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Jarl Thorgier leads his people to a new home on the shores of Dalraidier, they have been driven from their homes in the Orkneys by their enemies. They have with them all their worldly possessions and begin to set up camp. Thorgier sends some of his warriors out to reconnoitre and posts others as guards while the camp is being built.

The scouts return with the news that the Queen of the Dalraidians will let Thorgier and his people stay in her country if he agrees to marry her (She has had a bit of trouble finding a husband!). Thorgier decides that he has no choice and agrees.

Jarl Thorgier and his Huscarls leave for the wedding. Camp life continues peacefully but is rudely interrupted by the Vikings. The remaining warriors are driven out, some of their women are captured by the raiders but not all, the camp is burned. The battle continues and Thorgier's people are driven further away from the camp but continue to resist ②.

Just as it seems that Thorgier's people will be defeated Jarl Thorgier and his new bride arrive with their Huscarls and Shieldmaidens ③ and attack the Vikings in the flank. The Viking raiders give ground and are driven back towards the village.

Exhausted by their efforts the two sides separate for a rest. The leaders of the two sides negotiate, the Vikings ask for Danegeld in return for peace, Thorgier refuses to pay and suggests a battle of champions. The bodies of the dead and wounded are removed and the duel commences ④.

After the battle of champions the battle continues, this time to the finish.

② Some warriors are selected to be casualties and lie as if dead or wounded until the battle of champions.

③ All female warriors are in the Bride's retinue.

④ The dead and wounded warriors are dragged off and while the battle of champions distracts the audience they rejoin their sides.