

Fire & Blood / Reign of the Dragon

Episode 1:

“The Song of Ice and Fire”

- Prologue/cold open: Exposition about the Doom and House Targaryen’s escape to Dragonstone, ala HotD’s opening with The Great Council of 101 AC.
- Introduce Aegon Targaryen.
 - A studious and even-tempered man. Make mention of his recent campaign against Volantis both to illustrate his experience in war as well as display his current eastward focus in contrast to what we would expect from the man who will conquer Westeros.
- Introduce Aegon’s sisters and establish the dynamic between the three of them.
 - Visenya is a severe woman who spends more time in the training yard with Dark Sister than at court, but who shows a fierce loyalty to Aegon (She did marry him out of duty after all).
 - Rhaenys is kind and flirty, and is often seen flying upon Meraxes. That is, when she is not glued to Aegon’s side in a way slightly inappropriate for a maiden and her married brother (I think it’d be interesting to have Aegon married only to Visenya at this point and have him marry Rhaenys later to emphasize how he married her out of desire).
- Introduce Orys Baratheon and his friendship with Aegon.
- Introduce Aegon’s allies (Velaryon, Celtigar, Bar Emmon, Massey).
- Mention various goings-on around Westeros to establish the political landscape, such as a war between the Reach and Dorne and a tenuous peace between Harren Hoare and Argilac Durrandon. Emphasize that Westeros is a divided and warring land.
- Aegon has his dream.
- Aegon summons his sisters to the Dragonmont and shares his dream with them. The episode ends with the three of them silhouetted against the hulking form of Balerion the Black Dread emerging from the darkness.

Episode 2:

“The Black and the Arrogant”

- Begins several years after episode 1.
- Introduce Harren the Black.
 - Harren is obsessed with finishing Harrenhal. We see his cruelty on display as he forces workers to their deaths and strips the Riverlands of wealth.
 - Harren is planning another war against Argilac to begin as soon as Harrenhal is finished.
 - Introduce Edmyn Tully and use him to establish that the Riverlords hate their King.
- Introduce Argilac the Arrogant.

- Argilac is worried about the future of his house. He is an old man with only a maiden daughter to succeed him.
- Argilac suspects Harren's intentions and seeks a buffer between himself and the expansionist king.
- Return to Aegon. Final touches are being done on the painted table as Aegon studies it.
- Rhaenys has by now become Aegon's second wife.
- Argilac's marriage offer to Aegon arrives and Aegon sends his counter proposal.
- Aegon receives Argilac's response: "These are the only hands your bastard shall have of me."
- Aegon calls his banners, and summons a maester to attend him around the painted table. He orders his maester to pen a message.
- Montage of Westeros' kings receiving ravens and reacting to the message, while Aegon's voice dictates: "From this day forth there will be but one king in Westeros. Those who bend the knee to Aegon of House Targaryen will keep their lands and titles. Those who take up arms against him will be thrown down, humbled, and destroyed."
- As the voiceover comes to its conclusion, we see Aegon's small host setting sail across the Blackwater, towards Westeros.

Episode 3: "First of His Name"

- In Oldtown, the High Septon receives news of Aegon's landing and prays to the Seven for guidance.
- Aegon has established the Aegonfort. He receives word that Rhaenys and Visenya have subdued castles Rosby and Stockworth, respectively.
- Harren and Argilac call their banners.
 - Lords Darklyn of Duskenale and Mooton of Maidenpool join forces to march on Aegon.
 - Edmyn Tully secretly meets with other lords and discusses defecting when the time is ripe.
- Aegon and Orys set off to confront the army of Duskenale and Maidenpool.
- The High Septon informs Lord Manfred Hightower that Oldtown, the Hightower, the Starry Sept, and the Citadel will be destroyed if they resist Aegon. Intercut this speech with scenes of the Darklyn-Mooton host burning.
- Aegon's first coronation in the Aegonfort.
 - Aegon assigns his first small council and names Orys Baratheon, "my strong right hand."
 - The new Targaryen banner is unfurled.
 - Aegon is crowned by Visenya and hailed by Rhaenys as, "First of His Name, King of All Westeros, and Shield of His People," and the dragons roar as one.

Episode 4: "Stone Does Not Burn"

- Episode opens at Winterfell, where King Torrhen Stark consults with his lords.
- Aegon reads offers of alliance from Dorne and the Vale and comments that these kingdoms do not yet understand the meaning of his coming. They will kneel, or they will burn.
- King Mern IX Gardener and King Loren I Lannister do understand, and they meet at Casterly Rock. They discuss Aegon's invasion and agree that if he wins any further victories they will unite against him.
- At Storm's End, Argilac receives word of Orys Baratheon leading an army into the Stormlands. Argilac's muster is made difficult by Dornish raids in the Marches, but Lords Errol, Fell, and Buckler are sent to ambush the approaching force.
- Aegon reaches the shores of the God's Eye, with Harrenhal visible across the lake. He makes camp while Visenya parts ways to unite with the Velaryon fleet at Driftmark.
- Harren's sons raid Aegon's camp in the night. Aegon himself is nearly killed.
- The following morning Harren watches from his castle as Aegon takes flight and burns Harren's longboats and his sons on the God's Eye.
- Edmyn Tully ignores Harren's call to defend Harrenhal and instead raises the Targaryen banner. The Riverlords follow suit.
- The meeting between Aegon and Harren takes place.
- Aegon burns Harrenhal.
- Aegon's men watch from a distance as the great towers glow red and melt like candlesticks.

Episode 5: "The Last Storm"

- Episode opens with a man's armored boots stepping through a layer of ash. Orys Baratheon walks through a forest of blackened and burnt trees as Rhaenys circles overhead atop Meraxes. All around him lay charred bodies and burnt banners of Argilac's bannermen.
- Argilac receives word of his bannermen's defeat and Harren the Black's fate at Harrenhal. He chooses to march out with his full army rather than burn in his keep.
- Aegon accepts the fealty of House Tully and the Riverlords outside the smoking ruins of Harrenhal as twisted swords are retrieved from the fortress and piled in wagons.
- Kings Mern IX Gardener and Loren I Lannister make good on their agreement and raise their banners at their respective castles.
- Rhaenys sees King Argilac's host leaving Storm's End from atop Meraxes and reports back to Orys. She also reports a severe storm blowing up from the south.
- Visenya and Daemon Velaryon watch the incoming storm from Driftmark. Visenya warns that she will not be able to fly, but Daemon resolves to sail north alone and let her catch up once the skies have settled.
- Battle of the Last Storm.
 - Meraxes is grounded by the weather and seemingly unable to take part in the battle.
 - Argilac breaks through Orys' center, only to be met by Rhaenys atop Meraxes.

- Argilac and Orys duel.

Episode 6:
“The Old Kings and the New”

- Episode opens with Argilac’s daughter Argella declaring herself Storm Queen and refusing Orys’ demand to surrender.
- Queen Regent Sharra of the Vale prepares her defenses and holds up in the Eyrie.
- Aegon celebrates his victories while his lords laugh over a portrait sent to him by Sharra, meant to entice him into marriage.
- The following morning, Storm’s End surrenders to Orys Baratheon, who treats Lady Argella with kindness.
- King Torrhen Stark calls his banners.
- The Gardener and Lannister armies, some 55,000 strong, meet at Castle Goldengrove. King Mern boasts of, “Our iron fist.” The massive army leaves Goldengrove and begins its march north.
- At sea, Daemon Velaryon oversees repairs to damage his ships have taken in the storm and orders his men to keep an eye out for Vhagar. He intends to assault the hastily-assembled Arryn fleet at Gulltown as soon as his queen and her dragon arrive. As he speaks however, his lookout reports that the Arryn fleet is approaching, along with a dozen Braavosi vessels.
- The two fleets engage in the waters off Gulltown, and Daemon’s outnumbered ships are overwhelmed. At the critical moment Visenya arrives on Vhagar, but the Braavosi flagship is armed with scorpions and she is forced to break off her attacks.
- Daemon sacrifices himself and his remaining ships to destroy the Braavosi flagship.
- Visenya bathes the Arryn fleet in fire.

Episode 7:
“The Falcon and the Toad”

- At the Eyrie, Sharra oversees defensive plans in a near-panicked frenzy. She is interrupted by the screech of a dragon.
- Visenya flies over the mountain garrisons and heads straight to the Eyrie, landing in its inner courtyard. Sharra storms out to confront her and finds Visenya with the young King Ronnel Arryn on his knee, admiring her dragon. He asks his mother if he can go flying with the lady. A silent understanding passes between the two women, and they exchange pleasantries. Lady Sharra sends for the crown of the Vale while the young king flies on Vhagar and lands to find himself a lord.
- Rhaenys and Orys receive word of the Vale’s surrender.
- Rhaenys flies Meraxes into Dorne, where she stops at Vaith, Godsgrace, and Planky Town and finds them all deserted.
- Aegon hears of the massive Gardener-Lannister army advancing towards him. He resolves to meet it and sends ravens to recall his sisters.

- Rhaenys meets Princess Meria Martell at Sunspear, and “the Yellow Toad of Dorne” vows to uphold her house’s words: “Unbowed, Unbent, Unbroken.”
- Aegon’s raven arrives, recalling Rhaenys, who vows to return with Fire and Blood, but Dorne remains unconquered.

Episode 8:
“The Field of Fire”

- Visenya and Rhaenys rejoin Aegon at Stoney Sept. Rhaenys urges caution, having nearly been defeated at the Last Storm, but Visenya pushes for a direct confrontation.
- The battle plays out much as described in the book. In order to add tension to the one-sided affair, Visenya getting hit by an arrow could be dramatized more than the sidenote it is in the book.
- Aegon oversees the gathering of swords from the fallen. King Loren I is brought before him and surrenders his crown and sword. Loren’s bannermen follow suit and kneel before Aegon and Balerion.

Episode 9:
“The King Who Knelt”

- Aegon arrives at Highgarden, where he raises its steward, Harlan Tyrell, as the new Lord.
- Aegon is feasting with Tyrell and discussing logistics for his march on Oldtown and Dorne when he receives a raven with news that Torrhen Stark has crossed into the Riverlands with an army some 30,000 strong. Aegon sends ravens to his armies and sisters and flies back north to meet him.
- On his way north Aegon reunites with Orys Baratheon at the Aegonfort and the small town that has sprung up around it. He looks out over Blackwater Bay and remarks that it is a beautiful view. Orys agrees distractedly, as he is more intrigued by the massive pile of swords that is accumulating at the fort.
- During the standoff at the Trident, Aegon secretly meets in-person with Torrhen Stark. He tells him of his dream, and how Winter can only be beaten by a united Westeros with a Targaryen king. The following morning, Torrhen Stark kneels before Aegon.

Episode 10:
“Lord of the Seven Kingdoms”

- Aegon arrives at Oldtown to find the gates open and Lord Manfred Hightower waiting to greet him and bend the knee.
- Aegon is anointed by the High Septon and crowned in the Starry Sept.
- At the feast after his coronation, Aegon is asked if he will rule from Oldtown or if he intends to return to his ancestral seat at Dragonstone. He replies that he will do neither, and that he intends to make the Aegonfort and its surrounding town, renamed King’s Landing, his capital.

- Aegon arrives at King's Landing atop Balerion, where he finds the swords of his enemies arranged in a jagged and misshapen form vaguely resembling a chair atop a dias. He bathes the swords in Balerion's fire, melting and fusing them into the Iron Throne of Westeros.