogon.

Jon crawls out of the water but is freezing, as another swarm of wights approaches a rider with a flaming flail saves him. It is Benjen Stark, he gives his horse to Jon and buys time until he is swarmed.

At Eastwatch Dany waits, they prepare to sail back with the wight. Tormund and Cleghane are cheerful buddies. Jon staggers in on the horse, as Davos strips the frozen robes Dany sees his chest scars.

Sansa finds Arya's mask pouch. Arya explains they are from her training. Arya tries to question her sister, then menaces her with a knife.

On the ship Jon apologizes to Dany for the mission, but she said she had to see to believe. She vows they will fight together, he seems prepared to bend a knee.

Back at the frozen lake the zombies drag the dead dragon out. The Night King touches the head and a large blue eye opens.

S7, Ep7

The Dragon and the Wolf

- S7 E7

Grey Worm stands in front of thousands of Unsullied before the walls of King's Landing. Bronn and Jaime watch from the walls as they prepare burning oil. A horn sounds, the Dothraki riders gallop forward to the foot of the walls.

A ship approaches Blackwater Bay, Tyrion, Jon and Davos look at Euron's impressive fleet. The Hound checks the box holding the Wight in the hold.

Cersei gives orders to The Mountain to kill everyone if everything goes sideways. A neutral spot has been chosen outside Kings Landing. Everyone walks to the site, an abandoned dragon gladiator arena. Tyrion greets Pod. Brienne and Sandor chat as friends. Bronn and Tyrion also chat, Tyrion offers twice his pay, Bronn laughs it off. Bronn takes Pod off for a drink.

Cersei arrives with the Mountain, Euron, Qyburn and Jaime and a retinue of soldiers. Sandor greets and threatens his brother. Cersei asks about Daenerys, who makes a dramatic entrance by dragon. They all sit.

Euron immediately threatens Tyrion and is told to sit. Jon broaches the subject of the Night King's Army but Cersei is suspicious. The Hound releases the Wight, it charges at Cersei, it is cut in-half then an arm is cut off which remains animated. Jon demonstrates the two ways to kill them, fire and dragonglass. Euron announces he is leaving, the worst thing he has ever seen. Cersei agrees to the Truce, but only if Jon stays in the North. Jon announces he has already pledged to Queen Daenerys. Cersei says no deal, then leaves. Brienne tries to get Jaime to change Cersei's mind.

Tyrion, Dany and Davos are upset with the timing of Jon's announcement, he declares he cannot lie. Tyrion says he must go talk to Cersei alone. Tyrion goes to the Red Keep and has a forlorn talk with Jaime first, then goes to Cersei's quarters, followed by the Mountain.

The bitterness between the two erupts, Tyrion dares her to say the word and have him killed, she cannot; he pours himself a drink, and gives her a glass. As they talk, Tyrion realizes Cersei is pregnant.

Jon and Dany talk back at the arena. They realize things look bad for them if Cersei doesn't agree. Then, Tyrion returns followed by Cersei. Cersei announces she will now join them and march her army North, without any promises in return.

In Winterfell Sansa is dismayed at not hearing from Jon. Baelish suggests Jon and Daenerys will likely form a relationship of sorts. They talk about Arya, Littlefinger plants a "worst case" seed that Arya is there to kill Sansa.

At the War Council Jon stresses the need to be seen together with Daenerys, against Jorah's advice she should fly alone. Theon meets Jon in private, puzzled why Jon didn't lie. Theon is despondent and Jon forgives him and stresses he was still raised by Ned Stark, they both were. On the beach Theon tries to get the remnants of Yara's sailors to go and rescue her. He fights the big Lieutenant, badly beaten he finds strength and manages to win. The other men accept him as the leader, "for Yara".

Sansa has Arya brought to her, in a room full of soldiers. Sansa then accuses Littlefinger of murder and treason. Stunned, he attempts to talk himself out of trouble. Sansa points out Baelish killed Lady Arryn and conspired to kill Ned Stark. Desperate, Baelish begs for his life, on his knees, Arya slashes his throat with the Valerian dagger.

Cersei interrupts Jaime organizing his Generals, she reveals the truce was a ruse, she has no intent to support Dany and Jon. Jaime is furious. Cersei suspects something happened to one dragon and refers to a mercenary company of 25,000 sellswords in Essos. Euron Greyjoy is on his way to pick them up. Jaime announces he will go north, and dares her to stop him. Snow begins to fall in Kings Landing.

Bran sits by a fire, Sam knocks and enters. Bran asks why he came. They start to talk of Jon's parents Rhaegar and Liana Stark, with Sam's knowledge of the annulment, together they realize Jon is the legitimate heir to the Targaryen throne.

On the ship Jon and Dany make love, Tyrion watches the room deep in thought.

Arya and Sansa reflect and grow closer.

Brann is in a trance warging in a raven. At EastWatch Tormund looks out at the Wilds. The wights and WhiteWalkers march out of the forest toward the wall. Out of the sky the Night King rides a dragon, spewing blue flame the wall begins to crumble. Breached, the army of the dead marches into the land of the humans.

S8, Ep1

Winterfell

- An army stretching to the horizon marches into Winterfell A young boy scrambles to look. Arya smiles watching with the commoners. Jon Snow and Daenerys ride together. Arya grimaces seeing Sandor the Hound, then sees Gendry. Tyrion and Varys ride a stage coach. Grey Worm and Missandei ride side by side. The two dragons make a low pass stunning the northerners. Sansa watches from high on the ramparts.

Jon greets an impassive Bran, then hugs Sansa, he asks for Arya. He introduces Daenerys to Sansa and the other nobles. Bran warns everyone the dead are marching south.

At a War Council the young Lord Umber says he needs more horses. The plan is to retreat all forces to Winterfell. Lady Mormont seems peeved Jon is no longer King of the North. He stresses he chose to protect the North and not his Crown. Tyrion

steps up to praise Jon and says even the Lannisters are coming, to jeers. Sansa wonders about how to feed the armies, and the dragons.

Gendry helps unload meager supplies. Tyrion goes to Sansa on a mezzanine and congratulates her. They haven't spoken since Joffrey's wedding. Sansa teases him about trusting his sister Cersei and doesn't expect the Lannisters to arrive.

Arya meets Jon by the red tree, they hug. She shows him the Needle, he shows his sword. Arya says Sansa is the smartest one who doesn't like Daenerys.

In King's Landing Qyburn tells Cersei the dead have broken through, she offers only a terse "good" in reply. At sea a large fleet approaches the Capital, Euron goes to see his niece Yara tied to a mast, he said he plans to "f*** the Queen".

Euron and a Leader of the Golden Company say they brought 18,000 men, 2,000 horses but no elephants. Euron wants a private meeting, Cersei relents and allows him to her chambers.

Meanwhile, Bronn is seen at a brothel getting it on with three whores named Crayah, Dirah, and Marei. Qyburn interrupts them to offer Bronn a deal to kill Jaime and Tyrion on behalf of Cersei. Qyburn gives a crossbow.

After sex, Euron dresses and wonders how he compares in bed to Cersei's other lovers. She likes his arrogance but dismisses him.

In the harbor a gang assaults a ship, killing the guards. Theon unties his sister, she knocks him to the floor to, remind him she's the boss. They leave with three ships. Yara wants to go to the Iron Islands but Theon is released to go help the Starks.

The Karstarks arrive at Winterfell. Davos, Tyrion and Varys discuss who will rule the Seven kingdoms if they survive. The three note Jon and Daenerys will decide.

Daenerys tells Jon she wants Sansa to respect her, a guard comes to report on the dragons eating. The beasts don't like the cold North. Dany tells Jon to saddle up and ride a dragon. The two take off, Jon hanging on for dear life then getting the hang of it. After a short flight swooping and diving they land by a majestic waterfall. They dismount, and kiss while the dragons glare at Jon.

Gendry works smiting dragon-glass blades. The Hound makes his sarcastic comments, Arya approaches, Sandor 'Hound' Clegane acknowledges her cold heart and walks away. Arya asks Gendry to make a special weapon she has sketched.

Sansa has a bad message, House Glover is not coming. She argues with Jon why he renounced his crown, he says Daenerys will be a good Queen.

Jorah and Daenerys meet Samwell Tarly, she thanks him for saving Jorah. As a reward he wants a pardon for borrowing Citadel books and taking the Tarly sword. Daenerys gives him the bad news she had the Tarly's killed for not bending a knee. Sam weeps and excuses himself. In the courtyard he sees Bran staring at him. Bran says they have to tell Jon the truth now.

In the catacombs Jon blows out candles, Sam approaches clumsily. They greet each other, Jon didn't know about the Tarly's but says he is sorry. Sam stresses Jon has before and would have shown mercy. Sam then explains Jon's parents are Rhaegar Targaryen and Liana Stark, he is not a bastard at all. Ned Stark protected Jon for his sister as King Robert would have killed him. Jon's real name is Aegon and is the rightful heir to the Iron Throne.

A group of men walk through the remains of House Umber, Tormund, Beric Dondarrion and a few others meet up with the Night Watch led by Eddison Tollett. The Night King has left a warning symbol, young Lord Umber pinned to a wall surrounded by severed limbs in a spiral pattern. Beric torches the boy as he screams out, the pattern burns brightly. The men will double up on horses to try and get to Winterfell before the Wights.

In the final scene, Jaime Lannister arrives at Winterfell alone. Bran is there and stares at him.

S8, Ep2

A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms

- Jaime is brought to Daenerys who says she has long waited for the chance to punish the man who killed her father, the Kingslayer. They agree Cersei reneged and instead has 20,000 mercenaries to defeat whoever wins up North. Tyrion attempts to defend Jaime, Sansa also goes against Jaime. Lannister is defiant and says he did it for his House and family during War. Bran pipes up with the "things we do for love" line Jaime used when he pushed Bran off the tower in S1 E1. Brienne stands up for Jaime stressing he indirectly saved Sansa and is a man of honor. Sansa and Jon agree, Daenerys reluctantly agrees to let Jaime live, he thanks her and bows.

Leaving the chamber Daenerys is angry with Tyrion for misreading Cersei and threatens to find another Hand, Jorah Mormont and Varys hear the exchange.

Gendry and other blacksmiths work away. Arya comes to see him again, wants an update on her weapon. Gendry says he has fought the wights, he warns the fight will be bad, Arya wants details, she seems eager to see Death in the face.

Jaime visits Bran by the red tree, he apologizes. Bran is still impassive and says he is no longer Brandon Stark, has no anger and realizes they need Jaime for the fight.

Then Jaime greets Tyrion in the courtyard, they chat about Daenerys and Cersei's pregnancy. Tyrion seems resigned to Fate, Jaime is distracted watching Brienne train Pod and others. Jaime goes to Brienne and offers to fight with her on the Right Flank.

Dany is sad, Jorah comes to see her. He admits he was upset Tyrion was named Hand but accepts the decision. He tells her to forgive Tyrion and makes another suggestion. Daenerys goes to see Sansa for a private convo. Dany is a little upset Sansa switched on Jaime. The two discuss the Lannisters, women as leaders, Dany says she loves and trusts Jon and then they broach their future relationship. What about the North? Davos interrupts them.

Theon Greyjoy has arrived, he reports Yara has gone to the Iron Islands, he has come to fight for Winterfell. Sansa gives him a hug.

Davos feeds the men. Gilly organizes women to go the Crypts. A brave young girl with greyscale on her face catches Davos' eye, reminding him of Shireen Baratheon. A horn sounds, Tollett, Beric and Tormund arrive. They hug Jon, give the bad news about House Umber, and that Night King will be there before dawn. Tormund looks for Brienne.

Preparations speed up, soldiers are issued dragon-glass weapons. Jon leads an Orders Group around a large map table, saying they are outnumbered. Getting to the Night King is key, Bran says the Night King is after him, Bran is marked on his arm and will be bait. Theon and the Ironborn will guard Bran. Davos will be on the wall to signal lighting the trench. Daenerys wants Tyrion in safety in the crypts, he wants to be in the action. Jon closes by telling everyone to get some rest. Tyrion goes to Bran to hear his story.

Grey Worm sees Melisandre, he offers to take her away together after the battle.

Sam asks Jon if he told Dany yet, he hasn't. Eddison joins them, the three former Night Watch stand together. Sam also doesn't want to go to the crypts, reminding he was the first to kill a White Walker.

Jaime and Tyrion sit by a large fireplace with drinks, chatting about the past. Brienne and Pod join them, Tyrion pours ale. Davos arrives with Tormund, the wildling anxious to see Brienne. He has his own horn of drink. Tormund tells a tale of killing a giant and suckling from the teat of the giant's wife, he drains his horn as Brienne looks aghast.

Arya sits by the Hound on the parapet. She taunts him but he reminds her he fought for her before. Beric joins them, greeting Arya, the Hound threatens to toss him over the wall if Beric starts preaching. Arya leaves the two. She goes to Gendry who has finished her two headed pike she twirls it. He describes briefly what the Red Witch did to him, because he is Robert Baratheon's bastard; she asks about his sex life. She wants to lose her virginity and orders him to strip, they make love.

The fireplace crew stare into the flames. Tyrion reminds them all they are winners, although they acknowledge losing a few battles also. Brienne is sad since as a woman she is not a knight, Jamie draws a sword and tells her to kneel. He solemnly cites the words and makes her Ser Brienne of Tarth. The others applaud, Brienne grins.

Jorah tries to get Lady Lyanna Mormont to go to the crypts, she refuses and wishes her cousin good fortune. Sam gives Jorah the large Tarly valeryian steel sword, Heartsbane. Jorah agrees to wield it to guard the realms of men.

Pod sings a song of lost love at the fireplace. Sansa chats with Theon. Missandei kisses Grey Worm. Jorah leads his men beyond the walls. Jon and Dany are in the crypt by the Liana Stark memorial. Dany says Rhaegar was a good Prince but he raped Liana. Jon explains the truth, his parents were lovers and he is their legitimate son Aegon Targaryen. She is skeptical, now realizing he has a better claim to the throne. A horn sounds.

A distance away, the Night King leads his army within sight of Winterfell.

S8, Ep3

The Long Night

- S3 E8

Sam gets a Dragonglass blade and nervously joins the troops outside. Tyrion watches him go then watches as Theon takes Bran out in his wheelchair. Davos is on the parapet, Sansa also, the dragons fly and scream overhead. The catapults and Dothraki horsemen stand silently. Grey Worm stands at the head of the Unsullied. The Hound and Gendry join Tormund in line. Sam is terrified as he stands beside Eddison. Jorah is on a horse on the wing with Ghost, the dire wolf. Jon and Daenerys survey the scene from a hill to the west, a panoramic view before them.

Davos notices a lone figure approach Jorah on horse, the Red Woman Melisandre. She tells the Dothraki to lift their swords, she touches one and recites a spell in a strange tongue, the swords alight in flames across the entire front. Eddison smiles.

Melisandre rides to the Gate, greeting Grey Worm with "Valar Morghulis". Davos orders the Gate open, she rides into Winterfell. Davos rushes down to see her, she tells him not to kill her as she will be dead before dawn. Arya watches the exchange from a distance.

The Dothraki ride into the darkness, screaming their war cries. From above Jon and Dany watch the tiny mass of flames move North. Catapults launch burning fireballs. Suddenly, the Dothraki charge stops, the fires dim, screams and noises, then total darkness. The foot soldiers look about nervously, survivors and a few horses return in panic. Jorah returns. Dany mounts her dragon. A silent wind blows toward the Army, Grey Worm puts on his helmet. The wights attack the Unsullied front lines. Brienne cries out to stand your ground. The hand to hand battle starts.

The dragons flame the wights, Jon and Dany passing back and forth burning the enemy zombies. Arya and Sansa watch in awe. A snowstorm approaches, the dragons have to climb above the clouds. Arya tells Sansa to go to the crypts and gives her a knife.

The battle rages. Theon and the Ironborne wait by the red tree with Bran. Brienne and Jamie fight for their lives. Sam is saved by Eddison who is then killed by a wight.

Sansa arrives in the crypts, the women and children are gathered there with Tyrion.

Jon circles his dragon in the snow, and low to the trees, in the darkness and confusion he almost collides with Dany. The two pair up as wingmen.

The call goes out to pull back, the Army run back inside Winterfell, the Unsullied hold the line to buy time, the Wights press forward.

In the sky Dany and Jon search for the Night King. Bran watches impassively as the dragons fly above him.

Arya and others shoot fire arrows at the Wights who make it past the defenses. The Hound urges others to fall back. Grey Worm orders the trench lit, Davos tries to signal with torches but no one sees. Archers try to light the fire but fail. Men with hand torches are struck down. The Unsullied retreat to the Gate. Melisandre makes her way to the trench, she lays hands on the wood and repeats an incantation. The wights get closer, suddenly fire comes from her hands, the oil-filled trench surrounding the Castle erupts in flames, holding back the Wights. The Hound is stricken by the sight of the raging fire.

In the crypts Varys and Tyrion talk, Tyrion says he might be able to make a difference outside like at Blackwater Bay. Sansa tells him he'd be killed.

The battle quiets down with the trench, Theon and Bran wait. Theon apologizes to Bran, who then goes into a trance and wargs into a raven. The flock of black birds fly and approach the Night King, riding his dragon.

At the trench wights start approaching the fire throwing their bodies on and smothering the flames, others then climb over and break through the fire line. The castle quickly reorganizes defenses. Jon looks on in dismay as the burning trench is breeched. Looking over his shoulder he sees another dragon high above, the Night King commanding his army. In Winterfell they rain burning arrows at the zombies who approach the walls. Jorah and Jaime look down at the climbing Wights, they reach the top of the wall. The men push them back but a huge swarm attacks the castle. Sam kills wights, the men fight desperately but wights jump down to the courtyards. The castle is total mayhem, the Hound is huddled in fear.

Arya swings her pike killing many, Beric calls out to Cleghane. Arya is a killing machine as Davos watches her. A giant wight breaks the Gate and enters the courtyard swinging a huge club, Beric tries to get the Hound to snap out of it, the big man is defeatist. Dondarrion points out Arya fighting for her life. Little Lyanna Mormont charges the giant Wight. It grabs her in one hand raising her up while crushing the young girl. Lyanna manages a last gasp to stab the giant in the eye killing it. The wights pour into the Gate.

In the sky Jon and Dany fly above the storm. The Night King attacks from below, his dragon spewing blue flames. Jon and Dany barely evade and regroup.

In a quiet part of the castle an exhausted Arya hides in a library with rows of bookshelves. She hears clumsy footsteps, and stays silent. More wights enter the dark room, she hides under a table. A drop of blood makes a noisy splash, a wight comes to look but Arya gets away unseen. She throws a book to distract the wights and escapes the library. She makes her way down a passage but is chased by the wights, she runs for her life.

The folks in the crypts hear the struggles above, they wait in silence. Beric and the Hound patrol the hallways, Beric saves Arya by throwing his flaming sword. The Hound and Beric lead her to a refuge. The Hound picks up Arya and carries her away, Beric holds back the wights in a narrow passageway, but dies from his wounds. Melisandre is there in the safe room, she greets Arya, they recall their previous meeting years ago. The wights batter the door. Arya replies with "not today" when asked what to say to the God of Death, she scampers off.

Theon warns his men, wights approach the wood. They fire arrows in defense.

The Night King strafes the castle with his flaming blue dragon, Jon attacks and the

two dragons grapple in the sky. The Night King wields his spear but falls off his mount to the ground below. Jon and his dragon continue to fight the blue dragon, but his beast tires and dives to the ground, Jon is thrown off.

Dany goes after the Night King. She hovers above him and orders "Dracarys" her dragon spewing a huge fireball. The Night King walks out with a half smirk, he walks towards the Castle. Jon draws his sword and chases after him across the battlefield. As he gets closer the Night King turns and raises his arms, animating the newly dead, Jon is surrounded by wights. In the castle the wights stop fighting and there is a short silence. Lyanna Mormont comes alive with blue eyes. The Night King and his White Walker lieutenants approach Winterfell.

Inside the crypts the deceased arise from their tombs. Theon and his men continue to defend Bran. Jon fights for survival, Dany flames his attackers and he resumes his chase of the Night King. Too close to ground, wights climb onto Dany's dragon, weighing it down, it struggles to fly. Dany is knocked off, her dragon is covered with zombies. Wights attack Dany, Jorah appears to defend her. Jon enters Winterfell, everyone is fighting in close quarters, he can't even stop to help Sam who struggles and appears to be overwhelmed. Slashing his way he looks for his foe.

At the tree the Ironborn are down to just Theon, he continues to fight bravely. Jorah defends Dany in the open. In the crypts, Sansa and Tyrion huddle in fear, they appear to consider suicide. Tyrion makes a move.

The Night King's dragon smashes into the castle walls, Jon takes cover. Jaime and Brienne are backed into a corner, Jorah fights on. The blue dragon stumbles around the castle, Jon diving behind walls for safety. The Night King and his White Walkers stride confidently towards Bran, Theon fights alone. A pause, now surrounded, the wights clear a path for their King. Bran tells Theon he is a good man. Theon replies with thanks then charges the Night King. Theon dies, the Night King glowers at Bran. Jon tries to approach the Dragon but has to evade the flames. Jorah is mortally wounded, makes a last stand. The Night King walks alone toward Bran, pausing close up, they stare at each other. Jon decides to face the dragon and stands in front of the beast screaming at it, the beast opens its mouth.

As the Night King reaches for his sword, Arya comes leaping in behind him, he turns and grabs her around her neck. Arya drops her knife from her raised but blocked left hand, catches it with her right and stabs the Night King. He shatters into ice fragments. All the white walkers and blue dragon shatter also, the wights drop dead. The battle is over. Arya smiles at Bran, Dany weeps over Jorah. Her dragon lands behind her.

The Hound and Melisandre come out of the castle, she walks toward the dawn

throwing off her necklace. Davos watches as she turns to dust in the wind, her robe falling to the ground.

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The Last of the Starks

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Winterfell has arranged the dead on large funeral pyres outside the castle. Jorah, Lyanna Mormont, Beric, Eddison, lie at the head of groups. Daenerys kisses Jorah Mormont's corpse, Sansa grieves over Theon Greyjoy, and places a Stark hairpin in his tunic. Jon makes a short but moving speech honoring the fallen, their sacrifice will never be forgotten. The pyres are lit.

At a wake afterwards the Living share food and drinks. Daenerys singles out Gendry and publicly confirms he is the Baratheon heir. She makes him Lord of Storms End on the spot. Davos is the first to toast him. Jon hands him a goblet. Tyrion quietly remarks that she now has Gendry's loyalty.

Jaime and Brienne sit together, he urges her to have a drink.

Davos and Tyrion discuss Melisandre and the Lord of Light. Tyrion then goes to see Bran, he hints Bran should be Lord of Winterfell, but Bran doesn't want it. Tormund toasts the Dragon Queen, Daenerys then toasts Arya as the Hero, to resounding cheers. Sansa looks on quietly.

Tyrion plays Truth or Dare with Brienne and Jaime. Tormund pumps up Jon's leadership to great cheers, Dany looks on awkwardly. Varys notices her discomfort as she leaves the Great Hall.

Drunk, Tyrion states Brienne is a virgin, Brienne stands up without answering. Tormund comes by also drunk but she again rebuffs him. Frustrated he laments to Cleghane, then finds another girl who is willing. The Hound turns down another young lady offering her charms. Sansa sits with him to chat. He points out that if she had left Kings Landing when he offered years ago things would have been different. She holds his hand and saying she matured with Littlefinger and Ramsay Bolton.

Gendry finds Arya practicing archery. Eager, he proposes to her, but she kisses him and declines, saying she's not a Lady.

Brienne fires up her bedroom fireplace, Jaime arrives with drinks. He makes an excuse to strip off his shirt, then she takes off hers and they proceed to make love.

Dany comes to her bedroom, Jon is there drunk. He honors Ser Jorah, she couldn't love him in the way he wanted. Jon and Dany kiss, then he pulls back. She knows the others will respect him as King, he says he doesn't want it, so she asks him to keep his parentage a secret. Jon wants to tell the Starks, Dany stresses the secret will get out.

Brienne sleeps, Jaime looks at her with content.

The Council meet at a map board. With the 50% losses in the recent battle they now have roughly equal forces to Cersei. Dany wants to hit Cersei hard, Tyrion and Jon suggest a siege to turn the people of the Capital against Cersei. Sansa suggests waiting to regroup, Dany says she helped the North, now they must reciprocate. Tyrion outlines the strategy; Jon and Davos will lead an army south, Tyrion and Dany will take a smaller group by sea to Dragonstone, with the two Dragons. Jaime will stay in Winterfell. Arya wants a word with Jon.

The Starks meet at the red tree, Jon once again has to convince his sisters of Daenerys' leadership. Arya supports Jon but doesn't trust the Dragon Queen. Jon then asks the two girls to swear an oath of secrecy, they do and he nods to Bran to explain.

At a nearby public house Jaime and Tyrion have a drink and talk about Brienne, the Imp is curious. Suddenly Bronn enters brandishing his crossbow. Bronn is bitter about the Lannisters and punches Tyrion in the face. He thinks Dany can win the upcoming war and wants to deal. Tyrion offers Bronn Lordship of Highgarden. Bronn leaves, warning the two brothers.

In the morning the Hound rides off alone, Arya joins him, he curses good naturedly. They both have unfinished business down South. Dany sends her dragons off, Sansa watches them fly away. Tyrion comes to say goodbye, he is puzzled why Sansa hates Daenerys. Sansa is pensive, then asks Tyrion what if there was a better alternative to Daenerys? Tormund says farewell to Jon, he will take the Freefolk to Castle Black. Jon says to take Ghost. Sam and a pregnant Gilly come to say goodbye also, they want to name a boy Jon. Sam hugs his best friend ever. Jon looks at Ghost sadly, then mounts up and rides away.

Grey Worm and Missandei enjoy the sea on the upper decks. Tyrion sits with Varys in a wardroom. They discuss how Jon would be a more popular monarch. They are worried about Daenerys.

The ships drop anchor and Dany takes the two dragons for a flight around Dragonstone. Suddenly large darts hit the other dragon, Dany is shocked to see the animal crash dead to the sea. Looking for the cause they see Enron's fleet

approaching through a narrows. Dany goes in to attack but turns away just as Euron lets loose another volley from his ships' ballistae. Euron then bombards the Northern fleet, Tyrion and others jump in the water for safety. Gasping, they come ashore, but Missandei is missing, Greyworm looks for her in panic.

Later, Euron and Qyburn give Cersei an update on the battle victory. Cersei tells Euron she is pregnant with his child. Cersei says to leave the Gates open to dare Daenerys to kill civilians. Missandei is held prisoner.

Varys and Tyrion urge Daenerys not to attack Kings Landing. Jon is still two weeks away, Tyrion says to demand surrender, Dany agrees as it will show she tried at least. Alone later, Varys says Daenerys is unstable and he must let others know about Jon Snow for the good of the Realm. Tyrion says that would be treason and Jon doesn't even want the Throne. They discuss options, but disagree.

Jaime sees Sansa and Brienne receive a raven-gram. He asks for an update, Sansa explains the sea disaster. Jaime thinks, deep in thought he watches Brienne sleep. She notices him missing then goes out to see him preparing a horse. She asks him to stay with her. He cannot, and recites a few of the evil things he has done for Cersei, he leaves Brienne in tears.

A regiment of Unsullied stand behind Daenerys and her Council near the Gates to Kings Landing. Cersei is high on the walls above, Missandei in chains beside her. Qyburn goes out to parley with Tyrion. Tyrion demands Cersei surrender, Qyburn says likewise to Daenerys or else Missandei dies. Tyrion tries to reason, Qyburn is just a messenger, but points out their strength. Tyrion goes to the wall to appeal to Cersei, she stands down her archers to allow his approach. Tyrion calls up to give it up for the sake of her baby. Cersei doesn't respond but gives her prisoner a chance for last words. "Dracarys" she calls out.

The Mountain decapitates Missandei of Noth, her body falls. Grey Worm and Daenerys watch in horror, the Dragon Queen leaves seething with fury. Tyrion and Cersei exchange a last look.

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The Bells

- Varys writes a raven-gram message to someone explaining that Jon Snow is the heir to the Iron Throne. The door knocks, a serving girl reports Daenerys is still not eating, the young girl is nervous saying the soldiers are watching her. Varys gives her a confidence boost. Later, Tyrion watches from on high as Jon Snow arrives at Dragonstone by launch, met by Varys on the beach. Jon reports the army is two days away. Daenerys is in her chambers not seeing everyone. Varys hints at a

mutiny, Jon stresses he only supports the Queen.

Tyrion is summoned to Daenerys at the Map Room. She reveals she knows Tyrion knows about Jon, who must have betrayed her. He names Varys, Tyrion is forced to apologize, she is very bitter. Varys hears footsteps and burns a note, he removes his rings. Grey Worm and Unsullied take him to the beach, lit by a few torches. Tyrion takes blame, Varys accepts his fate and says goodbye. Daenerys issues a death sentence, and orders her dragon to flame the eunuch. Jon watches in silence.

By a fire Daenerys gives Grey Worm a souvenir from Missandei, her old slave collar, he tosses it in the fire. She excuses him so she can talk to Jon. She blames him for telling Sansa, he says he loves her, they kiss but again the spark is missing. Dany steps back.

Tyrion tries to convince Dany the citizens of Kings Landing are innocent, under hostage to Cersei. Dany says she needs to show her strength. Tyrion pleads for her to call off the attack if the City bells ring out in surrender. She nods, then sends Grey Worm to take the Unsullied to meet Jon's Army. Dany then mentions they captured Jaime, she tells Tyrion he can only fail her one more time.

At day, a steady stream of civilians enter Kings Landing. Jon and Tyrion are rowed to their army camp, the attack will occur at daybreak. Tyrion asks Davos for a smuggling favor.

Sandor Cleghane and Arya ride up to a sentry post, they breeze through.

Tyrion goes to see Jaime held under Unsullied guard. They allow him to pass. Jaime reveals his guilt hand gave him away, Tyrion wants Jaime to try to get Cersei to surrender, mentioning the baby. Tyrion tells him to take Cersei out the secret passage at the bottom of the Red Keep. A dinghy will be waiting. Jaime promises to do as his brother says. Jaime warns him Dany won't be happy, Tyrion hopes for mercy. Tyrion unlocks Jaime, his only friend growing up. They hug.

The next day is sunny and still. The Iron fleet prepares the scorpion weapons. Lannister troops man the high walls. Civilians close their doors and windows. Arya and Sandor make it in to the City on foot. Jaime, wearing a cloak also goes for the Main Gate. The Golden Company takes position outside the North Gate. Jon, Davos and Tyrion stand on a rise with their army, Tyrion says to call off their men if the bells ring. Cersei looks over King Landing with a confident smile. Sandor and Arya get through to the Keep as the doors close, Jaime is forced to find another way in. The crowd begins to panic.

In the harbor, Euron paces, he senses something and looks up into the sun. Alarmed, he sees the dragon diving down, he tries to redirect the weapons but the

beast strafes and destroys the ships. The dragon evades the scorpions and destroys the defensive weapons. On the other side of the City, they hear explosions, suddenly the wall explodes from the inside, the dragon blasts the sellswords and Grey Worm leads the charge, Dothraki cavalry breaking into the City. The dragon continues destroying Cersei's army. Cersei looks from a distance, slightly concerned, but hopeful of one good shot. Tyrion walks toward the City. Qyburn tells Cersei the scorpions have all been destroyed, still confident, she expects her men to fight, the Red Keep has never fallen.

Grey Worm leads the army further into the City, they meet a line of Lannister troops blocking a main road. Tyrion looks anxiously at the bell tower. Dany and her dragon land on a rooftop and roar in triumph. The Lannister Army drop their swords, the fighting pauses. Dany surveys the scene from her mount, Cersei watches the north end of the City in flames. Tyrion and Jon wait, then the bell peels, Cersei grimaces. Dany stares at the Red Keep, then takes off, her dragon flying low scaring the city folk. Suddenly the dragon spews fire and starts burning Kings Landing. Grey Worm sees the carnage and throws his pike at an unarmed opponent. The Unsullied surge forward slaughtering the Lannister Army.

Jon pauses, then tries to hold back his Army, Grey Worm flashes him a look of hate and continues his killing. The Dragon roams over the City burning large swaths, Tyrion is stunned. The Unsullied and Dothraki kill everyone in sight. Jon walks in a daze, he stops a rapist. The dragon flies toward the Red Keep.

Jamie gets to the base of the Castle, sees the row boat waiting. Euron is there taunting him. The dragon now works on the Keep, towers fall. Euron and Jaime fight, Qyburn gets Cersei and leads her away to escape. Jaime is able to hold his own but is stabbed. He manages to recover his sword and runs Euron through. Euron dies happy, believing he killed Jaime with the mortal wounds. Jaime staggers into the Red Keep.

The Hound and Arya make their way up into the Castle, Sandor tells Arya to go, not to end up like him. She thanks him and goes back. Sandor meets Cersei, Qyburn and the Mountain on the stairs, the dragon batters the walls. Sandor easily kills other guards then approaches his big brother. The larger Cleghane kills Qyburn, then approaches the smaller Hound. Cersei slips past as the two brothers fight with swords. Sandor knocks off the other's helmet revealing a brutalized face. Cersei stumbles around in shock, Jaime meets her and they hug. She weeps and realizes Jaime is hurt. He leads her away.

Sandor stabs the Mountain but the brute will not die, just pulling the sword out of his gut. Like Frankenstein's monster he trudges toward an exhausted Sandor.

Arya is outside the Keep, to scenes of death and destruction, she stumbles along as

walls caves in, then is caught in a stampede, trampled.

Sandor is beaten badly by his monster brother. Arya manages to get up and tries to rescue a young family. The Mountain begins to choke and poke Sandor's eyes out, but the Hound buys relief by driving a dagger through the other's eye. With a last gasp, Sandor charges pushing both of them off the tower and they fall hundreds of feet to the fires below.

Jon sees some buildings explode with the green fires, he sheaths his sword then calls for everyone to pull back. Davos and others follow.

Arya gets up covered in dust, running, again she is covered by falling bricks. She makes it to safety in a room with others, she tries to get them to move. A Dothraki wounds the young father she tries to save, then she has to dive for cover as the flaming dragon approaches.

Jaime and Cersei make it to the lowest level but their way to the beach is blocked by rubble. They are trapped. Cersei cries, afraid to die, Jaime takes her close and reassures her. The roof continues to collapse and they are buried.

Ashes fall on a destroyed Kings Landing. Arya is still alive in the ruins, she sees a white horse, mounts up and gallops away.

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The Iron Throne

- Finale

Tyrion Lannister creeps slowly up the main avenue of Kings Landing, Jon Snow and Ser Davos close behind, swords drawn. Fires, destruction, dead children, ashes fall like snow. The City is in ruins. Jon says to stop, Tyrion stares at what's left of the Red Keep and goes on alone. On the street, Grey Worm is executing Lannister Army survivors. Jon tries to stop him, things get tense, Davos suggests they talk to the Queen, they leave but Grey Worm slits a throat anyway.

Tyrion makes it inside, to the map room then finds the stairs to the lower levels. In the rubble he notices Jaime's gilt hand. He uncover the bricks and finds Jaime and Cersei's lifeless bodies. He weeps and pounds a brick in anguish.

Arya gets to an open square and sees Jon Snow pushing through Dothraki cavalry. The Dothraki and Unsullied are in parade formation in front of a large stairway. Jon begins to ascend, Grey Worm waits above. The dragon passes overhead. Queen Daenerys comes to address her Army. In their language she thanks them for

their service and says they have only just started, more cities need to be liberated. Jon looks on with concern. She names Grey Worm her Master of War, to cheers and pounding pikes.

From below Arya looks on with hate. Tyrion arrives at the staircase podium. Daenerys tells him quietly he committed treason and he resigns as Hand, tossing his badge down the stairs. The troops realize something is up and quiet down. Daenerys orders guards to take Tyrion away. She then looks at Jon but they don't speak to each other, the Queen departs. Suddenly Arya is beside Jon, she warns Jon that he will always be seen as a threat to the Queen with his Targaryen lineage.

Jon goes to see Tyrion in a dungeon. Tyrion is resigned to his fate. As they talk Tyrion tries to get Jon to see Daenerys as he sees her now, in light of Kings Landing and leaves him with the thought that Jon can still do the right thing. Jon remembers an old saying from Maester Aemon "love is the death of duty", Tyrion turns it around, pressing Jon and pointing out even Sansa is at risk.

Jon walks through a storm of ashes, the dragon guards the Throne Hall, sniffs Jon and lets him pass. In the Throne Room the walls have been blasted away but the Iron Throne remains. Daenerys approaches in awe, slowly touching the armrest. Jon approaches, Daenerys recalls her childhood stories of the Throne. Jon raises his voice over the deaths and executions, he asks her to forgive. Unrepentant, she asks him to join her new world order. They hug and kiss, Jon slips a dagger into her chest and lowers her to the floor. She dies.

The dragon realizes something is amiss and flies close-by then lands, it sees Jon holding the lifeless Queen. The dragon roars, nuzzles the dead body, then sends a mighty flame onto the Iron Throne, melting the chair. Jon shields himself from the heat but is not touched. The dragon then takes Daenerys' body and flies off.

Several weeks later Tyrion is taken from his cell. Grey Worm marches him in front of the Lords of Westeros seated under an awning at the Dragon Pit. Grey Worm says Jon is still his prisoner. Sansa and Yara Greyjoy argue, Davos tries to conciliate. Tyrion points out the King of Westeros must decide, they must choose one now. Edmure Tully stands and starts his claim, Sansa puts him down. Samwell Tarly tries to raise democracy, after a pause the others laugh it off. Tyrion then makes a strong case and concludes Brandon Stark should be King. Tyrion also says the next King must not be born but chosen by the Lords to serve the realm. Bran accepts readily as if he had already foreseen. All say 'aye'. Sansa declares independence for the North. All hail "Bran the Broken". Bran then says Tyrion must be his Hand. Grey Worm protests.

Tyrion goes to see Jon in a cell, it has been decided to send him to the Night's Watch, an outpost for the unwanted. Jon can have no wife or lands. This will

appease the Unsullied. Jon is still not sure he did the right thing, Tyrion says to ask again in 10 years.

Jon walks to the harbor, sees an angry Grey Worm and the Unsullied setting sail for Naath. Jon meets Bran, Sansa and Arya to say farewell. Arya says she will be exploring west, with her Needle. Jon kneels before Bran, then boards his launch to take him to the far North.

Brienne has the manuscript for the Kingsguard History. She updates Jaime's section and closes the book, sadly.

Tyrion enters the Council chambers and sits in the Hand chair at the head of the table. He rearranges the other chairs just before his Council enters. Sam brings in a large tome, "A Song of Ice and Fire", the history of Westeros since King Robert. Sam jokes that Tyrion is not mentioned in the book. King Bran arrives, Ser Podrick pushing the wheelchair. Bran notes a Master of Whisperers, Master of Laws, Master of War are still vacant, Tyrion says suitable names will be provided soon for approval. The dragon was last seen in the East, Bran says maybe he can locate him. Bronn, Lord of Highgarden is Master of Coin. Lord Davos is Master of Ships. The Council argue in good nature the priorities facing the Realm.

Tormund watches from a balcony as a morose Jon Snow arrives at Castle Black.

Sansa is prepped for her coronation ceremony. The Lords of the North all hail Queen Of the North.

Arya sails away on a ship, looking forward to her new adventures.

Jon is greeted by the Wildings and reunites with his dire wolf Ghost. Tormund and Jon then lead the Wildings past the Wall, a tuft of grass pokes out from the snow. They disappear into the forest beyond.
