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Gunderöde, put his hands behind his back, and beneath his eagle's gaze the eyes of Theodoric fell.

"The fortunes of war, yes," said Illyris, "but the laws of honour do not."

Theodoric understood. His dark skin grew pale. He felt poor, and small, and mean, before this man who had driven the foreigner from the land and asked no reward, who had given away a kingdom and was poor as Belissarius.

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