

SO, HERE'S THE OVERVIEW. ME, MY WIFE SERKA, AND OUR FOUL-TEMPERED STAGBYHORSE.

WE LIVE A QUIET LIFE, LITTLE GAP. NO MORE ADVENTURES. IT'S IMPORTANT TO SEE THINGS IN THAT CONTEXT.

FOR INSTANCE, THERE'S A NEW MOON IN THE SKY. PLAGUES OF VERMIN, SIGNS AND OMENS. WE COULD GET OUR KNICKERS IN A TWIST ABOUT WHAT IT ALL MEANS.

OR WE CAN WORRY ABOUT CROP PESTS, DOGGY TIDES AND STOCKING UP FOR WINTER.

FOCUS ON THE PRAGMATIC STUFF, YOU KNOW?

SEEK HIM!
IN ALL THE CITIES
OF THE STEPPE--
JOIN HIM!

JOOOOOIIIIINNN
HHHHHHIIIIIIIMMMMM

NOW, IT'S TRUE THAT--FROM TIME TO TIME--SERKA LIKES TO TAKE A DAY OR TWO AWAY FROM THE FARM, TO TEND TO HER SPIRITUAL NEEDS.

THIS IS BY COMMON CONSENT. I DON'T MIND! I'M FINE WITH IT.

HRRR...
WHAT'S ALL THE
COMMOTION...?

JOOOOOIIIIINNN
HHHHHHIIIIIIIMMMMM

ANOTHER POOR
SPRIGGAN, SISTER,
SENT TO DIE DELIVERING A
MESSAGE. WE DON'T KNOW
WHO'S SENDING THEM.
THEY ARE MOST
DISTRACTING.

WOULD YOU
LIKE OUR ASSISTANCE,
CHILD, RE-ENTERING
THE CLEANSING
RAGE?

...NO, HRRR.
NO, IT'S FINE. I
THINK I'M DONE
BERSERKING.



I'M JUST NOT FEELING IT THIS WEEK.

SERKA AND ME--WE'RE SOLID. THAT'S THE POINT.

WHATEVER THIS BROKEN OLD WORLD THROWS AT US, WE'LL HANDLE IT TOGETHER. WE'LL MIDDLE THROUGH.

WE FOCUS ON WHAT WE'VE GOT.



AND WHAT WE WANT.





YES. I AIM TO
MAKE SOME LEAGUES
BEFORE THE DESERT
COOLS. YOU ARE MOST
WELCOME TO SHARE
THE ROAD.

HEH. AIN'T
BEEN ANY O' THEM
FOR A WHILE, SERK. BUT
WE'LL SHARE YOUR
COMPANY, IF YOU'LL
'AVE US.

A DROP OR TWO OF
DISTILLED MAGIC--
THAT'S ALL WE NEED
TO GET HITOMI
BACK ON 'ER
FEET.

I 'EARD
THERE'S STILL AKKER TO
BE FOUND IN THE CITIES
ON THE STEPPE...

HM. NOTHING TO DO WITH
THIS "ONE TRUE KING"
BULL\$%& WE KEEP
HEARING ABOUT?

...

YOU DIDN'T
SEE 'ER FACE
WHEN THAT
SPRIGGAN
WAS TALKIN'.

ALL THEM
PROMISES--THE
PROPHECY
STUFF.

A NEW
WORLD OF
MAGIC.

I AIN'T
SEEN HER SMILE
LIKE THAT IN
MONTHS.

...proclaim
it..

...IT'S ONLY
BULL\$%& WHEN
THE HOPE RUNS
OUT, SERK.

'TIL
THEN IT'S
GOLD.