

# THE EDGE



THE FIRST OF US





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"The great crystal is destroyed. Storm Spire will never shoot into the sky again. But Eld-Hain survived full-scale attack from Demon forces. Many have died, but memory of their devotion to The One and Chapter will be never forgotten.

Without Storm Spire, crystals gathered in Eld-Hain generate an energy load that can cause local weather disruption. But we will rebuild this great Refugee quickly and efficiently, even if it will be done under never-ending storm.

Have no doubt – Demons will strike again. Be alert and concentrate all your efforts into the great work of our God. Let the One enlighten all of you and give you the daily strength so needed in this time. Tomorrow we will start the greatest rebuilding process we have ever seen.

But tonight, we celebrate. The One answered our prayers and sent his Angel of Death to battle. He is watching over us and we won the day! Battle for Eld-Hain was a great victory for all mankind.

Let us work together toward a better future and The One will bless you all!"

- *Great Engineer-Patriarch of Eld-Hain*



PRIESTS SAY,  
THAT BATTLE FOR ELD-HAIN WAS  
A GREAT VICTORY OF MANKIND...

...BUT YOU CAN JUST TAKE A SHORT GAZE INTO THE EYES  
OF ANY MAN WHO STOOD THEIR GROUND THAT NIGHT...

...TO KNOW THE REAL TRUTH.



WE JUST GAINED  
A LITTLE TIME.

THAT IS ALL...



SIR EBERT

SIR, CHAPTER CLEARLY PROHIBITED ANYONE FROM...

OPEN THE GATES. I AM GOING FOR A WALK,

GUARDSMAN, I AM NOT SURE IF YOU HEARD ME CORRECTLY.  
I AM GOING FOR A WALK. OPEN THE FUCKING GATES.

....  
OPEN IT UP.

...AND WE PAID AN ENORMOUS PRICE FOR IT.

SIR, I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE CALLING YOU TRAITOR FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE... "BUT TO ME... I THINK...

I THINK YOU HAVE MADE THE RIGHT CALL. YOU HAVE SAVED THIS REFUGE AND OUR LIVES...

TO ME, YOU ARE A HERO, SIR.



HERO'S...

...IN THIS GREAT WAR THEY FLASH BRIGHTLY...

...AND VANISH IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

JUST LIKE A LIGHTNING STROKE.

ONE DAY YOU ARE A HERO,

ANOTHER - CORW'S FOOD...

...OR EVEN WORSE.

PEOPLE TEND TO FORGET QUICKLY...

...BUT NOT ME.

THE ONLY THING THAT REMAINS IS A MEMORY OF THEIR DEEDS.

I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER.





TODAY WE HAVE IT EASY...

...BUT BACK THEN IN FIRST YEARS OF INVASION...

...WE HAD NOTHING.

WE HAVE BETTER  
TECHNOLOGY...

NOTHING BUT SHAME AND THE TASTE OF DEFEAT.

HE CHANGED IT. GAVE US HOPE.

BERSERKER!

GRRRRR...





CALM DOWN...

...REMEMBER SURROUNDINGS...

...FOCUS.....



35 DEGREE DOGE IN THE INNER CIRCLE.





I will not fear  
in the face of the enemy,  
for greater is he,  
who is in me,  
than he,  
who I shall fight.



MY CALCULATIONS WERE WRONG?

No.



And though my enemies  
surround me,  
the One  
surrounds my enemies.

THIS ONE IS FASTER THAN WE HAVE SEEN.

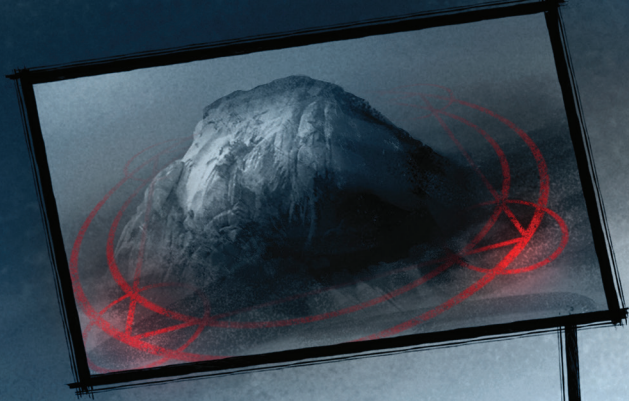
MODIFY THE ENEMY SPEED INPUT.

My blood  
I will spill  
in your name  
and sacrifice my life  
without hesitation.



RECALCULATE.





So I call upon you,  
who forged me.



Lend strength to my body,  
Inspire my mind,  
And ignite my soul.



For I am  
your weapon  
and none shall stand  
against me.






THEY EVOLVE FAST...



SOON DEMONS CAN BE THE LEAST  
OF OUR PROBLEMS.



HOW MUCH BLOOD...

...HAVE WE SPILLED ALREADY?

HOW MUCH SACRIFICE...

...DID THIS LAND REQUIRED FROM US?



BUT WE NEED TO CARRY ON AND FIGHT AGAINST ALL ODDS.

AS LONG AS WE WILL HAVE THIS MENTALITY, WE CAN PROGRESS.

HE MADE AN ULTIMATE SACRIFICE  
TO PASS ON THIS LESSON.

I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT DAY AND HIS DEEDS.



LATER, THIS BATTLE WAS CALLED „MIRACLE AT THE ELDNIR MINE“. BUT YOU COULD HARDLY SEE ANY “MIRACLE” AT THE BEGINNING OF THE BATTLE. WHAT YOU COULD SEE IS FACES FULL OF FEAR AND DESPERATION. I COULD EVEN SEE THIS IN THE EYES OF THE HIGH PRIESTS.

THIS BATTLE WAS AFTER FIRST YEARS OF INVASION.

IN THIS TIME WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SLAY A SINGLE DEMON. VICTORY SEEMED AS FAR AWAY AS THE STARS THEMSELVES.

AND EVEN THOU THE HOLY KNIGHTS ORDER WAS FORMED AND FIRST TIME KNIGHTS IN ENHANCED ARMORS WERE SEND TO THE BATTLE, THEIR PRESENCE DID NOT UPLIFT THE MORALE AT ALL. NO ONE BELIEVED ANYMORE AND PEOPLE MINDS WERE IN REALLY DARK PLACES BACK THERE.

OUR FEAR WAS SO STRONG AND REAL, THAT I ALMOST FELT AS IF I COULD SMELL IT.



THERE WAS ONE EXCEPTION TO THIS CROWD OF MISERY.

PETER “BRICK”, AS FRIENDS CALLED HIM.

YOU COULD HARDLY SEE IT THROUGH HIS HEAVY, BULKY ARMOR, BUT I INSTANTLY RECOGNIZED IT.

HE WAS DIFFERENT. HIS EYES WERE CALM AND FULLY FOCUSED.

I WILL NEVER FORGET THE WAY HE LOOKED AT APPROACHING DEMON ARMY.

LIKE HE EMBRACED HIS DESTINY.



WITHOUT A WORD HE STEPPED OUT OF THE FIRST LINE AND STARTED SLOWLY WALKING TOWARDS THE ENEMY.

EACH STEP WAS FULL OF CONFIDENCE. EACH MOVE STRONG AND HEAVY.





WITH EVERY STEP HE STARTED TO MOVE A LITTLE BIT FASTER AND FINALLY HE END UP RUNNING.

EVEN THOU HE WAS ARMED IN THIS STEEL ARMOR, HE MOVED FAST.

PART OF IT WAS THANKS TO THE ENCHANTMENTS, FOR SURE.

BUT THE REST WAS HIS UNBROKEN WILL AND BODY TRAINED IN IMPOSSIBLE CONDITIONS.

ONE OF THE BRUTES CAME FORWARD, CLEARLY CHALLENGING THE CHARGING LOONY KNIGHT.



THIS ONE IS MINE!



DODGE, ROLL,  
DOGE AGAIN.

BRICK WAS DANCING  
AROUND THE BRUTE  
AS IN BATTLE TRANCE...



...AND HE FINALLY  
GOT HIS OPENING.

WE DID NOT BELIEVED  
OUR OWN EYES,  
BRICK SINGLE HANDILY  
KILLED ONE OF THE BIGGEST  
BEAST WE HAVE SEEN.



SECONDS LATER HE WAS SHRED TO PIECES BY OTHER DEMONS.

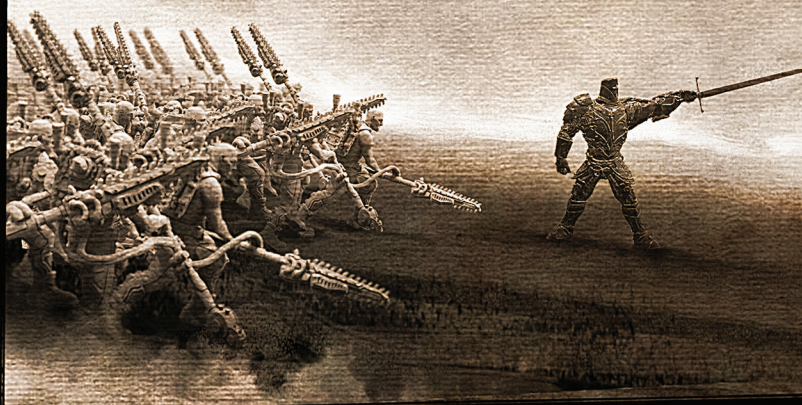


BUT SOMETHING CHANGED.



HE SHOWED US, THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO KILL THE DEMONS.  
TO FIGHT AND WIN.  
HE BROKE THROUGH WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS NOT POSSIBLE.

THOUSANDS OF VOICES JOINED IN THE LITANY OF FURY,  
AS THE UNITED CHAPTER ARMY CHARGED ONTO THE DEMONS.  
IT WAS FIRST TIME, THAT WE ACTUALLY HAD HOPE IN OUR HEARTS.



AT DAWN, BOTH FORCES RETREATED, WHICH WAS CONSIDERED MAJOR VICTORY.  
BY THAT TIME, BATTLE GAVE BIRTH TO MANY HEROIC DEEDS AND TALES OF BRAVE WARRIORS.

FIRST TIME HOLY KNIGHTS SHOWED THEIR POWER AND STARTED TO MARK THEIR PLACE IN THE HIERARCHY OF THE CHAPTER.

MEMORY ABOUT BRICK AND HIS HOPELESS CHARGE VERY SOON VANISHED.





THEY SAID, THAT HE CHARGED OUT OF STUPIDITY,  
OR MADNESS.

BUT I KNOW THE TRUTH.  
HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO SHOW US,  
THAT WE CAN FIGHT BACK, WHATEVER THE ODDS.

IMPORTANT LESSON...

...IF WE EVER  
WANT TO SEE  
A BETTER DAYS.

FINALLY, I FOUND IT.

EACH YEAR IT IS HARDER TO FIND, SINCE THE FACELESS SHOWED UP,  
ENVIRONMENT IS ADAPTING IN STRANGE WAY,  
LIKE NATURE WAS ALIVE AND PREPARING FOR SOMETHING.

BUT THIS BEACON OF DAYS BEFORE THE DAY OF JUDGMENT ALWAYS STAYS THE SAME,  
LIKE A TEMPLE OR A MUSEUM.

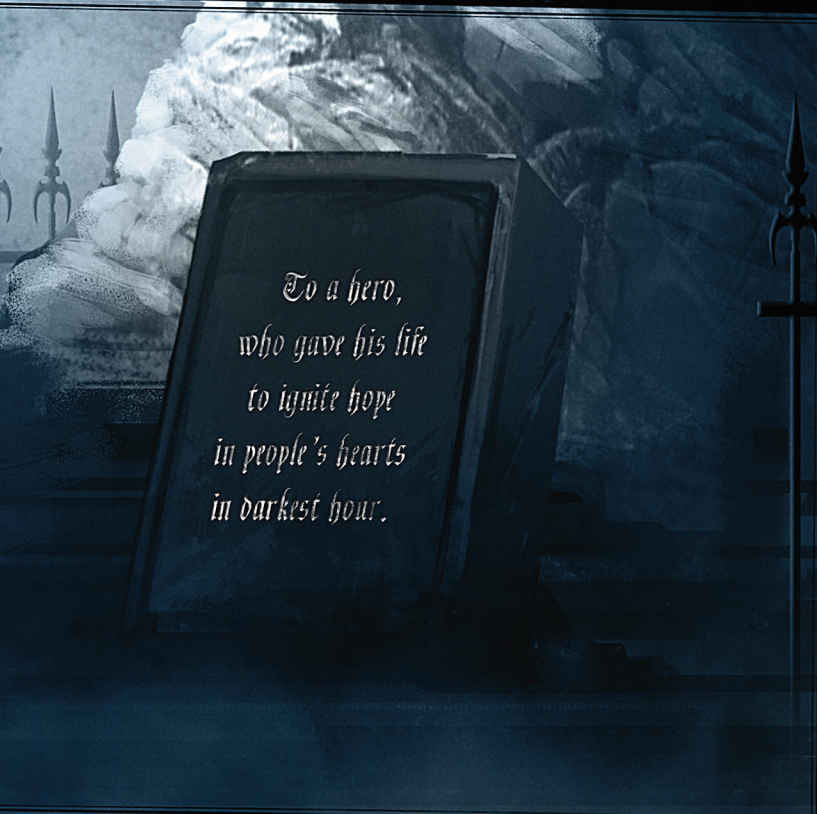
I LIKE TO COME HERE TO SEE OUR PAST...AND HOPE FOR FUTURE.  
TO REMEMBER WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR. IT HELPS TO CLEAN THOUGHTS.



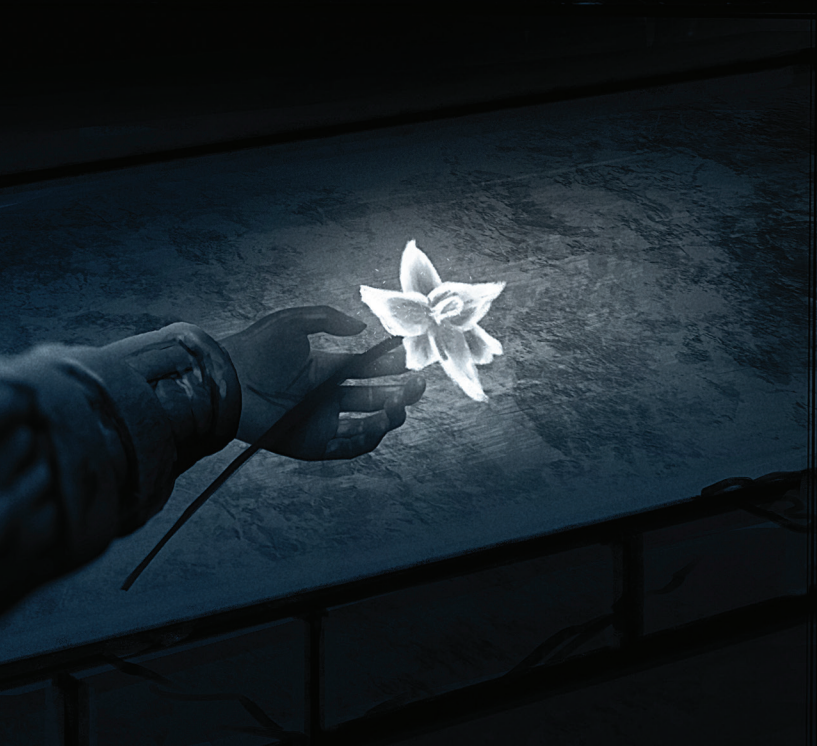




BACK IN THE ELD-HAIN, INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT



*To a hero,  
who gave his life  
to ignite hope  
in people's hearts  
in darkest hour.*





EBERT, YOU SERIOUSLY WOULD RISK YOUR LIFE FOR A FUCKING FLOWER?  
I KNOW THEY ARE RARE AS HELL NOW, BUT...

THIS IS A TOKEN OF MEMORY. THE MORE EFFORT YOU PUT INTO THE TOKEN,  
THE STRONGER THIS MEMORY WILL BE ROOTED IN YOU, FRIEND.

AND IF WE FORGET ALL THE SACRIFICES MADE BY THE OTHERS, HOW CAN WE FIND THE STRENGTH TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY?

YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO MAKE THINGS SO COMPLICATED, EH?

EVERYONE IS HERE...?

YES. WE ARE READY.



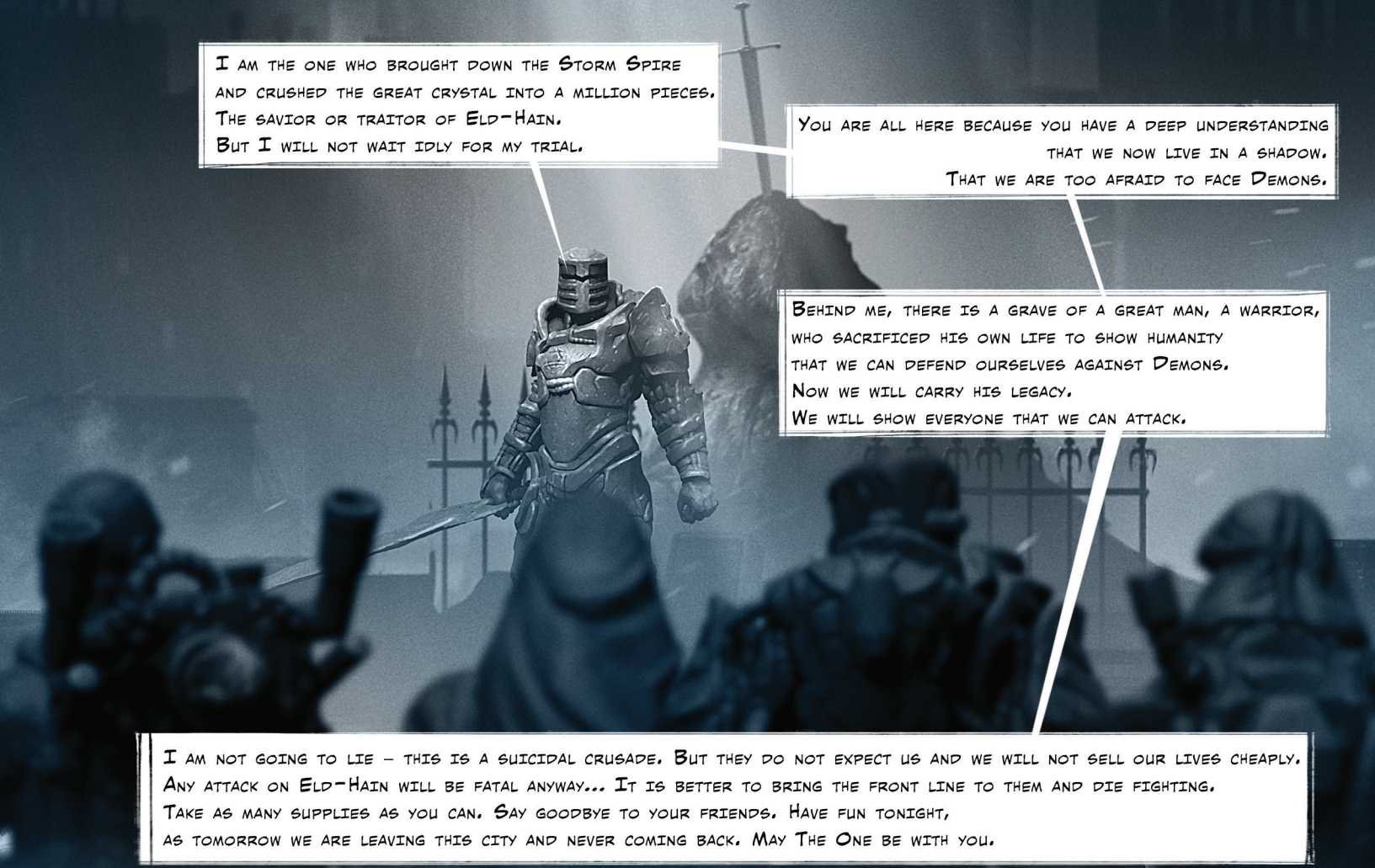
BALDHEAD...

...MECHANIC...

...SOULHUNTE.

AS YOU REQUESTED.





I AM THE ONE WHO BROUGHT DOWN THE STORM SPIRE  
AND CRUSHED THE GREAT CRYSTAL INTO A MILLION PIECES.  
THE SAVIOR OR TRAITOR OF ELD-HAIN,  
BUT I WILL NOT WAIT IDLY FOR MY TRIAL.

YOU ARE ALL HERE BECAUSE YOU HAVE A DEEP UNDERSTANDING  
THAT WE NOW LIVE IN A SHADOW,  
THAT WE ARE TOO AFRAID TO FACE DEMONS.

BEHIND ME, THERE IS A GRAVE OF A GREAT MAN, A WARRIOR,  
WHO SACRIFICED HIS OWN LIFE TO SHOW HUMANITY  
THAT WE CAN DEFEND OURSELVES AGAINST DEMONS.  
NOW WE WILL CARRY HIS LEGACY.  
WE WILL SHOW EVERYONE THAT WE CAN ATTACK.

I AM NOT GOING TO LIE - THIS IS A SUICIDAL CRUSADE. BUT THEY DO NOT EXPECT US AND WE WILL NOT SELL OUR LIVES CHEAPLY.  
ANY ATTACK ON ELD-HAIN WILL BE FATAL ANYWAY... IT IS BETTER TO BRING THE FRONT LINE TO THEM AND DIE FIGHTING.  
TAKE AS MANY SUPPLIES AS YOU CAN. SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR FRIENDS. HAVE FUN TONIGHT,  
AS TOMORROW WE ARE LEAVING THIS CITY AND NEVER COMING BACK. MAY THE ONE BE WITH YOU.

Ish...

...YOU MADE A MISTAKE, DESTROYING OUR REFUGEE.

CAUSING SO MUCH PAIN AND SORROW.

YOU PUT OUR BACK AGAINST THE WALL.

AND WHEN THERE IS NO CHANCE TO ESCAPE...

...WE WILL FIGHT IN FULL FURY TO SURVIVE.

I WILL BE THE ONE TO START IT.

DEMONS... I AM COMING FOR YOU.



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