



Haas/Siegfried

Siegfried C

Haas: Commander Siegfried, you're quite impressive.

Siegfried: Hm? What is this?

H: I've been watching you fight... You use a very refined technique. Though it looks like it strains you quite a bit. Is this true?

S: Ah... yes...
I have a deep wound I received quite a while ago.
It still pains me a bit, and it limits my fighting ability.
It pains me to say that I'm not anywhere near my full power...

H: Full power? Hmm... I'd like to see this one day, if it were possible.

S: Perhaps one day, this wound shall heal. Until then, let us focus on the battle in front of us.

H: Indeed.

Siegfried B

H: So, Commander Siegfried...

S: Just "Siegfried" is fine, Chief Haas, my friend.

H: The same to you, then. Just "Haas" is fine.

S: Haha, touche.
I will oblige.
Now, what did you come here to approach me about...?

H: Oh, I had intended on asking you how your wound was feeling.

S: The same as usual, I'm afraid. Not much to be done.

H: I see...
I'm sorry.
I wish that I could do something to ease your pain, if only a little.
Still, you are a remarkable fighter, even now.
I am truly glad I was able to meet you and join forces with you.

S: I as well.
In both battle and tactical prowess, you are truly one of the best.
It's no wonder that the Phora are the strongest tribe of Atheya.

H: You speak kindly, Siegfried. May I say the same of the knights of Regalia, whose superior techniques have nearly been pushed to extinction.

S: Ha, my way of the sword is a little more unique than that... But I'm afraid we don't have time to converse about such things. Let us get back to the fray, before we fall behind.

Siegfried A

H: Siegfried... if it's alright, I would like to hear it.

S: The tale of my way of the sword, you mean?

H: Yes... although you also use spears, as I recall.

Do they use different techniques?

S: Yes, quite. I was originally a knight of Yulia, before I transferred to Regalia. There, I solely practiced the art of the sword. Normally, the transferring of knights isn't allowed, but an exception was made for me. When I studied the Regalian technique, I could not perfect it due to the influence of my teachings from Yulia. It's nothing very special, but instead, I took the best points of each, and combined the swordsmanship of Yulia and Regalia into one technique. I call this "Yulia's Renewal", as the core of the art is based on Yulian swordsmanship, but with slight changes here and there. Naturally, I am the only one who has ever learned it. Furthermore, as I now must ride a horse to be able to move well, I'm unable to exhibit the full strength of my altered swordsmanship. But I make do with what I can. Is that enough info for you?

H: Haha, indeed.
That was very informative.
And very interesting as well...
Perhaps I could learn something from you.

S: Well, you are free to continue to watch, if it pleases you.

H: Heh. I think I will, if you don't mind.
And I'll watch your back too, Siegfried!

S: Sounds good to me, Haas, my friend.



Haas/Arthur

Arthur C

Haas: You wear unique garbs for one of the Kashaya, Arthur.

Arthur: Ah, Chief Haas, the great warrior.
Yes, because I am a user of light magic...
Most of us were practicers of anima and dark magic.

H: I see. Was there any particular reason for learning light magic?

A: Not exactly...
I just wanted to
distinguish myself.
The Kashaya had lost their honor,
and forsaken themselves...
I am of the Kashaya,
yet I am not.

Arthur B

A: Kahahaha...
How beautiful...

H: ...Are you referring to that corpse, Arthur?

A: Yes, of course.
The way the blood slowly drips
down from their wound... It's most holy, don't you think?

H: I... hm... I'm not quite sure, Arthur.
We Phora do not think much of the blood of our enemies...

A: Hm... you are missing out, I'm afraid.
I know the Phora pride themselves on battle, so it is surprising that you would not take time to savor the delicacies of its outcome.

H: Hm... this is quite common in the Kashaya then, no? I had heard you were violent and most forceful, but... This is more than I expected. I am... appalled.

A: That which you have not been raised to understand will almost always seem strange or even crazy, will it not? Magnus is similar, thinking lowly of the other territories, and judging them before even making an attempt to understand them.

H: You make your point... Perhaps, then, you could take some time to explain this to me.

A: As you wish.

Arthur A

H: Hm... the way you put it makes it seem less grotesque, for sure.
Still, I cannot help but feel like your tribe's value of life desecrates life itself, Arthur.

I cannot go back in time and change which tribe I was born in, or the values and morals that I was raised with.

A: I see... I cannot say I expected you to do so, either.
However, I have done my part, and shared my knowledge.

H: For that, I thank you.
However, I am not sure I can
tolerate fighting by your side...
I thought perhaps that your
words could help me do so,
but this is not the case.
I am sorry, Arthur.

A: Even the Chief of the Phora does not have the tolerance?
I suppose the Kashayan culture may indeed be too strange to all outsiders, those of Atheya and not alike.
I shall do my best to limit my impulses then, Chief Haas.
After all, I must distinguish myself from the purely bad name of the Kashaya, and help change so that we are not looked down upon as so.

H: It is not your fault, Arthur, nor do I look down on you. However, if we could perhaps focus on fighting, and you could spend time savoring the battle after, it would most definitely help me focus... I apologize, I ask for too much, and yet I cannot do otherwise...

A: It is alright.
You tried to understand, and that is more than many others could say.
Let the light guide us, as fellow Atheyans.

H: Indeed. As Atheyans.



Storm C

Storm: Chief Haas. Are you well?

Haas: Yes, Storm, I'm fine.
Please, don't worry too
much about me.
It's not your job to babysit me,
just to be there when I ask.

S: Yes, I know.
I'm sorry.
But as you are a young Chief,
I have to make sure you live
a long and fulfilling life
as leader of the Phora.
At the very least, let me accompany
you as much as possible.

H: Alright, Storm. Since you insist.

Storm B

H: Storm...

S: Yes, Chief Haas?

H: Do you enjoy being my right-hand man, Storm?

S: It is an honor beyond words, Chief.

H: That does not mean you necessarily enjoy it, however.
Answer me truthfully, Storm.
I mean no harm.

S: Yes, I enjoy helping you in any way possible, Chief. Even if you weren't the Chief,

you are still a strong warrior, a noble man, intelligent... and a great cook, as well.

H: Ahahaha, it pleases me to hear you say so. Thank you, Storm. May we have good fortune together on the battlefield.

S: Yes, Chief.

Storm A

H: Storm, are you aware of the methods of which names in the Phora are chosen?

S: I know the significance of my own name, but...
I'm not sure what else you may be referring to, Chief.

H: Alright... then I shall briefly enlighten you. In Phora, respecting one's elders is very important, no? One must know to treat the older generations with great respect, and learn the customs and behaviors associated with such respect.

S: Yes, I am aware. I'm sorry if I have ever been rude or offensive, I don't mean to-

H: No, that's not it.
You see, our ancestors thought
of a way to differentiate people
of different generations.
It is a most interesting aspect
of our history and culture.
Your name, Storm, refers to the
same English word, "Storm".
You may have noticed that
even amongst other Atheyans,
names of people of your generation

are often shared with English words.
However, people of my generation have names derived from ancient words, such as "Haas", the word for a hare or rabbit.
Because of this, we are able to differentiate the people of one generation from another, constantly switching from one set of names to another.
Thus, in knowing one's name, we know the level of respect we owe them.

S: ...Ah...

Normally, I would think twice before believing such a story, but now that I think about it, everyone I know has a name either from today's language or the ancient languages...

H: It is interesting, is it not? Many people do not notice until they are older, and they are forced to name their own children. Had I not told you now, you would likely learn of it within a few years.

S: I see.

Then, thank you for telling me.

H: Think nothing of it, Storm. You are my loyal comrade and friend. There is no secret I would not trust you with.

S: Thank you, Chief.
I say the same back to you.

(So they call it English too huh?)



Zach C

Haas: Hm...

Zach: Um, is something the matter?

Haas: No, nothing at all. Please continue.

Z: Okay, but... may I know why you appear to be analyzing me?

H: Ah, my apologies.
I am just interested in your technique with the bow.
It is both different from the way of the way of the nomads and the way of the other nations.

Z: Oh, yes...
I'm not quite from Solum.
It's hard to explain,
but essentially,
there exists another
continent from which I came.

H: A hard story to believe, but I have no reason to doubt you, so I shall believe you. It would, at the very least, explain your unique way of archery. Would it be a burden if I analyzed your technique a bit more...?

Z: No, um, go ahead, I guess.

(The Forbidden Lore?!)

Zach B

H: Your technique resembles

the Valencian style the most.

Z: I suppose that makes sense.
I have been in Valencia
for most of my time here,
although I was in Magnus for a short time
after I arrived at this continent...

H: I see.

Your shots are much more steady and focused.
We nomads tend to move and shoot, with one swift motion.

Z: That's quite interesting. Back on our continent we do not have anything like you nomads...

H: Is that so? Then perhaps I could show you some of our culture...

Z: I'm down for some of that. Perhaps some food, to start?

H: Of course.
The next time we have
a chance to talk,
I'll get you some chicken
spiced with herbs from Atheya.

Z: Sounds like something to look forward to!

Zach A

H: Mhm... delicious. It's so... natural, and pure. Spices aside, the chicken itself has a fresher, greater taste. You are a great cook, Chief Haas.

H: Ahahah, some have told me that. I am actually made fun of for it a little.

Past Chiefs of the Phora

have been pure fighters, with little other skills. While I can fight, of course, I also know how to cook, and wage wars with tactics like the other nations and territories use.

Z: That's... weird.

H:Hm? What, exactly, is "weird"?

H: I can't imagine why having useful knowledge like cooking and tactics would be something to be made fun of. It's knowledge... don't we need more knowledge, so that we can be the best we can be, and understand others?

H: Hah, you are smart to say so, Zach, and I would agree.
Alas, in our culture, the life of a warrior is, for the most part, the life of fighting.
And when you are in the Phora, all able men are expected to be warriors.

Z: I see... it seems I still have a lot more to learn.

H: Hah! Let us strike down our foes quickly then, you and I. That shall give us more time to converse later, no?

Z: Sounds like a plan, Chief Haas.

(Ah, we're not saying anything about that other continent then? Maybe in his other supports.)



(They have an innate C support)

Liquid B

Haas: Liquid, your axe skills are as scary as ever, my friend.

Liquid: Skillz?

Whatchu talkin' bout?

H:I mean how you're able to smash through an enemy and crush their body in one hit, no matter their defenses...
You may have not inherited your father's brutality, but you seem to have inherited his strength, at the very least.

Liquid A

L: C-Chief, I been thinkin'...

H: Ah, Liquid. What's wrong?

L: N-nothin's wrong, I just dun' wanna... I dun' wanna...

H: It's alright, Liquid, you can tell me.
I am here to help you.
We are comrades.

L: I-I was hopin' I can stay with ya after dis war...
I... got nowhere to go...

H: Do you even have to ask, Liquid? I would be happy if you would stay with the Phora. Then, we could work

towards spreading peace throughout Atheya, and ending all the bloodshed... together.

L: Golly, dat'd be nice...
maybe... if we dun' fight...
if we help rebuild...
l'z strong, can build lots!!!
W-we can rebuild Atheya, together!
Okay, Chief?!

H: Of course, Liquid. Take it easy for now though, okay? First, let's make it out of these battles safe and sound. Then, we'll work towards restoring Atheya to its former glory.

L: (Jump) Ya!!!



Gary C

Gary: You live up to your name as Chief of the Phora, Haas!

Haas: Gary the Gladiator...

G: You know of me, huh? That makes things easier. I challenge you, Haas.

H: If you're looking for a fight, I'm afraid I cannot oblige.
Especially one in which the fights are to the death.
I must survive to lead the Phora after our battles end.

G: Ha, the days of death matches in the arena are over, Haas.
There are plenty of other ways

for two comrades to fight. Have you ever heard of the game "bloody knuckles"?

(My big brother used to make me play this with him a lot when i was a kid T T)

H: I have not...

G: Hm, it might be a Westerner thing, after all...
That's no problem though, I've got you covered.
I'll have you addicted in record time!

Gary B

H: Gary, you will not get me to play that foolish game again. I would appreciate if you would quit trying.

G: You know, I didn't have you pegged as a quitter, Haas, but I guess my fists are just too rock hard, huh?

H: I cannot wield a weapon if my hands are broken...
Surely even you can understand these dire circumstances...

G: Hm... guess you're just not up to it, huh? I was hoping I could find some nice competition off the islands, but it looks like there's not anyone here who can match my strength.

Gary A

Gary: What's that you're up to, Haas?

Haas: I am fine-tuning my bow, to perfect its power.

G: Power? Power's about the man, not the weapon, bud.
You gotta have a strong

shooting arm for power.

H: That is true, but part of the man is his ability to shoot, not just the power with which he shoots.

G: You're saying there's something more to this, huh? I read you.
We need a contest.

H:

G: After this battle, we'll have ourselves a little competition... And whoever pierces deeper into the tree, has the greater strength.

H: I'm afraid I don't understand. Did you not already decide that you were the strongest?

G: Yeah, but I'm on a mission to prove myself wrong, you see? The world's big... there's got to be more than just brute power. And even then, there's got to be someone with more power than me. Thanks to Magnus, the arena in the Western Archipelago got shut down, so I can't just sit around and wait for someone to show up and give me a challenge. Sometimes, we've gotta seek things out ourselves.

H: I see...
Then, I accept.
I would like to see the result of this contest myself.

G: Gahahaha! Rock on, Haas!

(Hunh, now that I think about it... The rough hair, the big muscles, the rock-hardness, the square jaw...Gary vaguely reminds me of...



LET'S ROCK!)