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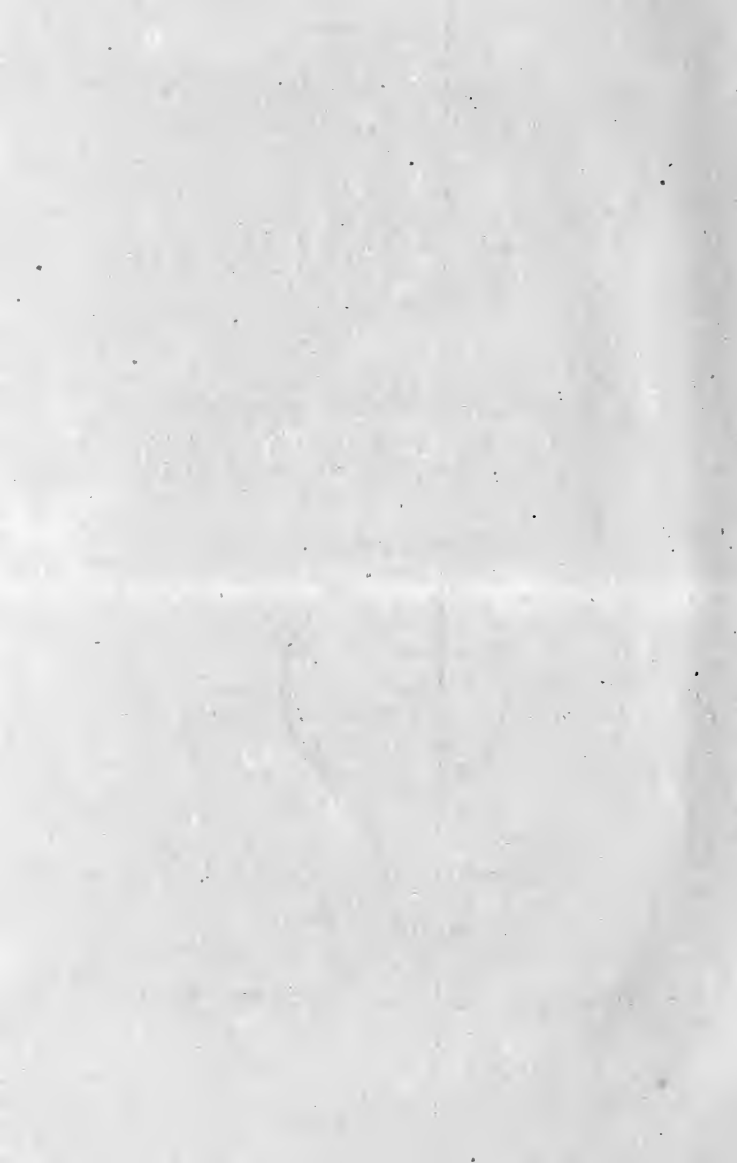
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Tet ebvri Tetvur hab its ón Sound, and let ebvri  
Sound hab its ón Tetvur. — Óld Maksim.  
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## Preface.

**T**HE Publishers of this History owe it to themselves, as well as their Readers, to give a Word of Explanation regarding the Dress in which it appears. It was their first Impression that the Work would be nearly unintelligible in the Orthography of the original Manuscripts, and they had, therefore, considerable Hesitancy in complying with the Wishes of their respected Townsman, Mr. C. Cadmus, who insisted with some Warmth that, if printed at all, it should be without Alteration. He informs us that in the Country of which he writes, the Standard of Orthography has been fixed by a certain learned Society, having the Oversight of such Matters, and he scarcely feels at Liberty to deviate from the Mode of Spelling which they have established. We found after reading a few Pages of the Work, that it was not so difficult as it at first appeared. The chief Peculiarity seems to be the

accenting of the Vowels, *a, e, i, o, u*, to give them a long Sound, after the Manner of the ancient Saxons, who used the Accents in such Words as *wrath, wéste* (waste), *frí* (free), *flór* (floor), *rúm* (room). We perceive, also, that *c* stands for *ch*, as it did among the Saxons, who wrote *cild* for child, *hwile* for which. They likewise employed a single Character, a peculiar Kind of *ð*, to represent the sound of *th*, and it is a curious Coincidence that a similar Letter is here used for the same Purpose. Perhaps we may find in these Circumstances a Clue to the Time and Place in History to which the Events here narrated belong. Mr. Cadmus does not inform us when or where he obtained the Documents used in compiling his Narrative; whether they are of remote Antiquity or recent Date, or what was the Language in which they were originally written. But from his Partiality for the Saxon Orthography, and from Resemblances, here and there, indicating Connection with the Language, Thought and Customs of our early Ancestors, we have a strong Suspicion that this singular Record pertains to some Branch of the Saxon Family, and that it is a Description of one of those terrific Contests for which that warlike Race has ever been famous. But on this Subject we would not speak positively. We merely throw out the Suggestion for the Consideration of the Reader, whom we leave to form his own Conclusions after he has completed the Volume.



## Magnus Mahárba.

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CAPTUR I.

**A** smòl planet in  
wun ov æ stári klusterz on ai outur mår-  
jin ov æ yúnivers woz æ sín ov æ transak-  
gunz rikorded in æ folóin pèjcz. Cé okurd  
about siks þouzand yírz aftur aat orb bigan tu bí  
pípld wia raçunal intelijensez. Ai egzakt píruð,  
akordin tu aèr rekniñ, hwen æ Blak Dragun kom-  
enst hiz wor upon æ gud kiñ Magnus Mahárba,  
woz A. M. v̄DCCCLXI. Nou A. M. iz aèr abrívieçun  
for Anno Manni, or Anno Mundi, signífaiiñ yír  
ov æ man-wurld. For æ inhabitants supóz aèr  
wurld tu hav bin méð out ov æ rúinz ov sum formur  
wurld, jujiñ from æ riménz ov hidius reptilz, enor-  
mus frogz, lizardz, dragunz and uaur monsturz hwic  
aé hav found imbeded in æ roks, swomps and  
alûvial dipozits. Cær ár at present on æ planet  
a klas ov monoméniaks, kòld jiolojists, hú spend

aer laivz in digiņ up and asortiņ aóz disagriabl krieurz, and kalkûlétiņ ae píriudz ov antikwiti in hwic aé respektivli fluriċt. For ai amûzment ov yuņ pípl, aız émiabl enaûziasts publiċ kûrius buks fild wiá outlandiċ pikcurz ov ae vérius goblin formz aat kròld, krept, swam or sórd, amuņst ae konfûzd and woriņ elements, in ae fogi ðòn ov kriéċun.

Hweaur ae Blak Dragun woz wun ov ai orijinal prîhûman inhabitants, hú bai a rimárkabl tenasiti ov laif had survaivd ae revolûċunz aat swept ðl ai uaur praimíval okûpantz intu kéos, or hweaur hí woz a muċrum produkċun ov létur dét hwic it wud bí rait tu eksterminét, woz a point muc dispâted. Ae móst lerned men wer divaided; but a majoriti ov ae lõyurz and spiricual doktorz wer ov opinyun aat ae Blak Dragun bilonđ tu ae primitiv forméċunz; or aat hí woz at líst kóival in hiz orijin wiá man, and ċud bí trited wiá dû respekt az a gud krieur ov God, and a joint propraiitur ov ae planetari domén.

Ae glób of hwic ai rait, notwíastandiņ its infiririti in saiz, woz wun ov ae móst bútiful in ae hól surkl ov ae hevnz. Its soil woz ric, its frúts diliċus, its flourz ekskwizitli téstful, and its erz redolent wiá purfâm. But ae men wer ov a bad rés; selfiċ, paċunet, kworelsum, and wurċipurz ov a grét numbur ov aidul godz. It has bin aserted aat aer néeur, sun aftur it kém from ae handz ov ae Kriétur, risívd a tént from ae brea ov a snéki aparíċun aat insinyuéted itself intu ai árbur ov ae forst pèr, and húz poizn haz kontaminéted ðl aer ofsprîņ.



Lerned skolorz and antikwérianz, hú hav auroli investigéted æ subjekt, ænk ær kan bí nó dout aat æ Blak Dragun iz a direkt disendant ov aat veri óld serpent hú injekted hiz dedli venum intu æ vénz ov ær projeniturz.

Gi orb on hwic man and æ Dragun dwelt had tú lárj ailandz, wun on íatr said, hwic wer kòld, in æ langwey ov aat sfír, æ Grét Órient and æ Grét Oksident. Ær wer ólsó veri waid ógunz bi-twín æm. And æ Grét Órient woz æ lárjur ov æ tú ailandz, for it ekstended lenawaiz kwait akros wun said ov æ planet, and its norawestern and souawestern ekstremitez, kòld Nora and Kuça strect fár out intu æ sí. Dâriñ æ furst faiv souzand yírz ov man, æ Grét Oksident woz skèrli nón tu æ dwelurz in ai Órient, and ívn æ dim tradiçun aat sue an ailand egzisted woz at lena forgoth. But wuns upon a taim an advencurus sí-kaptin, némd Kristofur, séliñ westwurd, canst tu diskuvr it. He found it pípld bai strénj résez, hú wer sízd wia terur at hiz apróc, ænk ñ æ nú kumurz had disended from æ skaiz. Hwen Kristofur riturnd tu hiz ón kuntri, and diskraibd æ bâti ov æ land hí had found, and tóld ov æ góld and silvur and daimundz wia hwic it abounded, æ ripórt kwikli spred arú sitiz and provinsez, and òl æ pípl wer fild wia wundur. And æ bigan tu kum out in swarmz, laik bíz from a hundred haivz, æinkiñ tu betur ær kondiçun bai rimáviñ tu a kuntri aat woz só ric. And æ pórd óvur in çips and galiz, and tuk pozeçun ov æ Grét Oksident, es-

tabliçin ær koloniz in æ soua, and in æ nora, and in æ sentur.

Mínhwail æ Blak Dragun, bai sum daiabolikal instinkt, pursívd æ gróin grétnes ov æ yuþ koloniz in æ land ov góld, and hí sed tu himself, Çal æ rés ov man enjoi ais nú paradais alón, and ai hav nó párt ærin? Só hí formd hiz plan, and on ai ívniþ ov a stormi dé hí mounted a hwurlwind, and daçt of upon æ woturz, puþin and snortin laik a stím-enjin. And hí had sevural çips aat akumpanid him, tu suplai him wia fúd and nesesariz dûriþ hiz voiej. Dé aftur dé hí swept on, nou sóriþ aloft óvur æ mountin wévz, nou pluþin bi-nía æ surfes and çutiþ arú æ blú woturz laik a Norwíjian kréken. Mermen and mermédz, hwélz, sí-serpents and ðl æ fini traibz çruþk from hiz apróc, and hid æmselfz in ær óçun kavurnz hwail hí past bai. About a munu had ilapst, hwen in æ dúbis lait ov a misti morniþ hiz dárk skéli form woz diskraid ímerjiþ from æ wévz and kròlin up on æ sandi bíc ov ai Oksident. Çèr hí langwidli róld himself about, survéiþ wia blóted and fairi aiz æ riþun around, and kwaietli divouriþ evuri aiþ aat kém in hiz wé. It woz afturwurdz diskuvurd aat on æ botum ov ai óçun, ðl aloþ æ lain ov hiz trak, ær woz paild up a grét haiwé ov hwaitnd bónz, æ skeletunz ov húman viktimz aat had bin kild and ítn bai him on hiz pasej from wun ailand tu ai uaur.

Nó sunur woz æ Blak Dragun fèrli setld upon ai Oksident kóst aan hí bigan tu gaaur around

him grét numburz ov pípl, hím hí alúrd wia æe promis ov vast ricez, íz from lébur, and joint dominyun ovól aat pórçun ov æe grét ailand hwic woz kòld Sunland. Gíz frendz and alaiz ov hiz wer kòld Dragónianz, aftur æe ném ov aèr patrún. Bai aèr asistans hí fited out swift çips and sent aem akros ai óçun tu æe land ov æe Kuçanz, aèr tu bai, stíl and kapcur stron men and yuñ wimin, helai boiz and fèr damzelz, and briñ aem óvur tu bikum mínialz and helots, and tu til æe fíldz, and tu priper soft and delikat rément for himself and hiz servants. And æe kuntri bikém ful ov pípl, and æe nóblz grú welai and proud, laik æe lordz ov æe óld kiñdums hwens aé kém.

Nou aer wer but fû lòz in Sunland, and nun wer konsidurd absolútli bairdiñ eksept æe lòz for hold-iñ fast æe Kuçanz and kilin of a sufíçent numbur ov aem evuri yír tu fíd æe Blak Dragun. For æe Dragun woz a voréçus ítur, olbút hí woz veri dénti, and did not reliç æe fleç ov hiz viktimz unles it had bin wel brúzd and flajeléted tu mék it tender and sévuri. Æe Dragónianz undurstandiñ ais, komenst æe mangliñ ov æe yuñ Kuçanz at a veri erli éj, and bai a sló proses ov toreur méd aèr fleç eksidiñli delikat and palatabl. It woz a grét árt tu faind out hou best tu prolon æe laivz ov aíz unhapi krícurz hwail undurgóin æe rigurus trítment tu hwic aé wer subjekted. Æe Dragun had a proféçunal klas, kòld Óvurlukurz, hú méd aat studj aèr speçal biznez. Tu gratifai aèr prins aé invent-ed meni kúrius enjinz for lasurétiñ and mangliñ æe

fleg ov æ helots; and daivurz aiurn riņs and feturz ov aiurn; olsó stoks for ær handz and fit, and gagz ov aiurn for ær mouaz; and wundurful burniņ mikseurz tu pór upon ær bodiz aftur kutiņ and tæriņ æ skin wiã hwips and sòz and purforéted wudn mòlz.

Œis foul monstur olsó praktist æ horibl rait ov misijenęun; for hwenevur hí sò amuņ æ Kuęanz eni båtiful yuņ wimin, hweaur waivz or médnz, hí ordurd æm tu bí bròt bifór him and æ wer fórst tu bikum hiz waivz, for æ ná at if æ gud opóz hiz więez hí wud tær æm lim from lim

Œe Blak Dragon, notwiãstandiņ hiz brútię di-formitiz, woz a grét févurit wiã pípl ov welã and faęun. Hí kept a magnifisent kórt, and had a splendid retinû. Hiz servants praktist a grét varaiiti ov arts tu rendur hiz apírans kumli. Hiz hornz wer konsild bai æ kroun and júelz wiã hwic hí woz ornamented. Hiz fés woz símiņli hûman, eksept hwen hí atempted tu smail, and æn hiz griniņ and misęępn tíã gév suc a savej ekspreęun tu hiz kountenans at hiz frendz and admairurz wud fríkwentli stárt bak wiã terur. Hiz hûj and skéli karkas woz envelopt in róbz ov velvet and silk; and az hí sat upon hiz ebun arón, hiz attendants, wiã ær çói trénz, wer rénjd around him in suc a wé az tu haid hiz loņ tél from æ vû ov viziturz. Fær lédz and galant naitz aronđ hiz pales, and wer loud in préz ov æ glóri and grétnes ov ær prins, hú æ imajind wud wun dé bikum æ rúlor ov æ world.



## CAPTUR II.

**B**ISAIDZ æe Blak Dragun æer wer uaur lonjívianz hú did not bilon tu æe rés ov men, and húz laivz wer not limited, laik æèrz, tu a hundred revolûçunz ov æe planet, but hú riménd éj aftur éj, and egzerted a pourful inflûens on pasiñ jenturéçunz. In æe komun daialekt ov ai inhabitants aíz óld rezidents wer kòld bai suc némz az símd móst ekspresiv ov æèr rispektiv karakturz. Wun ov æem, a riñkld and ripulsiv antedilûvian, woz kòld Tirani; anuaur, a fímél, ov sumhwot mailder kountenans and mór polait dimínur, woz nón az Monárkia; and æer woz a waíld krézi bakanal, wurs æan Tirani himself, hú went bai æe ném ov Anárkia.

Hwail sum ov aíz lonjívianz wer malevolent bññz, ai ofspriñ ov ai infernalz, hú dilaited ónli in mizuri and rúin, uaurz. wer ov silesçal buræ, and òl æèr inturkórs wiæ mortalz woz kaind and hapi; æé apírd tu hav nó dizair but tu briñ bak mankaind tu æèr orijinal trúæ and vurcu. Æer wer olsó on æe sému planet jaiants, or demigodz, hú partuk ov bóæ néçurz, æe silesçal and æe mortal; kombainiñ æe pour and inflûens ov æe wun wiæ ai infurmitiz and erurz ov ai uaur.

It woz sevural hundred yírz aftur æ taim ov Kristofur aat a yuñ jaiant bai æ ném ov Samuñkl bigan tu bí fémus in æ kuntri ov ai Oksidentalz. He woz ov silescal pérenteþ, bíñ a disendant ov Fríga, æ godes ov liburti. Hiz eldest dötur, Fridíma, woz a luvli krícur, híz ekstrordinari bûti, ívn in infansi, encanted ðl bihóldurz. Az gí grú up, hur fém spred arú ai ailand, and akros æ sí, and tu æ móst distant landz. And æ Blak Dragun fikst hiz aiz upon hur, and hwen hí sò hur bûti hí dítérmind tu mék hur hiz braid.

Samuñkl woz æ móst ekstensiv landhóldur on æ westurn ailand, and hí fainali bikém æ pozesur ov ðl aóz ric trakts nón az æ Yunaited Oksident. In ordur tu enkureþ lébururz tu setl on hiz landz hí aloud æ kultivéturz tu okûpai æm wiaout rent, supórtiñ himself on æ prinsli revenúz aat hí woz ébl tu akûmulét bai tréd wia foren négunz. It woz undurstud, houeurr, aat in kés ov wor, or uaur imerjensi, ai okûpants ov æ soil gud bér æ nesesari burdnz ov æ kuntri.

But æ kiñz in sum ov æ Noran kuntriz wei displízd at æ liburaliti ov Samuñkl. For aé sed, It iz not gud aat æ pípl gud bí rilívd from aèr rents; ais egzampl wil wurk miscif, and wil spred diskontent amuñ our subjekts. And æ kiñ ov Bulia spék tu Monárkia, æ godes hóm hí wurçipt, and gí béd him send óvur and kolekt æ rents himself. For, sed gí, aóz pípl went out from yúr ón kiñdum, and ærfór aé ár yúr subjekts stil. Só hu sent óvur hiz mesenjurz and hiz taksgaaururz, az gí

advaizd him. But æ pípl rifûzd ær dimandz and diklêrd æ wud pé nó rent, tribyut or kustum tu æ kiŋ ov æ Bulianz. Gen hí sent óvur hiz árniz tu kontend wiæ æm in batl and tu vaŋkwiç and subdû æm. But æ met wiæ dizastur and kud not akompliç æ kiŋz dizair.

And Samuŋkl sumund æ cifs and hedz ov æ pípl tu a grét kounsil. And æ óbéd æ kòl and hésted and kém tugeaur in ful numburz, and sat in kounsil meni déz. And æ sed, Wí wil kast of æ kiŋz yók, and mék us kiŋz ov our ón; and Monárkia çal bí dipózd from hur kwínli digniti arúout ai entair Oksident; and in hur sted wí wil cúz æ jentl Fridíma and kroun hur purpecual kwín, and çí çal bí æ godes around húz traikulurd banur wí wil rali our worryrz. Só æ komúnd wiæ hur fáaur, and apointed a dé hwen hí çud briŋ hur out tu æm, aat æ mait dú hur homej. And on æ fóra dé ov æ munæ ov Július çí kém bifór æm wiæ bluçiŋ kountenans and líniŋ on hur fáaurz árm; and æ kround hur wiæ a góldn kroun, and led hur fóra bifór òl æ pípl, and æ pípl çouted and klapt ær handz, and kraid, Fridíma forever! And æ kounsil ordénd aat ai anivursari ov aat dé çud evur aftur bí kept az a holidé, and bí kòld koronéçun dé; and aat òl ær kiŋz çud ték an óu tu protekt, difend and prizerv ai onur and súpreamasi ov Fridíma, and aat húevur konspaird agenst hur çud sufur dea.

But alas! ai our ov traiumf iz ofn ai our ov peril, and ais æ jentl Fridíma afturwurdz lernd tu hur soró. In æ kounsil aat çód hur aíz onurz ær

wer mesenjurz from Sunland, hú wer Dragónianz, but aé méd nó klém in biháf ov àèr prins aat hí çud çèr in æ guvernment ov æ kuntri. On àèr riturn hóm æ Dragun cid æm bikòz aé had bin unmaindful ov hiz iatrests and had not ívn mençund hiz ném. Só hwèn æ nekst grét kounsíl woz kòld hí konklúded tu prizent himself, aloŋ wiá hiz delegéts, and klém hiz sít az wun ov æ cíf pro praitari lordz and raitful okúpants ov æ westurn ailand. But æ Normen wer lóá tu admit him tu a kounsíl ov húmanz; aé, houeuvr, aloud him tu spík and prizent hiz klémz. Hí oford tu join wiá æm in formiŋ a grand líg and kuvenant, and tu plés òl hiz fórzez wiá aóz ov Samuŋkl, at æ disposal ov æ kiŋz hú çud bí cózen tu rúl æ kuntri, for mâcual protekçun and difens. But hí wud konsent tu a yúnyun ónli on sertin kondiçunz. Çi objekt ov æ waili óld dímun woz tu obtén pozeçun ov Fridíma. Hí propózd aat íf aé wud giv hur tu him in marij, hí wud divórs hiz formur spouz Monárkia, tu húm hí had bin só loŋ yunaited in ai óriental kiŋdumz, and Fridíma çud bí hiz lígali and onrabli weded waif, só loŋ az rivurz ran or óçun róld. Aftur ais aé had loŋ konsultéçunz and muc dibét, bifór aé kud frém æ grét kuvenant hwic woz tu bí æ purpecual lò ov æ relm. Çe Dragónianz dizaird aat ít çud kontén an akt ov bitroaal bairdiŋ àèr mástur and Fridíma in purpecual bondz. Samuŋkl and æ Normen wer çokt at ais propózal; and yet aé wer só dizairus ov æ Dragunz asistans in àèr worz agenst Monárkia aat aé did not ðèr tu sé né. Çé



ærfór aloud æ kuvenant tu bí ritn obskûrli, só az tu bí kápabl ov difurent inturpretéçunz; and tu ais dé æ míniç ov sum párts iz dispûted. It apírz, houeuvr, tu hav bin jenurali admited aat ai instrument gév æ Blak Dragn a rait tu partisipét in æ guvvrnment, and aat æ frémurz kontempléted a yúnyn bitwín him and Fridíma. Cé probabli hópt aat hí wud cénj hiz nécur, or at líst hiz habits, az wun ov ai ártiklz provided aat hí çud, aftur a çort pírívd, diskontinyu hiz trafik wiæ æ Kuçan-selurz and briç nó mór unhapi viktimz akros æ woturz.

Hou it hapnd aat æ çrúd Samuñkl çud hav givn hiz konsent tu ais unacural alaians haz evur bin a misturi. Bai sum it iz sed aat hí did not undurstand æ nécur and impórt ov æ kuvenant formd; bai uaurz aat hí must hav bin párcali insén, or perhaps stúpifaid wiæ intoksikétiç drugz; uaurz stil mentén aat hí woz braibd bai æ grét advantejez tu bí diraivd from a líg wiæ æ Dragn. Houevr ais mé bí, it iz plén hí woz nevur hártili in févur ov ai alaians; and az taim róld on, æ prospekt ov giviç up hiz dòttur tu ai embrés ov a monstur só préd upon hiz spirits aat hiz brou woz fúrod wiæ prímatúr riñklz. Az for æ caild, çí wud stárt wiæ horur hwenevur æ kontempléted yúnyn woz alúded tu, and beriç hur fés in hur handz imídiétli ruç out ov sait.



### CAPTUR III.

**F**RIDÍMA, búñ ov æ lonjívian rés, did not gró up tu wumanhud rapidli laik mortalz. Hur yúa ekstended arú æ rénz ov several ov ai erli kíñz, wia hóm çí woz a grét févurit. Çé wer kèrful tu mék nó alújun tu hur unhapi bitroæl, probabli hópiñ aat æ Dragun wud dai bifór æ nupçalz çud bí konsuméted. Anyuali, on koronéçun dé, æ damzel wia hur médnz drest in hwait apírd bifór æ pípl and máret tu æ templ ov liburti, amid ai aklaméçunz ov æ multítûdz, hú stród hur paæ wia rózez, and húz admiréçun ov hur luviñ nécur and jentl dispoziçun had nó boundz.

But ais holidé woz an ofens tu æ Blak Dragun, hú, az oft az it riturnd, sat múdi and unsóçal in hiz pales, meditétin on æ mínz bai hwie hí mait briñ hiz fûcur braid intu proper subjekçun, and puniç æ Fridónianz hú wer fosturiñ hur vaniti bai ær prézez, and hú, hí çrudli suspekted, wer bent on brékiñ up æ mac and snaciñ from hiz pozeçun ai objekt ov hiz dizair.

Çe Dragun woz akstutmd tu noc evtri koronéçun dé tpon hiz spír-handl. Afttr hí had méd haf a hundred nocez hí bigan tu urj upon æ réniñ

kiñ hiz klém for Fridíma, dimandiñ aat gí gud at líst bí plést undur rístrént, and insted ov wonduriñ about at hur plejur, bí komited tu æ gárdian-çip ov tâturz hú wud trén hur tu dosiliti and submiçun, and wud tíe hur, abuv òl ainz els, aat æ Blak Dragon woz tu'bí hur mástur. Æe kiñ hú guvurnd at aat taim wud not lisn tu æ propózal; but hiz rén woz çort, and æ kiñz hú folód him wer mór févurabl tu æ Dragon, and promist him aat hí çud hav òl hí askt. Æen æ skéli óld monstur, faidniñ aat hí had æ kiñz upon hiz said, bigan tu çó out mór and mór ov hiz dítestabl nécur. Hí koment mékiñ okéjunal vizits tu æ hous ov Samuñkl, fraitniñ púr Fridíma olmóst tu dístrakçun, aiñ hur wiã a maliçus lír and çóin hur hiz horid tíã. Ou wun or tú okéjonz hí sizd hur bai æ hèr ov hur hed, and wud hav dragd hur of tu hiz ón hóm wiçout mersi, but for ai outkrai rézd bai æ néburz and tounzfók, hú luvd Fridíma az æ luvd æer ón laivz.

And nou æ Dragon turnd hiz venjens upon aíz kaind-hárted pípl; for hwen eni ov æm vencurd wiçin hiz boundariz hí wud kòz æm tu bí aprihended and plést upon æ rak, in ordur tu asurtén hweaur æé had eni akwéntans wiã Fridíma; and íf æé bitréd æ líst simpauri wiã hur or hur frendz, æ torcur woz kontinyud until æé daid. Sumtaimz æé wer plunjd undur wotur and held æer until háf sufokéted, æen rézd and plunjd agen, and ais ripít-ed só az tu mék æm sufur æe pañz ov a duzn deas; sumtaimz æé wer konfaind in lódsun dun-

junz til æ wésted awé wia hungur and dizíz; but æ févurit mód of distroiiñ æm woz bai hañiñ æm up kwaietli on æ nírest trí. Dis hañiñ ov æ Fridónianz went on until òl Sunland woz fild wia æ horibl and pestilençal stene ov dikéiñ korpsez. Travelurz, hwen æ sò æ bodiz suspended upon tríz aloñ æ ródsaid, wud ofn turn bak, rizolviñ nevr tu atemt a jurni tu aat kuntri agen. But æ Dragun woz wel plízd at æ slòtur ov æ Fridónians, and hí snuft up æ fítid èr az if it wer æ swít smeliñ ódur ov a burnt sakrifais. Hí ol-só tóld hiz ministurz praivetli aat hwen hí had bròt hóm hiz norcurn braid hí wud ték hur out déli in hiz karij tu vû hur jibeted frendz, and hí wud let hur nó aat if çí méd eni rimonstrans çí çud çèr æ sém fét.

Ripórts ov aíz horurz ríet ai írz ov Fridíma, and méd hur kliñ æ klósur tu hur norcurn hóm. Sevural Kuçan wimin hû had esképt æ torcurz ov æ Blak Dragun found aèr wé tu hur fáaturz hous, briñiñ aèr infants wia æm. From æm çí lernt æ hól stóri ov æ Blak Dragunz krúeltiz. Hur tendur hárt woz redi tu burst, and çí klaspt æ litl Kuçan bébz tu hur búzum, çouriñ upon æm tírz and kisez. Çí propózd tu hur fáatur aat hí çud stárt on a krúséd agenst æ Blak Dragun, storm hiz kasl, and kil him if nesesari for æ res-kû ov æ kaptivz. Yuñ and deliket az çí woz, çí ofurd to akumpani him on ais despuret ekspedi-çun. But hur fáatur caided hur for hur forwurdnes, and tóld hur aat çí wud not ónli briñ hursel

intu trubl but him alsó; aat æ Blak Dragun woz æ móst pourful prins in æ land, and nekst tu æ kiñ himself. Hí tóld hvr olsó aat hí woz ol-redi in fír ov hiz laif, bikòz hí had not givn hvr in marij hwen dimanded. Cæn Fridíma tremblð from hed tu fut, and hur eíks and lips grú hwait wia suprest ímógun; for çí sò aat hur fáaur, wia ðl hiz pour and grétnes, had nó streng or kurej tu rezist eni dimand hwic æ Blak Dragun mait mék, and aat hí wud probabli, if drivn tu ekstremiti, sakrifaz ívn a dòtur tu sév hiz ón laif. Só çí síst tu urj him, but mentali rizolvð aat hwotevur mait hapn çí wud kast hur lot wia æ púr Kuçans, and aat aé çud hensfóra bí hur pípl.

Cæ frends and néburz nou çód aèr stron sim-pæsi for Fridíma, and svn ov æm bóldli pronounst it a çém aat æ grét Samunkl çud akt só kouardli a párt. But æ góld-wurçipurz, and æ waiz men ov æ lò, and æ sól-dokturz on húz jujment hí rilaid, advaizð him tu bí kòçus, and ende-vur tu ristrén hiz impevus caild, and on nó akount alou eni mór Kuçanz tu entur hiz hous. Faíndiñ hiz dòtur fikst in hur purpus, hí bigan tu gró mór and mór unízi, for hí woz rizolvð not tu giv hvr up agenst hur wil. Hí ærfór divaizð vé-ríus ekspídients tu sikrít and protekt hur; but æ kiñ ov ai Oksident and æ grét jujez ov æ kiñdum, hú wer in akord wia æ Dragun, disaided aat æ prinses must bí givn up, akordiñ tu æ bond ov bitroçal hwich hur fáaur had konfest aat hí saínd. It woz not loñ bifór núz kém aat mes-

enjurz from æ Blak Dragun wer olredi on ær wé tu sikúr Fridíma and konvé hur tu æ abód ov hur aknolejð mástur. Hur fáður had nou nó risórs left but tu send hur awé síkretli. Wia a hevi hárt hí kòld hiz famili tugeaur for a hésti fèrwel, and tóld hiz wípiñ ðòtur aat hí kud pro- tekt hur nó longur; aat gí must nou flai for hur laif, aróin hurself on æ providens ov God and sue asistans az æ kaind-hárteð pípl mait rendur hur bai æ wé. Só hwen aé had ðl embrést and kist hur, and had put intu hur handz a fû nesesa- riz for hur jurni, gí stárteð fóra on hur perilus pil- grimej, trustiñ in a wocful providens tu gaid hur wé, but wia hárt palpitétiñ at evuri step, for fír ai emisariz ov æ Dragun mait bí upon hur trak.

Æ mesenjurz, féliñ tu diskuvur hur ritrit, nou riturnd hóm and riléteð tu æ Dragun ðl ær ad- vencionz, and æ manur in hwic Fridíma had es- képt. Hí woz fûrius in hiz réj at æ médn for hur obstinasi; and æ informéçun aat gí had bin aban- dund bai hur naeural protektur, and had nó hóm but æ kévz and æ forests, símd tu furniç him æ stimûlus ov a nû aktiviti for æ aprihençun ov hiz viktim. Hí fórawia ðiturmind tu sere evuri nuk and kornur hwèr æ pantiñ fûjitiv mait hav found çeltur. Só kòliñ tugeaur æ lordz and léðiz ov hiz kórt, hiz fairi aibòlz ðl æ hwail glóin wia eksaitment, hí swór a damnabl óa aat sins Fridí- ma had dílibretli and skornfuli rijekteð him, hí olsó diskárteð and rijekteð hur, but wud hav hiz wil upon hur, and wud put hur tu æ hárdest

mínial lébur, until hur plump and rózi form gud bí wésted tu æ veri bónz; and æn for a worniñ hí wud aró out hur skeletn tu hwaitn in æ ópn fíld, alon wiæ æ kárkasez ov æ Kuçanz and Fridónianz aat wer rotiñ in æ sun and blíciñ in æ dâz and rén. A klængur ov aplòz, laik æ cîrz ov pandimónium, rañ arú æ pales hòl az hí uttrd ais horid óa.

And nou komenst æ grand hunt for ai inosent and haples Fridíma. A þouzand horsmen mounted upon flit stídz, wiæ bludhoundz in ær trén, wer stárted of tu skour æ mountinz and vélz ov Norland. Grú sumer and winter, in spríntaim and hárvest, æ tramp ov ær stídz and æ houliñ ov ær dogz sent terur tu æ hárts ov æ písful inhabitants. Fridíma woz nevr séf, só æ kaind pezants did òl æé kud tu protekt hur. But gí æt not ov hursel alón. Déli and naitli gí sòt out æ púr Kuçanz hú wer flíiñ from ær tormenturz, dírektiñ æm tu æ houzez and vilejez hwèr gí had bin bifrended, and kèrfuli pointiñ out tu æm æ pólar stár, bai folóiñ hwic æé wud ríc Snóland, a biturli kóld kuntri, inaksesibl tu æ Kuçanhunturz.





#### CAPTUR IV.

**T**RAVELIN arú æ waildz ov Norland, hur tendur limz ekspózd tu æ snóz ov wintur and æ rénz ov sumur, ofn wigout a çeltur in æ sivírest stormz, it woz ekspekted aat æ frél Fridíma, if not kapcurd bai hur enemiz, wud at leŋa sink undur æ hárdçips çí had tu endâr. But tu ai amézment ov ðl, æ mór sivír hur ekspójur and sufur-iŋz, æ strongur and helætur çí grú, and só luvli in form and ficur aat æ pípl ðl bilívd hur a godes endoud wia imortaliti. Meni olsó, híriŋ hur nóbl wurdz in bihaf ov æ dispaizd Kuçanz, diklêrd æemselvz redi tu foló hur, ívn tu æ Dragunz kasl, for æ purpus ov reskúŋ hiz mizurabl kaptivz.

Æ Dragónianz, síŋ hou æ prinses had génd ai afekçunz ov æ multítadz, aplaind tu æ kiŋ for a lò tu puniç wia dea ðl hú çud hárbur or konsíl hur. Æn æ kiŋ bròt æ matur bifór æ grét kounsil, and it woz agríd aat æ hól kuntri çud join in æ sere aftur Fridíma, and húevur rifüzd tu point out hur haidiŋ plésez, or tu assist in aprihendiŋ hur, çud bí sivírli pùniçt.



Çí woz nou ridúst tu æ grétest stréts; òl hird  
 tu giv hur a naits lojiṅ or a krēm ov bred. In  
 hur ekstremiti çí wondurd fár out intu æ grét  
 wildurnes ov æ west, and faindiṅ a log kabin sat  
 doun bifór it in a stét ov komplít egzhòscun. It  
 woz okûpaid bai an óld man húz ném woz Osa-  
 mi, æ fáaur ov siks sunz. Hí woz ov a stern  
 kountenans and had a ruf grizli bírd, and hwen  
 hí kém out tu ask Fridíma hur biznes, çí só trem-  
 bld wiá fir æat çí kud not utter a wurd. Cæn æi  
 óld man, hú had a kaindli hárt, spók tu hur ten-  
 derli, and invaited hur intu hiz kabin, hwèr hí  
 tóld hur çí mait hav a hóm az loṅ az çí cóz tu  
 sté, for hí sò æat çí woz in distres. Aftur çí had  
 wormd hursel bai æ fair, hí pripèrd a frúgal míl,  
 æ best hiz hous afórded. Haviṅ nou génd kon-  
 fidens, Fridíma tóld him hú çí woz, and hwai çí  
 had kum, and ov òl hur wonduriṅz in æ waild  
 and dizmal forests wiá æ fújitiv Kuçanz. Hwail  
 æé wer tòkiṅ æi óld manz fór sunz, hú livd wiá  
 him, kém in from æèr wurk, and lisnd tu hur stó-  
 ri. Cæé wer encanted wiá æ fain silvur tónz ov  
 hur vois, and æ wé in hwic çí pled æ kòz ov æ  
 púr dispaizd Kuçanz drú fóra òl æèr simpasiz. Cæé  
 admaird æ púriti and upraitnes ov hur sentiments,  
 and hur lofti and self-sakrifaiziṅ benevolens. Óld  
 Osami pursívd æat æé wer dípli driṅkiṅ in hur  
 spirit, but hí sat kwaietli and sed not a wurd. Az  
 æi ívniṅ wór awé hí róz from hiz cèr and tuk  
 doun a nû huntiṅ raifl æat huṅ in æ rúm. Fridí-  
 ma nórist a strénj fair in hiz ai, and hiz ditermind

luk olmóst fraitnd hur, so gi nu from hiz apírans aat hí woz meditétiñ nó hárm tu hur. Aftur burniçiñ hiz raifl and putiñ hiz kártrijez in ordur, hí tóld Fridíma aat sins hur fáaur had féld tu akt æ párt ov a protektur, az hí woz bound tu dú, and had sent hur out intu æ kóld wurld, hí wud himself adopt hur az hiz ón caild, and wud asúm æ rait and æ risponsibiliti ov a pèrent tu difend hur agenst òl aat wud dú hur hárm. Æ bruarz wormli risponded, and açúrd hur aat gi çud evur bí trítéd bai æem az a dír sistur.

And nou, mai sunz, sed ai óld man, yú had betur get yúr wepnz in redines for faitiñ. Æis wurld iz ful ov tòk and simpasí, but tòk and simpasí,nevur yet protekted æ helples. If yú intend tu dilivur ais hunted lam from hur persikúturz, yú must bí pripèrd tu dú it at æ risk ov yúr laivz. Blud iz æ púrifaivur ordénd tu klenz æ sténz ov ais bad wurld. Sí yú not aat æ land iz ful ov leprusi? It wil rikwair sumsiñ mór aan wotur tu woç it out. Ai am an óld man, and mai laif iz not wurá mæc. Yú, mai sunz, ár yuñ; dú az yú laik; but az for mí, ai çal set maiself agenst æ foul monstur aat iz wurkiñ òl ais miscif. Ai wil mék mai wé intu hiz fortres; ai wil entur hiz pales; ai wil stand at hiz bedsaid; God helpiñ mí, ai wil send a çaft aat çal wiñ its wé tu hiz hárt; ai wil opn æ dórz ov hiz dunjunz, and nok of æ feturz ov hiz priznurz. And æ boiz sed æé wud gó wiá him. Æen Osami ríct up hiz hand and tuk down from æ çelf a Buk, hwíc tóld ov æ

Blak Dragun, and ov æ Red Dragun hiz fáctr, and hou æ word agenst æ Lord, and hou æ judgments ov hevn gud kum doun upon æm in fúcur taimz. Aftur rídiṅ a hwail hí fel upon hiz níz, az hiz kustum woz, and préd æ grét Olfáttur aat hí wud protekt Fridíma, and dilivur æ Kuçanz for hur sék, and aat hí wud brék æ pour ov æ Blak Dragun, and baniç him from Norland and Sunland, and from òl æ grín spots ov kriéçun, and síl him up in tófet fast and forevur.

Hwen Fridíma sò intu húz handz çí had fòln, and hwot a hai and nóbl nécur æ stern óld man pozest, and felt hur hóps ov hapines and sikúriti wuns mór rivaiv, hur hárt arobd waildli, for æ joi woz tú grét for hur, and çí burst intu a flud ov tírz. Dú not bí eksaited, sed Osami; kompóz yúrself, trust in God, and òl wil bí wel. Só çí draid up hur tírz, and hwen æ had òl bidn hur a kaind gud-nait çí ritaird tu rest. Çí sun fel intu a swit slumber, and drímd ov hapi sínz in a wuld hwèr òl ai inhabitants luvd íc vaur az bructuz.

Osami imídietli bigan tu mék preparéçunz for invédiṅ æ dominyunz ov æ Blak Dragun. Inspaird wiá hiz nú aidía, hí vizited òl hiz óld frendz and endevurd tu rouz æm tu a komun eftur for æ distrukçun ov æ monstur. Meni ov æm aòt hiz ém woz a gud wun, but disaprúvd ov æ mínz. In æ furst plés æ aòt it prizumçurs for a fú indivijualz tu get up a krúséd agenst sue a ventrabl antediluvian, hú woz íkwal and purhaps mór

aan íkwal in pour and prestij tu æ suvurin himself. Sekundli, if eni aiñ woz tu bí dun, it çud bi dun bai æ kiñ ov æ kuntri; and az hí woz at pís and amiti wiæ æ Dragun, it wud bí tríznu for eni ov æ komun pípl tu run kountur tu hiz egzampl, or atemt tu eksikût justis wiçout hiz ordur. It woz jenurali admited çat abstraktli æ Dragun had nó rait tu opres and maltrít æ Kuçanz; but az loñ az hí did not medl wiæ æ Nor-men and Norwimin, it woz dímd haili impolitik tu stur up hiz ráa bai interfirin in bihaf ov æ reced and helples krícurz hú had æ misforcun tu fòl under hiz pour. Só æé tóld Osami plénli çat æé wud hav nuaiñ tu dú wiæ hiz skímz; móst ov æem, indíd, æòt çat hí woz krézi, or wud sun bikum só. A fû pípl, hú sò hwot a worm and jenurus hárt hí had, and hou wiliñ hí woz tu sakrifaz himself tu help æem çat had nó helpur, enkurejd him in hiz undurtékiñ, and gév him muni tu bai wepnz, loñçuturz and çortçuturz, and çárp lansez wiæ hwic æ Kuçanz mait difend æemselvz agenst æer opresurz.

Míntaim æ grét prinsez and lordz ov æ Dragónianz, híriñ çat Fridíma had tékn refûj wiæ a wudz-man ov æ west, sent fóra æer emisariz in grét numburz tu sere hur out and briñ hur tu æ pales in cénz, for æ Dragun had nou givn up ai aidía ov mékiñ hur hiz waif, and woz ónli bent upon distroiiñ hur and hur frendz. Hiz bandits wer ordurd tu plundur and lé wést æ nû kuntri, and kil of æ Fridónianz az fast az æé kud. Grét numburz wer

got and jibeted, stór-houzez emtid, and vilejez burnt, aróin̄ ae hól kuntri intu konsturnéçun. Çe sunz ov Osami wer tékn priznurz, aèr ármz pin-yund bihaind æm wiá æon̄z aat kut tu æ bón, and in ais kondiçun aé wer fasnd tu æ Dragóni-anz' horsez, and méð tu run wiá æm az aé gal-upt awé in æ burniñ hit tórdz Sunland. Wun ov æm bikém a méniak from æ hítiñ ov hiz brén; anuaur woz kild bai a Hwait devl-prícur, hú aòt it grét merit tu ofur him az a sakrifaiç tu hiz god.

At leñr Osami, haviñ komplítéd hiz arénj-ments, and faird anû bai æ bárbérian krúeltiz in-flikted on hiz sunz and néburz, aróz sudenli and tuk hiz dipárcur for Sunland, akumpanid bai arí ov hiz sunz and hiz suninlò, and a dczn trusti worryur. Çé kém upon æ Dragunz stroñhóld bai nait, géniñ admiçun wiáout difikulti. Kérfuli filíñ aèr wé, aé enturd an apártment nír æ pales, hwic woz ful ov fairármz and grét gunz and poudur, fúrst mékiñ priznurz ov æ wocmen hú stud gárd at æ dór. From ais rúm aé hópt tu faind a pasej intu æ Dragunz bedcémbur, in hwic kés aé wud sun bí ébl tu finiç him. But in ais ekspektéçun aé wer disappointed, and hwen æ morniñ bigan tu ðòn aé found aèr entrans had bin diskuvurd. Çe nûz flû laik laitniñ arú æ pales and arúout òl Sunland, and raidurz wer huriñ tu and fró, òl waíld az wiá ai eksaitment ov batl. Hwen æ Blak Dragun herd æ tûmvt and woz tóld æ kòz, hí rórd wiá fûri and laçt hiz tél agenst

æ pales wòlz til æé çuk az if æèr had bin an era-kwék. Æe æundur ov hiz róriņ ekód ívn tu æ distant hiltz ov Norland, kòziņ ai inhabitants tu kwék wiæ terur and haid æemselvz wiæin æèr houzez. Æe Dragun olsó kém fóra ov hiz pales and çód himself in òl hiz jaigantik propórçunz, hiz form touriņ aloft tu æ ríjun ov æ stárz, dárkniņ æ sun az a kloud, and æróiņ a glúmi çadó óvur æ hól land. Púr Fridíma sat krouciņ, solitari and trembliņ, in a mountia kév; nun ðeriņ tu ministur tu hur wonts, or inkwair aftur hur welfèr, or ívn pronouns hur ném.

And nou æ guvernurz and æ jentralz and kap tinz ov Sæaland, wiæ an ármí ov horsmen and futmen, bigan tu gaæur from òl kworturz; and æé envairund Osami and hiz kumpanyunz, hú fòt brévli for æèr laivz, but wer at last óvurpourd. Æe sunz ov ai óld híró wer slén, and hí himself woz kapæurd, wúnded and bliðiņ, and dragd tu æ kounsíl-hous for egzaminéçun. And æ guvernur sed tu him, Ai nó òl about yúr vilani; ai wont nó informéçun on æat point; but tel me, név, hú sent yú hiæur? Yú hav kum at ai instigéçun ov Samtņkl; it iz ov nó yús tu ðinai it. Konfes, and ai wil giv yú a fèr traial. Æen Osami, gróniņ wiæ pén, turnd hiz góri hed and mikli riplaid, Mai ðíd iz mai ón; ai hav had nó kounsel or advais from Samtņkl. Unles yú wil jçj mí akordiņ tu justis, ai wiç nó traial; if yú ár ðiternind tu hav mai blud, kil mí at wuns, for ai am redi tu ðai. Æe gud Buk telz mí ai çud dú tu tæurz az

ai wud hav sætz dú tu mí; and in sikiñ tu pluk æ kaptivz from æ tíu ov æ Dragun, ai hav ðun nó mór æan ai çud wiç sum kaind dilivtur tu dú for mí in similar sirkumstanzes.

Æn æ guvurnur, hú woz a Waizman, sed wicin himself, Ai must not sím tu kondem æis man for hétiñ æ Dragun and bifrenðiñ æ Kuçanz, lest it çud kriét for him simpææizurz ívn amuñ ourselvz; but ai wil trai him for kilin and murduriñ æ sóljurz æat wer sent agenst him. Só æé held a kórt, and bròt løyurz and witneses, and méð a grét paréd ov justis and ligaliti, and fainali ajujd him tu dea. Æn æé tóld him hí must hav æ sól-dokturz tu konvert and klenz him, só æat hwen hí daid hí mait not fòl intu æi evurlastiñ flémz. But Osami wud not hárken tu æer advais, and hí riturnd for anstr æat hí wud giv mór for æ prèr ov a púr Kuçan muæur æan for ðl æ prèrz and katekizmz ov ðl æ sól-dokturz æ Blak Dragun had in hiz emploi.

At leñ æ mártur woz led fóra tu dai, hwail a grét ármí ov sóljurz and horsmen wer paréðed around him tu witnes æe spektakl and traiumf óvur hiz fét. And æé huñ him up bitwín æ hevnz and æi era, and woct him until hí woz ded. But nó sunur had æe spirit esképt from æe bodi æan it spred abròð in æi atmosfír, filiñ æe windz wiç stréñj hwispurz, and flitiñ húr and æer, laik a góst, arú ðl æe land. It disturbd æe lordz and prinsez ov æe Dragunz kórt in æer midnait drímz; and æe yuñ men and wimin ov Norland bigan tu

bría a freçur and púrur èr, and tu fil nû impulsez, and tu yern aftur æ loŋ-luvd and baniçt Fridíma. Wicain tú yírz from Osamiz dea, æ pípl had jentráli kum tu æ konvikçun aat hí woz yet huvuriŋ óvur æ kuntri, in æ çép ov a gárdian énjel; aat insted ov ritairiŋ difited from æ kon-test wia æ Blak Dragun, hí had joind ai ármi ev æ Lord; aat hiz napsak woz stil strapt upon hiz bak, and hiz sól márciŋ on.







## CAPTUR V.

**URSÍVIN** aat æ afekçunz ov æ Normen wer inseparabli twaind around æ jentl Fridíma, æ Dragónianz bigan tu konsult hou æé mait brék up æ kiᅇdum, and form a nû gúvernment ov hwic æ Blak Dragun çud hav æ sól pozeçun. Óld Publik Funçunari, hú had loᅇ bin kiᅇ ov æ Yunaited Oksident, and hú had ofurd tú hundred and fifti silvurliᅇz for æ kapçur ov Osami, woz about tu end hiz rén, and æer wer glúmi aprihençunz aat hiz suksesur wud not bí só frendli tu æ Blak Dragun az hí had bin. Hwen æ taim kém for apointiᅇ a nû rúlvur, æer woz grét eksaitment arú æ land. And on a set dé æ vérits traibz asemdl, æ Dragónianz, and æ Demókrianz, and æ Fridónianz, and æ Publikanz, and ai Íradikéturz, and æ Konservaturz, and æ multitúdz ov æ pípl bóa in Norland and Sunland, tu witnes æ kastᅇ ov æ lots. And meni ov æem sat up wociᅇ òl nait, hwail æ síurz and ògurz konsulted ai ómenz. And hwen æ morniᅇ woz kum, bihóld ai èr woz ful ov fòliᅇ lívz, hwic æ wind had blón fár and waid óvur æ kuntri. And hwen æ pípl had pikt æem up, and eg-

zamind æm kèrfuli, æé found ritn upon æem æe ném ov MAGNUS MAHÁRBA. Só æé nú aat ais woz æe ném ov æèr nekst kiṅ.

Æen woz æer grét komógun in æe pales ov æe Dragun, and æe lordz and prinsez and lédz ov hiz houshold wer fild wiá indignégun, for æé had herd ov Magnus Mahárba, aat hí woz an onest man, and wun aat luvd justis and ekwiti, and hens æé inferd aat hí must bí an enemi ov æèr mástr. Æé had olsó herd it ripórted aat Fridíma, dâriṅ hur travelz, had spent a nait at hiz hous, and instild intu hiz maind hur fanatikal planz for letiṅ lús æe Kuçanz, and líviṅ æe Dragun tu dai ov stárvégun. Só æe çífs and nóblz assembl d and drú up æe cártur ov a nú kiṅdum for æe suport and difens ov æèr ógust patrún and hiz projeni, and for ai ekstengun ov hiz and æèr glóri, influens and pour óvur ðl æe landz and síz, and for ai eksterminégun ov æèr enemiz bai fair and sórd. And æé cóz Prins Jefur tu bí æèr kiṅ, and hiz çíf ministurz wer Lord Sepulkur, and Lord Júdas, and Munimungur, and Névimaladi, híz ofis it woz tu mék desolét æe síz and tu beri in díp woturz æe çíps ov Samuṅkl. And for hiz jenralz hí had Grétbrag, and Pretigárd, and Stónijon, and Stóniják, and Bóldrobin. And æé rézd a grét ármí and tuk pozeṅ ov æe stronhóldz and kaslz, and sízd meni çíps and gunz, bisaidz aóz hwie had bin síkretli givn æem bai æe servants ov Publik Fungunari.

Nou hwen æe lordz and kounselurz ov ai Oksi-

dentalz hú wer asembl'd in párliment herd aíz  
 aínz, aé wer fild wiá alárm. And aé sed amuñ  
 aemselvz, Wí must bai òl mínz pasifai æ Dragun,  
 and giv him hwotevur hí dimandz, uaurwaiz wí  
 çal hav wor and bludçed, and our hapi land wil  
 bikum a land ov straif and tûmült, laik ai éngent  
 kiñdumz ov ai Órient. Aftur muc angrí dibét,  
 sum bíñ in févur ov æ Dragun and sum agenst  
 him, aé agríd tu mék a trítí ov purpecual pís and  
 amiti on aíz kondiçunz, némli, aat hiz majesti æ  
 Dragun woz tu bí rekognaizd az stvuren ov æ  
 kuntri konjointli wiá æ réniñ kiñ; but hí woz not  
 tu strec hiz ármz or fít, or æ çadó ov hiz oæoriti,  
 óvur eni ov æ nû westurn landz aat had bin  
 purcest bai Samuñkl; sekundli, aat Fridíma çud bí  
 givn him tu waif akordiñ tu ai orijinal agríment;  
 lastli, aat Samuñkl and æ Normen çud entur intu  
 a solem kuvenant wiá æ Dragun aat aé wud  
 not molest him in æ fûeur, nor spík ov him dis-  
 rispektfuli az aé had dún; and wud undur nó sur-  
 kumstansez alou eni flaiiñ Kuçan tu ték refûj in  
 aèr bordurz; and aat ais kuvenant çud nevur bí  
 olturd, hwail sun, mún and stárz çón in æ hevnz,  
 or hwail mountinz, síz and rivurz márkt æ divi-  
 junz ov ai era. Só aé sent out æ dikrí norá, soua,  
 íst and west, aat òl æ land mait konfirm it.

But it woz nou tú lét; for æ Blak Dragun,  
 síñ æ kouardis and konsturnéçun ov æ kiñ and  
 hiz kounsíl, bigan tu strec himself mór and mór,  
 and diklèrd aat hí wud aksept ov nuaiñ les aan  
 undivaided swé from óçun tu óçun strét akros æ

kontinent, and from hwèr æe noræurn lairun çéks hiz snói méu tu hwèr' æe swæurn aligétur sunz himself on æe sandi çór ov æe Grét Bésn. Æe Normen olsó wer displízd wiæ æe nú kuvenant and rifúzd tu konfirm it. And æe pourful Sam-urkl bigan tu çó hiz spirit, and tu dinai aat hí had evur promist hiz dötur in marij tu æe Drag-un; for hiz hárt smót him hwen hí herd ov æe krúel sufuriñz tu hwie Fridíma had bin ekspózd in htr wonduriñz, and hí ripróct himself for æe kouardli párt hí had akted in sendiñ hur of, insted ov manfuli standiñ up and protektiñ hur wiæ æe bróni muslz ov hiz stroñ árm. At last hí went tu ai aturniz and tu ai énçents aat wer skild in æe lò, and dizaird æem tu egzamin æe párements ov bitroaal bai hwie it woz klémd aat hiz dötur had bin konsaind in wedlok tu æe snéki monstur. Aftur dilijent sere and kèrful disaifuriñ ov æe manúskripts, æe lòyurz gév æer opinyun aat nó evidens ov a bitroaal egzisted, and aat æe dok-úments rilaid on tu prúv it had nó valid bèriñ on æe kés. Æen sed Samurkl, God forgiv mí aat ai hav akted laik a fúl; Fridíma çal riturn, and ai wil difend htr, if níd bí, wiæ mai laif.

Hwen æe taim kém for Magnus Mahárba tu asend æe arón, ðl ai ómenz wer unpropigus. Æe skai lourd, æe kloudz çot fóra laitniñz, æundurz mutcrd, vaipurz and ratsnéks kém hisiñ from æer denz, and æe hai príst, aat woz tu pór on hiz hed ai anointiñ oil, woz a dárk daiabolikal Dragónian. Nou Magnus Mahárba woz ov a kwaiet and pís-

ful tempur; hí luvd evuri bodi, and sòt æe gud ov òl men, and hiz grétest kèr woz aat hí mait nevur injur an enemi, but wia ívnhanded justis trít frend and fó alaik. Nó kiñ had evur bifór held æe skélz ov justis wia só impárçal a hand. In hiz hárt hí héted æe Blak Dragon; but inazmuc az hí had bin konstitúted kiñ óvur bóa gud and bad, hí woz rizolvd aat bad and gud gud íkwali çèr hiz protekçun. Hí had learnt from æe prísts and sól-dokturz aat hwen ai Olmaiti façund aèr planet wia hiz fingurz, and róld it out from æe depas ov íaur, a móltu and fairi bòl, ívn aen hí ordénd it tu bí æe fûcur habitéçun ov æe Blak Dragon, and pridestind aat kiñz and prinsez çud dú him onur, and çud protekt him, and çud alou him a sertin pórgun ov aèr rés for hiz wurkmen, and for hiz wud and wotur kariurz, and for hiz médservants, and for mercandaiz, and for sakrifaiz on hiz olturz, and for hwotevur purpusez hí mait faind it konvinyent tu yúz æem. But ai Íradiké-turz tóld æe kiñ aat æe sól-dokturz wer roñ; aat æe Dragon woz a yuzurpur and an outlò; aat hí woz not a krícur ov God but ov æe devl, and aat it wud bí rait tu kil him and aró out hiz kárkas tu blíc in æe rénz ov hevn wia æe kárkas-æz ov æe púr inosents hóm hí had murdurd. Æe kiñ lent a wiliñ ír tu aíz opinyunz, for hí abhord opreçun; and olaó hí aòt it wud bí roñ for him tu ték æe laif ov wun ov Godz krícurz, óvur hóm hí had bin plést az a rúltur, yet hí síkretli wiçt aat God himself, if hí disaprúvd ov æe Dragunz

dúin̄z, wud send doun a grundurbólt tu distroi him, and æs riliv æe land ov its foulest and wurst enemi.

Hwen Magnus Mahárba woz anointed kin̄, hí stud up on æe arón and méed a spíc tu æe pípl, akordin̄ tu æe kustum ov æe kuntri, só aat ðl mait undurstand æe prinsiplz ov hiz guvurnment and hwot woz tu bí æe manur ov hiz rúl. Hí told æem hí wud not alou Norland and Sunland tu bí di-vaided, for hí had tékn hiz óa tu prizerv æem in yúnyn az wun kuntri; yet hí wud grant æe Dragónianz evuri indtjens aat woz posibl. Oláo æe Blak Dragun woz ofensiv tu æe Normen, hiz raits gud bí rispekted; and if eni ov hiz kaptivz esképt, aé gud bí hunted up and ristórd tu him; and æe pípl ov Sunland gud bi left tu manej æer ón afèrz az aé sò fit, provided aé wud not síz æe forts and kaslz bilon̄in̄ tu æe kin̄, nor interfir wia æe çips and trédin̄ ov Samuñkl.

Æs kaindli did æe nû kin̄ endeveur tu alé ai iritégn ov æe Dragónianz, but tu nó purpus. Cé ansurd him bak wia skorn aat hí woz nó kin̄ ov æèrz; aat aé had not cózn, nor wud aé aksept him; aat aé had provided a guvurnment for æemselvz; and az for æe kin̄z pour tu enfórs a yúnyn bitwín æem and æe Normen, aé difaid him. And aé gaard æer flíts and ármiz and set æem in batl aré agenst æe kin̄z garisunz, for aé wer impégent tu bigin æe wor.



## CAPTUR VI.

**T**ÓNIPAIL kasl, on ai ísturn kóst ov Sunland, woz wun ov æ kinz stroñholdz bilt bai Samuñkl at grét ekspens, az a séf-gárd agenst foren invédurz. It stud at æ moua ov a rivur, and woz gárded bai æ servants ov Samuñkl, hú had ordurz tu admit nó viziturz nor alou eni veselz tu pas widout æ kinz purmiçun. And æ Dragon sent a mesenjur tu æ kaptin ov æ garisun, séiñ, Giv mí æ kí ov æ kasl, aat mai woryurz mé entur in and okûpai it, for it iz bilt upon mai terituri and ærfór bilonz tu mí. And æ kaptin and æ aat wer wia him rifûzd, for æ séd, Wí must obé ai ordurz ov our kin, and widout hiz purmiçun wí kan giv admitans tu nó wun. And Prins Jefur sed, Nou iz our taim; let us storm æ kasl, and só briñ on wor, and æn wil ðl æ pípl ov Sunland bí yunaited az wun man, and wí wil fair ær hárts agenst æ tairant Mahárba, and wil gó out agenst him in batl, and wil óvuráro and distroi him, and wil entur hiz pales and rúl æ hól land. And hí gév æ komand, and Dûk Pretigárd surrounded æ kasl, and bumbárded it wia hiz artiluri, and arú upon it çelz and kombus-

tiblz, setiñ it on fair, and filiñ it wiá smók and flémz. And hí dróv out æ men aat wer set tu gárd it, and tór doun æ kiñz banur and put in its plés æ banur ov æ ratsnék and Dragun. And aé çouted and sañ, and méd meri óvur ær vikuri.

And hwen Magnus Mahárba sò hwot woz dun, hí sent wurd tu Samuñkl, and bad him gó arú æ land and kolekt arí skór and fiftín aouzand worryuz tu fait for ær kiñ and kuntri, and tu rikuvur æ forts and kaslz aat had bin kapcurd. Æn woz Samuñkl glad, for hí had loñ bin impéçent tu avenj ai insults ov æ Dragónianz, and had bin angrí wiá æ kiñ for hiz ekstrím forbèrans. Hí had olsó tóld hiz frendz praiwetli aat Fáçur Magnus çud not ristrén him muc loñgur, for if hí kud not obtén ridres uaurwaiz, hí wud ték æ lò intu hiz ón handz. Az sun az hí risívd æ kiñz mar-dét tu sumun æ worryuz, hí róz up in hést tu eksikût æ komiçun. And ær woz trampiñ tú and fró, and mesenjurz huriiñ óvur plén and mountin, and æ èr woz alaiv wiá æ sound ov musturiñ futsteps and æ ratliñ and burniçin ov wepuz.

And Samuñkl konsulted wiá æ ric men ov Góçam, and hí kounseld æm tu ópn æ selurz hwèr aé kept ær trejurz, and briñ out æ góld aat woz hidn bihaind ær wòlz, and giv it intu æ handz ov æ kiñz ofisurz for purcesin wepuz, and for bildiñ çips, and for klóaiñ and fidiñ æ worryuz. And aé anstrd him févurabli, and promist tu giv æ kiñ òl aat hí níded.

Nou æ siti ov Góçam woz a Bébelaitiç siti,



and æ langweĵ ov æ pípl diskordant. And meni ov æm wer Dragónianz, hú apírd in æ gárb ov Demókrianz, rizembliĵ æm só klósli æat æ komun pípl kud skèrsli tel æ diferens. Æe mercantz and marinurz wer jenurali frendz ov æ Dragun, bikòz ær wela woz méd bai trafikiĵ in æ skélz hwic fel from hiz bodi, for hí ġed hiz skélz evuri yír, and æé wer ov a fain and bûtiful tekseur, and suseptibl ov a grét varaieti ov kulur and poliġ, and hwen manúfakcurd intu róbz and vestments wer muc admaird and sòt aftur bai æ mercants ov foren kuntriz. Æe Dragun had nou put a stop tu æis trafik; meni, æerfór, hú had príviusli advokéted hiz kòz, sudenli turnd agenst him, diklèriĵ æat æé had olwez dislaikt him in æer hárts, and æat hensfóra æé abjúrd and rinounst him forever. Æé ívn went só fár az tu sé it woz not fit æat sue a monstur ġud liv. Æe ærí waiz men ov Gógam, at húz lips æe pípl wer akustumd tu ték advais, and húz némz wer Taimservitur, Tribúnosofur and Hárlikin, had until nou bin divaided in kounsel. Wun rekomended jentlnes and forbèrans tórdz æe Dragun; anæaur woz wiliĵ æe monstur and òl æat luvd him ġud dipárt and bígon, and form a pandimónium for æemselvz, sue az æé cóz; hwail æe æurd rifúzd tu ġiv advais íaur wé, not nóin hweaur Kiĵ Magnus or Prins Jeftr wud prúv æe strongur. But hwen æé sò æe kiĵz flag tórn down, and æe sóljurz ov Samuĵkl faird upon and drivn out ov æer kasl, and æe ratsnéks traiumfiĵ óvur its ruínz, æíz ærí waiz

men stud up wia yunaited vois, and bad æ pípl kum forwurd at æ kòl ov àèr kiṅ, and woḡ out æ stén on àèr banur wia æ blud ov aóz aat had insulted it. And æ multitud ruḡt wia wun impuls intu æ kounsil gróv, and æ cíf worryurz, and aì óld men, and æ mercants, and æ lòyurz and spiricual dokturz haraṅgd æm àèr, and egzhorted æm tu fait for àèr olturz and inheritansez and æ kuvenant ov àèr fáaturz. And æ gróv rizounded wia ḡouts, and traikulurd banurz wer huṅ upon evuri trí, and æ pípl lifted up àèr handz tórd hevvn and tuk a solem óa aat æ wud alou nó Dragun kiṅdum tu bí establiḡt upon àèr soil. And æ guvurnur ov æ siti, húz ném woz Rotnwud, a cíf ov æ Dragónianz, woz àèr; and hwen the multitud diskuvurd him æ krouded around him and aretnd him, and tóld him aat hí ólsó ḡud réz hiz vois for hiz kiṅ and kuntri, or els bí kounted for a tréttur. Só æ kompeld him tu mount æ vinigur barel and ḡout for Magnus Mahárba and Samuṅkl.

And æ grét ármí ov Samuṅkl woz gaaurd akordiṅ tu æ kiṅz komandment, and æ kómenst àèr máre intu Sunland. But æ jenralz wer kòḡund tu díl jentli wia æ lordz and prinsez ov æ Dragónianz, and on nó akount tu mék wor upon æ Dragun himself, but ónli tu ḡó him hou impotent hí woz tu kontend wia æ fórzez ov æ kiṅ, and auz fraitn him intu ḡud bihévyur, if hí kud not bí wun bai kaindnes. And hwen Dák Bothóldur and Dák Miklmakl enttrd intu æ

Dragónian kuntri, aé furst ov ðl igúd aèr prokla-  
 mégunz, enjoiniþ upon aèr folóurz and ðl æe pípl  
 tu onur and rispekt ai osoriti ov æe Blak Dragun,  
 and warniþ æe Kuþanz aat if aé imprúvd ai opor-  
 tãniti ov aèr másturz distres tu raiz agenst him,  
 aé wud bí krúæt wiá an aiurn hand. But hwail  
 æe cífs ov æe Normen wer só tendur ov æe Drag-  
 un, and só kærful tu injur hiz lordz and nóblmen  
 az litl az posibl, æe Dragónianz fòt wiá aèr ut-  
 móst streng and furi, góinþ févur níaur tu hai nor  
 ló. Hwen æe kiþ sò aat ðl æe smòl batlz wer  
 góinþ agenst him, and aat insted ov báinþ imprest  
 wiá a hólsóm dred ov hiz pour, æe Dragónianz  
 wer ónli æe mór imbóldnd, hí kòld for Dúk Dúit-  
 wel, and bað him komens æe wor in earnest. And  
 hí sent him wiá tú skór and ten ljunz ov stalwurá  
 worryurz, orduriþ him tu mék an óvurhwelmiþ  
 asolt on æe sentral Dragónian armi, and aftur di-  
 fitiþ tu pursú æem ívn tu æe géts ov Ricmantoun,  
 aèr kapital. Æen Dúk Dúitwel krost óvur æe  
 Boundarimárk rivur and enturd Vurjinland. Af-  
 tur márciþ tú déz hí kém tu a smòl strím kòld  
 Bulskampur, on ai vaur said ov hwic lé æe Dra-  
 gónianz stroþli fortifaid, and redi for an atak.  
 And æe Normen advanst and fòt æem arí déz  
 and arí naits, but kud not disloj æem, for aèr cífs  
 wer óld worryurz, æurcli skild in aèr árt, and aé  
 wérili kept tu aèr intrencements and wud not fait  
 on ai ópn fild. But on æe fóra dé aé máret out  
 and joinð batl, and fòt wiá despurégun; and æer  
 woz a grét slòttr. And hwen æe sun woz góinþ

doun, and æ Normen wer fént and wíri, æ sò ɛ spektur némd Pan, and æ tremblð wia grét fir. And hwen a fū ov æm bigan tu flai, æ terur spred amuṅ æ rest, and æ lukt ais wé and aat, and ló, æ spektur woz klós upon æm. And æ gév a kraí, and arú awé ær gunz and napsaks, and abandund ær wagunz and kanun, and ran az if ai eru wer klíviṅ asundur bihind æm; æ pòzd níatur tu ít or driṅk til æ got bak tu æ royal siti. But ær enemiz did not persú æm, for æ æt it woz a rúz. And æ nekst morniṅ æ sent fóru ær skouts tu egzamin æ batl fild, and tu faind hwèr æ Normen wer. And hwen æ had fuli serct æ ríjūn around, and sò aat ai ármi ov Samuṅkl had indíd gon bak, líviṅ æ ródsaidz strón wia gárments and wepnz huridli kast awé, ær kurej ri-vaivd, and æ çouted and danst, and proklémd a grét viktori, and òl Sunland woz fild wia soṅz and festíviti.

And æ gaaurd ær slén and wúnded and berid æ ded. But meni ov æ Normen wer left abuv ground, and hwen æ fleç had dikéd and fóln of, æ karid æ bónz tu ær tents, and manû-fakcurd æm intu driṅkiṅ kups, and fingur riṅz and neklésez, and òl manur ov kûrits ornáments tu prizent tu ær waivz and swithárts, az tóknz ov ær valur, and tu haṅ up az trófiz in ær kolejez and múziúmz, aloṅ wia æ skin ov Osamiz sun, and æ skalps and skeletunz ov uaurz aat had bin sakrifaidz in onur ov ær god.



## CAPTUR VII.

**W**ORTIFAID and konfounded at ai unlukt for dizastur ov Bulskampur, æ kiñ and hiz lordz and hiz párliment bigan tu dout hweær æ çud bí ébl tu fraitrn æ Dragun out ov hiz insolens bai kiliñ of a pórçun ov hiz servants and adhr-ents, and hweær it wud not bí betur tu mék wor direktli upon æ monstur himself. But æ kiñ sed, Let us dú justli, and let us spèr hiz laif if posibl. Ai hav tékn an óa tu prizerv him, akordiñ tu æ éngent stacuts; yet notwiastan diñ ais, mai obligéçun tu æ kuntri iz grétur. It iz æ fiziçunz dûti tu sév hiz péçent wiæ hiz limz entair if hí kan; but if hí faindz ais imposibl, æn hí iz justifaid in kutiñ of a lim tu sév æ manz laif. Só wil ai dú wiæ æ Dragun; hwen it bikumz sertin æat ai kanot sév him wiæout endén-juriñ æ kiñdum, ai wil lív him tu hiz fét, and hiz vaiolens çal kum doun upon hiz ón hed, and ai çal bí giltles ov hiz blud. Æn sed æ kiñz koun-selurz, Let a párt ov æ Dragunz pour bí tékn awé, and let sum ov Liz landz bí konfiskéted, and

let az meni Kuçanz az ár fórst tu help him in hiz wiked wor bí rilíst from ær bondej, and bí in-vaited tu ték çeltur undur æe stári banur, and for-evur aftur let æem bí frí from æe servis and oacr-iti ov æer krúel máster. Çus çal wí tuc æe Dra-gun in a tendur spot, and hí wil bikum alármd, and wil bí kompeld tu sù for pís on ste termz az wí mé diktét. And æe kiñ gév hiz konsent, and aé rót æe dikrí, and it woz rikorded amuñ æe stacuts ov æe relm.

Sun aftur ais, wun ov æe kiñz cíftenz híz ném woz Dùk Frímantl, dâriñ hiz márcez in æe west, ðiskuvurd wun ov æe Dragunz loñ ármz ekstend-ed out intu æe nú kuntri and graspiñ a sték hwic hí had planted æer az a sain ov hiz lóful pozeçun. And Frímantl tuk hiz staf and hésted, and léd hólð on æe jaigantik pò, and bound it fast tu æe sték, and gév ordurz tu hiz ofisurz çat aé çud briñ sórdz and aksez and naivz, and kut it of. Çen æe Dragun hould wiç a bitur and móst lam-entabl houl, çat ríct ívn tu æe pales, and fel rpon ai írz ov æe kiñ. And hwen æe kiñ had inkwaird and lernt æe kòz, hí sent a mesenjur tu Dùk Frí-mantl, and ribúkt him, and ordurd him tu rilís æe Dragunz árm, and in nó waiz tu sevr it from hiz bodi, az æe wúnd mait prúv fétal, and æen hí wud bí gílti ov æe Dragunz blud. But Frímantl wud not lús æe bandz, for hí rigárded æe sléiñ ov ste a monstur az nó murdur. Nevuræles, out ov rispekt tu æe kiñz ordurz, hí let æe pò rimén az it woz, until Dùk Huntsman woz sent tu kut æe

róps and giv ai óld reprobét anuurr cans for hiz laif.

But òl æ kiņz kaindnes had nó efekt upon æ Dragun, for hí woz az proud and impíríus az evur. Āen æ kiņ kòld for faiv hundred líjūnz ov woryurz, in adiġun tu aóz hí olredi had, and hí tuk tú hundred líjūnz ov æ brévest, and plést Dūk Miklmakl at aēr hed, and ordurd æm tu márc valyantli but wérili, and ték pozeġun ov ai enemiz kapital. And Dūk Miklmakl sed tu æ kiņ, Ai must trén and tíc æm bifór ai kan líd æm tu mít æ Dragónianz, lest aé ġud not bí ébl tu wiastand æ ġárp ej ov batl, and ġud bí put tu konfájcn az at Bulskampur, and wí bí agen bròt tu ġém.

And æ muni in æ kiņz kofurz bigan tu gró skant, and æ góld síst tu fló from bihaind æ wòlz ov Góam, and from æ vòlts ov Bruursiti and Bívztoun, and Rickárgó, and æ rivur banġs hwèr æ kiņz ofisurz had digd só suksesfuli yłded nó mór. Āen Magnus Mahárba méd hiz wonts nón tu hiz ministurs and waiz men, and aé sed, Woz not muni in éġent taim obténd from æ moua ov a fiġ? And tu húm ġud æ kiņ luk for silvur and góld but tu Lord Grínfiġ, húm hí haz apointed tu bí óvur hiz trejuri? And æ grét kounsil past a dikrí aat æ lord trejurur ġud bí rikwaird tu riplenġ æ egzhòsted cests, and aat hí ġud bí purmited tu manúfakcur muni out ov hwotevur matírialz hí aòt móst konvínent, and aat eni substans stampd and koind in æ trejuri

milz gud bí kounted for æ trú koin and kurensi ov æ relm. And Lord Grínfiç multiplaid hiz milz, and kast ærin óld klóaz and daivurz linen and kotn fabriks, and ær kém out bútiful soft muni, stampt wia imejez ov æ kiṅ and hiz lordz, and ilustréted wia òl manur ov strénj and kúrius divaisez. And æ kulur ov it woz grín, laik æ kulur ov æ óçun. And hwen æ kiṅ sò it hí woz wel satisfaid, and Samuṅkl tuk it and surkúléted it arú æ kuntri, and æ pípl were dilaited, and yúzd it for trafik and for æ pément ov tribút and kustumz, and nó longur komplénd ov ær burdnz.

Lord Síwordur woz ólsó wun ov æ cíf minis-  
turz ov æ relm, and hí woz apointed tu woc æ  
kiṅz and kuntriz biyond æ síz, and tu privent ær  
sendiṅ óvur veselz and renduriṅ asistans tu æ  
Dragun. And Lord Dípwotur had cárj ov æ  
çips ov Samuṅkl, and hí sent æm tu gárd æ íst-  
urn kóst ov Sunland, and tu aró fairi misilz up-  
on æ Dragónianz, and tu draiv æm out ov ær  
sitiz, and tu riték æ fortresez ov Samuṅkl hwic  
had bin stóln from him. And æ veselz skourd  
aloṅ æ çór and went around tu æ souæ ov Sun-  
land; and enturiṅ intu æ Grét Bésn aé past on  
and kém tu æ mouæ ov Fáðurwotur rivur, on  
æ bank ov hwic lé æ grét siṭi Fívuropolis. And  
Dúk Botlhóldur went up wia æ çips, and  
stormd æ fortresez and tuk æ siti, and held it  
in æ ném ov Kiṅ Magnus Mahárba. And hí rúld  
ai enemiz ov æ kiṅ wia rigur, bóa Híseç and Çi-



seç; but hí guvurnd æ pípl raicusli, and dilivurd æ Kuçanz out ov æ handz ov ær opresurz.

Hwail æ çips wer æus mékiñ konkwests on æ staurn çór, Dûk Miklmakl riménd in æ royal siti kèrfuli tréniñ hiz tú hundred líjunz, só æat hwen æ sprin òpnd hí mait múv æem forwurd tórd Riemantoun. Az sun az æ wintur had past æ kiñ ordurd him tu mék hést and bí gon, and told him æat sins hí woz afréd tu líd hiz worryurz bai æ wé ov Bulskampur, hwèr æé had sín æ spektur, hí mait ték æem around bai çip tu ai íst ov ai enemiz siti and márc from æens bai a çort and ízi ród. Só æé tuk çip and landed on ai ísturn çór ov Vurjinland, and márcet tórd æ Dragunz stroñhóld. And hwen Dûk Miklmakl had kum nír tu æ siti, and biheld æ spairz ov æ templez, and æ fortifikéçunz bihind hwic æ Dragun had intrenct himself, and æ vast ármiz æat wer gaaurd around æ plés for its difens, and kud dizern æ formz ov æ horsez and æ horsmen æat wer múviñ in æ distans, and ai ópu mouaz ov æ grét blak gunz, hiz hárt suñk wiain him, and æ joints ov hiz níz bikém lús and hiz limz tottriñ. And hí kòld for a spéd, and sed tu hiz worryurz, Hwot yú sí mí dú, æat dú yí o'sò. And hí bígan tu dig in ai era, and tu kast up a bañk bifór him, and hwen hí had aténd a sutfiçent depæ, hí sat doun in it, and woz sikúrli protekted agenst eni misilz hwic ai enemi kud hurl at him. And æé òl did só; and hiz worryurz dug for æemselvz kumfurtabl hólz in hwic æé

mait krouc and bí sikûr. And æ wer wel plízð for a taim, but æ soil woz swompi, and ær haid-iñ plésez bikém damp and unhólsum, and æ wer atakt wiá fívrz and rúmatizmz, and æ bigan tu periç bai hundredz in a dé. And hwenevr a worryur daid, æ kuvurd him up in hiz hól, and smúad ai era abuv him, az it woz bifór æ digiñ. And Dûk Miklmakl aróz on a klír morniñ and lukt óvur æ plén, and ló, æ ground woz ðl bikumiñ smúa and level, and in sum plésez skèrs a singl ópn hól woz tu bí sín. Æen hí persívd æat if hí riméñd a fû wíks loñgur, æ medóz wud bí ristórd tu ær orijinal búti and stílness, and bí gríntr and grasiur æan evur, and hí wud hav akompliçt nrañ eksept æ berial ov hiz worryurz bi-níá æem. And hwen hí æt on ai ansur hí çud mék tu æ kiñ, and hou hí kud akount for æ los ov hiz ármí, hí woz fild wiá æ móst glúmi antisi-péçunz.

And nou ai enemiz horsmen bigan tu kroud around him mór klóslí, galupiñ in hiz rír evuri nait and æretniñ tu kut of hiz ritrit. Æen hí sò æat hí must íçur fait or flai. At last hí rimemburd haviñ herd ov a fain rivur hwic lé about fór déz jurni tu æ soug, and aftur konsultiñ hiz çif kaptins, hí ditermind tu márc akros æ swomps anā morasez tu faind it. Æe hól ármí woz akordiñli put in móçun, and plunjd bóldli intu æ bogs and fenç, hwèr æ sún bikém envelopt in kloud and mist, and in dens forests kuvurd wiá hañiñ mos, arú hwic æ sun kud seldum penetrét. Æé

olsó herd teribl houliņz bai nait, and spekturz and goblinz wer purpecuali flitiņ akros ær pátz, and æoz æat wer sik and fíbl wer tormented wiæ æ horibl aprihençun æat æé çud be left bihaind tu bí a pré for æ waild bísts and monsturz ov æ wud.

Az sún az æe Dragónianz sò æat æe Normen had enturd æe swomps æé klapt æer handz for joi, and ruçt aftur ðem, and óvurtuk æem, and atakt æem bifór and bihaind, and planted æer kanun agenst æem, and fòt æem dé aftur dé, and cést æem wiæ æer kavalri, and kut down and bucurd grét numburz. But æe trúps ov Samuņkl stud æer ground brévli, and hurld bak æer pursúurz wuns and agen wiæ fírful slòtur. And despréçun gév furnes tu æer hárts and cénjd æer sinúz tu stíl, and æé grú só akustumd tu fait æat æé flinct not from kumbat wiæ man, goblin or dímun, and wud hav fòt æe Red Dragun ov Tófet himself, if hí had kum in æer páu. And æé rót æer viktoriz on æe Painz and æi Óks, and swept arú æe forest wiæ a aundoriņ tramp az ov konkururz in æi our ov æer glóri. But æé left bihaind æem meni ov æer best and brévest, hú léd æemselvz down tu dai in mairi fenz or wer mingld wiæ æer fóz amuņ æe híps ov slén.

And on æe sevna dé æé ímerjd from æe swomps and forests, and bihóld, æe bançs ov æe bútiful rivur wer bifór æem. And Dûk Miklmakl bíuņ on horsbak ród on bifór æe rest, and ríciņ æe rivur furst, hí found æer a worbót ov Samuņkl, intu

hwic hí enturđ and woz séf. And taur çips and bóts wer prokûrd, and æ remnant ov æ grét ármi enturđ intu æm and riturnd tu æ royal siti. And Dúk Miklmakl prizented æm bifór æ kiñ, and tóld him ov æ kurej and galantri æé had displéd, and ov æ viktoriz æé had wun. But hwen Magnus Mahárba lukt upon æm and sò hou æer ranks wer aind, hí woz muc displízd, and hí wept for gríf and çém aat hiz worryurz had bin sakri-faizd, and yet ai objekt for hwic hí sent æm had not bin akompliçt.





## CAPTUR VIII.

**W**EN Samuñkl herd ov ais freç dizastur and sò æ çaturd lijnz riturniñ from Vur-jinland, hiz indignéçun woz arouzd, and hí héstnd tu æ pales hwail hiz hárt woz yet hot, and hwen hí had fórst hiz wé intu æ kiñz prezens, hí adrest him and sed, Ó kiñ Magnus Mahárba, wer yú not anoint-ed rútur and cíf óvur ais pípl for aèr protekçun and for aèr gud? And hou iz it aat yú ár mékiñ aíz holokèsts tu an infernal Dragun, giviñ up yúr subjekts tu bí sakrifaidz bai çouzandz and tenz ov çouzandz, ívn a hundred çouzand in a yír, raçur çan alou us to kil æ vail kríçur aat haz instigéted ais krúel wor, and iz nou sikiñ tu ték æ kiñz ón laif, az wel az æ laivz ov hiz pípl? And hou iz it aat yú hav sent Dùk Miklmakl, ai enemi ov æ Kuçanz and an óld and íntimet akwéntans ov æ Dragun, tu beri æ sòljurz ai hav givn yú in swomps and márçez and ignóbl grévz? And hwai iz not æ trumpet blón for æ Kuçanz, tu sumun æm intu æ rañks ov æ wor-yurz, tu fait for aèr kiñ and hiz kiñdom? Ár æé not stroñ and kuréjus? Ár æé not trú and féu-

ful, and hav aé nõt meni taimz rilíst æe fit ov æe kiñz servants from æe jinz and traps of æer enemiz? And hwai gud æe Dragun bí aloud tu graind æer fésez and brék æer bónz and divour æem? Ár aé not fleç and blud laik ourselvz? Hav aé not húman filiñz? Dú aé not laf hwen aé ár meri, and wíp hwen aé ár sad? Dú aé not sufur hwen aé ár stárvd? Dú not æer baks smárt hwen æe hwip tèrz æer skin? Dú æer bodiz burn wiæout pén? Hou iz it æat a kiñ hú lovz justis and ekwiti haz nó piti for æe soróz ov áiz inosents? Had æe kiñ but proklémd æe Dragun a monstur and an outlò, hwen hí furst bigan æe wor, and kòld out æe Kuçanz tu avenj æemselvz ov æer opresur, our trublz wud hav loñ sins ended; æe monstur wud hav bin slén, and æe widóz and orfanz, húz huzbandz and fáætz ai purswéded tu entur ais konflikt, wud not nou bí filiñ mai írz wiæ æer wéliñz and riprócez. Hwai gud æe kiñ kontinyu tu çó kaindnes tu æe Blak Dragun? Dú yú stil purpus tu giv mai dõtter Fridíma tu hiz unacural embrés? Wil yú sík for uæur rekordz ov bitroæl, sins it iz found æat ai óld kuvenant givz æe Dragun nó klém?

Æen Magnus Mahárba, hú sò æat Samuþkl woz grétli eksaited, ansurd him míkli and sed, Rímembur, gud frend, æat yú yúrself hav aknolejd yúr promis tu giv yúr dõtter in marij tu æe Blak Dragun; yú hav ripítedli averd æat ais woz yúr undrstandiñ ov æe kuvenant; yú hav sent out yúr servants tu hunt up æe fújitivz and riturn æem

tu bondej; yú hav círfuli péd taksez and tribút for suportin æe Dragun and hav çerd in hiz profits, and nou wil yú disavou yúr ón wurdz and ripúdiét yúr obligéçunz?

Çen Samuñkl kulurd dípli, for hiz konçens kondemd him, and hí kud not ansur a wurd.

Çe kiñ kontinyud, Yú sé it iz roñ tu opres æe Kuçanz and tu ekstort from æem lébur wiadout wéjez. Çis iz just hwot ai hav olwez aðt; but æe sól-dokturz tel mí it iz rait, and aat æe Dragun woz méd bai æe Kriétur for ais veri purpus, and aat æe sékred buks konform it biyond kwescun. And hwen ai maiself sí aat God haz aloud æe Dragun tu egzist for só meni éjez, and stil kips him in bíñ, ai am led tu dout hweaur hí héts æe krieur az muc az ai dú; for if it had bin left tu mí, ai wud hav put him out ov æe wé loñ agó. But ai hav nó pour óvur æe Dragun, and hwot wud it avél if ai çud sé tu æe Kuçanz, Yú ár nou dilivurd, yúr dunjun iz unlokt, yúr céuz ár brókn? Wud mai séiñ só mék it só? Çud ai not bí laik æe fémus Bulfaitur hú atact hiz animal tu a pépur kait and sent it up tu stop æe komet? Ai kanot ívn send a mesenjur tu Ricmantoun; mai sóljurz hav bin traiiñ for a yír and kanot get aèr; hou am ai tu ric æe Kuçanz and tel æem aé ár rilíst from æe oariti ov aèr opresurz?

But Samuñkl woz not satisfaid, and hí sed aé mait az wel stop faitiñ if aé wer stil ditermind tu rimén in frendçip wiá æe Dragun and rijekt æe

frendcip ov æ Kuçanz. And hí went awé dounkast and hevihárted, displízd wia æ kiñ for hiz konçiengusnes, and kursin æ dé aat hí had evur bin düpt bai bad advaizurz tu entur intu párt-nurcip wia Óld Skéli.

Hwen Samuñkl woz gon, æ kiñ bigan tu riflekt bitrli on æ kondiçun ov hiz kuntri, and æ mizuriz æ Blak Dragun had bròt upon it, and hí inkwaird wia in himself, Iz it rait aat òl mai subjekts çud periç for æ sék ov wun, and aat wun æ móst hétful ov òl, a tairant and an enemi, húz distrukçun wud, biyond dispút, bí a publik benefít? Am ai not düin roñ tu Samuñkl and Fridíma, and tu æ pípl ov æ land, bai sakrifaiz-iñ æem at æ çrain ov æis bludi Mólok? Duz not mai óra tu protekt òl ai inhabitants rikwair aat ai çud puniç aóz hú injur æ rest? If æ Dragun iz entaitld tu mai protekçun, iz hí not olsó laiabl tu penaltiz for hiz roburiz and hiz murdurz and hiz ribelyunz?

And æ kiñ kud not slíp aat nait for æ multi-túd ov aòts aat prest on hiz memuri, and for piti ov æ reced Fridíma, húz kraiz for protekçun hí had só lón disrigárded; and hí nou bígan tu ripróc himself for haviñ kóldli tcrnd hur awé, hwen hí çud hav çeriçt hur az hiz best frend. Aftur rivolviñ æ matur in hiz brén for a loñ taim, hí fainali konklúded aat hí wud indølj æ Blak Dragun in hiz wéwurdnes nó longur; aat hí wud apoint him a dé for ripentans and rekonsiliéçun, and aftur aat if hí çud pursist in hiz



wiked and wontun wor, hí wud igú a dikri for hiz ekspelçun from æ fêr plénz ov Sunland, hwêr hí had set up hiz oçoriti, and for æ liburêçun ov ðl æ Kuçanz aat wer hiz bondmen.

And hwen æ morniņ woz kum æ kiņ aróz erli, and enturd intu hiz klozet, and put hiz aôts tu raitiņ in æ form ov a proklamêçun, oferiņ a frí párdn tu æ Dragun and hiz adhérents, and setiņ lim a taim tu dizist from hiz worfêr and bikum rekonsaild tu Samuękl, and warniņ him ov hiz fêt if hí çud stil longur rifúz. And hí kòld hiz lordz tugeaur for kounsel, and çód æem hwot hí had ritn. And nun ov æm sed ðt agenst it, for æé sò aat æ kiņz rezolúçun woz fikst. Cê wer olsó glad aat æ Dragun woz at last tu mít hiz aizerts. Cæn sed Lord Síwordur, for hí woz waiz and fár-sfiņ, and undurstud taimz and sínz, Ci ofr and warniņ hwic æ kiņ purpusez tu mék tu æ Blak Dragun ár gud, but æ taim iz not propiçus. For ai ármiz ov æ kiņ ár nou drivn bak, and æ Dragónian kaptinz and horsmen ár presiņ upon us sórli, ívn tu æ géts ov æ kapital, and æ hárts ov æ pípl ár melted laik waks. And hwen æ nûz ov ais aretniņ iz spred abròd, ðl men wil sé it iz æ kiņz last krai ov dispêr, for hí iz subdúd bai æ Dragónianz. and in hiz ekstremity hí luks tu æ Kuçanz for help; not aat hí kèrz for æ Kuçanz or dizairz tu protekt æem, níaur haz hí eni rispekt or piti for æ wonduriņ and reced Fridína, but selfignes and fir konstrén him. Só æ néçunz wil skorn us, and

æ pipł ov Sunland wil traiumf óvur us and mok our impotenci, and gró bóldur in fait æan bifór. Raaur let æ kiņ wét for a mór ospiçuz sízn; and let our jenuralz ról bak æ taid ov wor intu æ enemiz kuntri, and let our invinsibl hósts agen stand bifór Riemantoun. Hwen ais advantej iz génd, let æ kiņ içú hiz proklaméçun aud hiz worniç, and ordén liburti tu æ kaptivz, and òl æ Kuçanz wil ruç tu join us and æ Dragun rés çal kwék arúout òl Sunland, and æen az konkur-urz wí wil priskraib æ kondiçunz ov pís. And æ kiņ sed, Ais kounsel iz gud; wí wil wét for æ betur taim.





## CAPTUR IX.

**P**RINS JEFUR and æ Dragun wer nou in klós konsultégun, and hwen æé sò æ diskumficur ov æ Normen, and hou æé had gaaurd around æèr kapital in terur, æé léd æèr planz for invédiñ and koñkuriñ òl Norland. And æé sent of Bóldrobin in hést, and ordurd him tu lé wést æ tounz and sitiz, and síz æ silvur and góld, and æ floks and herdz, and evuri eiñ upon hwic hiz worryurz kud lé æèr handz. And bññ eksídiñli puft up wia vénglóri, Prins Jefur gév ordurz aat æé gud ték kaptiv Magnus Mahárba himself, and briñ him in cénz aat hí mait gó him tu æ Dragun.

Mínhwail æ kiñ, pursíviñ æ dénjur cv líviñ an ópn róð bai hwic hiz enemiz mait advans tu atak æ kapital, had sent of anæær ármí tórdz Ricmantoun bai æ wé ov Bulskampur, tu draiv bak æ hòti hósts aat wer ræçiñ óvur æ Rapidrun and Rapidnokiñ rivuruz, and arú æ vali ov æ Çainiñ-dór. And hí divaided ai ármí intu bandz and plést óvur æem Dûks Pontif and Dúitwel and Stronbír, and æær brév jenuvalz. And æ kiñ sed it woz bai òl mínz fitiñ aat æ Pontif gud bí

abuv æ rest, só hí gév him æ cíf komand. But Dûk Pontif woz a yuᅇ worryur, and æ óldur cífs wer jeltus, and displizd aat a stripliᅇ ᅇud bí plést óvur æem.

And hwen hí ríct æ Rapidnokiᅇ rivur hí as-embld hiz worryurz and haraᅇd æem, and tóld æem æer wud bí nó mór dizasterz, for æé had met æer last difít and méd æer last ritrít, and nou æer brouz wer tu bí kround wiᅇ æe caplets ov vikteri. Só hí spred out hiz ármí aloᅇ æe rivur baᅇk tu privent æe Dragónianz from krosiᅇ, but æé kém on in swarmz laik lókusts, and hwail hí woz gár-diᅇ wun spot æé daᅇt óvur in anuᅇr. And hwen hí sò hou grétli æer numburz eksíded hiz ón, hí bikém alármd, and sent and bisót Dûk Miklmakl tu giv him mór worryurz, and fúð for hiz men and horsez. But Dûk Miklmakl sed hí ᅇud hav nón betur aan tu gó aat wé, and nou hí mait get himself bak az hí kud.

Æen Dûk Pontif sò aat hí woz in an ívl kés, and hí gaaurd hiz worryurz around him, tú skór and ten líjuᅇz, and fòt æe sekund grét batl ov Bulskampur agenst an óvurhwelmiᅇ multitúð ov Dragónianz. And Dûk Stroᅇbír stud aluf and wud not help him in hiz ekstremiti; but Dûk Dúitwel, and Dûk Heneman, and Horntostr, and Çárpsikl, and æe uᅇr dũks and kaptinz fòt valyantli, and kept up æe fait sevn déz. For æé sed, Wí must nou ritrív æe dizasterz aat bifel us last yír bai rízn ov æe spektur. But hwen æé bi-held æe kóhorts ov æe Dragónianz multiplaiᅇ, and

kumiņ on bai tenz and hundredz ov souzandz, and sò æ touriņ plûmz ov Bóldrobin, and æ majestik straidz ov Lonstep, and herd æ sunduriņ ov Stónijaks kavalri, aé pursívd ær kés woz hóples. And gaauriņ up æ remnants ov ær broken bandz, aé méd ær wé bak, az best aé kud, and bituk æmselvz for çeltur tu æ stronhóldz on æ banks ov æ Boundarimárk.

Folóiņ çárp aftur æ kiņz ármi ruçt æ lijuņ ov Stónijak and Lonstep, wiç Bóldrobin bihaind æm. Trú æ Çainiņdór vali and óvur æ Boundarimárk rivur aé swept laik a hwurlwind. And ten souzand ov æ Norland worryuz wer kípiņ gárd in æ vali ov æ Hárpuz, and aé wer háрпиņ and siņiņ soņz in préz ov Samuņkl and Fridíma, and ov Osami æ mártur, for çat woz æ spot hwèr hí fel. And æ Dragónianz surrounded æm, and tuk æm kaptiv, and bad æm haņ ær hárps on æ wilóz and siņ nó mór.

And æ kiņ woz sórli purplekst and sik at hárt, and hí went intu hiz klozet and çut æ dór, and préd tu æ God ov hevñ, and vound a vou, séiņ, If God wil but giv mí rilíf ais wuns, æen wil ai nó longur dilé, but wil apoint æ Dragun hiz dé, and aftur alouiņ him spés for ripentans, ai wil proklém a dikrí ov outlòri agenst him, and hí çal bí eksterminéted and distroid, and huņ up az a spektakl in æ sait ov òl néçunz.

And æ kiņ woz in a grét strét, for hí had nó jenural on húm hí kud rilai tu líd hiz worryuz at sce a kritikal taim. For Dúk Mikimakl had ri-

turnd in dizonor from Ricmantoun, and bisaidz aat, hí woz veri tendur ov æ Dragónianz, and hí had wornd æ kiñ not tu mék wor upon æ Dragunz ón royal persun, but ónli tu terifai him sumhwot bai draiviñ bak hiz ármiz. Nor woz æ kiñ wiliñ tu entrust æ komand tu Dúks Pontif and Dúitwel, hú had olredi bin traid and found vnebl tu kóp wiã æ dèriñ proues ov Bóldrobin. Só hí kòld hiz kounselurz, Lord Síwordur, and Lord Blèriñtrump, and Lord Stampon aat woz æ kiñz ármí-skraib. Æen sed Lord Stampon, Wí must hav a nû cíf; but ai vaurz priferd Dúk Miklmakl, for aé sed, Hí iz a Dimókrian, and if wí dismis him òl æ Demókrianz wil dizert æ kiñ, and æen wil it bí wurs wiã us æan it iz nou. And æ kiñ sed, Rait; it iz not waiz tu swop horsez in æ midl ov a strím. Só Dúk Miklmakl woz sent forwurd wiã a grét ármí, and hí enkounturd æ Dragónianz in æ suurn mountinz ov Midlland, and set in aré agenst æem Horntosur wiã hiz líjunz, and Franþkman and Burniñbrand, and aé méd a grét slòtur ov ai invédurz, and cést æem up æ saidz ov æ mountinz, and óvur æ roki krests, and doun intu æ vali bihaind æem, hwèr woz a smòl rivur kòld Antíturz krík. Æen Bóldrobin krost æ strím, and tuk pozeçun ov æ hilz aat lé in æ form ov a kresent on æ western bank, and príperd for a grét batl. And æ kiñz ármí enkampt on ai ísturn said, and léd æemselvz doun tu rest for æ nait, séiñ, Tumoró is æ dé ov wor, hwic iz Wódenz.

And hwen æ ai-ópnur bigan tu klaim óvur ai ísturn hilz æ woryurz rouzd from ær slumburz and komenst æ fait. And æ batl wakst firfuli bludi and kontinyud òl dé. On æ noræ Horn-tosur réjd laik a madnd bul, and swept down æ Dragónianz wiæ hiz artileri; but hí woz at leŋg wúnded and meni ov hiz kaptinz kild. And hwen Dúk Sumunur sò it hí sumúnd hiz band ov veteranz and prest forwurd tu fil up æ vékant raŋks and hólđ fast æ ground æat had bin wun. Nou hwen æ núntaid woz past, æ Dragónian kol-umz róld tórd æ souæ, and ær æé fel upon Burniŋbrand, hú woz krosiŋ æ rivur on a stón brij in ordur tu kut of ær ritrit. Hír æé fòt til æ sun went down, and æ kiŋz trúps rested on ær ármz, ekspektiŋ tu rinû æ batl on æ moró. But on æ moró nó batl kém, for Bóldrobin had disapírd. Æen sed Burniŋbrand and Horntosur, Nou iz our taim tu bí up and aftur æem; but Dúk Miklmakl sed, Nó, wí ár not ébl; for æ Dragónianz ár stron, and æé wil líđ us intu an ambuç; só hí let æem dipárt in kwaiet. And æé riturnd and went tu ær ón kuntri, and ripórted tu Prins Jefur and æ Dragun æ misforecunz æat had bifòln æem.

Hwen Magnus Mahárba sò æat hiz préer woz ansurd, and æat God had givn him æ viktori óvur hiz enemiz, hí rimemburd hiz vou æat hí had méđ, and hí sent for hiz skraibz and kòzd æem tu kopi æ raitiŋ hí had ritn, æat it mait bí skaturd amuŋ æ pípl. And hí sed wiæin

himself, Nou wil ai divaid mai enemiz, and ai wil ofur a riword tu aóz aat gal forsék æe Blak Dragon and riturn untu mí, and hwen ai hav bai ais mínz rikuvurd a pórçun ov æem, ai kan ízili subdû æe riméndur. Só hí kòzd æe raitiñ tu bí waizli and kèrfuli wurded, promisiñ tu æe pípl ov òl æe provinsez aat çud rinouns and abjúr æe sâpremasi ov æe Dragon, and in tókn ov æer obídiens send up æer mesenjurz tu æe grét kounsil, aat æe past çud bí forgivn, and æe çud bí aloud tu mék æer ón guvurnment, and tu manej æer ón afèrs az afórtaim. And if æe nou submited æe çud bi purmited tu ritén æer helots in servis; or if æe wud konsent tu rilís æem for a ransom, æen hí wud prokúr from æe grét kounsil æe prais at hwic æe çud bí valyud, and aftar aat æe kaptivz çud gó frí, and hí wud transpórt æem tu æer éuçent kuntri or tu sum uaur hapi klaim. But for æe Dragon and aóz hú kontinyud tu fait hiz batlz, and tu kil æe sóljurz ov Samuñkl, aftar æe píritud ov wun hundred déz, hwic wud terminét on æe furst dé ov æe Gétmuna ov æe nekst nú yír, æer çud bí nó párdn, and òl æe helots aat servd æem çud bi set frí wiaout a ransom, and çud bi at liburti tu gó hwèr æe plízd, and æe kiñz ármiz çud not ristór æem tu æer opresurz, but çud protekt and difend æem in æer frídum; and æus æe pour and glóri ov æe Dragon wud bí bròt tu an end, and hí wud periç and bikum ekstinkt, for hiz praid and for hiz trízn, and for hiz kraim hwic hí had komited in ribeliñ agenst ai oauriti and guvurnment ov æe kip.





## CAPTUR X.

**S**AMUNKL and hiz dötur wer nou sumund tu æ pales. And æ kiņ çód æm æ rait-iņ hí had ritn; and hí sed tu Samuņkl, Fridíma çal nó longur bí a fûjitiv and a vagabond; hensfóra çí çal abaid in mai pales az a ðötur. For æ Blak Dragun haz kild and distroid our pípl, and haz rendrd himself unwurai ov prótekçun; nevr-æles, it wud not bí rait to dipóz and baniç him wiout giviņ him a fèr oportûniti for ripentans and rekonsiliçun. Ai hav ærfór givn him a hundred déz ov grés; let ðl uinç rimén az æé wer til æ taim bí past, and æen ai wil içu: mai dikrí and dipóz him from hiz prinsli stét. And for Fridí-maz sék ai wil ransom æ Kuçanz from æer bondej; and ai wil purces for æm sum hapi ailand hwiatur æé mé biték æemselvz and bí nó mór op-rest, and æe tendur hárt ov yúr jentl dötur çal bí nó longur céft and tórna wiæ æe kraiz and æe sufriņç ov ai inosent.

Æen sed Samuņkl, Æe wurd ov æe kiņ iz gud; but supóz æe Dragun çud aksept yúr ofur, and æe provinsez and pípl send up æer mesenjurz lafór ai ópniņ ov æe Gétmna, çal æen ðl bí

ristórd az bifór? Çal æ laivz ov mai sóljurz hav bin sakrifaidz for nòt? Çal æ Kuçanz hú hav bifrended æm and lúst ær fit from æ snèrz, bí agen ritrerd tu bondej? Çal ai éngent kuvenant bí rivaivd, and Fridíma bí yunaited for laif tu æt hidits óld monstur? For nó, ó kiñ, æt æ Blak Dragun çal nevr risív æ hand ov mai dòtur in marij; and mór æan æt, after hwot haz hapnd, hí and çí kanot liv upon æ sém kontinent; and stil furæv, az mai ném iz Samuñkl, and az æ blud ov a jaiant rés flóz arú mai vénz, ais árm çal hunt him from çór tu çór, til hiz kárkas iz berid faiv æouzand façumz díp in æ solt sí, aloñ wiæ æ hundred æouzand hwaitniñ skel-etunz ov hiz mizurabl viktinz not yet kuvurd bai ai ensepulkrin úz!

Stop, stop, sed Magnus Mahárba, yú ár tú muc eksaited. Yú nó æt wí must dú justli, and obzerv æ kuvenant ov æ fáævz. Ai hav bæt veri litl hóp æt æ nóblz and prinsez ov æ Dragun wil aksept mai ofcr. Perhaps ai çal not suksíd wiæ æ pípl ov a singl provins. Büt if æé çud riturn at mai invitéçun, ær raitz must bí rispekt-ed. And after æé hav submited tu mai oæoriti, if æé çud stil wiç tu ontr and supórt æ Blak Dragun, subjekt tu æ lòz ov æ kuntri, wí kauot fórs æm tu baniç him from ær midst. Büt ai çal dú mai best tu purswéd æm, and wil giv æm olmóst eni févur æé ask if æé wil abandon him. Az tu giviñ up Fridíma tu æ Dragun, if hí çud insist upon hiz klém, lív æt tu mí.

Ai wil endevur tu pasifai him wiá a ransum. Trúbl not yúrself and Fridíma wiá yúsles fírz ov hwot wil probabli nevr hapn. If it çud unforçunetli bikum nesesari tu yunait Fridíma, in akordans wiá ai orijinal bond, tu wun for hóm çí haz nó afekçun, ai wil ték kèr aat çí iz trited wiá evuri rispekt. Çí çal nevr, hwail ai liv, bí fórst tu okúpai æ poziçun ov a mínial. And çí çal bí aloud tu spend æ grétur pórgun ov evuri yír on hur févurit norçurn hilz. Yúr dòtur, ai am çúr, wil olwez bí redi, az ai am, tu mék a sakrifaiz ov hur ón praivet filiçz hwen nesesari for æ salvéçun ov hur kuntri.

Çen Fridíma kud nó loçgur kontén hurselç, and çí bigan tu krai and sob biturli. Kliçiç klóslí tu hur fáçur and líniç hur hed upon hiz çóldur, çí tremblé in evuri lim, az an aspen líf tremblz in æ wind. And hwen çí had pártli rikuvurd hurselç çí sed, Hwot iz ais aat æ kiç haz dçn? For æ kiç haz put mai laif in jepurdi, and mai enemiz wil nou araiz and kombain for mai distrukçun, and wiá ær flaturíç wurdz æé wil disív æ kiç, and az sún az æé hav méd ær pís wiá hím æé wil persikút mí mór aan evur, and æ púr inosent Kuçanz wil bí trodn tu æ dust, and hunted and kild upon æ mountinz and in æ valiz, and in æ kévz hwèr æé hav hid æmselvz. Ó hou kan ai endúr tu witnes æ sufuriçz ov ais kaind afekçunet pípl? For æé ár tu mí az ón brçurç and sisturç, and eksept dilivurans bí granted æem, let æ kiç nó açúredli aat ai çal dai

wia æem, and mai prezens çal nevr mór bí a trubl tu æ kiṅ or tu hiz pípl, and mai ném çal periç and bí forgotn from amuṅ ai inhabitants ov ais land. And çí ruṅ hur handz for æ bitur grif and angwiç ov hur sól.

Æen æ kiṅ woz trublð, and hí wept, and sed tu hur fáaur, Kumfurt æ médn, and pasifai hur, and dout not aat òl wil yet bí wel. Só æé bid hur drai hur tírz, and hur fáaur tóld hur hí woz preti çúr æ Dragónianz wud rijekt æ kiṅz propózal. Hur taim ov traial wud bí but for a fú wíks, and æen hur soróz wud òl bí óvur, æ Blak Dragon wud periç and siṅk tu oblivium, æ kaptivz bí dilivurd from æer bondz, and òl æ pípl wud hél hur az æ hapi kwín ov a nú and betur éj. But Fridíma kud not huç up hur krai-iṅ, and çí bisòt æ kiṅ aat hí wud let hur ritair tu æ forests and kompóz hurselç, and rimén æer til æ hundred déz wer past. Tu ais æ kiṅ wud not konsent, for hí sed, Çí wil lúz hur rizn if left alón wia ais aṅzaieti préiṅ upon hur. Hí fírd olsó aat çí mait in a raç móment eskép from æ kuntri and flai tu sum vaur land, and só fulfil æ wurd çí had spókn, aat hí and hiz pípl çud sí hur nó mór. Hí kept hur æerfór in æ pales, kèrfuli woct and gárded, and hí gév hur æ best rúm, and invaited hur fáaur and frendz tu vizit hur evtri dé, aat æé mait súa and enkurej hur. Notwicstandiṅ ól æer efórtz tu mék hur hapi, æé kud not ristór hur tu hur nacural bwoiansi. For Fridíma felt aat çí woz a priznur, and aat çí woz stil in

dénjur ov a fét wurs aan dea, and aat aèr woz nó sertinti ov rilíf for æ kaptivz óvur húz bondej çí mórnd. Ofn in æ nait çí wud wék from stártliç drimz, hur hárt arobiç konvulsivli. And evuri dé çí lisnd wiá intens inturest tu æ rámurz, hweatr ov pís or wor, aat kém from Sunland, hópiç, yet skèrsli dèriç tu bilív, aat æ Dragun wud pur-sist in hiz foli til hiz dé ov grés woz past. Sum-taimz, hwen wòkiç in æ pales groundz, çí wud riflekt biturli on æ kondukt ov æ kiç, séiç aat hí woz unjust, and aat hí had nó rait tu ofur æ Kuçanz az a braib tu win bak æ Dragónianz. Çí kud not understand ai óld kuvenantz, nor æ kiçz eksplanéçun ov æem; for çí sed if æ kuve-nants wer for uphóldiç injustis aé wer an abhor-ens tu æ God ov hevvn, az muc az aé wer tu hur. And fræatr, çí did not bilív a robrer kud akwair æ rait tu rob bai mékiç a kuvenant wiá eni bodi eksept æ párti tu bí robd; and it woz not pri-tended aat æ Kuçanz had enturd intu eni ov æ kuvenants kwóted bai æ kiç in justifikéçun ov æ Dragunz osoriti tu opres. Az for hurselíf, çí dímd it a grós outréj for hur fáatr or eni wun els tu mék kuvenants and alaiansez for hur agenst hur wil, and çí kòld upon òl æ wiçed énjelz tu lend aèr pinyunz and bèr hur tu sum vaur sfir, if ær çud evtr bí an atemt tu fórs hur intu æ Dragunz ármz.

But hwen æ Dragonianz herd ov æ kiçz ofur and gretniç aé diraided æem and sed, Wí hav but tu hólð on and bí furm a litl longtr, and æ vik-

turi iz ourz. And æe kiþ agen sent for hiz ofisurz and bad æem put æer ármiz in móçun, and máre direktli agenst æe kapital and pales ov æe Dragun. And Dûk Burniþbrand woz komiçund tu líd æe wé. And hwen hí had ríet æe Rapidnokiþ rivur and krost óvur tu æi uæur said, hí sò bifór him a hai hil and around it a grét and stron wòl. And hwen hí drú nír, it bikém a wòl ov fair, and belct fóra çourz ov dea-dáliþ misilz amuþ hiz woryurz. And meni ov æem fel ded upon æe plén, and æe ritritéd wuns and agen bifór æe fairi rúin. And Horntosur begd ov Burniþbrand æat hí wud kíþ awé from æe wòl, for hí woz fraitnd at æe numburz ov æe slén. But Burniþbrand wud not lisn, for hí sed æe must gén pozeçun ov æe hil, kost hwot it mait. Só hí wévd aloft hiz flémiþ brand in æe presens ov hiz hól ármí for æe æurd taim, and æe ruçt forwurd, and æe Dragónianz mód æem down az bifór, and paild æe plén wiæ æe ded and daiiþ, ívn ten çouzand men. And Burniþbrand had yet fór skór and ten çouzand woryurz left; and aftur æe sun went down hí gaæurd hiz dûks and çífs in kounsíl, and tóld æem æat hwen æe morniþ brók æe must daç æe remnant ov æer ármí wuns mór upon æe wòl, if peradventur æe mait ték it. And òl æe çífs bigan tu murmur, for æe sed, Hwai çud wí ripít æis foli, and bít out æe brénz ov æe kiþz sóljurz bai æróiþ æem agenst æe wòl, hwen wí kanot ríc æe Dragónianz æat ár bihaind it? Æen Dûk Burniþbrand sò æat hiz supórturz had òl féld him,

and hí woz haili displízd, and ordurd ai ármí tu bí wiadròn tu æ noræurn bank ov æ rivur, And ær woz grét wélin and lamentéçun arúout Norland for æ ten wouzand woryurz aat had fóln bifór æ fairi wól. And hwen æ Dragun sò it hí grind from ír tu ír, and bikém mór ditermind aæn evur not tu submit tu æ kinn or risív hiz ofurd párdn.

Dàrin æ hól taim ov probéçun aat had bin givn tu æ Blak Dragun, ai ármiz ov æ kinn wer put tu æ wurs bifór ær enemiz. For æé kud nó longur hír æ vois or risív æ mesejez ov Fridíma, and æ pour ov hur ném az a wocwurd woz lost. And sum ov æ profets aat wer ov ai Iradikéturz sed aat God woz angrí wia æem for ofurin tu purces ai alaianz and gud wil ov æ Dragun wia æ toil and tírz and laifblud ov æ Kuçanz, and aat æ stárz in ær kórsez wer faitin agenst æem, and aat æé wud nevur bí ébl tu konktr ær enemiz until Fridíma woz aloud tu réz hur banur óvur òl æ land for æ protekçun ov òl ai inhabitants ærov.

And Dák Rózikroun, hú had bin sent tu woc æ múvments ov Grétbrag biyond æ Ajur klifs and Aligétur mountenz, rizolvd aat æ yír çud not pas wiaout æ glóri ov sum viktori for História tu rikord in hur daiari. Hí æerfór gaaurd tugeaur hiz bandz aat wer skaturd abròd, tú skór and ten ljjunz, and máret tórd Mæaurzburó, hwèr Grétbrag and Brékinbrij and fifti ljjunz ov Dragónian woryurz had pict ær tents and bilt ær ki-

cenz, and had sat doun tu ít and drink, and tu mék æmselvz kumfurtabl for æ wintur. And hwen æ hérd aat Rózikroun woz advansiñ æ róz up in hést, and kém out tu giv him batl on æ bañks ov æ Stónifork rivur. And hwen aurti déz ov æ Dóziembur muna had past, and ai éjed yír, sik and sad-hárted, haviñ léd himself doun tu dai, unfólded hiz mantl tu ték wun mór soróful luk at æ morniñ sun, æn æ tú ármiz bigan ær dedli fré. And æ Dragónianz ruçt upon Rózikroun in ær fûri, and hí kud not stand bifór æm, and æ swept doun hiz lþjunz bai hundredz and souzandz, ívn faiv souzand men; and æ tuk tú souzand kaptivz and twenti grét gunz. Æn Rózikroun fel bak tu æ plés hí okúpaid at ai ópniñ ov æ fait, and ær hí held fast hiz ground, and gaaurd hiz woryurz around him, and bad æm ték hárt wun mór, and rimembur aat æ dárkest our woz just bifór æ brékiñ ðòn.

And só it právd; for æ veri nekst dé æ skél ov batl turnd, and æ garlandz ov vikturi blos-umnd on æ brou ov Rózikroun. And hí turnd upon hiz enemiz, and æ fled bifór him, and hi cést æm tu ær kamps, and dróv æm souawurd wiá a grét slòtur.







## CAPTUR XI.

**F**ÓRDZ ai end ov æ hundred déz Fridí-  
ma grú mór and mór eksaitabl, and hur  
purpeccual wociñ for æ slaitest hwispr  
ov dout or ov hóp had givn hur a won  
cik and a fivurd puls. Æ déz wer kèr-  
fuli kounted, and at lena çí bigan tu  
kount æ ourz. On æ last dé hur aņ-  
zaieti woz só intens aat çí wud stárt at æ rusliñ  
ov a líf, fansiñ aat mesenjurz had kum from æ  
Blak Dragon. Fainali, hwén çí sò æ sun gó  
down and klóz its glèriñ and bludçot ai binía æ  
silkn frinjez ov æ twailait, and hwen æ aòt ruçt  
upon hur brén aat æ loñ aguni woz óvur, and aat  
hur destini woz séf, çí brók fóra intu a konvul-  
siv çrik and swúnd awé. Hwen çí had rikuvurd  
çí found hursel self strouded bai hur fáatur and  
frendz, hú had kum tu kongraculét hur upon hur  
gud foreun, and æ dilivurans ov æ kaptivz from  
aer prizn-hous. And òl aat simpagaizd wia hur,  
in tounz and sitiz, gaaurd tugeaur tu woc ai out-  
góiñ ov æ melankoli yír, and tu pré for æ hapi  
entrans ov a betur éj.

But æ nait woz dárk and glúmi, and strénj  
noizez wer herd, and hwisliñz in æ èr, and a

flapin ov winz, az ov dímonz enréd bikòz àèr taim woz çort. And æ glúm rested upon æ land til midnait. And hwen æ Gétmuna hwic ópnd intu æ nú íra bigan tu turn upon its hinjez, and æ grét belz in æ tourz komenst àèr riçin, ær kém a soft hwait lait aat spred its rédians óvur æ skai, and çón in at æ windóz, and wia it a swít meltdi az ov distant worbliñz, and òl aat herd it sed, It iz æ sound ov æ kumiñ íra! Çi énjelz ár siñin àèr óld soñ ov Pís on era and gud wil tu men! And æ burdz in àèr bourz aòt æ morniñ had kum; and aé tú bigan tu worbl melóditsli; and soft gélz kém up from Sunland, laik æ gélz ov Arabi, lédn wia diliçus perfúmz. And òl æ pípl bigan tu siñ, and Fridíma sañ, and æ ourz glaided bai bifór aé wer awèr, and æ morniñ brók.

And az æ dé advanst æ pípl wéted in anççus ekspektéçun for æ kiñz dikrí hwic hí had promist, and aé sed, Iz not ais æ dé for liburétiñ æ kaptivz? And iz not æ dé ov grés for æ Dragun past? Iz not hiz dúm tu bí pronounst ais dé? And sum sed, Magnus Mahárba nevr yet brók hiz word; vaurz sed, Hí dèr not baniç æ Dragun or dipraiv him ov hiz servants; vaurz, aat it wud not bí just; vaurz stil, aat it wud bí beyond æ kiñz pour tu kari sue a dikrí intu eksikûçun.

Çen æ kiñ gaaurd hiz ministurz and skraibz, and sed, Yí nó æ worniñ aat haz bin givn; and nou æ wurd aat haz bin spóku must bí akom-

pliçt. Só hí inkwaird hou meni provinsez ær wer aat had sent nó mesenjurz tu æ grét kounsil. And æé ansturð him, Ten. And hí kòzd ær némz tu bí inserted in æ dikrí hwic hí had pri-pèrd. And æ form ov æ raitiṅ woz ais :

Hwèraz æ Blak Dragun, éded bai tríznaþl and wiked kounselurz, haz méd wor agenst hiz kiṅ and kuntri, and ærbai forfeited òl rait tu protek-çun ;

And hwèraz a proklaméçun haz bin méd giviṅ worniṅ and taim for ripentans, and ofuriṅ párdn tu òl pípl and provinsez in ármz, on kondiçun ov ær submiçun wiain æ píruð ov wun hundred déz, hwic hundred déz hav ekspaird ;

Nou, ærfór, ai, Magnus Mahárba, kiṅ ov æ Yunaited Oksident, dú publiç and diklèr aat òl persunz held kaptiv wiain æ folóiṅ provinsez, tu wit: Vurjinland, Noræ and Souæ Karulurz, Gorjusland, Flouriglédz, Ailandbámi, Fácurwotur, Árk-énjel, Lúisland, and Tékusin, ár hensfóra and çal forevur bí Fri; and ær frídum çal bí menténd bai æ naçunal ármí and névi; and æé çal bí em-ploid tu garisun fórts and tu serv ær kuntri, and tu lébur for wéjez hwèrevur æé cúz; and æé çal hav æ rait ov self difens if aseld bai ær enemiz.

And æ lordz and kounselurs ov æ kiṅ aprúvd æ dikrí. And æ ministur aat woz óvur æ kiṅz trejuri sed, Let it bí aded aat ais akt iz purformd in æ ném ov justis, and dedikéted tu Ohnaiti God. And æ kiṅ konsented. And hí saind æ dikrí, hí and Lord Síwordur, and æé

síld it wia æ grét síl and sent it fóra tu bi publiçt arúout òl æ land.

Œen æ kiṅ kòld Fridíma and tóld hur aat hí had fulfild his promis, and aat çí çud nevr mór bí trubld or persikúted bai æ Blak Dragun, but çud bí at liburti tu róm at hur plejur arú æ hól kuntri, Sunland az wel az Norland, and tu risív æ liv and homej ov ai inhabitants and æ grétful aapks ov æ liburéted Kuçanz, and aat hur ném çud bí inskraibd on òl æ kiṅz banurz. Hí aded olsó æ hóp aat çí mait wun dé bikum kwín ov òl néçunz. Œen Magnus Mahárba tuk hur hand and kist it, and begd hur forgivnes for hwotevr roṅ hí mait hav dun hur. And çí kist æ kiṅ on bóa ciks, and æ kiṅ wept. For Fridíma bíṅ ov hevnli orijin aer woz a kurent ov silesca flektrisiti aat flód from hur lips az æ tuct æ kiṅz cik, penetrétiṅ hiz hól frém and kindliṅ in hiz brest æ sém flém ov impárçal benevolens tu òl pípl wia hwic çí hurselç woz inspaired. And æ kiṅ bikém az a nû man, and hí felt wiaín himself aat hí had nou risívð æ trú royal anointiṅ, and from aat our hí woz evur redi and wiliṅ tu lé down hiz laif for ai objekt ov hiz divóçun. And hiz lordz, wun aftur anuaur, tuk æ hand ov Fridíma and kist it. And æ akumpanid hur out intu æ stríts ov æ siti, and a çout laik æ sound ov maiti aunduriṅz grited hur az çí múvd aloṅ. And æ pípl stród rózez in hur paç, and æ Kuçanz gaaurd around hur, and arú aemselvz at hur fit, and wept for ekses ov joi.

And móst wnderful it woz tu sí hou æ hól  
 Oksident braitnd wiá dilait az ai ekóz ov æ siles-  
 cal mûzik flóted awé on æ wiþz ov æ wind tu  
 æ distant mountenz, and arú æ valiz and for-  
 ests, and hwèr æ rijoisiþ rivurz went póriþ ær  
 kristal fludz intu æ sí. And ai evurgrinz ópnd  
 ær brancez luvniþli tu æ gélz aat kist æm az æ  
 went past; and ai aisiklz aat huþ around æ  
 hwaitnd top ov Mount Égâcik sofnð intu tírz ov  
 tendurnes; and ðl aloþ æ Roki krest aat óvur-  
 luks æ Písful Sí, ai íglz wer out on poized wiþ,  
 survéiþ æ nû bûtiz ov æ wurld binía æm; and  
 æ kloudz huþ out ær luvliest banurz ov red,  
 hwait and blû ðl óvur æ skai; and aí óçunz sent  
 of ær worm kurents tu melt æ aisburgz, and tu  
 swíp around ai ailanz and æ Grét Orient, and  
 tu ról up ær wévz óvur æ Bárbarus çórz ov Ku-  
 ça, and æ burniþ sandz ov Ófur, and æ grin del-  
 taz ov æ Flouri Land, and tu woç out æ fut-  
 prints and æ bludsténz hwic æ Blak Dragon and  
 hiz fáçur had left bihainð æm in evuri kuntri  
 hwèr áé had had ær habitéçun.





## CAPTUR XII.

**A** CUR aan brék æe æred ov mai narativ in ai íst, ai æòt it betur tu bí sumhwot tárði in síziñ æe striñ ov okurensesz aat hapnd in æe west. Æat lain ai nou ték up. Súñ aftur æe Dragun komenst hiz wor, æer woz a maiti komóçun in æe granit hilz hwèr æe Fáaurwotur haz hiz sórsesz, and in æe waid and fertil plénz arú hwic aé fló. For æe Dragun had arón an aiurn cén akros æe canel ov komûnikéçun, and wud nó lonçur alou æe noræurn kanúz and tréðinþóts tu gó up and down az afórtaim. For æe brancez óv æe Fáaurwotur ár spred óvur æe sentral riñun ov ai Oksident az æe brancez ov a trí spred arú ai èr; and az æe burdz and skwurelz ár alármd hwen aé sí a serpent twainiñ around æe trunç biló æem, só wer æe dwelurz upon æe western woturz fild wiæ konsturnéçun hwen aé found æe Dragun woz aróin hiz koilz akros æe grét rivur and bairdiñ it wiæ cénz ov aiurn, aat hí mait mék it a slév and a bondman, ívn az hí had dun tu æe Kuçanz. And æe pípl wer rouzd, and pórd down from æer hilz laik torents in æe sprinçaim, and aé sed, Hwèrevur our strímlets gó, æer wil wí gó, and

æer çal bí nó cénz upon our woturz, from æ  
gouzand léks, hwèr our Miniçúturz hunt æ waild-  
foul, tu æ Grét Bésn ov æ Miksiŋkan, hwèr æ  
woturz mít and miŋgl wiæ æ sí.

And ær dwelt amuŋ æ hunturz a tuf and stub-  
urn worryur hóm æé kòld Granit, and hí woz  
dresiŋ æ skinz ov waild bísts aat had bin kild in  
æ mountenz hwen hí herd æ túmúlt and mur-  
muriŋ ov æ pípl. Az sún az æé tóld him ov æi  
insult tu æ Fáaurwotur, hí sent and ofcrd hiz  
servisez tu Samuŋkl. And Samuŋkl spók for him  
tu æ kiŋ, and æ kiŋ sent him a komiçun tu  
kut a paæ doun æ Fáaurwotur and ópn æ canel  
só aat æ çips ov æi Admirabl Fèrigift, hwic lé  
in æ Grét Bésn, mait hav a frí pasej up and  
doun æ strím.

Çen Dùk Granit gaaurd a grét hóst ov æ Hil-  
anoiurz, and æ Haiawéz, and æ Waizkounselurz,  
and æ Miliçagunurz, and æ Miniçúturz, and hí  
máret æem doun tu æ bordur ov Sunland, and  
méð preparéçunz tu advans upon Mumifés and  
Wikedburg, tú grét sitis aat lé lóur doun on æ  
baŋks ov æ Fáaurwotur. And æer kém up from  
æ souæ a worryur aat wud not entur intu æ  
kounselz ov æ Dragónianz, húz ném woz Çúr-  
man, and hí joind himself tu æ kiŋz ármiz, and  
woz sent out tu fait bai æ said ov Dùk Granit.  
And bikòz ov æ grétnes ov æ burdn aat rested  
upon æ çóldurz ov aíz tú ciftenz, æ spirits ov tú  
óld worryurz aat had lefð æ planet kém bak and  
enturd intu æem, and pozest æem, and méð æem

stron̄ for batl. And aé kém tu æm in drímz ov æ nait, and infûzd intu æm a pórgun ov ær ón kwolitiz. And hí aat tuk pozegun ov Dûk Çúrman woz wuns a fémus eif in ai Oksident, and woz kòld Tikumsi; hwail æ mentor aat inspired Dûk Granit woz an éngent híró bai æ ném ov Yulisíz, aat formurli dwelt in ai Órient.

And Dûk Granit bikém waiz and kòçts, and hí wud not múv doun æ Fáaurwotur until hí had sikûrd æ kuntri on hiz left and rait, só aat ai enemi kud not kum in bihaind him. Nou æer wer tú lárj and veri kruked strímz aat róz in ai Ali-gétur mountenz, and ran up tórdz Norland, az if aé wiçt tu énter æ pûrur ríjenz hwèr Fridíma rizaided. And aé went windiñ aloñ said bai said, veri nír íc uaur, for a loñ distans, until aé ríet æ Haiurwotur rivur, hwic bññ a strongur strím óvr-pourd æm and turnd æm bak intu æ Fáaurwotur, nír æ staurmóst point ov Norland, at a plés hwèr purpeçual klouudz ov Íjipçan dárknes obskûr æ vijun ov ai inhabitants. And æ pípl hú livd on æ bañks ov aíz rivurz, hwen aé sò hou lviñli aé klun̄ tugeaur in ær kórs, sed, Gíz ár twin bræurz; and aé kòld æm Twin Síz. Æ norærn strím woz olsó nón bai æ vulgar ném ov Kumberground. And hwen Dûk Granit pursívd aat æ Twinsí kuntri woz æ kí ov æ Fáaurwotur vali, and sò æ despuret efórts aat wer méd bai æ Dragónianz tu hóld it for ær batl ground, hí ditermind aat hiz furst faitiñ çud bí ær. Só hí sent up Raitfut, æ komandur ov hiz çips, tu storm æ stron̄hóldz ov æ Twinsí hwic lé on hiz



rait. Aftur aíz had bin tékn, Dúk Granit múvd forwurd on æ left tu æ Kumburground, and surrounded æ kasl ov Dòniņstn, hwèr a grét ármí ov Dragónianz wer gaaurd. And æ Dragónian komander, Dúk Flaiņaíf, aséd tu fait, but æ nor-gurn mountenírz óvurpourd him, and mounted hiz bulwurks, and ktt doun æ bóldest ov hiz woryurz, and prest æm sórlí til raitfól. And hwen Flaiņaíf sò aat æ batl had gon agenst him, and aat hí and hiz hįcnz must bikum kaptivz on æ moró, hí aòt ov òl hiz æfts and hiz roburiz hwic hí had komited, and hí woz afréd tu stendur himself tu æ kiņ, lest hí ċud bí trítéd laik a mal-efaktur az hí woz, and bí huņ up bai æ nek. Só hí kòld hiz leftenant, and gév him hiz plúmz and hiz epolets, and plést him in hiz sted, and instruktéd him hwot tu dú on æ moró. And hwen hí had put òl aijnz in ordur, hí róz up and tuk hiz Piló undur hiz árm, and fled, and múd hiz eskép in æ dárknes ov æ nait, and woz herd ov nó mór.

And æ nekst dé woz æ dé ov æ Sun, hwic woz a sékred dé, and hwen æ morniņ brók and Dòniņstn kasl bígan tu glíttur in æ góldn lait, æ leftenant hésnd tu mék híz submiċun, and tu dilivur intu æ handz ov æ vikttur ól hiz woryurz aat riménd alaiv. And æ kountéd æ numbur ov æ kaptivz and found æm tu bí aurtín aouzand men.

Den æ Granit Dúk turnd hiz fés agen tu æ west, and tuk up hiz lain ov márc for æ Fáaur-

wotur. But hwen hí had krost æ Twinsí hí found Dùk Pretigárd wia a grét ármí in hiz front, nír a templ aat woz nón az æ Sailent Cure. And æ tú ármiz joind batl, and æ fòt arú tú déz, hwic wer æ déz ov æ Sun and Mún, and æen rested, bikòz æ plés woz só aikli kuvurd wia pailz ov ded and daiiñ aat æé kud nó longur múv óvur æ ground. And æé kounted æ slén and wúnded ov æ kinz ármí and found æ numbur woz twais ten uouzand; but æ Dragónian ded wer tú númurus tu kount. And Pretigárd sent and bisòt Prins Jefur aat hí wud giv him mór woryurz, lest æ Granit Dùk çud síz upon æ Fáaurwotur, and æ grét vali bí forevur lost. And grét numburz wer sent on tu sukur him; and hí gaaurd æem around æ Korinçian kolunz aat stud bai æ ródsaid on æ wé tu Mumifés. But Dùk Granit went forwurd and disperst æem; and hí prest on tu Mumifés and tuk it. And hí brók æ cén aat had bin strect akros æ Fáaurwotur, and distroid æ Dragunz wotur-ramz aat wer swimiñ up and doun æ rivur, and butiñ at evuri aiñ aat kém in æer wé. Gen hí múvd doun æ rivur tu atak æ Wiked siti. And hí found it woz bilt hai and stron, and terest up from æ wotur baturiz tu æ sumit, and its wòlz wer ful ov dárk hólz arú hwic òl manur ov burniñ çelz and aiurn bòlz wer çourrd upon æ çips aat atempted tu pas, and upon evuri enemi aat vencurd nai. And wun ov æ kinz ofisurz sed, Let us mék a nú ród for æ Fáaurwotur, aat hí mé fló tu æ

sí bai a strét canel, at a distans from æe siti, and bí nó longur difaild bai kontakt wiæ its polüted soil. Só æé dug a nû canel bròd and lárj; but æe Fágurwotur woz óld and slugiç, and wud not cénj hiz kórs tu akomodét æe nû-fangld nóçunz íæur ov frendz or fóz.

Æe nû íra ov Fridíma woz nou nai at hand; but Dûk Granit, laik Rózikroun, woz impéçent for sum vikturi bifór ai óld yír çud klóz. Só hí køld Dûk Çúrman, in húm hí ripózd konfidens, and sent him doun æe strím wiæ ordurz tu land hiz ármí on ai ístern çór just abov Wikedburg, and mék an atak from æe noræ. And Dûk Çúrman went and efekted a landiñ az hí woz ordurd. And ærí déz bifór æe nû yír hí led hiz trúps up tu æe wòlz ov æe siti, and ærí æouzand ov hiz worryurz wer smitn doun bai æe fairi bízum æat swept óvur and around æem. And æe ground hwèr æé trod woz soft and mairi, and at ívntaid æe skaiz pórd doun æèr réni torents, and æe wúnded and daiiñ sunk intu æe mair and lé òl nait in pitiful helplesnes and nizuri. And hwen æe morniñ woz kum, Dûk Çúrman askt purmiçun tu beri hiz ded and briñ awé hiz wúnded, hwic woz granted. And hwen hí had purformd æe last sad ofisez for hiz fòln kumradz, hí gaaurd æe rez-idû ov hiz worryurz, and plést æem on bórd hiz veselz and bròt æem bak tu æèr kampiñ ground at Milkiñpenz.

Aftur æis félyur Dûk Granit bigan tu divaiz nû skímz for dislojiñ æe Dragónianz from æe haits

hwèrin aé trusted. And hí sent out hiz çips and hiz páafaindurz tu penetrét æ léks and swomps and Roundabout báyz on æ rait hand and on æ left, if þurcans aé mait faind a wé for hiz çips and ármí wíout pasiñ undur æ wòlz ov æ siti, but aé kud faind nen. And hwen hí sò aat æ Gét-munā had kum and gon, and æ kúl munā ov Febrifūj had olsó past awé, and æ Márciñ munā woz nou fār advanst, hí ditermind tu send hiz wor çips strét doun æ strím and run æem past æ siti undur kuvur ov a dárk nait, hwail hí wíæ hiz ármí máret doun bai a surkúituz ród on æ west. And æ çips and galiz wer lúst from ær múriñz, and haviñ put out ær laits, aé drifted slóli bai æ frouniñ batlments, and wer not diskuvurd til aé wer olmost biyond ríc. Æen æ Dragónianz laited up ær fairz, and hwen aé sò aat æ çips had gon bai, ær hiltops rizounded wíæ réj, and æ spit out aftur æem strímz ov brimstón and fair, but ðl tu nó purpus. And Dūk Granit bròt hiz ármí around in séfti, and haviñ rijoind hiz veselz hi krost óvur and kém in bihaind æ siti, and bisjð it. And hí aréd hiz gunz agenst it, bóu from æ land said and from æ wotur, and rénd upon it a storm ov fair bai dé and bai nait. And Dūk Pepurkorn, hú stud-wociñ upon æ wòlz, woz indignant, and hí priperð tu difend himself tu æ last.



### CAPTUR XIII.

**I**N MAGNUS had nou plést Dûk Smúa-  
baņks in cárj ov æ lóur rjūnz ov æ  
Fácurwotur, and Fèrigift and Dûpomp  
wer óvur æ çips. And bikòz Horntosur  
woz brév and dèriņ, and woz níaur tim  
urus laik Miklmakl nor infleksibl laik Bur-  
niņbrand, hí apointed him tu bí æ lídur  
ov ai ísturn ármí, and tóld him tu sí if hí kud not  
pluk sum ov æ featurz from æ krest ov Bóldrob-  
in. Æen Horntosur put himself at æ hed ov hiz  
woryurz, and hí sent of Dûk Stóniman wiá fór  
lįjūnz ov horsmen tu raid arú Vurjinland, and tu  
brék doun æ brijez, and tu let lús æ canelz ov  
æ wotur-fludz, and tu daç around æ wòlz ov  
Riemantoun, and avs distrakt hiz enemiz, hwail hí  
wiá hiz hól ármí aséld æem in frunt. And on æ  
sekund dé ov æ Mèri muna æ tú ármiz met at  
Calenjurzvil, and æé had a hot and bludi batl ov  
tú déz. On æ furst dé ov æ fait sum ov æ kiņz  
sóljurz bikém konfûzd, and sò spekturz, and turnd  
tu flai. But az æé fled Dûk Bludisikl plést himself  
in ær páa, brandiçij hiz bléd wiá wun hand and  
hóldiņ a çortçútur in ai uaur. And hí dróv æem  
bak, and æé turnd agen upon æ æundriņ lįjūnz

ov Stónijak, and fòt til æ sun went doun, and æn æ batl went on bai múnlait. And a silescał wocur aat woz lukiņ out from bihaind æ silvur lainiņ ov a kloud, hwen hí sò upon æ banurz ov Horntosur æ ném ov æ gud Fridíma, and pursívd aat hur kòz woz in dénjur, stept doun upon æ plén hwèr æ fait woz aikest, and arú a vél óvur ai aiz ov æ men aat folód Stónijak. And aé kud not sí æ fés ov ær lídur distinktli, and hí apírd tu æm laik a Fridónian, and aé leveld ær loņçúterz and pórd ær fair upon him, and hí fel doun and daid. Æ nekst morniņ Bóldrobin rinúđ æ batl, and hurld hiz kolumz fúrusli agenst æ Fridónian raņks. But Horn-tosur put forwurd æ Beriņ Dúk and æ Burniņ Dúk tu rizist him, and aé óvurkém him, and kuvurd æ ground wiā hiz ded. And Beriņ Dúk himself woz slén. And ær fel ov æ Dragónianz étin souzand men; and ov æ Fridónianz fiftiņ souzand.

And Horntosur woz trubld bikòz hí kud not hír æ hufbíts ov Stónimanz horsez, for aé wer nou fār awé; and hí sed, Peradvencur hí haz met wiā dizastur. And hwail hí wéted and lisnd tu kac ai ekó ov hiz trampiņ, æ kloudz dárknd and a grét storm ov rén fel from æ skai, and æ Rapidrún and Rapidnokiņ rivurz kém sundurriņ doun from æ mountenz, on hiz rait and hiz left, and aretnd tu engulf him in ær torents. And hwen hí sò æ fludz aat wer raiziņ around him, hí fírd aat hiz lain ov ritrit wud bí kvf of; só hí

wia drú hiz ármí, and aé riturnd drúpiñ and dounkast tu Fòlnmoua and rested àèr.

Prins Jefur woz nou fléted, and hí tuk kounsel wia æ Dragun and sed, Cíis iz æ taim for us tu gó our streng, for æ koronégun dé ov Fridíma iz at hand, and æ Normen ár priperíñ tu selebrét it wia pomp and rijsiñ suc az woz nevr nón. For aé hav ripúdiéted our alaians forevr, and hav olredi léð àèr planz for mariíñ Fridíma tu æ Prins Íkwoliti, hú aspairz tu æ suvrenti ov ai Órient, and hwen æ yúnyun iz efekted aé tugeaur wil rúl æ wurd. But let us pul out æ pilarz from undur wíz fain èrkaslz, and put a stop tu àèr koronégun déz, and turn àèr holidéz and àèr rijsiñz intu mórnful wélinz and bitur tírz. For wí ár wel ébl tu send our ármiz intu Norland, and wí wil ték pozegun ov àèr kíñ and hiz kapital, and æ sitiz and tounz and stronhóldz çal ópn àèr géts at our apróc, and òl æ góld and silvur ov æ land çal bí ourz. For Prins Jefur had síkret éjents in Bruçursiti and Góçam, and òl æ grét tounz, hú stud wétiñ tu ópn æ géts; and olsó dénjurts serpents, kòld Kóbraz, tu bí let lús upon æ pípl ov íc siti az fast az æ Dragónian ármí kém on.

And æ Dragun aprúvd ov Prins Jefurz planz, and aé sent ordurz tu Bóldrobin tu pres forwurd, and aé wud giv him az meni sóljurz az hí níded. And aé gaaurd àèr fórséz from ai íst and west, and æ woryurz wer laik lókusts for multitúð, and àèr çadó dárknd æ land. And aé

tuk up ær lain ov máre for æe kiꝅz pales, but Horntosur stud in æer þaa and þrivented æem. Só æe drú of tórð æe west, and went bai wé ov æe mountenz arú æe Lafingap and Çainiꝅdór. And æe krost æe Boundarimárk rivur and enturð intu æe Penwud valiz, þlundriꝅ and distroiꝅ az æe went.

And æe Normen sò aat æe taim ov æer sór traial woz kum; for if æe kud not bit bak æe viktórits liꝅunz ov Sunland æe must bikum æer bondmen and serv æem forevur. And æe Penwudianz sent in hést for helpurz tu ðl ai riꝅun round about; and æe kiꝅ kòld upon æe rúlrz ov æe provinsez tu lend æer éd and ról bak æe taid ov invéꝅun. And hí sent of ordurz tu hiz çips and woryurz aat wer upon ai ístern çór tu múv up æe rivurz and atak æe Dragon in hiz rír. Çen Jefur woz grétli alármd and sent of in hést tu kòl bak Bóldrobin, but it woz tú lét, for hí woz nou far up in the Penwud hilz.

And sevn déz bifór koronéçun dé æe kiꝅ sent for Dúk Huniwotur, and gév him komand ov ai ármiz, and çárçd him tu múv wérili, and tu briꝅ Bóldrobin intu hiz snèr, and bai nó minz sufur him tu eskép and riturn tu hiz mástur. And Dúk Huniwotur þursívd aat æe strugl wud bi despuret and blvði; and hí silekted æe vali ov Deasburg for hiz batl fild, and márçald hiz hósts on Sepulkur hil, soua ov æe siti, and gév ordurz tu hiz çífs aat if æe sò eni woryur turn hiz bak tu æe fó, æe penalti çud bí instant dea.



And Boldrobin, sñiŋ æ plés hí had silekted, méð hiz wé tu æ sém spot, and tuk pozeçun ov æ hilz on æ noru, and ai Ókn rijez on æ west, húz ívniŋ çadóç arú a klasik bûti óvur æ písful vél. And aiçur hí bròt hiz infantri, and hiz kavalri, and hiz ártíluri, a hundred and fifti grét gunz, and fíld æ wudz wiç hiz worlaik aré.

And on æ furst dé ov æ munu Július æ batl bigan. For Bóldrobin woz anççus tu fait bifor æ trúps ov Huniwotur had òl kum up; só hí hésted aud put forwurd Dùk Erlístárt, hú fel hevili upon æ Fridónian bandz çat wer in advans ov æ rest, and kapçurd about arí çouzand men. Çe nekst dé æ kontest woz rinúð wiç stil grétur fûri, and æ kantun pórd çer aiurn storm upon æ Round tops and Granit spurz ov Sepulkur hil, and tór arú æ wudi aikets ov æ Wulvz' mounten; and ai ártíluri ov æ Normen píld and splinturd ai éncent Óks biníç hwic æ Dragónianz had tékn çeltur. And æ dûks ov Bóldrobin hú had led æ asolt upon Sepulkur hil, riturnd tu çer çif hwen æ sun went doun, tu konsult and tu risív ordurz for æ moró. For òl nú çat æ nekst dé wud bí æ turniŋ point ov vikтури or difit, and az ais batl went, só æé bilívd wud turn æ forcun ov æ wor. And about midnait æ Blak Dragun, haviŋ herd ov æ faitiŋ, and bíŋ rouzd tu an unwunted pic ov eksaitment, left hiz pales and glaided alon in æ sailens ov æ nait until hí ríçt æ kamp ov hiz difendurz; and hí infúzd intu ai ofisurz and sól-

jurz ðl æe vairus ov hiz nécur, and mingliŋ wia æe raŋks hí bríad upon æem hiz poiznus and in-toksikétiŋ brea, until æer aiz glisnd laik dímunz and æer vénz ærobd wia æe hít ov an unerali fair. And æe madniŋ véptr aat çot from hiz nos-trilz fild æe tent hwèr Bóldrobin and hiz dúks wer driŋkiŋ wain, inspairiŋ æem wia æe lust ov venjans. And Dúk Yelwel rézd hiz hand and swór wia a blúdi óa aat on æe moró hí wud kut hiz wé intu æe hárt ov æe Fridónian áirmi or intu ai infernal riŋunz. And æe rest ap-lòded him and çouted émen.

Wia æe ðòn ov dé æe despret strugl wuns mór bigan. And Bóldrobin direkted Yelwel tu atak and brék æe rait wiŋ ov æe Fridónian áirmi, and æes priper æe wé for ai óvurhwelmiŋ asolt hwic hí had rizervd for æe sentr. Btt Yelwel did not suksíd, and aftur tú æouzand ov hiz wor-yurz had bin smitn ðoun tu æe ground hí sul-enli gaaurd up æe remnant and wiadrú. Æe klaŋgur ov batl nou síst and ðl woz kám and kwaíet az a sumr sí. Btt Bóldrobin woz síkret-li konvéiŋ hiz grét gunz around arú æe forest from æe noræ tu æe west, hwèr hí ekspekted tu mék hiz vikturi çúr. And æe Normen wer joits, and lait ov hárt, for æe had nó æèt ov æe teribl storm aat woz tu fòl upon æem èr æe dé klózd. And æe gaaurd around æer kamp fairz, and brekfasted, and sat ðoun upon æe gras, and méd æemselvz meri, and saŋ soŋz. And æe wurdz hwic æe suŋ wer aíz :

Osamiz bodi laiz mólduriñ in æ grév,  
Hiz sól iz márciñ on.

Osami'z a sóljur in ai ármí ov æ Lord,  
Hiz sól iz márciñ on.

Osamiz napsak iz strapt upon hiz bak,  
Hiz sól iz márciñ on.

Osamiz musket góz fairiñ awé,  
Hiz sól iz márciñ on.

Osamiz pet lamz wil mít him on æ wé,  
Az aé gó márciñ on.

Nou arí círz for Samuñkl and Fridíma,  
Az wí gó márciñ on.

Æ soñz had daid awé, and æ middé ourz went písfuli bai, until æ belz in æ tourz ov Deasburg struk arí, hwen sudenli ai Ókn hilz wer òl aflém, and çot and çel bigan tu skrím arú ai èr, and æ hól atmosfir woz fild wiá flaiiñ misilz bèriñ dea on àèr wiñz and swípiñ arú æ kamp ov æ Normen. And aé stárted up in terur, and àèr kol-umz ríld aud rokt binía ai óvurhwelmiñ tempest from hwic àèr woz nó eskép. Undur æ çít ov hél çat flû hai abuv hiz hed, Dùk Hailand woz sín karíriñ akros æ vali, folód klósli bai Lonstep and æ hevi batalyuzn ov Dùk Stediárm. And hwen aé had ríct æ fut ov Septlkur hil, ær woz a lul in æ fairiñ, and ló, æ Dragónianz wer asendiñ æ hilsaid and advansiñ wiá flaiiñ banurz tu æ cárj. At ais instant a çadó símd tu pas óvur æ sun, and æ Normen lukt up and sò a touriñ

form, wia a dim outlain, haviñ ai apírans ov a ein lait kloud, and gépt aftur æ similitûd ov a man, but ov kolosal magnitûd. Its fit apírd tu rest upon æ néçunz kapital, hwail its hed eksten- ded up intu æ blû skai, and woz surrounded wia a héló ov wundrus bâti. Doun its brest flód a loñ silvuri bírd. Its loñ and bóni rait arm, arú hwic æ sunz réz çón fibli, woz stret out tórdz æ noræ, and held in its grasp æ rizemblans ov a sóljerz musket, from ai end ov hwic flód a zigzag strím ov ílektrisiti, pointiñ dounwurdz, laik a bé- yunet, in æ direkçun ov æ Dragónian hóst. Æ left árm ekstended fár awé tu æ souawest, point- iñ wia a loñ pól, skèrsli dizernabl, tórdz æ lofti spairz ov æ Wiked siti aat lé on æ banks ov æ Fáaurwotur. For a móment æ sóljerz stud géziñ in wundur at ais strénj spektakl; æn tú or arí kraid out simulténusli. It iz æ góst ov Osami, wia hiz musket and hiz paik! And æ wurd flú from ranþ tu ranþ, and sún a çout for Osami and Fridíma tór æ welkin laik æ burstiñ ov a çouz- and æundur. And æ hártz ov æ woryerz grú firm az adamant, and ai ílektrik kurent ran aloñ ær nervz, hárdniñ æm intu stíl. And æé fikst ev- uri man hiz béyunet, in laik manur az æé had sín upon æ skai, and daçt agenst ær enemiz wia a fûri aat nuaiñ kud rizist. Doun went hors and raidur; doun went ármz and banurz. Æ lþunz ov Stediárm wévurd for a móment, and æn dropt on ær níz, hwail æ viktorz swept óvtr æm, and róld arú æ vali az æ surjez ov ai óçun ról hwen

taid and tempest bóa pres æem on. And Bóldrob-in, hwen hí sò æe magnitûd ov hiz dizastur, hésnd and got him up intu æe mountenz, and gaærd æe remnants ov hiz ármi, and slunk awé wiæ hiz mástur æe Dragun tu æe plés from hwens æé kém.

And æe sém dé Dûk Peprkorn kém out from æe wòlz ov Wikedburg, and prizented himself tu Dûk Granit. And hí gév him æe kí ov æe siti, and surendurd hiz woryuz, æurti æouzand in number, and tú hundred grét gunz wiæ hwic tu salût æe stári banur ov Fridíma on æe koronégun moró.





#### CAPTUR XIV.

**B**LOURIN and glúmi, æ Blak Dragun ri-  
enturd hiz pales and sumund Prins Jefur.  
And hí tóld him ov òl æ dizasturz aat  
had bifoln ær kòz, and hou hí had sin æ  
góst ov Osami, and had found æ silesca  
wordurz huvuriṅ round æ banurz ov Fri-  
díma, and aat hí dímd it yúsles tu kari  
on æ wor in hūman waiz eni longur. Hi æn  
propózd tu telegraf tu hiz fáatur, hú livd in  
ai vaur planet aat woz lóur doun, and rikwest  
him tu giv æm éd. But for ais purps it wud  
bí nesesari aat Prins Jefur gud giv himself up,  
and olsó hiz prinsipal cístenz, tu bí entairli undur  
hiz fáaturz kontról, and to alou æ mesenjurs ov  
hiz fáatur tu entur into æm and mék æm ai in-  
struments ov ær wil, tu wurk out ær objekts in  
ær ón wé. And òl æ instruments hwic hiz fá-  
atur mait yúz tu kari out hiz purpsez must baird  
æmselvz bai a ferm obligéçun nevr tu diz-  
ert or rinouns hiz servis, but tu obé him in òl  
aiṅs and olwez. And Prins Jefur kounseld wic  
Lord Júdas and hiz vaur advaizurz, hú wer at  
furst lóu tu baird æmselvz, but fainali konsent-  
ed. Æn æ sent a telegram tu æ Red Dragun

ov Tófet, bai mínz ov æ síkret wairz æt yunaited æ tú planets. And æ hárt ov æ Red Dragun woz múvd wia kompaçun for æ sufuriņz ov hiz sun, and hí sent of spídili a lijun ov malignant spirits tu rendur tu ai erædwelurz æ servis and asistans æ níded. And æé kém bai nait and wer introdúst tu Prins Jefur and hiz ministurz; and hwen æé had konsulted, and arénjd æer planz tu múcual satisfakçun, æé divaided æemselves intu bands, and went out tu silekt æer instruments. And it woz agríd æat sum ov æem çud entur intu æ Góçamaitz, and inògurét a pandimónium in æer siti; uaurz wer tu vizit foren kuntriz and gaaur up ded menz klóaz and òl sorts ov pléçz and poiznz and briņ æem óvur and skatur abròd tu distroi ai inhabitants ov æ land; uaurz wer tu poizn æ woturz and burn æ sitiz; and sum wer tu prosíd tu Snóland, and féniņ æemselvz tu bí mesenjurz ov pís, kari on æ wor bai mínz ov spaiz and murderurz hú kud straik in síkret. And æ móst despret ov æem wer provaided wia infernal maçinz bai hwic æé mait distroi æe kiņ in hiz pales, and hiz kounselurz in æer bedcémburz. Æe cif ov aız woz Gaifòks, a dínun hú in a formur éj undurtuk tu bló up æe párliment ov Bulia wia hiz daiabolikal kontraivansez, but féld; hí had nou grón waizur in hiz kraft and woz anķçus tu trai hiz hand wuns mór.

Æe furst ekshibiçun ov æe nú mód ov worfèr woz méd in Góçam, upon hwic a skwodrun ov ívl spirits méd æer disent about æe midl ov æe

munu Július. And æe siti woz sudenli fild wia Kóbrax hisin out æer venum; and meni ov æe Grínailurz wer bitn bai æem, and sóz aat wer bitn went mad, and ran hiaur and aiaur, burnin houzez and stónin æe wocurz ov æe siti. And hwen-  
 evur æé sò eni ov æe Kuçanz æé gév cés, and stónd æem wia stónz, and bit æem wia klubz, and huñ æem up in æe strits, and hakt and hûd æem in písez and burnd æem. And æe cif rútur, húz ném woz Gudsímur, spók kairdli tu æe dimóniaks and kumforted æem; and æé çouted for Gudsímur and Bóldrobin, and for Prins Jefur and æe Dragun, and æer çoutinçz and raiotinçz rizound-  
 ed arú æe siti for arí déz. And hwen æe kinçz ofisurz wer awèr ov it, æé sent æer ármed bandz tu asist æe wocurz, and æé slû and disperst æe men intu húm æe findz had enturd, and rikuvurd æe siti, aat it mait agen bikum a séf abód for húman inhabitants.

And æé aat kém up from æe lóur planet bròt wia æem paturnz ov æe priznz and temphouzez in Helham, hwèr æe Red Dragun rizaided. And æer woz a fémus templ aat stud on æe çór kòld Nástrond, aat iz bai interpretéçun Deastrand, æe wòlz ov hwic wer bilt ov adurz. Çe fésez ov aíz serpents wer turnd inwurd, and from æer mouaz içud strímz ov poizn, formin a rivur aat flód arú æe vast strukcur. Kwín Hela woz æe godes aat prizaided óvur it, and woct æe priznurz sent tu hur for séf kípin. Çe arón upon hwic çí sat woz angwiç; hur tébl woz famin; hur attendants wer



Ekspektégun and Dilé; hur bed woz línnes; çí woz livid and gastli pél, and hur veri luks inspaírd horur. And æ Red Dragun had givn strikt cárj tu Rufwind and Wurstovòl, tú ov hiz móst skilful dímunz, aat æ çud konstrukt for him a templ in Sunland on æ sém plan, só fár as praktikabl, wia hwot matírialz æé kud faínd in æ kuntri, and aat æé çud fil it wia Fridónianz, ov hím wun hundred wer tu bí sakrifaidz evuri dé.

And Rufwind and Wurstovòl, aftur konsult-iñ wia Prins Jefur, silekted fróm hiz ármí tú Dragónianz aat wer admirabli adapted tu ær purpus, wun ov hím woz a jenural and ai usur a fiziçun. And æé tuk pozeçun ov ær bodiz and spirits, and infûzd æemselvz intu ær nécur until pozetur aud pozest bikém wun and æ sém býñ. And æé méð ær furst eksperiments undur Prins Jefurz ón ai, at Ríemantoun, hwèr æé fited up a Liburtipen and Æunderhous, and fild æm wia viktimz for sakrifaidz. Büt hwen æ Blak Dragun had egzamind æ bildiñs hí woz disatisfaid, for hí sed æé wer skèrsli íkwál tu æ dunjonz for æ Kuçanz hwie wer bilt bai ær ón pípl. Æen Prins Jefur advaidz wia æ dímunz, and æé silekted a plés kòld Dedmansvil, on æ bañks ov Deastrím, hwèr æé gòt æé kud prodûs a faksimili ov Helaz ón pales. Só Rufwind máarkt out hiz ground, and drú hiz dedlain, and kolekted òl ai adurz and ratlsnéks hí kud faínd, and bilt æm up intu æ wòl, wia ær fésez lukiñ inwurd, sò aat

æé mait pór æè venum upon æe recez kongrigé-  
 ted wiain. And hí had houndz laik æe houndz  
 ov Hela bárkiñ round about, redi tu síz and tèr  
 eni aat çud atempt tu eskép. And hwen Ruf-  
 wind had komplítéd æe wòl, hí lukt upon it wiá  
 a dilaitéd kountenans, and laft for jói, and sed  
 hí wud bí ov mór servis tu Prins Jefur aan òl  
 ai ármiz ov Bóldrobin. And æé kòt æurti æouz-  
 and Fridónianz and dróv æem intu ai enklójur,  
 and Rufwind stript æem ov æèr klóaiñ, and  
 Wurstovòl, hú woz æe doktor, tuk cárj ov æèr  
 fud and medisín. Só hí gév æem stárvéçun for  
 æèr mít, and poizn for æèr driñk. And æe poizn  
 went doun intu æèr blud, and fild æem wiá pútrid  
 sórz, and æé lé rotiñ in filá and vermin until æe  
 stenc spred óvur æe hól ríjun, and woz bórn on  
 æe windz til it ríct æe noræurn hilz and enturd æe  
 nostrilz ov Samuñkl. And Wurstovòl mingld  
 wiá hiz medisínz sum síkret cárm, bai hwic hí  
 drú out æe fleç from undur æe skin ov hiz priz-  
 nurz, só aat æe bónz huñ lúsli az in a bag, and  
 æé múvd and toturd in a manur aat woz hor-  
 ibl tu bihóld. And æe doktor wud mék æe skel-  
 etunz get up and dans bifór him for hiz amúz-  
 ment, and hwen æé kud not raiz hí wud æretu  
 æem wiá nú torments until æé did. And æe púr  
 krícurz bikém diliriús, and æe fòt wiá íc vaur,  
 and dizaird tu dai, but kud not, for Wurstovòl  
 woz kèrful tu prizerv æèr laivz until æe taim for  
 sakrifaiziñ æem tu hiz mástur. Æe numbur aat hí  
 sakrifaidz woz fiftín æouzand, and æe vaur fiftín

rouzand hí kept alaiu az subjekts for hiz eksperiments.

And æe dímunz aat went intu Snóland tuk poz-eçun ov Sandadur and Klékóbra, and uaur serpentain nékurs, and æe sent of aèr emisariz tu brék ópn æe góld vòltz in æe Grínhiltz, and tu burn æe siti ov Gógam wia fair, and tu kapcur Rickárgó and Baisntoun and Swainsiti, and tu ket a paæ arú æe midst ov Kiñ Magnus' dominunz and seuer æe west from ai íst. And a hóst ov rufianz wer sturd up arúout Norland, and æe apointed Vandalhamur, and Swinpendulum, and Loñkóbra for aèr lídurz, and gaaurd grét stór ov ármz, and uturd sweliñ and touriñ wurdz, and imajind aat wia aèr nú helpurz æe wud bí ébl tu dipóz æe kiñ and establiç a Dragónian ðainasti húz rén çud bí purpeçual.

And hwen æe kiñ and hiz kounselurz and æe waiz men ov æe land sò æe blud and kárnej, and æe blak aundur-kloudz gaauriñ on òl saidz, and pursívd olsó aat æe prinsez and ciftenz ov Bulia and Galia wer in síkret líg wia æe Dinónianz, and hwen æe herd æe wéliñz ov æe waivz and muæurz ov aóz aat wer pent up in Dedmansvil, æe wer fild wia bitornes and grónd binía aèr burdnz and risponsibilitiz. - And wun ov æe waiz men ov Gógam hí aat woz kòld Tribúnosofur, rót tu æe kiñ and tóld him aat æe pípl kud nó loñgur endûr aèr soróz, and aat hí must in sum wé endeuer tu mék pís wia æe Dragun bifór it çud bí wurs wia æem aan it woz æen. Hí aefór

advaizd æe kiṅ aat bai wé ov góṅ æe Dragun dâ onur and rispekt, hí çud bild for him a brij kuvrd wiæ góld, and invait him tu wòk awé upon it, and pas óvur tu sum vaur çór; and hwen hí had gon óvur, æe brij çud bí brókn up, and æe góld gívn tu him bai wét, akordiṅ tu æe royal standard, twenti souzand çekelz twenti souzand taimz tóld. But æe propózal féld tu indikét a spot hwèr ai vaur end ov æe brij mait rest, and æe kiṅ nû aat æe Blak Dragun woz tú sagéçts tu márc of intu æe sí wiæout bíṅ çúr ov obténiṅ a solid futiṅ in sum vaur ríçn. Bisaidz, hí sòt æe Dragun had kost æe kuntri enuf olredi, wiæout ofstriṅ him eni furæur bountiz.

And Sandadr and hiz asóçiéts, hú wer ful ov sutlti, rót tu æe Tribúnosofur tu intersíd for æem, and prokûr æem an òdiens wiæ æe kiṅ. And æe invaited him tu vizit æem in Snóland tu help forwurd æe wurk ov pís and kompromaiz, só aat òl mait bí hármóniçs agen az bifór; for æe nû aat bíṅ an onest man hí woz unstsçiçts ov gail in vaurz, and æerfór wud bí æe mór ízili entangld in æer snèrz. For bíṅ anççts aat evuri aiṅ in æe yúnivers çud bí gud and plezant, and ful ov binevolens laik himself, hí woz lóu tu bílv aat ívl egzisted in eni wurld eksept hwèr hí sò it wiæ hiz aiz; and hí kud not bí purswéded aat æe Blak Dragun had a fáçur, or aat æer woz eni Red Dragun, hú livd in a lócr sfír and sent out hiz emisariz on erandz ov miscif. Hí æerfór did not hezitét tu aksept æe invitéçun ov æe daiabóli-

anz, and wia æe kiņz permiçun went tu vızit æem. *Æé*, supóziņ ai our ov æe néçunz agoni woz nai, had sited æemselvz on æe briņk ov æe Naiagoni katarakt, and wer dilaitiņ æemselvz wia géziņ up-on its imejez ov distrukçun. And hwen æé sò æe Tribúnosofur apróciņ æé smaild upon him agríabli, and hí woz plízd wia æer smúa wurdz. Bt æe kiņ woz anççts for him, firíņ lest hí mait bí unwéri and bikum a viktim tu æer dúpliciti. Só hi sent a mesenjçr tu put an end tu æe konfçrens, and æe filosofur riturnd in séfti tu hiz hóm. And hí kontinyud tu dú æe kiņ gud servis, and hí spók tu æe pípl wurdz ov wizdum, and enkurejd æem tu bí stron for æe wor, until æe Blak Dragun çud konsent tu kwit æe kuntri.

Bt æe kiņ and Fridíma had méd up æer maindz aat hwotevur distres mait bitaid, nó fçræer konseçun or kompromaiz çud bí ofurd tu æe Blak Dragun, nor wud æé furniç a singl silvur'íņ, íçur tu brij æe mortifikéçun ov hiz dipáreur, or tu bild a monyument for hiz grév.





## CAPTUR XV.

**D**ITERMIND at last tu krug out æ laif ov æ Dragun and waip him from æ fés ov æ planet or dai in æ atemt, Kiņ Magnus adrest himself tu æ wor in earnest. And amuņ òl hiz jenuzalz hí found nun íkwal tu Dúk Granit; for olaó ær wer meni loftiur and mór majestik worryurz in hiz servis, and aóz hú kud fait betur in æ beginiņ ov a batl, ær woz nó wun hú stud só írekt in ai end. For hí woz laik a rok in ai ógun aat luks òl æ freęur and fèrur for æ strj- ez aat swíp óvur it. And æ kiņ sent for him tu kum and fait Bóldrobin, hím hiz vaur jenuzalz had aloud tu slip arú aèr fingurz and eskép af- tur aé had koņkurd him twais.

But bifór hí left æ rijunz ov æ Fáaurwotur, Dúk Granit klírd æ canel ov æ Twinsí òl æ wé up tu æ mountenz; and hí dróv æ Dragónianz out ov Çadóinúk, and cést æm up tu æ top ov æ Lukóvur mounten, hwèr aé difaid him tu ríc æm. And Horntosur woz sent tu asél æm and draiv æm down. And hí went up and fòt æm on æ sumit, for it woz abuv æ kioudz; and aèr hí found Gréthrag, and hí struk him wia æ tip ov hiz horn and tost him down æ presipisez.

And hí went róliñ óvur and óvur until at last hí fel intu æ Cikenmokiñ bruk, hwic servd tu kúl hiz árdur sumhwot, and tu diminiç hiz brag and blestur. And Brékiñbrij woz wia him, and hí ol-só brók doun and fel intu æ strím. And Dák Granit left Çúrman and Horntoser tu luk after æ brókn fragments ov Grétbragz ármí hwail hí went tu sí æ kiñ.

And æ kiñ risívd him wia onur, and méð him eif kapten ov òl hiz armiz, íst, west, noræ and souæ; and hí kòld upon Samuñkl for faiv hundred liñz mór ov freç worryurz. And hí içud hiz sumunz tu æ Kuçanz, bidiñ æm rali undur æ Fridónian flag, and fait for æmselvz and for ær kuntri. And æ kém bai hundredz and bai æouz-andz, hwèrever æ kiñz invitégun ríct æm, and ígurli joinð æ ranks ov ær dilivururz. And æ grét gunz ov Samuñkl bigan tu æundur and laitn òl round æ horaizun. And Dák Kilmór wévd hiz simiter aloñ æi ístern kóst, and Dulgrín, a sun ov æi ógun, woz sent wia çips and flótiñ tourz tu éd him in rikuvriñ Stónipail kasl, and in æ kapcur ov Curlztoun, æ orijinal den hwèr æ ratsnéks wer hact. And æ sent intu æ siti ær fairi mes-enjurz and ær swompénjelz, and baturd doun æ wòlz ov Stónipail and méð it a ráin, but æ dèrd not entur it for fír ov æ serpents æat wer konsíld amuñ æ roks and rubiç.

And hwen æ spríñ ópnd, Dák Granit tuk up æ gántlet æat Bóldrobin had arón doun, and máret aloñ æ lain ov advans æat Dúitwel and Miklmakl,

Burniþbrand, Horntosur and Huniwotur had bin unébl tu foló. And hí tuk æ lain in hiz hand, and tóld æ kin hí gud not let gó until hí ríet ai end ov it, if it tuk him òl sumur. And hí invaited Fridíma tu akumpani ai ármí; só gí went aloŋ wiá æm. And hwen hí had kum tu æ Waíldwudz gat lé biyond æ Rapidrun rivur, hí found æ wudz fíld wiá æ woryurz ov Bóldrobin, a nú and maiti ármí, hwic ær líður dímd invinsíbl. And æ fírd upon æ Fridónianz from kops and aiket, and cárjð upon æm, and fòt fírsli for tú déz. And ær wer slén and wúnded on íc said about ten souzand men. And at nait æ Dragónianz ritairð from æ Waíldwudz tu æ Spotwudz, hwèr ær wer fain spots ov ópn plén konvínent for faitiŋ. And ær æ tú ármz agen joínd batl, and fòt for síks déz longur. And wiá òl hiz skil and proues, and òl æ síkret help æ Drágun kud render him, Bólárobin woz unébl tu gék æ roki furmnes ov hiz antagonist. And Dúk Granit prest onwurd, and krost æ Cikenominus swomps, and sat doun wiá hiz ármí tu bisj æ stronhóldz ov Ríemantoun, in laik manur az hí had bisjð and konkurd Wikedburg.

And Fridíma woz impégent, and gí sed, Let mí gó intu æ hárt ov Sunland, and kòl out æ Kuganz tu fait for us, and wí wil hav æ spídiur vikturi, and gal not hav tu beri só meni ov mai fácurz sóljurz, for it síknz mí tu sí æ slòtur. And aftur konsiduriŋ hur rikwest for a dé and a nait hí formð hiz plan and sent hur wiá an e s



kort tu Dúk Çúrman, hú woz faitiñ Stónijon in æ Gorjusland, and direkted him tu asist hur, and tu risiv and enkurej òl æ Kuçanz çí mait briñ him. And Çúrman klóslí skrútinaizd hur kridençalz, for hí woz afréd çí wud giv him trúbl. Bú hwen hí sò hur kwínli bèriñ, and hou majestikali çí unferld æ traikulerd banur, and hou æ worryurz çouted az çí past bifór æm, hiz admiréçun woz kindld, and hí oftrd tu gó hwèrevr çí wud point æ wé. Æen Fridíma kast hur ai tórd ai ísturn sí, and çí tóld him aat hí must kut a swòr arú æ hól bredr ov æ Dragunz dominyunz, and bèr glad taidiñz ov diliverans tu æ wéstiñ skeletunz in Dedmanzvil, and swíp aloñ ai óçun çór til hí kud join handz wið hiz feló worryurz at Riemantoun. And Dúk Çúrman sed, It is wel; æ díd iz a despuret wun, but it çal bí dun. And hí lifted himself up tu ai okéçun, and hí tuk a hundred çouzand worryurz in hiz trén and bigan hiz márc. And hí went évr æ mounten riçez, draiviñ æ líjunz ov Stónijon bifór him, and æ ground çuk biníç æ tred of hiz worryurz az íf an erakwék had bin pasiñ. And Dúk Biçrpólk, æ grét Dragónian sóldoktur, met æm amuñ æ Painz ov æ mounten, and ær hí woz slén. And hwen Stónijon kud nó loñgur stand in batl, Dúk Naithud, a fúrits and despuret worryur, in naitli ármor, kém out tu mít æm, and bár ær entrans intu æ Gétsiti. And hí fòt arí batlz and woz diskumfited, and ær fel ov hiz worryurz twenti çouzand men. And hí fel bak çagrind and

krestfòln, and left æ spégus plénz ov Gorjusland tu æ mersi ov æ konkurur. And hwen Dúk Çúrman had past arú æ Gétsiti, hí kut asundur hiz lainz ov konekçun wiá æ west, and spred hiz wiñz for ai óçun. And ai ígl skrímd, and Fridi-ma tuk hur plés in æ van, and çí put on hur gárment ov red, hwait and blú, and a kroun woz upon hur hed, and æ drumz and trumpets struk up aèr viktórius anaemz bai hur said. And æ ród çí traveld woz bijemd wiá budz and blos-umz, and hwèrevur çí advencurd tu put æ sól ov hur fut upon æ ground, freç blúmiñ rózez sprañ up binía it; and æ sprin flourz ov æ noræurn prériz sponténusli burst fora óvur òl æ savanaz ov Gorjusland. And æ Kuçanz kém out tu mít hur wiá soñz and dansez; wiá aèr waivz and litl wunz aé krouded around hur tu kis æ frinjez ov hur stár-spangld rób; and níaur arets nor entrítiz kud turn æm bak from folóin hur. And hwen æ Dra-gónianz sò æ kroun aat woz upon hur hed, aé trembl'd and çrunk from hur géz; and aèr dúks and prinsez kud not faind a singl woryur aat dèr opóz æ máre ov æ viktórius ármi só loñ az çí woz at its hed. And æ vaipuri wòlz ov Ded-mansvil fel down, and Wurstovòl and hiz wocmen fled hiaur and aiaur tu sík for haidiñ plésez hwèr aé mait not mít æ glans ov hur ai.

And hwen Dúk Çúrman bigan tu nír ai óçun, and æ sound ov hiz trumpeturz róld aloñ æ Sa-vanaz aat lé on æ kóst, Dúk Hárdihud, hú stud sentinel in aat kwortur, lost hiz fortitúd and hiz

hárdnes, and hiz nervz grú limp and laks laik a wumanz; and hí gaard up hiz lįunz bai nait, and fled for refųj tu Curlztoun. But æ mųzik and trampų ov æ Fridónian ármi folód him aiar olsó; só hí set fair tu æ siti and ran for hiz laif. And Fridína enterd æ siti and wòkt arú æ stríts, and æ men ov Curlztoun grú jentl and kém out tu salút hur; and hwen aé sò hur aé bikém kaptivéted wia hur luvlines, and tuk an óa aat aé wud wurųp æ Dragun nó mór.

And hwen æ Dragun sò aat Dák Granit had klóslı ųt him up on wun said, and aat ۇrman and Fridína wer presių him hárd on ai vaur, and wud sún kut of hiz ónli lain ov ritrít, hí bigan tu pursív aat hiz our woz at leųa kum. And hí róld and raiaed in agoni, and æ purspiréųun guųt out from binía hiz glosi skélz, and hí kud get nó slíp at nait, and hí had spazmz and kontorųunz aat wer dredful tu bihóld. Ğen Jefur and Bóldrobin, síų hou æ glóri ov ær aidul woz dipárted, konklúded tu lív him tu hiz fét and luk ónli tu æ séfti ov aemselvz and ær ármiz. And it woz disaided aat Bóldrobin ųd gó out and giv batl tu Dák Granit, and if difíted aé wud æn abandon æ pales and kapital, and mék ær wé souward arú æ mountenz. Só Bóldrobin went out tu Hacet bruk, and ær hí met hiz konųturz, and aé mód doun hiz worrytz and ród bak and fora arú ær rapks and slòturd æm wia a grét slòtur. And Dák Hailand woz slén, and Yelwel woz surrounded and tékn. And Bóldrobin

turnð hiz fés tu æ mountenz, but æ kavalri ov Flítgerif wer on hiz trak, and hí kud turn níaur tu æ rait hand nor tu æ left. And hwen hí sò ai advansiñ ármí ov Dâk Granit klóziñ around him, hiz jçjment and hiz rízn riturnð, and hí rézd æ hwait banur and went out tu mít hiz advursari. And hí tuk of hiz helmet and plûmz, and méð hiz salutégun and prizented hiz wepn tu Dâk Granit; and Dâk Granit tuk him bai æ hand, and æ hacet woz berid.

And ær stil riménd Dâk Stónijon and forti gouzand Dragónian woryurz wociñ on æ bankz ov æ Fírful rivur for ai apróc ov Çúrman and Fridíma. And híriñ ov æ dizastur ov Bóldrobin hí turnð himself tu flai, but Dâk Çúrman stud in hiz paç; and hwen hí sò ær woz nó eskép, hí ol-só arú doun hiz hacet at æ fit ov æ koçkurur, and æ berid it ær. And æ sóljurz ov æ tú ármiz agen bikém bruatrz, and danst tugeaur binía æ kiñz nú banur, intu æ tekseur ov hwic æ ném ov Fridíma had bin inwóvn.

And æ Dragun, hwen hí found æt Bóldrobin and Stónijon had forsékn him, bít hiz forhed and laçt himself wiæ hiz tél; and hiz atendants fled, æiñkiñ hí wud stiñ himself tu dea laik a skorpiun. And hí disapírd from hiz pales in æ nait, glaidiñ of intu æ wudz tu haid himself, and hí riturnð tu hóld hiz kórt ær nó mór. And æ kiñ went doun tu sí hwot had bikum ov him, and hí found hiz pales emti. And hí egzamind æ dunjunz and cénz and æ instruments ov torcur hwic æ grizli

tairant had left bihind him; and hí ópnd æ géts ov æ Libertipenz and Qundurhouzez and bròt out æ kaptivz.

Nor woz Prins Jeftr tu bí found at hiz óld habitégun; for on æ dé hwen Bóldrobin prizen- ted himself tu Dâk Granit, hwic woz a hóli dé, hí herd æ taidiņz az hí sat wurçipiņ in a Dragó- nian templ, and hí róz up héstili and fled. And hí went swiftli tórd æ ssturn sí, hópiņ tu faird sum Bulian vesel in hwic tu mék hiz eskép. Bct hí woz hemd in bai æ sóljurz ov æ kiņ aat wer evveri hwèr skouriņ æ kuntri. And hwen hí pur- sívd æ kés hí woz in, and had kum tu ai end ov hiz wits, and nú not hwot feraur tu dú, hí rézd wun last and pitius prèr tu æ fáaur ov æ Blak Dragon húz servant hí had bin; and ai óld disívr kompaçunéted him, and cénjd him intu a wuman, and klad hur wia fimél aparel, só aat çí mait not bí nón. Bct hí neglekted tu rimúv hur sandalz, hwic wer stroç and servisabl, and hwic çí wiçt tu ritén. And wun morniņ az çí woz wòkiņ out wia hur milkpél upon hur árm, çí sò aat æ gras woz dái, and réziņ hur dres tu kíp it from getiņ wet, hur sandalz wer diskvtrd bai sum sóljurz aat wer pasiņ aat wé. And aé aprihen- ded hur and bid hur konfes tu æm hú çí woz. And çí wud not anstr, but tóld æm aé òt tu bí açémd tu mék wor upon wimin. And æ sól- jurz wud lisn tu nó entrítiz, but in spait ov hur struglz karid hur of tu ær ofisurz, bai húz or- durz çí woz lojd in a prizn.



## CAPTUR XVI

**L**UDŌ æe Dragónian ármiz wer nou disbanded, and æe konflikt tu ðl outwurd apír-ans klózd, yet æe dímunz stil lingurd tu kari out æer findiç malevolens, and wer dítérmind not tu yíld az loŋ az æer woz a singl instrument left tu dú æer bidiŋ. And Gaifòks, æe móst krafti and dèriŋ ov æem ðl, enturd intu a Búa aat woz nír a uíatur, not fár from æe pales, and æer hí léd hiz planz for æe kiŋz distrókçun. For hí had bròt up wiæ him from ai uæur planet an aró, húz point had bin dipt in æe wotur ov deæ, and its çaft woz wiŋd wiæ æe feaur ov sertenti. And hí sòt oportúniçi tu eksplód it agenst æe bodi ov æe kiŋ. And hí konsulted wiæ ai uæur emisariz ov Prins Jefur, aat wer in Norland and Snóland, and aóz aat wer in Midlland, nír tu æe royal siti. And hí silekted for his kówurkturz Pourfulpén, and Hés-tiroy, and Çírat and Caildharold, and Sekundár-nuld, and Mudpiliz, and Láfiŋfínd. And Çírat in-vaítet æem naitli tu baŋkwet in a spēçts kavurn nír æe kiŋz pales, hwèr æe Dragun woz sikrítet. And æer æé konkokted helbroæ and fed æe Dragun, and nuriçt hiz hóps aat hí mait yet hurl

Magnus Mahárba from hiz arón and get pozeğun ov æ kinđum. And æé méd for æemselvz eksplósiv maçinz and misilz ov dea, and çárpnd æer dagurz, and asaind tu íe aktur hiz párt in æe dráma æé wer about tu purform. For æé purpust tu distroi æe kinđ and hiz lordz and Dâk Granit òl at æe sém móment, só aat æé mait ruç intu æe pales amid æe konfúçn and konsturnéçun ov æe pípl, and fiks æe Dragon só formli upon æe arón aat hí kud not bí displést.

And hwail ai enemiz ov æe kinđ wer plotiđ hiz distrukçun, wcn ov æe hevnli wocurz kém tu him in a vijun ov æe nait, and pénted on hiz brén, az hí woz slípiđ, a dízmal pikcur ov blud and horurz; and hwen hí awók æe pikcur woz stíl klír and distiđkt. And in æe morniđ hiz frendz kém tu vizit him, and æé sò aat hiz fés woz pél, and æe form ov hiz vizej disturbd. And hí tóld æem hiz drím, and hou hí had sín an óçun ov blud, and himself swimiđ æerin. And æe wocur aat had pénted æe drím had hwispuđ in hiz ír aat æe grét dráma woz tu klóz at ai end ov fór yírz from æe taim it bigan; and aat ai óçun ov blud woz in rikwaital ov æe roņz đun tu æe Kuçanz; and aat for evuri drop drón bai æe laç æer must bí answær drón bai æe sórd; and hwotevur woz wontiđ tu mék æe rekompens perfekt must bí kanseld bai æe blud ov a kostli sakriřaiz. And æe kinđz advaizurz went out and konsulted tugeaur praiwetli, and sòt tu undrstand æe drím, but æé kud faind nun aat woz ébl tu divain ai interpreté-

gun. Yet aé dímd it ae hárbínjur ov ívl ; and aé plést a stron gárd around ae pales bai wé ov prikðgun, and antæur tu woc ae kízz persun. And aé kompúted ae taim ov fór yírz fróm ae komensment ov ae wor, hwen ae kízz flag woz tórn doun from Stónipail kasl, and aé found ae píriud wud end on ae fórtína ov ai Ópnril muná, hwic woz ae dé ov Gudsakrifaiz. And aé sed, ·Let us mék it a glad and joiful dé, and a dé for ae selebrégun ov pís and vikturi, and for ai unfurlíj ov banurz, and for órégunz and ilúminégunz ; and peradventeur ae çadó wil pas of from ae kízz maind. And aé krévd purmiçun ov ae kíj tu unfurl ai óld banur from ae sumit ov Stónipail kasl on ai aniversari ov its furst dizontr. And ae kíj woz plízd, and gév komand tu hiz woryurz, and on ae ívniç ov Gudsakrifaiz dé ae stár-spangld bantr wuns mór wévd óvur ae rúinz ov ae kasl, and ae kanun pórd fóru ær joiful salát.

And ae sém ívniç ae kíj woz sitiç in a pléhaus, hwèr aé had purswéded him tu gó aat hí mait çek of ae burdn ov hiz kèrz. And just az ae rór ov ae gunz around Stónipail kasl proklémd ae klóziç ov ae grét dráma, Gaifòks and ai vatr dímunz hú assisted him hésted tu purform ær párts in ae konklúdiç sín. And aé krept stelaili intu ae pléhaus hwèr ae kíj had enterd, and az hí línd forwurd tustspektiçli tu obzerv ai aktiç ov ae pléurz, ai aró aat woz pointed wia dea and wiçd wia ae feaur ov sertenti struk him in ae bak ov hiz hed, and hí fel tu ae flór unkonçts. And Gaifòks



spraŋ up from bihaind æe kiŋ, fluriŋiŋ hiz dagur and ȝoutiŋ in ai írz ov ðl æe pípl ȝat hí had slén a tairant. And hí lípt upon æe stéj, and out at æe dór, and woz gon. And æe sém our ov æe nait Pourfulpén enturd æe cémbur ov Lord Síwor-  
dur, hú woz laiŋ on a sik bed, and hí smót him and wud hav kild him, but æe silescał gárdianz arú æer ȝíldz óvur him and worded of æe blóz.

And æe kiŋz servants rimúvd him tu a praivet cémbur and léd him doun tu dai. And hiz lordz and æe ȝat luvd him, and Fridíma, stud around hiz bed, and woet him until æe morniŋ. And bikòz hiz vaitaliti woz stron, æe kiŋ lingurd in hiz daiŋ, and æe bodi and spirit strugld in æer un-  
klaspiŋ. And hwen æe sunlait lukt in at æe win-  
dó, æe wíri arubiŋ síst; and æe kiŋ gév up hiz ȝóst, and it bikém disentangld from its atacments, and flóted upwurd tu dwel wiá ai imortalz. And Fridíma put hur lips tu æe kiŋz klé, and kist hiz kóld fés, and ȝí sed, Alas, alas, ȝat ȝou ȝudst dai for mí! For if ȝou hadst not pitid ais soróful caild, and tékn hur párt hwen æer woz nun els ȝat kud dilivur hur, ȝou maitest stil hav livd, pourful and onurd amvŋ æe kiŋz ov ai era, and mai púr ném wud hav periȝt from æe memuri ov men. And ȝí kuvurd hur fés, and pórd fóra hur angwiȝ in a torent ov tírz.

And a vois ov wéliŋ went up from æe royal siti, and it spred and inkríst in volyum az it róld óvur æe land. And ðl æe gé sitiz wer sud-  
enli drépt in æe wídz ov mórnŋ; and æe sun

grú dárk and glúmi; and æ wordurz ov æ skai strect ær kloudz ov krép óvur æ pilurz ov ai íst and west; and a pòl woz spred óvur æ mounten tops and óvur æ lóli véz, and òl æ tríz ov æ forest wer frinjð wia fúnúrial taslz; and men spók not for horur, and evuri puls pòzd in its bítiñ, az if æ krak ov dúm had sounded from a klír skai.

And hwen æ terur had abéted, a krai ov venjans aróz on ai èr, and æ Blak Dragon herd it in hiz haidiñ plés. And hí at wuns komprihen ded aat ær woz nó den só dárk, nó gulf só díp, nó mounten só hai, az tu giv him a kwaiet restiñ plés on æ planet hwèr hí had ðun ais díð. Só hí put on dárknes for hiz kuvuriñ, and kém out ov hiz hól, and çrikt a waild çrik tu sumun æ dímunz aat çud akumpani him on hiz dipáreur. And hí rézd up hiz lofti form, and spred hiz pinyunz for æ hóm ov hiz fáaur; and æ móld ov oblivirn setld on hiz wiñz az aé disapírd binía æ ændurkloudz aat skurted hiz ðounwurd wé.

And Samuñkl sent out hunturz tu sere for æ men aat had enturténd æ dímunz, and had bin ær instruments in æ murdur ov æ kiñ. And hwen aé had kòt æm, aé hañð æm up tu dai in æ sait ov æ mórniiñ and angrri hevz. But aé kud not kil æ dímunz aat had instigéted aíz recez; for aé had gon out ov æ men and abandurd æm tu ær fét, az sún az aé had nó furaur servis for æm tu purform.

Nou ær woz in aat kuntri a masiv and lofti kolum, on hwic it woz æ wunt ov História tu

rikord æ némz ov dipárted híróz and stétsmen, and ðl æ grét and gud aat wer dizerviñ ov ri membrans. It woz piramidál in form, and vast in dimençunz, and æ klouudz rested on its sumit. And aftar æ multítúdz had riturnd from vûiñ æ kiñz korps, æ gaurd around æ monyument tu witnes ai inskraibiñ ov hiz ném. And História tuk hur longest ladur, and set it up agenst æ said ov æ kolum, and æ woct hur az çí asended; and Fridíma klaimd up aftar hur tu sí hwèr çí wud put æ ném ov hur févurit. And hwail çí woz pasiñ óvur æ spot hwèr æ némz wer móst aikli ritn, æ pípl gézd intentli, ekspektiñ evuri móment aat çí wud stop and bigin. But çí went on and on, until çí had left æ vast kroud ov stétsmen and woryurz binía hur fit. And çí past æ loñ lain ov kiñz, Kiñ Adam and Kiñ Jefur, and Kiñ Andruí, and Kiñ Adam ben Adam, hú bifrended Fridíma in hur calldhud, and Osami æ mártur, and ðl æ filanropists and márturz aat had givn aèr laivz tu æ welfèr ov aèr rés. And hwen æ pípl sò aat çí stil kept asendiñ, æ gév a loud çout, for æ aen undurstud aat it woz a grét and nóbl kiñ aat had past awé from amvñ æm. Nou aer woz ritn, fár up and distiñkt from æ rest, just undur æ klouudz, a singl ném, in lárj karakturz, yet skèrsli vizibl for æ distans; æ ném woz

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And æ woct História as çí fikst hur ai upon æ spot; and Fridíma klóslí folóð hur. And hwen çí had ríct æ plés, çí tuk from hur gurdí an ai-

urn stail, and plést hur hand on æ rok tu rait, just binía æ solitari ném. And hwail æ multitud wer çoutiñ, and bifór æ rok woz pírst, Fridíma spók and sed, Mai sister, dú yú rimembur æ fór milyunz ov liberéted Kuçanz? And História dropt hur aiz, and riménd for a móment in æt, æen stept upon æ nekst round, and plésiñ hur fingurz just óvur ai éngent leturz, bigan tu kárv æ rok wiá a klir bóld strók. And òl æ pípl wer amézd and konfounded, for it woz a fikst bilíf ov òl æ men ov ai Oksident eat nó ném kud evur bí ritn abuv eat ov æ fáatur ov hiz kuntri. But hwen História wiadrú hur hand, and aé sò æ ném ov

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and nú eat it woz ritn for òl taim, in karakterz endáriñ az ai iternal hilz, æer mainds wer ilûminéted, and aé sò wiá nú aiz, and æer çoutiñz wer céñjd tu tírz ov glad and wunduriñ ímóçun, and aé klaspt æer handz in prèr, and gév çançs tu æ God ov hevñ eat hí had aloud æem tu luk upon æ fés ov só nóbl a kiñ and mártur, æe dilivurur and sévyur ov hiz kuntri.

And Samuñkl and òl æ pípl embámd æe bodi ov Kiñ Magnus Mahárba, and léd it in a túm; and hiz memuri aé embámd in æer afekçunz. And æe néçunz ov ai Órient mórnd and lamented him; and æe Viktórius kwín ov Bulia tuet æe hárp ov soró; and aé kòld him bai æe ném ov Mahárba æe Gud. And Kiñ Andrá æe Sekund rénd in hiz sted.



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| Ç | ç | çhagrin  | Ò | ò | bròad    |
| D | d | doubt    | Ó | ó | ghóst    |
| Ɔ | ɑ | a)his    | P | p | plough   |
| Ɔ | ɑ | a)hink   | Q | q | Qurán    |
| E | e | men      | R | r | rich     |
| È | è | bèar     | S | s | sóul     |
| É | é | vél      | T | t | trouble  |
| F | f | fought   | U | u | murmur   |
| G | g | guess    | U | u | put      |
| H | h | head     | Ú | ú | rúle     |
| I | i | pitiful  | Û | û | sûe      |
| Í | í | fíeld    | V | v | verse    |
| J | j | joint    | W | w | wicked   |
| J | j | bijóu    | X | x | Xristos  |
| K | k | kindred  | Y | y | yeóman   |
| L | l | aisle    | Z | z | zealous  |

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