

Characters: Ayran, Birun, Narrator, Guard 1, Guard 2, Dilgun, Mingoos, Cimkha, Shildigook, Kindun, Tomsun, Barsun

HL-I-A-1

Ayran.

Wide shot. Full moon, dark. A small silhouette walking along the road almost coming out of the forest.

Ayran: So... that's what war is

HL-I-A-2A

Ayran.

Zoom in. The man's feet walking forward.

Ayran: I am leaving my country with a heavy load upon me

HL-I-A-2B

Ayran.

The man's profile can be seen. It is full of anguish and fear. His eyes are fixed onto something.

HL-I-A-3

Ayran, Guard 1, Guard 2.

A countryside road goes from a forest towards a river. In the distance, a guard post. Beyond the post, a bridge.

HL-I-A-4A

Ayran.

(from behind) The man crouches at the end of the forest putting down his weight and looks out towards the river.

Ayran: ... A load that will never leave me.

HL-I-A-4B

Ayran, Guard 1, Guard 2.

Zoom in to the post's guards from the man's standpoint.

HL-I-A-5A

Ayran, Guard 1, Guard 2.

The man looks into that direction.

HL-I-A-5B

Ayran.

The man looks into a different direction.

HL-I-A-6

Ayran.

A bit south of the bridge and the post there is a wide tree that stretches onto the strong river, almost reaching the opposite bank.

HL-I-A-7

Ayran.

The man takes up his weight again...

HL-I-A-8

Ayran.

Zoom onto the man and the weight

Ayran: Yet, when it all started everything looked so exciting...

HL-I-A-9

Ayran.

...and goes down the vantage point towards the river crossing. The weight is a dead body.

Ayran: But now HE is dead, and so am I.

HL-I-B-1

Birun, Ayran, Narrator.

Wide shot. Far off Birun and Ayran face to face with sticks.

Narrator: Some time before...

HL-I-B-2

Ayran, Birun.

Zoom in.

Ayran: Birun! Commend your soul to Ashtalan the almighty, cause you're gonna meet her soon!

HL-I-B-3

Ayran.

Ayran, starting the attack.

Ayran: WAAAH!

HL-I-B-4

Ayran, Birun.

Ayran hitting.

Birun: Ayran, you son of a blind raccoon! I'll show you now!

HL-I-B-5

Ayran, Birun.

Birun jumps.

Ayran: ?

Birun: HA!

HL-I-B-6

Ayran, Birun.

Birun hitting back.

HL-I-B-7

Ayran, Birun.

Birun kicks Ayran in face.

HL-I-B-8

Ayran, Birun.

Birun kicks Ayran in stomach.

HL-I-B-9

Ayran, Birun.

Birun tears Ayran down.

HL-I-B-10

Ayran, Birun.

Ayran reacts.

HL-I-B-11A

Ayran, Birun.

Ayran stands up.

HL-I-B-11B

Ayran, Birun.

Ayran overthrows Birun.

HL-I-B-12

Ayran, Birun.

Ayran over Birun.

HL-I-B-13

Ayran, Birun.

Ayran raises fist.

Birun: Hey...

HL-I-B-14A

Ayran.

Ayran's angry face.

HL-I-B-14B

Birun.

Birun's scared face.

HL-I-B-15

Ayran, Birun.

Ayran striking fist.

Ayran: Go to hell!

HL-I-C-1

Dilgun.

A girl's (Dilgun) hands stops Ayran's arm from punching Birun in the face.

Dilgun: Stop it!

HL-I-C-2

Ayran, Dilgun.

Ayran turns his face to Dilgun. Birun looking to her already, his face still scared.

Ayran: What the...

HL-I-C-3

Dilgun, Ayran, Birun.

Birun stands up, his face becoming more relaxed. Ayran looking to Dilgun. Dilgun speaking from outside.

Dilgun: Ayran, for Ashtalan's sake... Are you crazy?

HL-I-C-4

Dilgun.

Dilgun crosses arms, evidently annoyed/upset and raises her chin.

HL-I-C-5A

Dilgun.

Dilgun looks to the sky.

Dilgun: I only have one brother! Dilgun And I need him...

HL-I-C-5B

Dilgun.

Dilgun looks to Ayran and Birun.

Dilgun: to help me keep away the horde of stinky beasts who think I'm gorgeous!

HL-I-C-6A

Ayran, Dilgun.

Ayran faces Dilgun (side shot) and points finger onto her chest.

Ayran: Your brother, whom I thought to be my best friend, just kicked me in the face!

Dilgun: Don't you tell me!

HL-I-C-6B

Ayran, Dilgun.

Ayran lowers his face and turns red.

Ayran: Furthermore, you are not that gorgeous...

HL-I-C-7

Dilgun, Ayran.

Dilgun takes Ayran's chin and lifts his face.

Dilgun: Of course I am, and you know it.

Dilgun: Melukkim girls are just too hot.

HL-I-C-8

Dilgun.

Dilgun keeps on speaking with amused and challenging expression.

Dilgun: Unlike your Silkhan girls, who are no more than whitewashed housepets.

HL-I-C-9A

Dilgun, Ayran.

Dilgun continues to Ayran pushing him back.

Dilgun: ...just like you.

Dilgun: I mean, even my bro was able to beat the crap out of you!

HL-I-C-9B

Birun, Ayran, Dilgun.

Birun and Ayran, Dilgun's head from the back.

Ayran: Hey!

Birun: Hey!

HL-I-C-10A

Birun, Dilgun.

Birun to Dilgun.

Birun: Don't you speak to me like that little sister!

HL-I-C-10B

Birun, Ayrar.

Birun turning to Ayrar.

Birun: And you, filthy beggar... Are you insane?!?

HL-I-C-11

Birun, Ayrar.

Birun facing Ayrar.

Birun: What was on your mind?!?

Birun: You could have killed me!

HL-I-C-12

Ayrar, Birun, Dilgun.

Ayrar to Birun, both angry. Dilgun between them trying to stop them.

Ayrar: What was on my mind???

Ayrar: We were training for the stick fighting ritual, and out of the blue you started kicking me, you b...

Dilgun: Shut up now!

HL-I-C-13

Dilgun, Birun.

Dilgun to Birun. Birun scratches his head.

Dilgun: Birun, it's time to go home. Lunch is ready.

Dilgun: Mum was already screaming at you when I left.

HL-I-C-14

Ayrar, Birun.

Ayrar to Birun. Now smiling and embracing him.

Ayrar: Once again the fates sent your little sister to save you, you screaming piglet!

HL-I-C-15

Birun, Ayrar.

Birun, protesting. Both start walking away.

Birun: Ah, come on! I would certainly have dribbled that girly punch of yours and was ready to hit back.

Ayrar: Yes, yes... sure!

HL-I-C-16

Ayrar, Birun.

Ayrar keeps on walking with Birun, playing with the stick.

Ayrar: But for the stick fight, my foreign friend, you'll just have to...

Ayran: well, stick to... sticks! No kicks!

HL-I-C-17

Ayran, Birun.

Birun and Ayran. Birun makes a helpless face about the joke. Ayran turns serious.

Ayran: Gosthal and his crew are certainly training hard...

Ayran: we cannot allow them to win!

HL-I-C-18

Birun, Ayran, Dilgun.

Birun turning to him. Zoom out also including Dilgun who runs ahead.

Birun: Don't you worry, we'll show them something.

Dilgun: Come on you snails...

Dilgun: If you keep this pace while fighting you'll be screwed!

HL-I-C-19

Ayran, Birun.

Ayran and Birun start walking among the fields. Wide shot.

Ayran: Birun, we really need to stand out during the fighting ritual...

Ayran: It's the only chance we have in the foreseeable future to be noticed by the chief maintainers.

HL-I-C-20

Ayran, Birun.

Closer shot.

Ayran: I don't want to end up as a farmer, like...

Birun: Like your father?

HL-I-C-21

Ayran, Birun.

Ayran turns to Birun.

Ayran: Yes, like the old tyrant.

HL-I-C-22A

Detail of the environment.

HL-I-C-22B

Birun, Ayran.

Birun and Ayran from above.

Birun: Ayran, I might agree that your dad is not very likeable...

HL-I-C-23

Birun, Ayrar.

Birun: ...but he crushes his back all day long to provide food and shelter for you and your sister.

HL-I-C-24

Ayrar, Birun.

Ayrar turns to Birun again.

Ayrar: I don't care.

Ayrar: I'm just looking forward to being declared an adult by the chief maintainers.

HL-I-C-25

Ayrar.

Ayrar looks forward.

Ayrar: Then, I'll leave home and take good care of myself.

Ayrar: I'll become a respected soldier, and a famous chief maintainer.

HL-I-C-26A

Birun.

Birun smiles.

Birun: Hey, it's all about you... and what about me?

HL-I-C-26B

Ayrar.

Ayrar smiles too, proud and mocking.

Ayrar: Oh, you'll become a soldier too, but not as famous and respected as myself!

HL-I-C-27

Birun, Ayrar.

Birun looking at Ayrar, thoughtful and very interested.

Birun: And what will happen of your sister?

HL-I-C-28

Ayrar, Birun.

Ayrar also thoughtful.

Ayrar: Well, I don't know... she'll probably want to stay with dad, that's what she promised our mum.

Ayrar: And he's gonna ruin her life. Unless...

Birun: Unless?

HL-I-C-29

Ayran, Birun.

Ayran embraces Birun. Birun daydreams.

Ayran: ... unless her secret lover takes her far, far away!

Birun: Yes, why not? I'll take her to Melukka, the land of my ancestors.

Birun: There we'll settle and build our home...

HL-I-C-30A

Birun.

Birun wakes up.

Birun: For all snakes! Dilgun is already home!

Birun: My mother will kill me!

HL-I-C-30B

Birun, Ayran.

Birun runs away.

Birun: I'll see you in the afternoon!

Ayran: Run little rabbit!

HL-I-DA-1

Ayran.

Ayran reaches his home, looks at it.

Ayran: There it is...

HL-I-DA-2A

Ayran.

Ayran climbs the stairs.

Ayran: Please...

HL-I-DA-2B

Ayran.

Ayran walks towards the door.

Ayran: ... let him be asleep...

HL-I-DA-3A

Ayran, Mingoer.

Ayran getting in from the outside.

Inside is dark with a man's silhouette holding a bottle.

HL-I-DA-3B

Ayran, Mingoer.

The man speaks. Close up.

Mingoor: Ayran! What the heck, you damn scoundrel...

Mingoor: where have you been all this time?

HL-I-DA-4A

Ayran, Mingoor.

Ayran in the kitchen, behind his father.

HL-I-DA-4B

Ayran, Mingoor.

Ayran in the kitchen, behind his father.

Ayran: I was...

Mingoor: Shut up!

HL-I-DA-5A

Mingoor.

Mingoor: I know where you were...

Mingoor: Always wasting time with the Melukkim!

HL-I-DA-5B

Mingoor.

Mingoor: Human filth they are, frickin' immigrants!!!

HL-I-DA-6

Ayran, Mingoor.

Mingoor stands up. Getting closer to Ayran.

Ayran: Ah, come on dad, they're...

Mingoor: I said SHUT-UP!

HL-I-DA-7

Ayran, Mingoor.

Mingoor standing up, turns head aside but doesn't look to Ayran.

Still raging face and big glass-like eyes.

Mingoor: dammit son, are you blinder than yo' old father?

Mingoor: those people ain't ANYTHING like us!

HL-I-DA-8

Mingoor.

Mingoor getting calmer.

Mingoor: that Birun dude is taking you to the wrong path.

Mingoor: Ayran, they don't share our values...

HL-I-DA-9

Ayran, Mingoer, Cimkha.

Pointing the hand to the back.

Mingoer: Now lend a hand to your sister. I'm hungry.

Mingoer: Now... where is my sweetie?

HL-I-DA-10A

Mingoer.

Going towards the ladder.

Mingoer: Shildigook!

HL-I-DA-10B

Mingoer, Shildigook.

Shildigook runs towards the house.

Shildigook: Wof wof!

HL-I-DA-11A

Mingoer, Shildigook.

Mingoer and Shildigook meet in the courtyard.

HL-I-DA-11B

Mingoer, Shildigook.

Mingoer and Shildigook showing affection.

Mingoer: My beautiful, beautiful one...

Mingoer: Thank God, I have you.

HL-I-DA-12

Mingoer, Shildigook.

Zooming out, air view of the property.

HL-I-DB-1A

Kindun.

Zoom onto Kindun's face.

HL-I-DB-1B

Kindun.

I tell ya guys...

HL-I-DB-2

Birun, Dilgun, Kindun, Tomsun, Barsun.

Overview of Birun's dining room and who is in there.

HL-I-DB-3A

Kindun, Birun, Dilgun.

Kindun: in Melukka, girls and boys your age are already fathers and mothers!

HL-I-DB-3B

Birun, Kindun, Dilgun.

Not wasting the day like you two do!

HL-I-DB-4A

Dilgun, Kindun.

Going towards Kindun, sarcastic.

Dilgun: Hey, if girls and boys in Melukka end up like you, then I'm happy to become an old-maid...

HL-I-DB-4B

Dilgun, Tomsun.

Dilgun's mum (Tomsun) chiming in.

Tomsun: Don't you dare to talk to our guest like that, miss Dilgun!

HL-I-DB-5

Kindun, Tomsun.

Kindun with a gentle smile to Tomsun.

Kindun: Ah, don't you worry Tomsun my dear...

Kindun: She's got some fierce Melukkim temper in her young veins

Kindun: And that's good

HL-I-DB-6

Birun, Dilgun, Kindun.

Kindun back to Birun and Dilgun.

Kindun: I'll tell ya more... not only guys your age are already parents...

Kindun: They are also fearsome warriors!

HL-I-DB-7

Birun, Dilgun.

Birun and Dilgun both excited, Birun also marvelled.

They reply to Kindun.

Dilgun: ahh... this I like more!

Birun: Really? How? And what are they going to fight for?

HL-I-DB-8A

Birun, Dilgun, Kindun.

Kindun to Dilgun and Birun who stare.

Kindun: Well my dears, you have heard about the crisis, haven't you?

HL-I-DB-8B

Kindun, Barsun, Tomsun.

Then to Barsun, Birun's father.

Kindun: Barsun, you have heard about the crisis, haven't you?

HL-I-DB-9

Tomsun, Barsun.

Barsun, who was doing the dishes, turns around.

Barsun: Crisis? What crisis?

HL-I-DB-10

Kindun, Birun.

Kindun very surprised, getting straight from the sofa.

Kindun: Are you telling me that no tidings of the crisis have arrived yet to this corner of Silkha?

Birun: Uncle Kindun, what are you talking about?

HL-I-DB-11A

Kindun.

Kindun: > Kindun: What am I talking about?

HL-I-DB-11B

Kindun.

Kindun: My friends, the allied kingdoms of Vintuka have formally recalled their delegations from all Western regions

Kindun: including Silkhan land

HL-I-DB-12A

Birun, Barsun.

Birun turns to Barsun.

Birun: Dad, what does that mean?

HL-I-DB-12B

Birun, Dilgun.

Dilgun harshly to Birun.

Dilgun: It means war, you idiot!

HL-I-DB-13

Birun, Dilgun, Tomsun.

Tomsun reassuring to Birun, petrifying glaze to Dilgun.

Tomsun: well dear, it's not technically war yet... but it might end up being one.

Tomsun: But Kindun, tell us more... how... and why?

HL-I-DB-14

Kindun.

Kindun narrating, Silkhan resources.

Kindun: oh well, you know, Vintuka has always had a foot in the Western countries

Kindun: especially in Silkhan land, because of the timber, the water supplies, the rice crops and the livestock

HL-I-DB-15

Barsun.

Barsun drying the dishes narrating, image of Vintuka.

Barsun: indeed! population in Vintuka has been growing steadily

Barsun: they've got the knowledge, the machinery and the trading ships...

HL-I-DB-16A

Barsun.

but that's not something you can feed people with!

HL-I-DB-16B

Kindun.

Kindun smoking a pipe.

Kindun: indeed, my friend

Kindun: And Western traders know this all too well

HL-I-DB-17

Kindun.

Images from the Western harbors. Kindun as caption above and below.

Kindun: So, Western traders and port authorities started imposing much heavier tolls on goods

Kindun: As Western harbours represent the only sustainable route for Vintukkans to get what they need from Silkhan land

HL-I-DB-18A

Kindun.

Kindun to the whole family.

Kindun: Problem is, Vintukans are not stupid

HL-I-DB-18B

Kindun.

Kindun: Everybody knows that Silkha, and the whole West, is a free land just because Vintuka allows them to be.

HL-I-DB-19

Kindun.

Kindun: Until now, conquering the West by military force was simply more costly than buying goods from it.

Kindun: But this isn't true anymore, thanks to the greed of Western traders.

HL-I-DB-20

Barsun.

Barsun: that might all be true, but why does Silkha have to pay for the greed of Western traders?

HL-I-DB-21

Barsun.

Barsun: I mean we source the goods that they trade, but the tolls they put on the goods is none of our business...

HL-I-DB-22

Kindun.

Kindun: You know, Vintukans could not care less about whether the tolls increase is the fault of Silkhan producers, or the traders.

Kindun: All they know is that Silkha has got the stuff they need...

HL-I-DB-23A

Kindun.

Kindun: and if Western harbour cities are the bottleneck for them to get these goods...

Kindun: while conquering those harbours they might just as well take over the whole of Silkha.

HL-I-DB-23B

Kindun.

Kindun: Problem solved!

HL-I-DB-24A

Birun, Dilgun, Kindun, Tomsun, Barsun.

Silence. Everyone is petrified.

HL-I-DB-24B

Birun, Dilgun, Kindun, Tomsun, Barsun.

They look at each other.

HL-I-DB-25

Birun, Kindun.

Birun: But uncle Kindun, Melukka is not Vintuka...

Birun: Why are we Melukkans getting ready to fight?

HL-I-DB-26A

Birun, Dilgun.

Dilgun with a hopeless face.

Dilgun: I do have a stupid brother...

HL-I-DB-26B

Dilgun, Birun.

Dilgun to Birun.

Dilgun: Did you ever notice that the Melukkan High Commander has a Vintukan surname???

Dilgun: Who'd you think is ruling the country of our ancestors?

HL-I-DB-27

Dilgun, Barsun.

Barsun: That's quite right ma'm, but talk once more like that to your bro...

Barsun: ...and you can forget about attending this year's stick fight.

HL-I-DB-28

Tomsun, Kindun.

Tomsun to Kindun.

Tomsun: Kindun, you are giving us really bad news.

HL-I-DB-29

Tomsun, Kindun.

Flashback to Tom and Bar moving to Silkha.

Tomsun: When we moved to Silkha from Melukka, we were just looking for peace and prosperity.

HL-I-DB-30

Barsun, Tomsun, Kindun.

Tomsun to Kindun.

Tomsun: It seems that all of that will soon be gone.

Tomsun: If war hits both of our countries, what will we do?

HL-I-DB-31

Barsun, Tomsun.

Barsun to Tomsun.

Barsun: Tomsun, dear, don't be so tragic.

Barsun: Nothing is lost, just yet.

HL-I-DB-32A

Barsun, Tomsun.

Barsun to Tomsun.

Barsun: I'm sure that the chief maintainers will find a deal with Vintuka and prevent a war.

HL-I-DB-32B

Barsun, Tomsun.

Barsun to Tomsun.

Barsun: I hope, at least...

HL-I-DB-33

Birun, Dilgun.

Birun and Dilgun speechless. Zoom out.

HL-I-E

And because of this, their parents wanted them to stop seeing each other

HL-I-F

And because of this, they had a first real fight

HL-I-G

Until finally, they realised how silly it was to fight

HL-I-H

And from that day, their bond grew stronger