



**Glorious Justice**

**A rock opera**

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Carla Ayles, Ben Brook, Jesse Brook, Joel DaCosta, Caitlin Fenton, Read Fenton,  
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CAST (By order of appearance)

TYRANOTITANIA the RED DRAGON

Caitlin Fenton (Soprano) - Authoritarian Head

Carla Ayles (Soprano) – Arsonist Head

Ashley Stoltz (Soprano) – Imperialist Head

The STORMBORN FAMILY

READ STORMBORN - Read Fenton (Baritone/Horn of Glorious Justice)

SAGE Read Stormborn's grandfather - John Ryalls (Baritone)

PAGE Read Stormborn's young brother

-Sean Laslop

FROST GIANTS

- John Ryalls (Baritone)

-Ben Brook (Baritone /Trumpet)

-Jesse Brook (Baritone /Tuba)

BAND

Cello – Caitlin Laslop

Guitar – Joel DaCosta

Drums – Court Laslop

Bass – Mat Stepney

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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

READ STORMBORN (baritone).....a slave  
PAGE.....Read's young brother  
SAGE .....Read and Page's grandfather  
DRAGONS (3 sopranos).....3 headed dragon tyrant  
FROST GIANTS (2 baritones).....#1, #2, #3  
CHORUS (all).....slaves

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## **#1: DRAGON FIRE INTRO**

*(enter DRAGONS)*

**DRAGONS:** Igne Natura renovatur integra  
Vincit qui se vincit.  
Oderint dum metuant.

Humans can't survive alone in this harsh world  
Remember the giants we burned to protect you  
Giants of ice attacked your colony  
I battled them for you, and buried them so deep  
Burn to death if you approach their catacomb

Through fire, nature is reborn completely  
He conquers who conquers himself.  
Let them hate so long as they fear.

Gratitude will save your skin as you recall  
The Blood Iron Mines are prosperous for all  
Meet your quota soon, our stores are growing thin  
If you fail the task we'll take it from your skin  
Laziness makes you a traitor to your kin

Igne Natura renovatur integra  
Vincit qui se vincit.  
Oderint dum metuant.

*(DRAGONS exit. READ and PAGE enter, physically supporting SAGE)*

## **#2: BRUISED AND BURNT (SAGE SONG 1)**

**READ:** Bruised and burnt my day is spent  
I mine while starved and sore  
Grandfather, your back is bent  
but you still hold the torch

**SAGE:** *(sitting and resting)*  
Read Stormborn, your brother Page  
the last of my bloodline  
These roughened hands know tenderness  
This mouth the taste of wine

You're both too young to remember the life we had once here  
We knew hard work, but shared our lot, there was no thirst or  
fear  
The giants came from peaks of ice, the dragon cross the sea  
Their battle ravaged our farmland, our loss their legacy

The prophecy speaks of hope, a hero of humankind  
The horn of glorious justice and our freedom will align

**READ:** This world that lives in memory sounds charming and ideal  
Perhaps someday we'll be content beneath the dragon's heel

**SAGE:** Delving dwarves would say of caves, go the way it blows  
A whistle of wind means a way out, the path to find the horn  
But I've mined sixty years for a spring water flow  
And from all my years of toil, only gold to show

**READ:** *(together)*  
This world that lives in memory  
sounds charming and ideal  
Perhaps someday we'll be content  
beneath the dragon's heel

**SAGE:** *(together)*  
The dawn of spring portends a hope, a  
hero of our kind  
The Horn of Glorious Justice and our  
freedom will align

### **#3: TERROR IN THE MINES**

*(READ moves downstage, leaving HAL and SAGE sitting upstage)*

**READ:**

Deep in the mines of the frost Giant's tomb  
We slave away our lives to avoid the dragons doom  
To find the buried treasure and alleviate our pain  
Meet the dragon's quota, to live another day

From the mines, hear our cries  
Being worked til we die  
Noxious fumes fill our heads  
It feels like we're already dead

**SAGE:**

I believe in the horn from legends long ago  
Glorious justice to defeat the vile foe

**READ:**

But day in and day out, those stories are for naught  
I only seek to work away, and please the despot

*(DRAGONS enter)*

**DRAGONS:**

In the mines, hear their cries  
Mining's slowed, where's our prize?  
*(Ash)* Is there mercy in our heart?  
*(Carla and Caitlin)* No! Our vengeance is our art

**READ:**

Drive deeper and deeper to slake the thirst of our queen  
A fissure in the darkness, reveals an icy wind  
These must be the catacombs, She must not catch me near  
What horror could lie buried, that fills the queen with fear?

**DRAGONS:**

From the mines, where's our gold?  
Rust and stone, you were told  
Did you even try?  
It's your fault that someone must die!!!!

**READ:**

I give my life, my poisoned lungs and skin  
My hard work and obedience feeds my kin  
Our dragon ruler needs the wealth, I know that I must trust  
The vein of gold is running low we're only finding dust

From the mines, hear our cries  
Being worked til we die  
I have sweat and I have bled  
We can't die if we're already - (*DRAGONS interrupt*)

**#4: DRAGON FIRE BURNS**

**DRAGONS:**

(*ALL*)        Igne Natura renovatur integra  
                  Vincit qui se vincit.  
                  Oderint dum metuant.

(*Carla*)        We will raze the land to ashes and glass  
                  Revel in the sere and smoking sand  
                  You will embrace the land once remade  
                  Beautiful and strong obsidian  
                  Burn away your flaws and be reborn from the flame

(*ALL*)        Igne Natura renovatur integra  
                  Vincit qui se vincit.  
                  Oderint dum metuant.

*(Ashley)* As our flame conquers the land, you will be reforged  
Destroy your weak desires for luxury and sloth  
Foolish peons, don't you know we're wise and strong!?  
Subjugate and seize, control and rebuild  
Conquer yourself and you can conquer the world

*(DRAGONS seize PAGE)*

**DRAGONS:**

*(ALL)* Igne Natura renovatur integra  
Vincit qui se vincit.  
Oderint dum metuant

*(SAGE attempts to save PAGE)*

**SAGE:** Come beloved grandsons won't you stand by me  
Let our voices echo, when will we be free?

*(DRAGONS roar and kill SAGE and PAGE)*

**DRAGONS:**

*(Caitlin)* Bad company corrupts camaraderie  
Hammer down the nail that stands in mutiny  
You will obey and you shall be forged  
Obedience will be its own just reward  
Crystallize your hate, your fear is why you serve

*(ALL)* Igne Natura renovatur integra  
Vincit qui se vincit.  
Oderint dum metuant.

*(DRAGONS exit)*



## **#5: WHO WILL TELL THE STORIES NOW (SAGE SONG REPRISE 1)**

**READ:** Who will tell the stories now? Keep our culture strong?  
So full of life just minutes passed, how can they be gone?  
My grandfather called for me, and had the will to stand  
Curse my name Read Cowardborn, I froze up and I ran

Delving dwarves would say of caves, go the way it blows  
This unlit path spells solitude, I'll follow I suppose  
This cold air stings as deep I descend  
I should freeze and die down here, embrace my frigid end

*(READ unearths horn. Blue runes start glowing. FROST GIANTS take the horn)*

## **#6: FURY OF THE FROST GIANT (Sponsored by Keeve de Villiers)**

**FROST  
GIANTS:**

*(ALL)* Fee Fi Fo Fum, Ice will grind and snow will come.  
Hum Drum Ho Hi, the cold is here, now you die.  
Bing Bang Boom Ball, dragon's greed will be their fall.  
Krash Klang King Kill, freeze the world as is my will.

*(Ben)* My brother, you have slept too late  
I feel picks and hammers chip away at our cold feet  
From this terrifying dream you must awake  
The last that I remember was our searing defeat

*(ALL)* Fee Fi Fo Fum, Ice will grind and snow will come.  
Hum Drum Ho Hi, the cold is here, now you die.  
Bing Bang Boom Ball, dragon's greed will be their fall.  
Krash Klang King Kill, freeze the world as is my will.

*(Jesse)* Your glare tells me that looks can chill  
Take it in stride, death cannot be our fate

*(Ben)* For how many years did we hibernate?  
And yet our siblings in healing sleep lie still

*(ALL)* Fee Fi Fo Fum, Ice will grind and snow will come.  
Hum Drum Ho Hi, the cold is here, now you die.  
Bing Bang Boom Ball, dragon's greed will be their fall.  
Krash Klang King Kill, freeze the world as is my will.

*Trumpet Solo*

Fee Fi Fo Fum, Ice will grind and snow will come.  
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## **#7: BALLAD OF FIRE AND FROST**

### **DRAGONS:**

Do you remember last time you had this regicidal plot?  
Crawl back into your tombs, concede to your dry rot  
Everyone knows what fire does to ice  
Bend the knee at our command, or you will pay the price  
We beat you when you were twelve, where are the rest of your  
crew?  
Don't you know what damage our flames will do?

### **FROST GIANTS:**

Oh scaly bags of stale sauna atmosphere  
Your fetid breath and pallid claws don't even bring a tear.  
We'll grind your bones to make our bread  
And rip your skulls from your tiny heads.

### **READ:**

No braveness lies in hiding here  
No wisdom if I run  
Forget the way to dig and obey  
I am the sage's grandson

My forfeit life is all I have  
My reckless heart bleeds red  
Myth or prophecy, flip a coin  
I can't die if I'm already dead

### **FROST GIANTS:**

Steam and smog darken the battle  
The lava spurts, the ground it breaks  
Hold tightly to your brothers near,  
Our kingdom and domain at stake

**READ:**

When he strikes the dragon his horn falls low  
 Next time he strikes it's my time to go  
 His horn nears the ground! my chances are nigh  
 To honour my grandfather, I just have to try

**FROST GIANTS:**

Heave ho heave ho  
 It's the dragon's time to go  
 Heave-ho Heave-ho  
 It's the dragon's time to go

**DRAGONS:**

Remember what fire does to ice  
 Remember what fire does to ice  
 I told you this was my kingdom  
 when I locked you in that tomb,  
 Set fire to you

**READ:**

The dragon flies overhead  
 Risk it all  
 The horn we seized at last

*(READ steals horn)*

**READ:**

Is the world still spinning? I'm sure it just stopped  
 In the pit of my stomach, my heart has just dropped  
 Listen up, legs of lead- your lead's quickly dwindling  
 Time to move, else I risk becoming kindling

**DRAGONS:**

Our mercy now spent,  
 your misstep be your doom  
 Now melt into submission,  
 back into your tomb  
 Loosen the blast, inferno from our thrones  
 You fools will burn and char, your weakness be known

**READ:**

The weight of the horn  
 The family stormborn  
 The dragon flies overhead  
 I can't die if I'm already dead

**READ:**

From the mines we will rise  
Bringing death to the skies  
To cut off the dragons heads  
I can't die if I'm already dead  
From the mines we will rise  
Bringing death to the skies  
To cut off the dragons heads  
I can't die if I'm already dead

**DRAGONS:**

Never stand against us,  
Dragons conquer all  
Never stand against us,  
Dragons conquer all  
Never stand against us,  
Dragons conquer all  
Never stand against us,  
Dragons conquer all

*(ALL exit)*

**#8: LISTEN CLOSE AS BATTLE ENDS (SAGE SONG REPRISE 2)**

*(Spirit of SAGE enters)*

**SAGE:** Listen close as battle ends, the tomb is sealed once more  
She'll lick her wounds and soon will be knocking at our door  
Delving dwarves did say of horns, they'll overthrow  
Fearsome foes we can oppose, when we rise from below

*(Spirit of SAGE exits. READ enters)*

## **#9: RITUAL OF GLORY/SONG OF THE ANCESTORS**

**READ:** Grandfather, you wouldn't have this much fear  
The horn whispers something, Why can't I hear?  
The cowardly Stormborn lies dead in the mines  
And I am reborn in the storm of these times

My grief fills the oceans, years lost in this cave  
Now bring forth my fury as a tidal wave

The stars alight a clear path now  
My destiny I know somehow  
Avenge, unchain, to you I vow  
The sun is setting on dragon reign

Renew my vigor with the sight of the sun  
The world spins as I walk on, the war is not yet won  
My grandfather spoke of the freedom he knew  
I believe in the prophecy, I know it to be true  
The horn's whispers grow loud in my ear  
My grandfather's wisdom grows ever more clear

The stars alight a clear path now  
My destiny I know somehow  
Avenge, unchain, to you I vow  
The sun is setting on dragon reign

**DRAGONS:** Pay blood for your offense  
But decades of idling weakened our defense  
We breathe fire, we reign supreme  
Our power unwavering, our wrath extreme

The frost giants failed, but left their mark  
Did you see that human through the dark?  
That traitorous Stormborn, that treasonous thrall  
They'll give him to us or we will incinerate them all

**READ:** This horn, groomed in hatred is now in my hand  
Give me the power to transform its evil plan  
From the dark of the mines, step into the light  
Our heritage lies buried here, green grass just out of sight  
Walk with me and lend me your strength  
Glorious justice will thrive unchecked

My grief may fill the oceans deep  
But my resolve will never sleep  
For every drop of tear I shed  
Will fuel my spirit in this fight ahead

The stars guide me towards my fate  
I know I cannot hesitate  
I won't risk one more second late  
The sun is setting on dragon reign  
But it's rising on the human's again

Grandfather, hear my call!!!

*(READ blows horn)*

**#10: YOUR BRAVERY SHONE THROUGH TODAY (SAGE SONG REPRISE 3)**

*(SAGE enters)*

**SAGE:** Your bravery shone through today, my young grandson Stormborn  
Guide them out of the mine, you've reclaimed the horn.  
The power is your spirit and your true heart in this fight  
Persevere young champion. You know what is right.

## **#11: ESCAPE SONG**

**READ:** My people, aren't you tired of mining for gold?  
Starving and parched, broken body and soul  
Are you happy to stay and just hope you get old?  
Release any hope of the promises we've been sold

Remember the ancient songs of our people  
The prophecy of freedom from chains  
Inside the ice-bound crypt that we were forbidden  
I found the promised horn with the giants, hidden

The dragon's blaze was smothered to embers  
But she'll stoke and rekindle her fire anew  
Her great wings beat thunder, she won't tell us twice  
She'll melt us like the giants she turned to thin ice

Are you still waiting for your reward  
Then stay in the mines and fall on your sword  
Our people were free and will be free again  
Today is the day we start our reign

Let's go let's go break your chains let's go  
Into the cold where we can be bold let's go let's go  
Take the furs and take the food and take the dragon's fire  
Get your weapons and get your tools deny the dragon's ire

**ALL:** Let's go let's go break your chains let's go  
Into the cold where we can be bold let's go let's go  
Take the furs and take the food and take the dragon's fire  
Get your weapons and get your tools deny the dragon's ire



## **#12: DESTINY INTERLUDE**

*(READ blows horn again)*

**READ:** I feel the power growing inside of me  
With my people by my side it is my destiny  
The path before me illuminated at last  
A glimpse of future freedom sparked by glorious past

From the mines we will rise  
Bringing death to the skies  
To cut off the dragons head  
We can't die we're already dead

## **#13: HORN OF GLORIOUS JUSTICE**

**READ:** Give the dragon a taste of fear  
When she sees our hundreds, united and strong  
Our backs are unbent and we're facing the peak  
See what happens when faced with the throng

Days of kneeling are done,  
And our time has finally come!  
Glorious Justice is ours to reclaim!  
Crush the Tyrant, Extinguish the Flame!

Voices rise in Glorious Justice,  
We Sing together  
Fighting  
Winning  
Hell-Bent for leather

Our ancestors voices join with ours  
Grandfathers proud I am leading the charge  
The spirits are surging with power and rage  
As their anger fills us we smash up this cage.

**ALL:** Days of kneeling are done,  
And our time has finally come!  
Glorious Justice is ours to reclaim!  
Crush the Tyrant, Extinguish the Flame!

**DRAGONS:** Crush the surge of:

**READ:** Glorious Justice  
We Sing together  
Fighting  
Winning  
Hell-Bent for leather

### **Horn Solo**

Our overlord dragon is standing before us,  
Fire and lava all flowing ahead  
The Frost Giants' Fury has put out her fire,  
now we shall strike and lop off their heads

### **Epic Guitar Solo**

**SAGE:** Days of kneeling are done,  
And our time has finally come!  
Glorious Justice is ours to reclaim!  
Crush the Tyrant, Extinguish the Flame!

**ALL:** Voices rise in Glorious Justice,  
We Sing together  
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We Sing together  
Fighting  
Winning  
Hell-Bent for leather

Fighting  
Singing  
Smashing  
Winning!  
Hide now, Dragons  
for the Slayers are Coming! YEAAAAAAAA

#### **#14: FIGHT THE DRAGON**

##### **READ:**

Atop the mountain is the dragons' lair  
I seek to strike at their heart  
I must defeat them with a swift decisive blow  
Or all we love will die  
Or all we love will die  
Or all we love will die

##### **DRAGONS:**

Weak little peasants who owe us fealty  
Grovel at the feet of your queens  
Turn to the dirt that you call your home  
Our fire will purge you clean  
Our fire will purge you clean  
Our fire will purge you clean

##### **READ:**

From the blood iron mines we're revolting  
The ghost of your enemy ruined  
Fury and vengeance ignite our oppression  
Sound out the signal, it's time to go through

**DRAGONS:**

Pray your suffering to end quickly  
Torch your land, burn your song  
Foolish minions, don't you know  
We're wise and strong?  
We're wise and strong?  
We're wise and strong?

**READ:**

Now we attack with our fury and rage  
Blow the horn, destroy the cage  
We must defeat them with a swift decisive blow  
The dragon must now die  
The dragon must now die  
The dragon must now die

**DRAGONS:**

Curse your sons and damn your daughters  
Fall upon your sword and die  
Humans fail and always falter  
Ashes we will rise  
From Ashes we will rise  
From Ashes we will rise

**READ:**

From their ashes we now rise!

**#15: VICTORY AND FREEDOM**

**ALL:**           The sun is rising in the east  
                  Cresting the hill, a sigil green  
                  It is our hero slayer of the beast  
                  He's holding three dragons heads  
                  Their blood will finally make amends  
                  He fought not for glory but for peace  
  
                  We rose up!

Our children will be free.  
So let us rejoice!  
Your chains have been released

With three dragon heads, he bore the weight  
Their blood, a symbol of a destined fate  
To heal the wounds of a war-torn land

We have now rebuilt the land  
Their blood has fertilized the sand  
We grow food where we took our stand

We rose up!  
Our children will be free.  
So let us rejoice!  
Your chains have been released

(Horn of glo jo solo)

A young free man will blow the horn  
to celebrate the feat  
One hundred years since our city was reborn  
We'll tell our children the story of the horn

We rose up!  
Our children will be free.  
So let us rejoice!  
Your chains have been released

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