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EXT. CASTLE BLACK. COURTYARD - NIGHT - FLASHBACK

...There is Olly’s face. Standing directly in front of us, his gaze fixed. Pale. Lifeless. Cold. The hanging noose around his neck. Dead, yet... Not dead, almost in a WHITE WALKER form. He holds a bloody dagger firm.

OLLY
For the Watch.

He STABS at us.

Ser Alliser appearing from behind Olly, towering. He is in the same deathly state with a hanging noose also around his neck. He takes the dagger from Olly’s hand THEN grabbing Olly’s head from behind pulling it back-

SER ALLISER
For the Watch.

Ser Alliser takes the dagger and slices at Olly’s exposed neck.

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. WINTERFELL. JON’S ROOM - EARLY MORNING

A howling GASP is let out as Jon jolts up from his sleep. Hand to his chest forcing himself to deeply inhale and exhale... Inhale, exhale... Inhale and Exhale... Every breath is cherished as he calms. Only a dream.

MOMENTS LATER

Jon now in his clothes grabs his sword then puts on his wolf’s mane cloak.

EXT. WINTERFELL. CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

Winter is here as the snow lightly films the stone walls. Jon takes this in.

INT. WINTERFELL. SANSAS’ BEDCHAMBER - CONTINUOUS

Sansa lays in bed her hair in disarray, her expression solum and her thoughts astray as she gazes into a fire across the room.
EXT. WINTERFELL. OUTSIDE SANSA’S BEDCHAMBER - CONTINUOUS

Jon arrives at a shut door being guarded by Brienne. Jon gives a warm glance. Sleepless bags under her eyes...

JON
Has she been out?

BRIENNE
Not in nearly a week.

JON
Have you gotten any sleep since you’ve been back?

BRIENNE
No M’Lord.

JON
We could be here for some time.

BRIENNE
Time is not what concerns me.

Jon gives an understanding nod.

JON
She is safe here.

Jon notices a slight sway of fatigue in Brienne. Two WILDLING MALES walk past them giving nods of respect as they do. Brienne looks on with suspicious eyes. Jon catches this.

JON (CONT’D)
I have fought and bled with them.

BRIENNE
You have, I haven’t.

JON
Were it not for them, I wouldn’t be here.

BRIENNE
You’ll forgive me but I swore an oath to your mother.

JON
An oath that you’ve since fulfilled. No one within these walls holds you lesser than any man. The great war is upon us and we will need our best at full strength.

(MORE)
Sometimes we must first serve ourselves to best serve others.

Brienne nods.

When she is able I'd like a word, please.

Brienne again nods.

INT. GREAT HALL OF WINTERFELL - MORNING

Jon, Ser Davos, Tormund and Lord Baelish stand around the large rectangular table that has a map of the SEVEN KINGDOMS at it’s center.

SER DAVOS
(To Jon)
Lady Stark?

Jon nods “no”.

SER DAVOS (CONT’D)
So you have all the lords of the north, the Knights and Lords of the Vale and now Winterfell. What’s our plan?

JON
For now we remain here.

SER DAVOS
I agree. But what’s our plan.

Jon thinking.

SER DAVOS (CONT’D)
Winter is here Jon and there aren’t just soldiers livin’ behind these walls like at Castle Black. There’s women and children.

Jon takes this in. Lord Baelish steps closer to the table.

LORD BAELISH
Lord Snow, if I may? If this impending war you speak of is to come to fruition, perhaps it best that we send word to King’s Landing.

(Off Jon’s expression)
(MORE)
Uniting the seven kingdom’s is paramount if our enemy beyond the wall possess the kind of strength you claim.

TORMUND
They do.

Tormund stares at Lord Baelish with those ever knowing eyes of his. Baelish swallows.

SER DAVOS
Regardless, food and water should be our immediate priority.

LORD BAELISH
Agreed Ser Davos. I also believe that any tactical strategies decided, should not be put into motion without Lady Sansa’s consideration. She after all is a true Stark, Yr’grace.

Ser Davos shoots a hard gaze at Lord Baelish while Tormund takes a step towards him. The air is tense.

TORMUND
Fuck your titles and namesakes. The men will fight for Snow.

LORD BAELISH
I understand, but will all of Westeros?

TORMUND
When they see what we’ve seen.

LORD BAELISH
By then it will be too late.

SER DAVOS
I’ve witnessed how posh bureaucrats like those in King’s Landing play with their fancy words while the world around it goes to shit.

LORD BAELISH
I’m aware patience is not the warrior’s way but the North’s alliance with the south must be mended. I fear the remaining kingdoms will find it difficult to follow a bastard.
TORMUND
(To Baelish)
Perhaps then you should be the messenger.

JON
(Defusing)
Lord Baelish is right. I will console my sister then we will send word south.
(to Ser Davos)
In the mean time we’ll gather what food and supplies we can.
(Beat)
Once the white walkers breach the wall, nothing else will matter.

EXT. WINTERFELL. CORRIDOR – MOMENTS LATER

The meeting has concluded and Jon has just exited to the corridor accompanied by Tormund who stops Jon for a quiet word.

TORMUND
I don’t like him.

JON
Who?

TORMUND
The little one.

JON
Well you’ve never liked me much either.

TORMUND
Only when you were a crow. But I trust you.

JON
My sister trusts him.

TORMUND
Do you trust her?

Silence. Jon ponders this.

JON
Doesn’t matter, the words Lord Baelish speak are true.
TORMUND
You remember your trust got you killed once Snow. Don’t make it a habit, especially now that you’ve cast off the red witch.

Jon again thinks on this, he’s got a point.

JON
In order for us to have a chance, I don’t think we have a choice.

INT. RED KEEP. ROYAL BEDCHAMBER - DAY

With his one good hand, Jamie caresses the GOLDEN CROWN previously worn by Tommen and Joffrey. He gazes out the window staring into the distance where the Great Sept of Baelor once stood, his thoughts conflicted. The door opening jars his attention. He turns to see Cersei, dressed in black, crown on her head. A proud achievement.

Noticing him, she walks across the room to a table and pours herself a cup of wine.

CERSEI
Are you going to continue scolding me or do you plan to speak?

Jamie
You really are proud of yourself.

She drinks.

JAMIE (CONT’D)
Have you no shame for anything?
(Off Cersei’s silence)
Do you even mourn?

CERSEI
He was my son, of course I mourn him as I’ve mourned all my children.
(Beat)
Have you?

JAMIE
Have I?

Jamie approaches her. He places the crown in front of her.

JAMIE (CONT’D)
Joffrey... Myrcella... Tommen...
They were my children as well.
(MORE)
You have seemingly forgotten that in your conquest.

Cersei gives him a look.

CERSEI
(Confused)
You blame me?

JAMIE
No. I blame myself for continuing to love you, no matter the cost.

Silence.

JAMIE (CONT’D)
This was always going to be the outcome, wasn’t it?

CERSEI
This is not what I wanted.

JAMIE
This is exactly what you wanted.

Cersei gives Jamie a menacing stare.

CERSEI
Get out.

Jamie heads towards the exit and stops.

JAMIE
You destroy the Sept and bury the ashes of our son at its foundation.
(Beat)
He was a king and he deserved more than that.

Jamie exits TO-

INT. RED KEEP. HALL - CONTINUOUS

The hall where Cersei’s ever present subordinates, Qyburn and Ser Gregor await. Jaime stops and gives them a look.

QYBURN
Condolence’s on your loss Ser Jamie.

Jamie ignores this and walks away.
INT. RED KEEP. ROYAL BEDCHAMBER - CONTINUOUS

Qyburn enters the room.

QYBURN
My Queen.

Cersei gives him a tight smile.

CERSEI
I have something for you.

Qyburn approaches.

CERSEI (CONT’D)
Your position has not yet been made official.

Cersei pulls out the familiar pin and places it above his heart.

CERSEI (CONT’D)
Words cannot express the meaning of your loyal council.
(Beat)
Qyburn, I name you hand of the Queen.

QYBURN
(Bows)
I am honored yr’grace.
(Beat)
On another note, my birds have been whispering much of late and they inform me that Lady Olenna has aligned with the Sand Snakes of Dorne.

CERSEI
Two broken houses, one led by a fossil and the other is nothing more a tribe of neanderthals.
(Beat)
Let them come.

CERSEI (CONT’D)
I will allow for you to also continue with experiments down in your chamber. You will be granted whatever resources you need.

Qyburn nods and exits. Cersei stands contemplative.
EXT. RED KEEP - DAY

Jamie stands overlooking the ledge out to Kings Landing when Bronn approaches.

JAMIE
Do you know what my father used to tell me?

BRONN
Let me guess.
(Mimicking Tywin)
You have nothing to worry about son, your rich.

JAMIE
Besides that...
(Serious)
He’d say that one day he’d be dead, his children, his grand children, all of us would eventually die. The only thing that will live on is the Lannister name. Every action must be made to ensure the perseverance of that. That’s all that matters.

BRONN
I hate to ruin this tender affair, but that’s a bunch of fat shit.

JAMIE
You really do know how to pick your moments.

BRONN
A rich man has the luxury to think like that. A poor man is born knowing his only guarantee is death. Really, none of it matters in the end.

JAMIE
Then why care to obtain titles and lands? Why even bother to fight for others.

BRONN
Because “others” pay.

JAMIE
No, it’s more than that.
BRONN
You’re right, the food taste better, the pussy smells better, life is just better.

JAMIE
There’s something deeper.

BRONN
It’s actually quite simple, I fight for gold.

JAMIE
You fight for me.

BRONN
You pay.

JAMIE
You’re a sell-sword and yet you fight only for me, the King slayer.

BRONN
You forget, I’m a knight now. I’ve got honor. And what can I say, you’ve paid the best.

JAMIE
I know you’re aware that my sister could of paid just as equally, perhaps even more for your services.

Silence. Jamie and Bronn give each other a look.

BRONN
The truth is, you attract prettier women.

JAMIE
You are impossible.

EXT. NARROW SEA - NIGHT

Daenerys’ fleet of ships calmly tread over the waters of the Narrow Sea.

INT. SHIP. TYRION’S QUARTERS - NIGHT

BOOM! A loud thump or crash? Wakes Tyrion from his sleep. He rises from his bed.
EXT. DAENERYS’ SHIP. DECK - CONTINUOUS

Tyrion steps on to the deck. Everything is quiet apart from the sounds of the sea UNTIL... HEAVY BREATHING grabs his attention. He turns to SEE-

Daenerys seated in front of Drogon(Her Dragon). The large beast has landed on the ship and has curled around Daenerys. Drogon gives a deep growl but remains still.

Tyrion slowly approaches...

TYRION

My queen.

Daenerys turns to Tyrion.

TYRION (CONT’D)

I thought we were possibly being attacked. I was relieved to see it was only a dragon.

(edges closer)

Only a dragon.

Daenerys takes this in as she gazes on Drogon.

TYRION (CONT’D)

I suspect that will be somewhat of a surprise in King’s Landing. Just as much of a surprise as seeing a Targaryen in the flesh.

DAENERYS

Yes I suppose it will... You know I’ve heard stories of only the Iron Throne, The Great Sept of Baelor, the Red Keep... But never of the city itself. Never of it’s people.

Tyrion hangs his eyes.

TYRION

Greed, deceit, violence, sex and the causation for what has driven men to war in both Westeros and Essos for over thousands of years.

(Beat)

It is my home. Though I doubt I will be welcomed back with open arms.

DAENERYS

Luckily as my hand, you won’t have to be welcomed back.
Tyrion smiles.

TYRION
It warms my heart to hear those words. But I’m afraid the situation is far more delicate than one may perceive. The Queen Regent, my sister believes me to be the murderer of her eldest Son.
(Beat)
As you certainly know, King’s Landing is not Slaver’s Bay. It is not Qarth or Meereen.

DAENERYS
Yes, it appears it is just another corrupt city-

TYRION
It *is* King’s Landing... It wields together the Seven Kingdoms, it is the pinnacle of achievement for any ruler. And no matter how fierce your army nor how powerful your might. It is all for not unless the conclusion ends atop the Iron Throne.

DAENERYS
A city that unites and yet it stands divided.

TYRION
A direct result of it’s ever changing power.

DAENERYS
I’d like to believe that good power sustains.

TYRION
If the world were perfect my queen.

Daenerys eyes drift. Tyrion notices.

TYRION (CONT’D)
Which is why we sail for Dragonstone. It’s seat is vacant and it’s walls will keep us safe. There we can secure our numbers and our strategy for obtaining the Iron Throne.
DAENERYS
And Dragonstone is an ancient castle?

TYRION
Of the most ancient. Older than king’s Landing itself. Also it is a wonderful place for keeping dragons.

Daenerys traces the large scales of Drogon.

DAENERYS
I want the people to know... I am not my father.

TYRION
No my Queen, you undoubtedly are not.

DAENERYS
But I also want them to know that my rule will be firm.

TYRION
Well as long as you aren’t burning men in the streets with wildfire...

Silence. Tyrion notices his joke falls flat.

TYRION (CONT’D)
I have seen with my own eyes enough to realize that though you have the Mad King’s name, you do not share his temperament.

EXT. KING’S ROAD - DAY

As the snow falls lightly through a dense fog, a horse mounted by a figure meanders along the road. As the horse nears details of it’s rider become clearer. Red garments notify us that this is Melisandre; both she and the horse are exhausted and withered.

They approach a tree....

As she dismounts, nearly toppling over. She sits against the tree; Her breath weak with both her hair and faith now mangled. She fades...
A pair of boots approach her as she sleeps. Melisandre slowly wakes and notices the pair of boots belong to a WOMAN (30s). The Woman helps Melisandre to her feet.

FADE TO:

INT. COTTAGE - NIGHT

Melisandre lays in a bed, covered with blankets, next to a fire. She rises up slowly gaining her bearings, looking around at a quaint cottage. The Woman brings her a bowl of soup.

WOMAN
How are you feeling? You were pretty knackered.

MELISANDRE
Where am I?

WOMAN
My family’s cottage. Just outside the Barrowlands. I fed your horse as well. I hope you didn’t mind.

Melisandre looks around, taking in her surroundings then back to the Woman.

WOMAN (CONT’D)
How’s the porridge? I’m not much of a cook. That was more my mother’s arena.

Melisandre holds an uncertain gaze at the woman.

MELISANDRE
You seem familiar. Is this our first encounter?

WOMAN
I can’t say. I’ve never traveled much.

Melisandre takes this in.

MELISANDRE
Well, I thank you.

The woman smiles.
WOMAN
The winter has come. You are
welcome to stay. Unless you are in
a hurry...

MELISANDRE
No...

WOMAN
It’s good to have some company.

EXT. WINTERFELL. CLEARING - DAY

With a couple of horse drawn carts being followed by several
able men, they walk along looking to be gathering supplies. Jon and Ser Davos walk among them as well.

SER DAVOS
Most of the grain on this land is
frozen over. We might be able to
salvage some of it but not likely.
Over a thousand bodies at five
pounds of food a day and another 20
for livestock. Rations will be
thin.

As they continue on Ser Davos notices Jon looking off into
the distance.

SER DAVOS (CONT’D)
Lord Snow?

Jon walks off.

SER DAVOS (CONT’D)
Jon?

Ser Davos follows him.

EXT. WINTERFELL. GODSWOOD - MOMENTS LATER

Jon has come to one of the most old and sacred grounds in
Winterfell. The rich humus covered by fresh snow with it’s
pond frozen over. Jon walks over to the weirwood tree and
places his hand against it’s trunk; tracing along it’s ridges
and groves Jon reminisces.

JON
Growing up I wasn’t allowed here. I
visited only twice. Once with my
father and once after he was
killed.

(MORE)
This was where he’d come to think over his troubles. Where he’d pray.

Ser Davos looks around, taking it in.

SER DAVOS
It’s quite lovely.

JON
He’d always say this place brought him peace.

SER DAVOS
And what about you Lord Snow? Does it bring you peace?

JON
(Shaking his head)
I’m having dreams. Dreams about the dead.

SER DAVOS
Do they keep you up?

Jon nods.

SER DAVOS (CONT’D)
Takin’ a life is never easy. Takin’ a life of someone you care about—It’s torture.

JON
I keep seeing Olly’s face just...
Looking at me.

SER DAVOS
The watch held no pity, held no exceptions. The boy knew that and made his decision. You can’t blame yourself for his consequences.

Jon nods. Ser Davos holds a stare at Jon noticing something else is bothering him.

SER DAVOS (CONT’D)
But it’s not just that, is it?

JON
Davos... The war is coming. How are we to defeat the enemy when we may not survive the winter?

Ser Davos approaches Jon.
SER DAVOS
You know, we keep tellin’ ourselves that the war is yet to come. Perhaps we should be askin’ ourselves if in fact the war is not already here.

(Off Jon’s look)
And if it is, then Yr’Grace, people are gonna die that’s just the fact of it. The hard part is makin’ sure those people didn’t just die for nothin’.

JON
I’ve seen the enemy on the battlefield. We don’t have enough men as it is.

SER DAVOS
I don’t believe in much these days, never really did to be honest. My experiences have taught me not put my trust in the unknown. But you were dead. Cold as the ground we step on, yet here you stand. I refuse to think that whatever God’s are out there would have afforded you a second life if not for a purpose.

(Off Jon’s unsure look)
We do what we can, and hope it’s for the better.

Jon settles on this.

SER DAVOS (CONT’D)
We should be gettin’ back.

Jon nods.

EXT. FLEA BOTTOM – DAY

Jamie and Bronn make their way through the slums of the city. Passing it’s locals who look to them with a hardened curiosity. Bronn has his hand on his sword, his eyes on guard.

BRONN
Remind me again where we’re going?

JAMIE
To think.
As they walk, several aggressive eyes lock on to them.

BRONN
It’d be a shame to have survived Dorne only to be killed in flea bottom. I’m still owed a castle and a highborn beauty from you.

JAMIE
Well I guess you’ll have to really earn your keep now won’t you.

They continue on further into Flea Bottom. An ANGRY LOCAL (40’s) Tall and burly, watches them from a distance as they do.

INT. GIN ALLEY ALEHOUSE - DAY

Jamie and Bronn sit at a small table drinking ale from horn mugs in the corner of the establishment. Jamie’s sheathed sword is next to him resting against the table. Eyes from patrons drift back and forth whispering to each other as they do.

BRONN
If I were a betting man, I’d say that you’ve gone mad.

JAMIE
Can I ask you something?

BRONN
Depends if you’re expecting an answer.

JAMIE
Do you regret anything that you’ve done? A crime you’ve committed? A vow you’ve broken? A person you’ve killed?

Bronn continues to scan his surroundings.

BRONN
I’m starting to.

JAMIE
There was a time where I knew exactly where I was supposed to be at all times-- Where I stood in the world. I was certain that every action taken was for a greater purpose; (MORE)
The Angry Local enters, accompanied by several ACCOMPLICES who take seats in several corners. Bronn notices.

BRONN
I don’t think we’re well liked around here.

Jamie’s attention is in his horn mug.

JAMIE
I was always judged. The lion is always judged. But he knows his purpose. He remains steadfast on his duty regardless of opinions of the heard.

More men enter the building. Bronn’s grip tightens around his sword.

BRONN
(re: Jamie’s horn mug)
You gonna fuck it too? Or do you plan on finishing it anytime soon?

JAMIE
Because what does the herd know? They know only what the lion allows.

The Angry Local approaches Jamie with a full mug in hand.

BRONN
(re: Angry Local)
I think you’re standing a little too close for my comfort friend.

ANGRY LOCAL
I think I’m right were I’m supposed to be.

JAMIE
But if the lion is betrayed by his own, what then? What is left in this world?

Silence. Bronn shoots him a look.

JAMIE (CONT’D)
Chaos...
ANGRY LOCAL
Chaos is what your family has caused and chaos is what you’ll reap, King Slayer.

The Angry Local pours his drink in Jamie’s lap. Jamie stands and is face to face with the man.

JAMIE
What do you know of it? Tell me, what do you know of what I will reap? While you rape, pillage, murder-- Steal for selfish gain? You dare condemn a knight of the King’s guard for his actions in protecting the realm he swore to serve. Even when he knew that servitude would sentence and degrade him to a life of banishment, mockery-- humiliation? Tell me, what do you know of that kind of duty?

Silence. The atmosphere is tense.

ANGRY LOCAL
I know you don’t stab a man in his back. I know if you want to kill a man. You look him in his eyes.

JAMIE
Like you’re doing now?

ANGRY LOCAL
Aye, exactly.

JAMIE
Well allow me to applaud you for being so honorable.

ANGRY LOCAL
Oh, there’s nothin’ honorable about what I’m gonna do to you.

Jamie smiles but holds his gaze fixed with the Angry Local.

ANGRY LOCAL (CONT’D)
And what I’ve got planned for that cunt sister of yours... Well, I suspect the Mad King will be smilin’ in his grave once I’m done.

Jamie’s smile quickly diminishes. Bronn rises from his seat and draws his sword.
BRONN
I’m afraid I can’t let you do that.

ANGRY LOCAL
And whose gonna stop me?

BRONN
I am-- Well I’m not gonna stop you, I’m gonna kill you.

ANGRY LOCAL
Is that right? And what’s it to you?

BRONN
Well it’s my keep and as of right now I’m under his employ. To which, I might add, is a very stable employ. If I allow for you to kill him. Well then you’d be directly to blame for ruining my comfortable livelihood. Then I’d have to kill you for the inconvenience. So either way I’d have to kill you.

ANGRY LOCAL
(Laughs)
You’re outnumbered.

BRONN
What? With just these few simpletons you brought here with you?
(Off the Angry Local’s look)
No, you’d need a bit more than that my friend.

A long silence. The Angry Local looks back at Jamie whose stare has not wavered UNTIL-

Bronn KICKS hard at the table crashing into Jamie Toppling him into the Angry Local causing them to both fall to the ground. Jamie’s sword falls next to him. He grabs and unsheathes it. He STRIKES at the Angry Local who has his sword drawn as well. They CLASH.

Bronn jumps over the table as the 5 Accomplices converge on him from all angles, he now has his sword and large dagger drawn. He makes contact with the first two Accomplices and after several swings he as easily bested them.
Jamie and the Angry Local scrape back and forth until they become tangled with their small daggers at each other’s throats. FACE to FACE. Daggers inches away from each other’s jugulars. a tug-of-war of strength as each nearly gets the better.

Bronn is being attacked by all three accomplices. They are giving it their all as Bronn’s clear class and experience is showing with his efficient defending. The three men hack away until Bronn manages to tangle two of swordsmen together with his sword, with all three facing each other in a circular fashion. The third swordsman attempts to take advantage only to be KICKED down to the floor. Bronn then PUSHES the circle of men towards a table, pinning one against it in the process; Bronn PUSHES and PUSHES until his sword is piercing the pinned accomplice’s chest.

As Jamie and the Angry Local are in a stalemate of strength and stamina, knives still deadlocked at each other’s throats. The fallen Accomplice picks up his sword gaining his bearings. Jamie notices then with his is golden plated hand he HURLS it at the fallen Accomplices head knocking him out--This causes the Angry Local to gain the advantage turning Jamie on his back.

Bronn is going back and forth with the two remaining accomplices until fatigue has left one man’s defenses weak, to which allows for Bronn to pierce the man’s gut. He quickly shifts his focus to the last Accomplice who is now trembling and shaking at the realization of his situation.

"BRONN (CONT’D)

(Winded)
You will fight bravely and you will
die quickly."

Bronn walks towards him grabbing his sword out of the Pinned Accomplices gut as he does. The last Accomplice drops his sword and runs out of the Alehouse.

Jamie is still tussling with the Angry Local when Bronn forces his sword under the man’s throat and his dagger behind his neck.

"BRONN (CONT’D)
Told you I’d kill you."

"ANGRY LOCAL
No."

Bronn quickly PULLS both blades in opposite directions spewing blood and decapitating the Angry Local’s head. Jamie lays out of breath but grateful. Bronn sheathes his weapons and extends his hand.
BRONN
Did you get that out of your system?

Jamie accepts Bronn’s hand. Bronn Lifts him up and notices Bronn’s disapproving look.

JAMIE
(Realizing)
Apologies...

BRONN
It’s now two highborn beauties.

INT. WINTERFELL. SANSA’S BEDCHAMBER - DAY

Sansa stands in front of a mirror. She is covered in her wolf’s mane cloak. Her long red hair is now combed straight and her tears dried. She stares at herself in the mirror and takes a breath.

EXT. WINTERFELL. OUTSIDE SANSA’S BEDCHAMBER - CONTINUOUS

Brienne is standing as firm as her body will allow when Sansa suddenly appears from her bedroom. Both are surprised to see the other.

BRIENNE
Lady Stark.

SANSA
(Finding her words)
I wish to go for a walk.

BRIENNE
Certainly-

SANSA
Alone.

Awkward pause.

SANSA (CONT’D)
When I was a girl here, there was always a shadow looming over me, watching me. It was suffocating.

BRIENNE
As you wish M’Lady.

Sansa notices Brienne’s tiresome state.
SANSA
Are you alright?

BRIENNE
Certainly M’Lady.

Sansa is not sure if she believes this but she carries on.

BRIENNE (CONT’D)
M’Lady...
(Sansa turns)
Lord Snow wishes to speak to you.

Sansa takes this in and walks away.

EXT. WINTERFELL GATES - DAY

Sansa is perched up high along one of the corridors, looking down at-

The scavenging group as they through the large gates. Jon is among them along with Ser Davos and Tormund. Jon looks up to catch Sansa’s gaze. Even though he is happy to see her, both seem to have matching gloomy expressions.

EXT. WINTERFELL GATES. CORRIDOR - MOMENTS LATER

Jon approaches Sansa who is still looking down at the gates.

JON
It’s good to see you up. You alright?

SANSA
I’m fine. I was just tired.

Jon walks up to her, he looks down at the gates.

JON
The food is going quickly. The few crops we did manage to gather are beyond saving from the cold.

Silence. Sansa continues to look out at the gates.

JON (CONT’D)
(Beat)
We need to send word south. I know how you feel about it but this is what has to be.

Sansa looks at him.
SANSA
Are you talking about King’s Landing?

JON
You know what I’m talking about Sansa. If by some miracle we manage to survive this winter we’ll need to bridge whatever differences we have to stand a chance.

SANSA
So you want to form an alliance with the Lannister’s?

JON
I want us to form alliances with all the houses of the south. That includes House Lannister

SANSA
After what they did to our family?

Jon thinks for a second.

JON
Yes.

Sansa looks back out at the gates.

JON (CONT’D)
I know how difficult this is for you as it is for me. You have to understand that if we don’t build our forces... We’ll all die.

SANSA
I watched those monsters butcher my father, tear apart this family, force me into a marriage to carry their seed and you stand there proudly asking me to forgive them?

JON
I’m not asking you to forgive or forget. I’m asking you to be strong for a greater purpose.

Long silence. Sansa continues to hold a stare at the wall.

SANSA
You have my answer.

She walks off.
AROUND THE CORNER

Baelish stands with a thin smile after overhearing the conversation.

INT. OUTSIDE DUNGEON - DAY

Cersei stands with a guard who opens the door to a cell-

INT. DUNGEON - CONTINUOUS

Cersei enters and the guard closes the door behind her. She finds Unella (The Nun) seated in a corner; bruises and dried blood on her face with her clothes dirty, tattered and torn. Unella stands as Cersei approaches her. Unella holds a piercing gaze at Cersei who reciprocates with a condescending smile.

CERSEI
You look well, all things considered... How is Ser Gregor treating you? Contrary to what you might think, he's enjoyed his frequent visits with you. I presume sometimes he could be quite rough... But I think we both can agree sometimes that is more... Satisfying.

Unella's expression has not wavered. Cersei reaches out to fix a strand of hair coming from Unella's veil. Unella quickly retracts in a "don't touch me manner". Cersei decides to fix it anyway.

CERSEI (CONT'D)
As fate would have it, I have come here in search of your council. I believe you are the only one who can relate to my current quandary.

Unella is confused by this.

CERSEI (CONT'D)
Say I forgave all that you have done to me. All the berating, the thrashing, the embarrassment... the shaming. If I were to forgive all of it and allow for you to walk free. What would you do? Would you go on continue living your life as the monastic nun?

(MORE)
CERSEI (CONT’D)
Would you search for a simpler life
on a hillside in some far off
country? Or would you seek
vengeance on those who wronged you?
Those who wronged the people you
love?

As Cersei gazes on the beaten down woman. The rage in her
eyes is unmistakable.

UNELLA
I would pray for the God’s to have
mercy on your tainted soul.

CERSEI
Yes, I’m sure you would.
(Beat)
Faith is a funny thing. You Septons
spent all your time trying to
convince others of your Gods. Now
it seems it is you, who is in need
convincing... Thank you.

Cersei walks over to the door and knocks for the Guard to
open.

INT. COTTAGE - DAY

Melisandre drinks from a cup staring out the window watching
the Woman gather fire wood. For the first time she seems
calm. She drifts her attention to the fireplace. The flame
catches her attention. STARING... STARING... STARING UNTIL-

The Woman enters the house.

WOMAN
Oh, you’re up. That’s good.
Apologies, we’re having more of the
same to eat. It’s about all I can
make that’s bearable.

MELISANDRE
I saw you wielding the axe. You’re
quite handy.

WOMAN
Yeah, my father taught me.

MELISANDRE
You’ve spoken a great deal about
you’re parents. What did you say
happened to them.
WOMAN
I didn’t say...

Awkward silence.

MELISANDRE
Apologies.

WOMAN
They died some time ago.

The woman goes over to the kitchen-like area and stirs a large pot of food. Melisandre looks over in a far corner to notice a blanket covering what appears to be something shiny. She slowly goes to investigate.

MELISANDRE
How did this come to be? If you don’t mind me asking?

The Woman takes a beat from stirring.

WOMAN
They were killed.

Melisandre is now by the blanket.

MELISANDRE
So you are alone?

WOMAN
Yes, unfortunately.

Just as Melisandre is about to unveil the blanket, the woman turns and approaches her with a bowl of soup. She hands it to Melisandre. As she does, she stops and catches Melisandre peeking at the blanket.

WOMAN (CONT’D)
Careful, it’s hot.

Melisandre looks closer at the girl’s eyes as she accepts the bowl. Her eyes go back to the fire... STARING...

MELISANDRE
(To herself)
In that darkness, eyes staring back at me. Brown eyes, blue eyes, green eyes...

WOMAN
I see a darkness in you. Those eyes you’ll shut forever.
As Melisandre turns back to the Woman, her gaze is met by the tip of a small sword; Arya’s Needle. Melisandre looks into the woman’s eyes again.

MELISANDRE
And you have cast several eyes into that darkness, as you will continue to do on your journey.

The woman takes her masked face away to reveal herself to be Arya.

ARYA
You were right and now my journey has brought me back to you. To kill you.

MELISANDRE
Yes, the darkness has indeed grown in you. But kill me, you will not.

ARYA
You murdered my friend. He was innocent and good and you let them take him. You will die for what you’ve done.

Melisandre looks at Arya, confident, unmoved, curious. Melisandre moves closer to Arya.

MELISANDRE
Tell me girl, what is your name?

Arya, for the first time in a long time seems uncertain.

MELISANDRE (CONT’D)
Go on...

ARYA
I- I’m... I am Arya Stark of Winterfell. Daughter of Ned Stark.

MELISANDRE
Yes...

Melisandre turns towards the window, her thoughts piecing a picture together.

MELISANDRE (CONT’D)
And Jon Snow is-
ARYA
Was my brother...
(Beat)
You knew Jon?

MELISANDRE
No young Stark, I know...

ARYA
He’s alive?

MELISANDRE
(Nods)
As is your love.

ARYA
How do you know this? You could be lying. You could be wrong?

Melisandre approaches the fire a confidence in her eyes.

MELISANDRE
Yes, I could be... But the Lord of light is never wrong.
(Beat)
Our champion will be reborn to wake dragons from stone and reforge the great sword Lightbringer that defeated the darkness those thousands of years ago.

EXT. NARROW SEA – DAY

Daenerys’ fleet of ships approach Blackwater bay, several miles out.

EXT. DAENERYS’ SHIP. DECK – DAY

Daenerys stands towards the bow of the massive ship accompanied by Missandei, Grey Worm, Varys and Tyrion. They all look OUT TO-

The mammoth sized gloomy bay; at it’s center sits the island of Dragonstone. A large stronghold that we’ve seen before, chiseled from out the mountains of the island, once occupied by Stannis Baratheon.

As the ships sail closer towards the island, the size and scale of the dark castle become apparent.

MISSANDEI
The vanity of the castle is...
DAENERYS
Nonexistent.

Tyrion steps forward.

TYRION
My Queen, welcome to Dragonstone.

VARYS
Well it certainly lives up to it’s name.

GREY WORM
Very Ugly.

DAENERYS
Indeed...

TYRION
Oh don’t let it’s appearance fool you. There is a reason it stands as a barricade between The Narrow Sea and King’s Landing. One who lays claim to this glimmering stronghold commands the allegiance of most of it’s neighboring islands, like that of High Tide or like the one over there in the distance.

Tyrion points and everybody looks to an island in the far off distance hard to see through the fog.

TYRION (CONT’D)
That is Driftmark, the ancestral castle of House Velaryon. A distant relative of House Targaryen.

VARYS
I have heard the walls of Dragonstone are of a mystic sort. The castle was said to be constructed with ancient Valyrian sorcery.

TYRION
Yes, the specifics of it’s creation remain quite the mystery. But what is certain is it’s fortitude in battle. If there is such a fortress that is unable to be breached, your money is safe with Dragonstone.
EXT. GREYJOY’S SHIP. DECK - SAME

A few ships back from Daenerys’, Yara and Theon Greyjoy look out from the stern of their ship towards the looming Castle. Yara spots something ahead of the fleet. That gets her attention. She makes her way to the bow of the ship to grab a closer look.

BOW OF SHIP

Yara jesters to one of her OFFICERS.

YARA
Hand me your scope.

He complies. She looks into the distance. Theon walks up to her.

THEON
Is everything alright?

YARA
Look out there.

She hands him the scope and he looks.

SCOPE POV: Nothing really is clear just the fog.

THEON
(re: scope)
It’s only fog. Just fog...

Yara’s sea captain alarm senses are ringing. She takes another look through the scope.

SCOPE POV: Black Sails barely whiff through the dense fog.

THEON (CONT’D)
What is it? What do you see.

YARA
Prepare for battle little brother.

Yara hurries back towards the stern.

STERN OF SHIP

Yara approaches one of her LIEUTENANTS.

YARA (CONT’D)
Sound the horn.

LIEUTENANT
Captain?
YARA
Sound the damn horn!

EXT. DAENERYS’ SHIP. DECK - SAME

BURRRB!!! The loud horn echoes in the air grabbing everybody’s attention causing them to look back at the Greyjoy’s ship. Grey Worm looks out towards Dragonstone.

GREY WORM
Ships approach.

Everybody turns and looks out towards Dragonstone. But there is just a dense fog.

DAENERYS
I thought there was no occupier of this castle?

TYRION
I am certain there is not.

GREY WORM
Perhaps you are mistaken.

Tyrion is trying to find his words.

VARYS
On this account Tyrion is correct, Stannis was defeated at winterfell making him the last of his name, which by the Targaryen ancestral right places this castle back in the hands of... you my Queen.

BURRRB!!! The horn sounds again.

GREY WORM
We will get men in fight positions.

Grey Worm goes off shouting commands at the men.

Daenerys looks out and through the fog the materialization of an entire naval fleet appears approaching fast. Tyrion also notices and his face says it all...

TYRION
If Stannis is dead then who could be...
VARYS
What could possibly scavenge an empty castle housed at the mouth of a large bay... Pirates.

EXT. OLENNA’S SHIP. DECK - SAME
On a much more posh looking ship, Olenna Tyrell steps from her quarters on to the deck. She attempts to look out towards Daenerys’ ship but no luck.

OLENNA
What in the seven kingdoms is going on?

A SEAMAN offers her a scope, she takes it and peeks through.

EXT. NARROW SEA - CONTINUOUS
The fleet of Pirate ships approaches fast...

EXT. GREYJOY’S SHIP. DECK - CONTINUOUS
Yara stands firm with Theon. Her eyes fixed on Daenerys’ ship.

YARA
We hold for commands.

EXT. DAENERYS’ SHIP. DECK - CONTINUOUS
Daenerys and her crew look on towards the approaching danger. She then looks at Tyrion who catches her eyes. He gives an uncertain look...

DAENERYS
We will not attack unless provoked.

TYRION
I understand your hesitation but they may not reciprocate your generosity.

DAENERYS
No they may not... And if they chose to do battle then they will understand that my generosity can quickly be dispelled by the inferno of my wrath.
Tyrion is satisfied with that answer and settles in.

EXT. NARROW SEA - MOMENTS LATER

A lone Pirate ship appears from the center of the fleet heading towards Daenerys’ ship.

Daenerys’ ship follows suit, emerging from the rest of the pack of ships.

EXT. DAENERYS’ SHIP. DECK - CONTINUOUS

Daenerys looks on towards the lone pirate ship heading towards her. Curious but confident.

MOMENTS LATER

The Pirate ship is upon them... As it sails closer, something becomes strangely apparent... The ship is empty or appears to be empty. It sails past, Daenerys and her crew get a closer look over the edge. The pirate ship is empty ghostlike. As they watch the ship go past a voice speaks out...

   SALLADHOR (O.C.)
   I must say, the rumors of your exquisite beauty do you no justice...

The entire ship turns to SEE- SALLADHOR SAAN standing on the railing of the bow of the ship, eating an apple.

   SALLADHOR (CONT’D)
   Daenerys Targaryen.

   ALL WEAPONS ARE DRAWN towards him. He smiles.

   SALLADHOR (CONT’D)
   Come, if I really wanted to attack, I would of just attacked.

   DAENERYS
   How did you...

   SALLADHOR
   Get on your ship, I climbed. Well I rowed then I climbed.

Grey Worm looks over the side to SEE-

A small rowboat hitched to the side of the ship.
TYRION
Crafty trick....

SALLADHOR
An old pirate trick, very basic for robbing big beautiful boats.

VARYS
And what other tricks do you intend on performing for us?

Salladhor again smiles.

SALLADHOR
Please let us all be friends, I am merely a messenger.

DAENERYS
And what message have you come to deliver.

SALLADHOR
That you have been expected Daenerys Targaryen. And that I am to escort you into Dragonstone.

Tyrion looks surprised.

VARYS
And what’s to say this is not one of your tricks?

SALLADHOR
Have you not heard of Salladhor Saan?

VARYS
Yes, a very well known Pirate of the Narrow Sea.

SALLADHOR
Salladhor Saan is not just a pirate, but an excellent one. An honest one.

TYRION
You are Salladhor Saan?

SALLADHOR
In the flesh.

DAENERYS
And Salladhor, who is this person you speak for?
SALLADHOR
Perhaps it is best that I show you.

Grey Worm approaches Salladhor, with his grip firmly on his dagger.

GREY WORM
I don’t believe you.

SALLADHOR
I can assure you that killing me would not be of your best interest.

DAENERYS
And what do you know of my interest pirate?

SALLADHOR
I know you seek to sack King’s Landing. I know you wish to sit a top the Iron Throne... I also know that you have the means to do so.
(Off Daenerys’ look)
My beautiful lady, it is my job to know all kinds of things.

Daenerys ponders this then looks to Grey Worm and nods. Grey Worm relaxes his grip.

SALLADHOR (CONT’D)
Now keep our heading straight into blackwater.

EXT. GREYJOY’S SHIP. DECK - CONTINUOUS

Yara gives a disapproving look towards daenerys’ ship. Theon notices.

THEON
What are your orders?

YARA
We follow our queen.

Theon nods and commands the men.

EXT. OLENNAS SHIP. DECK - CONTINUOUS

Olenna hands back the scope.
OLENNA
What is the world coming to when queens must take orders from pirates.

SEAMAN
Lady Olenna what are your commands?

OLENNA
Follow their damn ships, what else are we supposed to do?

The seaman nods.

INT. COTTAGE - DAY

Arya paces back and forth with her Needle in her hand trying to make out what has been said to her. Melisandre watches her intently.

ARYA
So let me recount your story again. My brother-

MELISANDRE
Jon-

ARYA
Jon, was-

MELISANDRE
Killed.

ARYA
But only he wasn’t killed because you brought him back to life?

MELISANDRE
No, it was the lord of light who allowed for life to be brought to him again.

ARYA
Right. And my sister, Sansa was married twice and widowed twice but now has returned home with Jon?

MELISANDRE
Yes.

ARYA
And you were exiled by my brother-
MELISANDRE
For putting my faith of the prophecy in the wrong man. I was blinded.

Arya thinks hard about this.

ARYA
That doesn’t make sense. Jon wouldn’t just throw you out. Even if you wronged him he would try and look past it. You must have done something... Something terrible.

MELISANDRE
Haven’t we all in this journey to defeat what is yet to come. What of your terrible deeds young stark? Do they account for the losses you’ve suffered at the hands of others?

Arya stays silent.

MELISANDRE (CONT’D)
Jon Snow is the one who was promised. This I know even if he refuses to believe it. His spirit has now traveled into the darkness of the dead. He truly understands the great war is the only thing that matters and yet he must contend and fight with those around him who seek to overthrow him for selfish gain. You must take me back to him.

Silence. Arya is thinking.

ARYA
I don’t trust you.

MELISANDRE
I have nothing to gain.

ARYA
It doesn’t make sense for you to want to go back if you weren’t sure of this... Prophecy.

(Beat)
Ok, fine. I’ll let you come with me back to Winterfell. But if you try anything, do anything or say anything that I don’t like.

(MORE)
ARYA (CONT'D)
I will kill you. And I promise this
time you won’t see it coming.

Melisandre complies.

INT. WINTERFELL. GLASS GARDENS - DAY

Lord Baelish walks into the gardens to find Sansa on her
knees uprooting the weeds from the dirt. She does not notice
him.

LORD BAELISH
Your mother loved this garden
house. Even with her gone it still
breathes her essence.
(Watching Sansa)
You have her spirit.

SANSA
Why are you here?

LORD BAELISH
I overheard you and your brother’s
conversation.

Sansa looks up.

SANSA
Why am I not surprised.

LORD BAELISH
As much as it ails me to say, Jon
Snow is partially correct. Though
his means for victory may be
skewed.

SANSA
You think.

Beat.

LORD BAELISH
As you know, your father and I had
a fractured relationship.

SANSA
It wasn’t fractured, he hated you.

LORD BAELISH
Though we had our obvious
differences and I couldn’t bare to
stand his holier than thou
rhetoric.

(MORE)
LORD BAELISH (CONT’D)
There was one moniker I did agree with... The winter is long and unforgiving. The last one lasted 10 years, you northerners survived as best you could. Fortunately, back then there wasn’t an impending war transpiring on the horizon.

SANSA
So you’re agreeing with him?

Lord Baelish walks up to Sansa and helps her to her feet.

LORD BAELISH
Your mother Catelyn was my first love. Every time I saw her with Ned Stark it was like a thousand blades ripping my heart to shreds. But I bared it, I accepted it. A fate that was not of my control. I addressed him as Lord and her the same. Do you know why?

Sansa gives an empty look.

LORD BAELISH (CONT’D)
Because I knew it was for the greater good. I was but an orphan with no lands, no name, no titles just a heart on fire coupled with burning ambition to climb to the greatest of heights. Her family would never have accepted our union, nor should they have. Ned Stark could afford her a life I was unable to at the time and that was good for the realm. The realm must always succeed regardless of one’s desires.

SANSA
You say all this and yet you still seek to sit on the throne.

LORD BAELISH
I do... And I will do all I can to see it a reality.

SANSA
Then if you loved her as you claimed, why care about the survival of a hideous iron chair?
LORD BAELISH
This world is a barbaric cage.
Filled with starving savages. The
realm is all that gives it order.

Sansa takes this in.

SANSA
Maybe we are all fighting different
wars. Wars that may not seem
apparent but are there and are
real.

LORD BAELISH
I believe we are my lady. But this
war with the dead is also very real
and we won’t win it divided.

FADE TO:

INT. QYBURN’S CHAMBER’S - DAY

Cersei enters Qyburn’s Dark laboratory where he is mixing
potions of some sort. He stops and does a slight bow to her.

QYBURN
Yr’Grace.

CERSEI
I was told you had something of
urgency you needed to discuss.

QYBURN
Yes... I have received word of a
rumor that might interest you.

CERSEI
What kind of rumor?

QYBURN
Remember the whispering of my birds
I told you about?

CERSEI
Yes, go on.

QYBURN
A fleet of ships was seen coming
from the Narrow Sea into Blackwater
bay. Most of the sails carried Sand
Snake and Tyrell banners.
Cersei interest is peaked.

CERSEI
They’ve moved fast. Though their houses combined present a greater threat, they do not have the numbers to defeat the King’s Guard. I thank you for your caution but this is a matter of no concern.

Cersei turns to exit.

QYBURN
That is not the part that concerns me.

Cersei stops and turns back towards him.

QYBURN (CONT’D)
Also amidst their convoy of ships was said to be Targaryen sails.

Cersei’s face turns to that of worry.

CERSEI
Impossible... My former husband struck down the last Targaryen at the battle of the Trident. The stain of Rhaegar’s blood still paints the ground from Roberts hammer.

(Beat)
Is this the silly game they want to play?

QYBURN
Yr’Grace-

CERSEI
They think this will cause an uprising from me, then they are mistaken. My husband killed the last heir and my brother killed their last king...

Silence. Cersei notice Qyburn hanging his eyes.

CERSEI (CONT’D)
Qyburn?

QYBURN
There is one more thing, Yr’Grace.
(Off Cersei’s look)
(MORE)
There has been whispers but no confirmation of sorts... There could be a dragon.

CERSEI Dragon?

QYBURN Just rumors...

Silence. Cersei has a look of dread on her face.

CERSEI (Calmly) Is that all.

QYBURN Yes, my queen.

CERSEI Thank you, I shall leave you to your work.

Cersei exits.

EXT. WINTERFELL. STABLES - DAY

Jon is tending to the horses. Ghost (His Dire wolf) lays on a stack of hay close by. A shiver travels down Jon’s spine. He starts to notice that he can see each breath as he exhales. He looks into the corner of the stable. There is Olly, standing in the same deathly state that we first saw him in. He stares at Jon. Jon tries to get his words out...

JON I-I’m-I’m sorry. Forgive me...

Olly takes a step forward and grabs at Jon’s arm.

SANSA (O.S.) Jon...

Jon turns quickly to see Sansa petting Ghost...

SANSA (CONT’D) Are you alright?

Jon looks back at the corner. Olly is gone. He comes to his senses, just another dream.

JON What is it?
SANSA
I said, Ghost has grown so much.

JON
Oh... Yeah, I keep running out of things to feed him. I wish Rob and Bran could see him now.

Sansa walks over to Jon.

SANSA
I’ve given your proposal some thought... You have my blessing to send word south. Not that you needed it, after all you are the king of the north.

JON
No matter what, we’re family. We make decisions as a family.

Sansa nods.

JON (CONT’D)
You know what this means?

Sansa nods.

JON (CONT’D)
Are you sure?

SANSA
You told me that in order for us to survive we must trust each other. I know you loved this family even when you had no reason to. I trust in you to do what’s right.

Jon nods.

SANSA (CONT’D)
Come with me, I have something to show you.

Jon intrigued, follows Sansa.

INT. WINTERFELL. GLASS GARDENS - MOMENTS LATER

Sansa and Jon walk into the gardens. Jon looks around and smiles.
JON
You and Arya used to come here when
we’d play hide n’ seek.

SANSA
You knew?

JON
We all knew. But it was more fun to
pretend we didn’t.

Sansa laughs a much needed laugh but it quickly diminishes at
a nostalgia.

SANSA
I miss her so much. I treated her
so bad because she was different. I
was so ashamed of her.

JON
You were a kid. We all were kids.

Sansa nods.

JON (CONT’D)
What was it you wanted to show me?

SANSA
Mother used to drill me for hours
on what a lady of the north should
and shouldn’t do. How to sit, how
to stand, how to walk-- Things I
never conceived I would ever
need... But here I am. Everything
she taught me, everything I hated
has allowed for me to survive. Even
now... Her and father were always
fearful that a long winter could
turn into a siege. A siege that had
no end in sight and if not properly
prepared could be the end for all
of us.

Sansa picks up a dead flower.

SANSA (CONT’D)
She told me if ever I found myself
caged behind these walls to stand
firm, be brave and-

JON
Be prepared, winter is coming.

SANSA (CONT'D)
Be prepared, winter is coming.
Sansa and Jon share a smile. Sansa takes a shovel and begins to dig up the row of flowers. DIGGING... DIGGING... DIGGING... Until she reaches a large wooden door. Jon looks for another shovel, finds one and assists his sister.

DIGGING... DIGGING... DIGGING... The first section reveals the wooden door in its entirety. Jon and Sansa are out of breath. Together they then open the door revealing a surplus of food and grain. Jon laughs of relief.

SANSA (CONT’D)
The entire garden is the same.

Jon looks at the long rows of dead flowers that will keep them alive.

JON
Thank you mother.

Jon and Sansa get back to digging.

EXT. DRAGONSTONE. SHORE - DAY

As everybody has made it to the rocky shore, Olenna is last, being helped off of a smaller boat by a DORNE MAN. Ellaria looks up at the castle with much disdain.

OLENNA
(To the Dorne Man)
I can walk myself. I’m not crippled, I’m old.

DORNE MAN
Yes, Lady Olenna.

OLENNA
(re: castle)
Just as old and lifeless as ever. I imagine this suited Stannis just fine.

Everybody is taking in their surroundings. Grey Worm remains suspicious of the Pirate men they have met up with.

DENEREYS
So this is Westeros.

SALLADHOR
Please, follow me.

The GROUP follows Salladhor towards the castle.

AS THEY WALK
TYRION
Salladhor, can you give any hints as to who we are meeting?

SALLADHOR
You and Lord Varys have indeed already met with this person.

TYRION
We- I have? I’m afraid you’re mistaken. I have never actually been inside dragonstone. And unless Stannis Baratheon has returned from the dead, I’m afraid I don’t know who I would know here.

SALLADHOR
This person said you were a man who loves to talk, but do not listen so much. And Varys is the one to listen but not say too much. Together you are the perfect confidant.

VARYS
What kind of a person is this, that would seem to know us so intimately.

SALLADHOR
They are of... The divine sort.

DAENERYS
And me? How is it you seem to know so much about me and yet I have never heard of you?

SALLADHOR
(Smiling)
My dear beautiful girl. It is quite difficult to have a dragon and people not know who you are.

TYRION
He’s got a point.

INT. DRAGONSTONE. CHAMBER OF THE PAINTED TABLE - LATER
The group enters the room with the massive jagged table at it’s center. The group surrounds it.
OLENNA
Can we conclude this mystery, as if this damn place doesn’t have enough shadows.

Daenerys shines a slight grin at Olenna.

WOMAN’S VOICE (O.S.)
Lady Olenna, your strong natured reputation precedes you.

The room turns towards the door to see KINVARA (The other red woman) approaching the head of the table.

KINVARA
It is good to finally meet you.
Lord varys and tyrion Lannister.

Varys and Tyrion are shocked and speechless.

KINVARA (CONT’D)
(Approaching Daenerys)
As I said before, we serve the same Queen.
(Beat)
Khaleesi of the great Grass Sea.
Soon to be Queen of the Andals, the Rhoynar, and the First Men.
Protector of the realm and lady Regnant of the Seven Kingdoms.
(Beat)
You are probably wondering why it is I am here with pirates.

OLENNA
The thought had crossed my mind...

KINVARA
I have come to Dragonstone for the same reasons as you. You wish to fortify your numbers and a sound strategy for penetrating the city. I wish to ensure that you do. As Daenerys birthed dragons in fire, she is the one who was promised as the lord of light prophesied. The Seven Kingdoms were forged in blood and it shall sustain the same way. This castle is the stronghold from which we shall grow our forces and strengthen your dragons.
DAENERYS
As I appreciate your devotion. I believe my dragons have grown strong enough. Our numbers will strengthen and we will take King’s Landing.

KINVARA
Young Queen, you see-- As you all see only the battle that is in front of you.

EXT. KING’S ROAD - DAY
Arya and Melisandre have mounted the horse and begin their travel back towards Winterfell.

KINVARA (V.O.)
You fail to understand, the real war has yet to arrive. The war beyond man...

INT. GREAT HALL OF WINTERFELL - DAY
The hall is filled with people. Northerners, wildlings, citizens of the Vale etc... People singing and eating as a feast is going on. Jon sits at a table conversing with Davos and Tormund.

KINVARA (V.O.)
The war beyond love.

Sansa gives a tight smile as she watches from afar. Head towards a door to where Lord Baelish is standing alone. She walks up to him lovingly touches his forearm and kisses him on the cheek. She exits. Lord Baelish is left blushing like a schoolboy...

Jon notices from amidst his conversation.

EXT. SEPT OF BAELOR RUBBLE - DAY
Bronn watches Jamie as he stands there a raging sadness is in his eyes as he looks at the remains of the collapsed structure.

KINVARA (V.O.)
The war beyond the wall that shall change the very nature of what our purpose is.
INT. WINTERFELL. SANSAS BEDCHAMBER - CONTINUOUS

Sansa hurries into her chamber and closes the door behind her. She quickly grabs a bucket and throws up.

Sansa stands in front of her mirror looking at herself with the same gloomy expression she started the episode with. She slowly gets out of her wolf’s mane cloak. Then her clothes, until she is only in her undergarments. She lifts her shirt to reveal... A pregnant belly.

KINVARA (V.O.)
What our duty is. The alliance of all houses against one enemy will be all that matters.

INT. DRAGONSTONE. CHAMBER OF THE PAINTED TABLE - DAY

Back in the chamber all eyes are on kinvara.

KINVARA
Allow for me to present to you my queen, a gift from the very pirates that escorted you... A boy was cast out to sea, condemned to die by his own father, only to find refuge amongst these noble scavengers.

Out from the shadows of the doorway appears GENDRY BARATHEON.

KINVARA (CONT’D)
The last surviving son Of Stannis Baratheon.

CLOSE IN on Gendry.

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END