DANCE OF THE CONQUEST*

Anonymous

Ajis Before such a great and sovereign king

here are the two sons of the sun

but you're very careful

because the Spaniards are very bad

Tecün you can now give your embassy

without fear and without care tell me for another what that Mr.

Pedro de Alvarado wants.

The 2 ambassadors

It is not courtesy chieftain to have us standing like this

send us to give a seat

and we'll tell you our errand

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Tecún

what do you say haughty arrogant and poorly educated you don't know that because of my rank and by the will of my king i am the king here of this whole neighborhood how do you want me to sit to some humble soldiers so rebellious and poorly educated

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that if they were not sent
i would send them to be whipped today
until they were torn to pieces
the poor ambassadors
so cowardly and untied
tell me soon what you want
before I get angry

Carrillo

says my Captain Alvarado that of Hernán Cortes is sent who in Mexico has conquered and that it is fortified there and to these lands he has been sent to make them understand that in one god they are to believe that is Christ crucified and may I invite you with peace and in the name of the King Don Carlos who wants to do good and wishes to baptize them and make you happy that you may be a child of the Lord of that humble lamb who died crucified and that you receive willingly

the baptism of this belief you will enjoy the king clemency and he will give you whatever you asked for

but if you reject his proposal you will suffer the imposed law

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by ordinance of war you will lose life and land without the law favoring you

Cardona

he also says that you will be a reluctant dispossessed of your worship and of your crown of your having and being that only God is the owner of all that his hand has created belonging by inheritance to my children the Christians and to you in suffering the sentence of the convicted mainly as you are great relaxed Indian

Tecun

Get out of here and tell your captain that I in these lands i am the only sovereign and that he does want the war i am the strong defender that I will die for this land rejecting the invader i have my city very well walled and well-located fortifications and my well-disciplined chieftains in the art of war

To undo the Spanish my laws are quite wise and very well executed

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And they are never raped for the chieftains of my kingdom how does that crazy guy want to baptize me and make me happy for loving his god since he has already died being alive in my kingdom I can't ask you for anything to no stranger man since he wants to become an owner of war ordinance of my riches and my kingdom acquiring fame and land because we are not Mexicans and he'll never beat me not with persuasion and cunning not by dint of a good soldier that he did think to persuade me with their crazy enthusiasm for very soon he will have me in front replying with arrow strikes

He is heading to Cardona and that king that you say the title is Don Carlos. it has nothing to do with me nor with any of my vassals you will also tell your captain who with embassy has sent you

what I have in Utatlán my school on behalf of the state where they are studying six thousand young people of my real and very civilized they are my chieftains and principals to stop his vile intentions with that he makes me understand that I don't need civilizations because my gods give me power for his rays catch a glimpse of us without being of hands touched look how they rise and of all are adored they are not made of sculpted wood like the ones he treasures for he has faked them himself and he reveres and worships them i have gold silver and very fine metal and not falsified because I don't want to fall Christian not even baptized and I'd rather die first than to adjure my religion for all this they will tell you to that Mr. Pedro de Alvarado and that his people will be rebuked the armies of my state and so get out of here already that I don't want to listen to you anymore

Carrillo

we will be back soon with your answer bold king and I swear to you that it will be razed to the ground your palace and your legions 44

and you will see that the cannons they will punish your insolence for the uncivil imprudence with which you have treated us

Cardona I leave cunning king

the pending revenge

and you will see brave Tecún that with the weight of the law

all your flock will fall like the sun in the setting

Tecún Still but I have to treat you

being on the battlefield

and confident in the sure shot of my arrow

Chili peppers you are free, gentlemen.

come back from your insomnia

and stop being liars

and march with the demons

if in the field we will see each other very

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brave and very brave I'll cut your asses there. and you'll see what we can

Carrillo if they stay with you

how can we take them

Cardona don't answer a brute

as is this donkey or horse

Chili peppers Stop there strangers

don't treat my king like that well, you come from adventurers

and so you insult my king

and be careful not to be surprised

go soon and ruin

this is the fist of Tecún

this is the example of the man

the wicked will see

that with rags I have to eat them

Carrillo We will also do with you

a single hodgepodge

Cardona We'll take your tail off there

and a memory we will carry

The two ambassadors

Ante Alvarado

now you have us back Mr. Captain Alvarado

Alvarado What the evil Indian said

agreed to my proposal

Carrillo No sir because your answer

she was very shameless well, he told us to shut up very furious and angry and he told us to show you that he in those lands he is the only sovereign and that if you want the war he will be the strong defender who will die for that land rejecting the invader who has his city very well walled and its very well-located fortifications their well-disciplined chieftains in the art of war to undo the Spanish that their laws are quite wise and very well executed and that they are never raped for the chieftains of his kingdom how do you want to baptize him and make him happy for loving your god since he has already died being alive in his kingdom you can't ask him for anything to no stranger man since you want to be the owner by ordinance of war of his riches and his kingdom acquiring fame and land because they are not Mexicans because you never do it to win not with persuasion and cunning not by dint of a good soldier that if you have believed to persuade him with your crazy enthusiasms

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Well, very soon you will have it in front of you replying to flechazos

Cardona

Sir I add also that king that they say to him the title is Don Carlos. it has nothing to do with him nor with any of his vassals to also tell you that you will not achieve what you thought because he has in Utatlán a school at the expense of the state where they are studying six thousand young men of his royal they are very civilized their chieftains and principals that you stop your vile reasons so you make him understand they don't need civilizations. because his gods give him power for his rays catch a glimpse of them without being of hands touched that are not made of sculpted wood like what you treasure well, you've faked it yourself the reverences and the adores which has of gold and silver and very fine metal and not counterfeit because he doesn't want to be a Christian not even baptized

And that he prefers to die first than to open up his religion he also ordered us that we would leave soon because he didn't want to listen to us anymore 49

Alvarado come in my friends

and I say in the meantime let the Indians prepare to the battle on the field

at the time there is no what to leave

those forgotten things

well, I have already prepared stratagems and surprises

placing hidden pieces they will have to shoot

Portocarrero attentive I have been Alvarado

of the great haughtiness with that vile little king he replied on the day

so much for his haughtiness how much for his boldness it is fitting out of chivalry start the conquest now

Calderon giving the assault suits you

for the expression so immoral

send to play from Lego

bugles and drums

among these enemy people

to whom should we give a lesson

So that he learns to treat

Tanned to the King Tecún it doesn't matter

at the Summit of Santa Maria to his person I will advance for his punishment and ruin

that's why it doesn't matter to arrive

the soonest to that saw.

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and there to begin the war to be able to finish it

Grijol

I was out of looking like the Indians were killing each other and that the Indies would remain to make us eat and among them to choose the one that was the prettiest and give it to Mr. Grijol so that I may live contentedly and to form a regiment from inditas hijas del sol

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Alvarado

Knights and noble warriors loyal defenders of Spain with your cunning and feat you will be victorious sending to play drums let them announce your victory giving our king the glory when these people are conquered it will sound at the foot of the woods

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the roll and the bugle
the call will vibrate in the air
break the weapons of eagerness and contentment
the soldier returns
thirsty achiever
the echoes with which the shrapnel grips
to the Indian defender of his homeland soil
in moving forward where the bomb goes off
get rid of his hut among his cliffs

The Spaniards

The Spaniards before Alvarado are ready to do what you determine long live the King of Spain and triumph Alvarado of the Indians

Alvarado

well, I know well your courage and the justice that animates you but it matters a lot to wait let the cavalry arrive because Carrillo and Cardona they will have the infantry. remaining the reservation in charge of Mr. Crijol with all his company.

Tecún in his palace i am with so much courage against that Mr. Pedro de Alvarado

With that embassy
he wanted to pay homage to me
what will the savage have thought
save us on the occasion
accompany us with your God
taking away our religion
Ajís then walks with Zúnüm
and you tell the king Quichetum
the Spaniard and his attempt
that is a lot of his daring
and his earnest intention
in that we follow his religion
and the one of us let
tarnishing our opinion
wanting the religion

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From Quetzalcoaltl let's so that we may worship His because he is called the creator well, I'm already ready to start the war today and make the earth shake with my unrelenting pain don't be careful of me

that I have the position for sure so go with Zününun of presto to comply with the ordered

Zünüm

Sir I am very honored in going to fulfill your embassy

And here you will have me soon to fight by your side And you have heard come quickly as the day progresses you'll keep me company to fulfill the errand

Ajis

It's just that I'm not going although the anger of Tecún provokes you saw that they bring rapier well that keeps me in care they are weapons that I use very little they can take the mucus out of me leaving me crossed

Zünün

Don't be so effeminate Ajís the sun our men it burns look I'm getting late

Ajis

let it be done and yes I don't want facing the sacrifice everyone with their trade you want me to tell you more clearly 54

for your equal ears I'm shaking with fear me here with my copals i'll stay guessing who takes care of Tecún but it's not these panties

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Zünúm

stop trying to scare yourself with ghosts and illusions Ah! the meanest and most cowardly man

maybe you don't have panties

Chili peppers

how do you want me to go and those Barbados look where the sun shines well, I'm afraid of Spanish and they leave me at the embassy for showing me off with a boast and then call me a coward and make me with his gun "bang" and then I won't dance the tüm anymore my pain being great not taking care of Tecun Huitzitzil ante Quiche Quiche to your real plants you have Hüitzitzil Zünüm as an envoy of Tecun he did me the honor with it for dispensing favor to me as an obedient vassal you have me humbly kneeling at your canopy

Quiche Raise up very faithful cheiftain

that's what they say Tecún

Zünüm he will speak Hüitzitzil Zünum

as it was indicated to him for that king has remained

in Xulaju your city and to tell your majesty that Captain Alvarado he has sent him to challenge

trying to baptize

to your whole kingdom Lord and his proposal better is that we worship his god and to the one of us let's

by the one who is called the creator

Quiche Oh and Zünüm my faithful chieftain

well I don't know what I'm telling you

that everything causes me horror

it's over then

my courage my bizarre bravery and so to Tecún you will tell

let him dispose of whatever he wants

because whenever I die he will be the king no more

Hüitzitzil great king the gods will

your life to eternalize so that you can reign it's what your kids want

Quiche make my eyes see

Oh! great God Atohil

in peace and quiet the kingdoms and that my people do not die

Malinches sing

Oh! father don't cry because you grieve see that your children they are about to die because that pain and margo crying it will give us brokennes

it will give us brokenness and he will make us die

Prince 1st.

how many afflictions and martyrdoms you form us with brokenness of that sad song and of that bitter delirium no tears turn the dew peace of mind my father tranquility we ask you don't you see that we die of grief

by that wicked Alvarado

Malinches

Sing it is true brother what do you say that the pain of the father he will make us die if with sweet echoes i want to console

Prince 2nd.

I want from the king and lord the tranquility and sweet calm because the pain of the soul soon the pain breaks you want it to be sung to put you to sleep Quiche my daughters, don't sing anymore.

because you split my soul i have courage and you will see

that I fear nothing for me

so it is necessary

that we are already penetrating through the thick viaducts to occupy the redoubts

who are already waiting for us

Fepe every Spaniard is a traitor

who keeps another religion

see that my heart

you have experience sir

and there is no need to give him occasions

to surprise us first

let the crossbowman begin to give him a strong lesson

Saquimuj It is very true and positive

the enemy's intention well, it's not a bad omen

the disposition of the foreigner and being already prepared

to throw themselves into the fight that although its people are not many

but she is disciplined

IXCOT this arrow in nothing to

and no people are afraid so yes Alvarado is coming

i will caress his face

and although bringing as immense rescue

through this my arm

we will put an end to the war we will put an end to the combat Ajis i offer you my customs

with my gods

and beans and witch the Spaniards

i retreat to those summits

Alvarado in his barracks

carrillo inform me the number of the battalions

that there are prepared to start the war today

and to arrange the guerrillas

Carrillo sir there are four infantry battalions

two artillery batteries three cavalry regiments

to more than three thousand Tlascaltecas one hundred and thirty crossbowmen and a good spare of ammunition

Alvarado the confusion they form

in the midst of so many bombs and atabales

they already give us certain signs that the Campos Indians take

and now they seem to be peeking out

through that gorge and that's where I want give them some surprises

shooting already the first pieces

without resting for a moment

Carrillo Well, sir, to suspend them.

before they take advantage

let them break fire to those boxes

a pedestal of sand is made i lift my serene forehead

and to no one do I pay tribute mainly as it is this Indian with whom I argue

He is mortally wounded, what is this...

What is this that will have happened to me i've lost my breath and I'm very faint

Oh!... Deceitful vile atohil because you have abandoned me i renounce your power ay Zünüm! my faithful friend my heart has been broken so receive the forgiveness that I am mortally wounded i will leave quetzal and when I leave you in a remote region i still want to cry to you with the acerbity of my crying i won't listen to you singing anymore Oh! kingdom of my grandparents gods of my elders mowed will be your flowers and razed will be your floors these were my longings and big worries to my kingdom they will make girones and my subjects will mourn their slavery in the middle of their banners goodbye fatherland dear of my heart i did not achieve your salvation farewell sumptuous palace

farewell scepter and crown goodbye nymphs and beauties that adorn my person Oh! sovereign numéis i feel him holding my hand a blind deity that leads me down the paths of death to knock on the eternal doors

Zünüm

lord what has happened to you if no one has touched you how infamous are the Spaniards how could they have hurt you companions and noble chieftains those of the noble prosapia for the one who died for the homeland we must with pomp bury i want to continue from today the religion of Alvarado i already want to be baptized and to be a true son of that humble lamb who died crucified all the caciques we all want Zünüm

but for my children yes
for them the brokenness is great
for them I pour out my cry
for them you see me like this
Oh! Atohil how sorry I am
that you do not hear my voices
will it be true or am I lying
i don't know but if I insult you
with another new belief
may the thought be worth it to me
may I have the patience

Malinche 1st. Oh father what a torment

what a pain takes over my soul

Malinche 2nd. I feel that way too

that my soul is annihilated

Yüitzitzil Goodbye King quiche

with your orders at the moment flight and I will give part to King Tecún

of your disposition for people to prepare to fulfill the mission

Zünüm ante Tecún

You have me back now

king Tecún of your embassy

Tecún What did King Quiche say

of the part you have given him

Zünüm For he was very sad and grieved

stunned in such a way

and he ordered me to tell you that you have already thought handing yourself over to the state the government and majesty

because it is his will may you be the king

for you to impose the law keeping loyalty

Tecún Come in Hüitzitzil and rest

come and take a seat

do not strain your breath anymore

that is much your feared

Ajis

You will see that in the light of clean sunshine very soon the Spanish he will invade King Tecún because as I see and believe he is going to be a victim my king by the Spanish caudillo the first combat will be in the mountains of the Yaxacanül the second in the plains of Chüipach the third one between the Xequijel River and Olintepeque and the last one will be between Chuimequená where the beautiful Quetzal will fall well I always tell the truth i'm not like the witches of this time who are just trying to steal the money and they don't tell the truth

Tecún

a sea of conjunctions let there be my spirit friends thinking about the enemy and in his vile intentions in my upright palace in this magnificent mountain my deaf rumor is heard repeated by a hundred echoes on the rough slopes of the gigantic ande you see combat people warriors and more warriors the Spaniards our lands tread as friends our soil pray to our gods do not bring evils the coming of the foreigners Oh! Wake up my motherland from your lethargic dreams

tomorrow will be too late and today is the time wake up Oh fatherland wake up and your volcano throws the fire scorch and destroy the conqueror who comes to chain our neck for to the lid vassals and with courage if you die in the fight with dignity you will have died and so your breasts they will deserve the honor it is better to die with glory than to hesitate with the risk because I have dreamed on many occasions that bold Spaniard he wants to invade my banners and for these fatal visions who have been anticipating me that I will die fighting i think every moment for these unjust reasons well I can't find peace of mind yes, yes, my main frankly I must tell you that today I will go out to fight even if it costs me my life finally we are rushing to die or to win by fighting

Zünüm

strange dream great lord
the one that you have told today
and that's why don't be careful
that I will scold the Spanish
the honor is legendary
to sacrifice our life
by religion so dear
in which we know how to live

Chavez

they are children of the sun

they catch a glimpse of us with their rays

wanting to make us vassals

of that kingdom and of his homeland that which you have determined

and so send him an errand to the great King Quichetún

Zünüm

i have to go in person

with all the main

and also the mansehuals and present the corpse

and from the king Tecún the crown

Ajis

lord, what is the fate of the law

what a torment true god

Tecún king of these meadows The protector of these lands your heart has been broken Blessed be your memory in what it is worth and covers you defended the homeland and blessed be your story

a cypress tree stands on your head

a thought

and in Xelajú a monument in honor of your person

Zúnúm ante quiche driving Tecún's corpse

great lord, here you are of the King Tecún the crown for his person has died as you see him cold corpse fighting arm to arm on the battlefield with Captain Alvarado

Ouiche

friend at last your brightness it ended up discouraging it was definitely Alvarado. who told you cold corpse what instrument was it that inferred to you that the chest pierced you? i had dreamed this I more Tecún didn't want to believe it that I was cheating on him or that I the nation delivered they killed the right-handed energy that enclosed this steel soul for defending his homeland from today on we will be under the yoke of the Spanish tyranny so take this corpse remove him from my presence well I don't have any resistance anymore to see it here more take the body with pause of the protector of our homeland of the executor of our salvation

Zunüm

We'll be out soon sir to be buried with honor to the body of King Tecún well, I think that from today we will follow another new religion

All the caciques

Then let's lead him to the tomb if you think Zúnüm and make the burial already from the body of King Tecún

Zúnúm back from the funeral

Here you have us back grand monarch quichet crying should not be missed and we always have to cry the absence of King Tecun

Quiche

Come on Zünüm dear

and you main

come in with me to rest

well I know what I'm telling you that it must soon come to an end

The malinches sing

already Tecún is dead with subtle spear

for his heart

it was possible to leave Mr. Pedro de Alvarado

Captain happy the fields in red

they were able to dye today

with human blood

from the unhappy Indian

goodbye forever Oh! Tecún dear that by faithful vassal you gave up your life

here so dear here so beloved

Quiche

be quiet, my daughters.

don't sing anymore

well, you can never remedy it

come on my children with Captain Alvarado

and for my part you will tell to get closer to these mountains

that serve me as a palace don't be suspicious of me that my nobility is a marble

who loves subtlety

for it has never been stained

that my disposition is to enter into his religion

Zünüm lord if it seems to you

i'll go with your errand that princes are very tender

and they can get lost in the countryside

Princes We can never make a mistake

the path we take

for the one who is noble is born

he never takes bad steps and so sir with your license to obey you soon we will

The Princes before Grijol

God keep this sentinel

who guards the Spanish countryside

Grijol Who are you looking for?

To Mr. Grijol?

What are you getting me?

Can you get me some good stuff

for me who am on sentry

or for my grandmother's birthday?

Ah! yes they are two little animals

with figures of parakeets they look like peacocks

of those who walk through my land

The princes go and tell your captain

that we want to talk to him

that we bring part of the quiche king

and see if it allows us to enter

Grijol now if I'm going brave

and I can urge people and also to the same sun they may well enter parakeets that I will go to accompany them

Grijol ante Alvarado

Prince 1st.

Sir, these two little birds they deserve a real stake

Alvarado They are not babblers

that's what you're kidding yourselves about

what do you want infants say what you are looking for

The princes Princes are born

although infants by age
we appreciate the affection
with which you treat us today
well, the Quiche king is our father

of whom you are right today with embassy today has sent us

and so pay attention that we will each tell you

what is his claim

and so we will soon return

Alvarado Sit down before I listen to you

that although you are young

great for your cause

and very worthy of attention I appreciate your courtesy

Prince 2nd. I appreciate your favor

Prince 1st.

The quiche king says
Mr. Pedro de Alvarado
bring those mountains closer.
they serve as a palace
that he is staying there
don't be suspicious of him

that his nobility is a marble that in sings the subtlety and that it has never been stained and that his disposition is to enter your religion from today and may we all be baptized

Alvarado

And of Tecún that you tell me Infant princes

2nd Prince

i don't know his whereabouts as it has been known that his body is already buried because he came out of the war in the pierced chest is that Zünüm was left commanding and of his good looks don't let any harm come to you and since Tecún is already dead do not have any misgivings

Alvarado 16 Come on, dear princes

let's go to your king. that I certainly trust

that His word should not be lacking

Prince 1st. The sun will be missing first

that my father cheated on you

2nd Prince The gods give you health

and your life dilates

Alvarado Tell me why you're leaving

and you don't want to wait for me

The princes To go and warn the king

to come out to find you for the passes to be made and they try to baptize

The princes before quiche

Now you have us back

from your embassy rey quiche well we were very well received by Mr. Pedro de Alvarado

Quiche rest my children

and you main

get ready now on the occasion to enter into another new religion

Alvarado Gentlemen what do you think

the great politics and art

that nature gave to the infant princes

Carrillo i am amazed at the captain

of the great royal education although in the hidden mountains but of unparalleled knowledge Cardona i saw two indezuelas

they looked like angels that with its sweet melodies they became admirable

Portocarrero let's walk, Lord

to this lovely palace and we shorten the space without risks and without fear

do the king the honor with your noble arrival and so leave finished our started work

Calderon Executing it is necessary

without any delay

and that all may be baptized in the name of our nation

Tanned In charge of Mr. Grijol

there will be all luggage and so we can leave

without anyone stopping us

Grijol I was out of seeming

that everyone would stay

or that on the way they turned away

to leave by myself

because I want to get married

with one of the inditas because you can no longer well I will say that they are married

that women have many that in some sad hovels they are dying of hunger with herbs they are keeping

their dilated proles

and with those useless cabbages

they're all passing away

Alvarado ante Quiche

great lord, here you are to Captain Alvarado with all his officers

to know from your embassy

Quiche come Lord into my arms

great captain of Spain and you officers

winners in the campaign

All the officers

here they have us great king

as humble soldiers to comply with the law

so that we may all be baptized

Quiche To you I give thanks

hard-working officers manifesting without care

that in days gone by I had a dream

so strange and mysterious

that in he saw

all my disappointment

the device I saw

he was talking to me in my language

and he said to me with homage

i am the holy spirit

the true god

he said of illusions they are superstitions rather the Spaniards

they are coming today to send you

to God in the heart
what a great opinion
the one of the conquerors
this I have dreamed
great Captain Alvarado
so I ask for the favor

that we are already baptized.

Alvarado let's walk to the church

where will you swear to the king if you want to be a Christian

and to die in your law

All the Spaniards

Say long live Mary and not your false gods

All caciques Long live the Spaniards

what makes us Christians today

Chili peppers This performance ended here

in which all the Indians and the

they were baptized into the faith today

from Mr. Pedro de Alvarado

extermination of the quiche empire

Grijol For all the peepers

here I finish this dance that was put in their sight that all Indians and the indites they were baptized by Mr. Pedro de Alvarado but one of them became a devil and be very careful I hope everyone will be happy Or a little more enjoyable contentotes with what they have witnessed well, I'm looking at them from here that they all came out negotiating no one is complaining but all joyful for their inns and little villages carrying their puppies If they have a bad time to carry the lady introduction

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