

The Details

Musical Reference: “Guns and Ships” by Lin-Manuel Miranda
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDL6R2KS3xg>)

Cast (in order of appearance):

- Howlader (in the role of Aaron Burr, sir)
- Rajhin Cindertail (in the role of the Marquis de Lafayette)
- Evant Taelyan (in the role of General Washington)

Company: James Lucius Entar, Alethia Archenksova, Rian Taldryan, Idris Adenn, Thane “Atra” Skotos, Zxyl Bes’uliik Taldrya

Note 1: The author points out that the definition of “verses” in this style of music is somewhat flexible, and begs the judges’ indulgence, as the inspiration was too good to pass up.

Note 2: The author realises she’s put both of the judges for this event in supporting roles, and understands that in doing so, has sacrificed any points in the “Personal Preference” category.

The Song

(orchestral intro)

HOWLADER

How does the Brotherhood’s “NFU” army, in this final hour, somehow defeat an arcane superpower?

How do we emerge victorious from the quagmire, leave the battlefield waving Master Vorsa's flag higher?

Yo, turns out we have a secret weapon, a felinoid you know and love who's unafraid to step in.

He's constantly confusing, confounding the Children's henchmen—

Everyone give it up for the Brotherhood's favourite fighting CAT-MAN!

COMPANY

Cindertail!

RAJHIN

I'm taking my claws to their veins, making Children redder with bloodstains!

COMPANY

Cindertail!

RAJHIN

And I'm never gonna stop until I make 'em drop and rip 'em up and scatter their remains, hah!

COMPANY

Cindertail!

RAJHIN

Watch me engagin' 'em, escapin' 'em, enragin' em, hah!

COMPANY

Cindertail!

RAJHIN

I go to Arx for more funds—

COMPANY

Cindertail!

RAJHIN

I come back with more guns, and ships, and so the balance shifts!

EVANT

We rendezvous with all the Clans, consolidate their gifts!

RAJHIN

We can end this war on Mortis, cut them off (at sea), but—for this to succeed, there is someone else we need...

EVANT

I know!

COMPANY

Dacien!

RAJHIN

Sir, he knows what to do in a trench, ingenuitive, and fluent in Sith, I mean–

COMPANY

Dacien!

RAJHIN

Sir, you're gonna have to use him eventually! What's he gonna do on the bench? I mean–

COMPANY

Dacien!

RAJHIN

No one has more resilience or matches my practical tactical brilliance–

COMPANY

Dacien!

RAJHIN

You want to fight for your realm back?

COMPANY

Dacien!

EVANT

I need my right-hand man back!

RAJHIN

Yo, get your right-hand man back.

You know you gotta get your right-hand man back.

I mean, you've gotta put some thought into the message but the sooner the better to get your right-hand man back!

EVANT

My successor Dacien, troops are waiting in the field for you.
If you join us right now, together we can turn the ti-i-ide!
Oh, my successor, Dacien, I have soldiers that'll yield for you
If we manage to get this right, they'll surrender by early light!
The world will never be the same, my successor...