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The Silent Host**

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A gripping NEW, ORIGINAL TALE of conquest and ancient magic, in which a search for invincibility leads down a path of betrayal to a climax of terror. . .

"Know you of the invader Kalan and his army from across the sea?" asked Orthnarr Bear-slayer.

"Aye, and how could I not?" Gathrunggin replied. "Has he ye speak of not brought warfare and bloodshed to all the tribes of Brielgan, even burning the villages and harvest fields? Has his name not been on every tongue since first his feet touched the shore? I be not so far removed from the affairs of others that such things go unknown to me."

"Then harken to this. Know that the Invader's army marches now on these downs, soon to set foot upon the Ishtrun Hillands themselves! They have fought through lands of Carath, Thirlan, Helgarin, and Balar alike, but they shall not have the Hillands lest they slay every Balar of the Ishtrun Clans."

A land torn by war . . .

A fierce slashing stroke followed by a deep thrust, and another