





LATER THAT EVENING.

COME ON KEYSA, YOU HAVE TO TRY AND DRINK A LITTLE MORE.

HALEY, YOU SHOULD CHECK ON OH...

...I THINK SHE'S SLIPPING.

OH? WAKE UP, OH. YOU HAVE TO WAKE UP.

MEO? WHERE'S MEO?

MEO IS HERE, HE'S SAFE. DO YOU WANT US TO GET HIM?

HE'S NOT ALONE, OH. HE HAS YOU AND PASHA, AND ALL OF US.

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I DON'T WANT HIM TO BE ALONE, HE DOESN'T LIKE... TO... BE... ALONE.

SHE STOPPED SHAKING, I THINK SHE IS ASLEEP NOW...



OTHER
OPTIONS
SUCH AS?

AND ABOUT OUR
FUTURE. AFTER
FURTHER THOUGHT,
MAYBE WE SHOULD
CONSIDER OTHER
OPTIONS BEFORE
MOVING.

MAYBE
WE SHOULD
TALK WITH
THE MAW.



IT CAN'T HURT
TO APPROACH
THEM IN PEACE.
THEY MAY BE
IN NEED AS WELL.
I PROPOSE A TRADE
ARRANGEMENT.



I'M SURE YOU DO,
ELL. YOU ALWAYS
LIKED THE IDEA
OF COWERING
TO THE MAW.

THEY HAVE A LOT
MORE RESOURCES
THAN WE HAVE.
I THINK THAT'S
WORTH TRYING.



I NEVER
COWER
TO ANYONE,
SQUIRREL.

THAT'S
QUITE
ENOUGH,
BOYS.



WE LIVE
BY THE
CODE OF
WILL.


A CODE THAT
VALUES PEACE,
AND TOLERANCE
OF OTHERS.
PERHAPS IT IS
TIME TO MAKE
A GESTURE
OF FRIENDSHIP
TO THE MAW.



JACKO,
WHAT DO
YOU THINK
OF THIS
SHIT?


I AM AFRAID
OF TRAVELING
TEN DAYS,
THROUGH AN
UNKNOWN LAND,
WITH A TRIBE
THAT'S WINTER
SICK. I'M NOT
AFRAID OF
THE MAW.

YOU
SHOULD
BE.




NOW GIVE YOUR COMPANIONS A PROPER BURIAL AND GET BACK TO YOUR PATROLS.

YES, REDCOAT.




JUST A LITTLE UNUSUAL... THAT THEY WOULD AMBUSH US.

I'M SURE THEY PROVOKED THE TIN KIN. I KNOW A LIE WHEN I HEAR IT.




IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW. WE WERE GOING TO HAVE TO ELIMINATE THE TIN KIN EITHER WAY. BUT IT MAY BE SOONER THAN I INTENDED.



MY SOURCE WITHIN THE TIN KIN SAID THEY ARE IN A DESPERATE SITUATION. THE WINTER SICKNESS HAS TAKEN MANY OF THEIR TRIBE. WE COULD INVADE NOW WHILE THEY ARE WEAK.

NO NEED FOR THAT. AS THEY HAVE DONE BEFORE, THE TIN KIN WILL COME TO US.



AND AGAIN, THEIR VISIT WILL END IN BLOOD.



RAARRH!



QUAA--!

SQUAK--!



GURGGGHH



GRAAW!





MEANWHILE, AT THE TIN KIN COMPOUND.

HAVE SCOUTS RETURNED WITH WORD OF RUSTLE OR SPIN?



THE LAST PATROL OF LAND SCOUTS RETURNED. THEY DIDN'T FIND THEM. I'M SORRY, JOBE.



I HOPE RUSTLE DIDN'T GET SPIN INTO SOME KIND OF TROUBLE.

WE WILL HAVE TO RELY ON THE AIR SCOUTS. I DON'T WANT ANY MORE LAND PATROLS LEAVING WHILE THE SHELTER IS LOCKED.

YOU THINK THEY CHOSE TO LEAVE THE SHELTER?



RUSTLE HAS A FIERCE FIGHTER'S INSTINCT. I THINK IT'S UNLIKELY HE WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY FORCE. HE MAY HAVE ABANDONED THE TIN KIN.



AND SPIN WENT WITH HIM? SPIN DOESN'T STRIKE ME AS A TRAITOR.



RUSTLE IS SMART AND HAS A WAY WITH HIS FELLOW WARRIORS. IT'S HIS TEMPER AND LACK OF RESPECT FOR THE COUNCIL THAT HELD HIM BACK.



WHAT HE DID FOR THE TIN KIN WAS BRAVE, BUT MAYBE A TRAITOR WILL ALWAYS BE A TRAITOR.

