

Manowar

"The Warriors Prayer"

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- Grand father, tell me a story!
- All right, go and get your storybook
- No, no, not one of those, a real story
- A real story?
- Yes! Tell me about when you were a boy.
- Well, then, I shall have to take you back with me, a long way in time...

It was my thirteenth year on a cold winter's day, as I walked through the enchanted forest, I heard the sounds of horses and men at arms. I felt compelled to walk on and find the place of these sounds. And when the forest did clear I was standing on a hill. Before me there was a great plane, atoned the armies of the world, standing, waiting. I thought to myself, for whom or for what are they waiting ?

Suddenly a gust of wind come up from the north There appeared a lone rider, holding a sword of steel. Then from the south came another, bearing a battle axe. From the east came a third, holding a spiked club, and finally, from the west a rider who wielded a great hammer of war. With them came their soldiers of death, followed by an army of immortals. They were few in number, but the look in their eyes told all who beheld them that they would leave this day only in victory or death. And there was a great silence...

My heart began to pound, storm clouds filled the sky with darkness. Rain came and four winds blew with such anger that I held fast to a tree. I watched the four riders raise their

weapons into the air. Without warning, screaming their war cry they led the attack. Down to the battle they ride. They met the armies of the world with a mighty clash! I could feel the groundshake, the earth drank much blood that day. Each of the four, was into himself a whirlwind of doom !!!

When the smoke did clear, many thousands were dead. There was much blood and gore. Their bodies lay broken and scattered across the battle field, like brown leaves blown by the wind. And I saw the for ride together to the top of the hill, while below them the soldiers of death assembled all those who would now swear allegiance to them.

And the four spoke the words of the warriors prayer.

- Gods of war I call you, my sword is by my side.
I seek a life of honor free from all false pride.
I will crack the whip with a bold mighty hail.
Cover me with death if I should ever fail.
Glory, Majesty, Unity - Hail, Hail, Hail

And as I stood and looked on, I heard the armies of the world hail them without end, and their voices of victory carried long and fat throughout the land!

- Well, That's it. Did you like the story?
- Yeah, it was great!
- Oh, good, I'm glad. Now off to bed with you.
- Grandfather?
- Yes?
- Who were those four men?
- Who were they? They were the Metal Kings!!!!

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