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We waited deep below the arena.

I could smell blood.

Then it was my turn.

Marcus said, "Kill or be killed, Little Warrior."

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In AD 43 the Romans invaded Britain.

Many of the Celtic tribes in Britain fought against the invasion.

But the Roman army was too powerful.

Many Celtic warriors were killed.



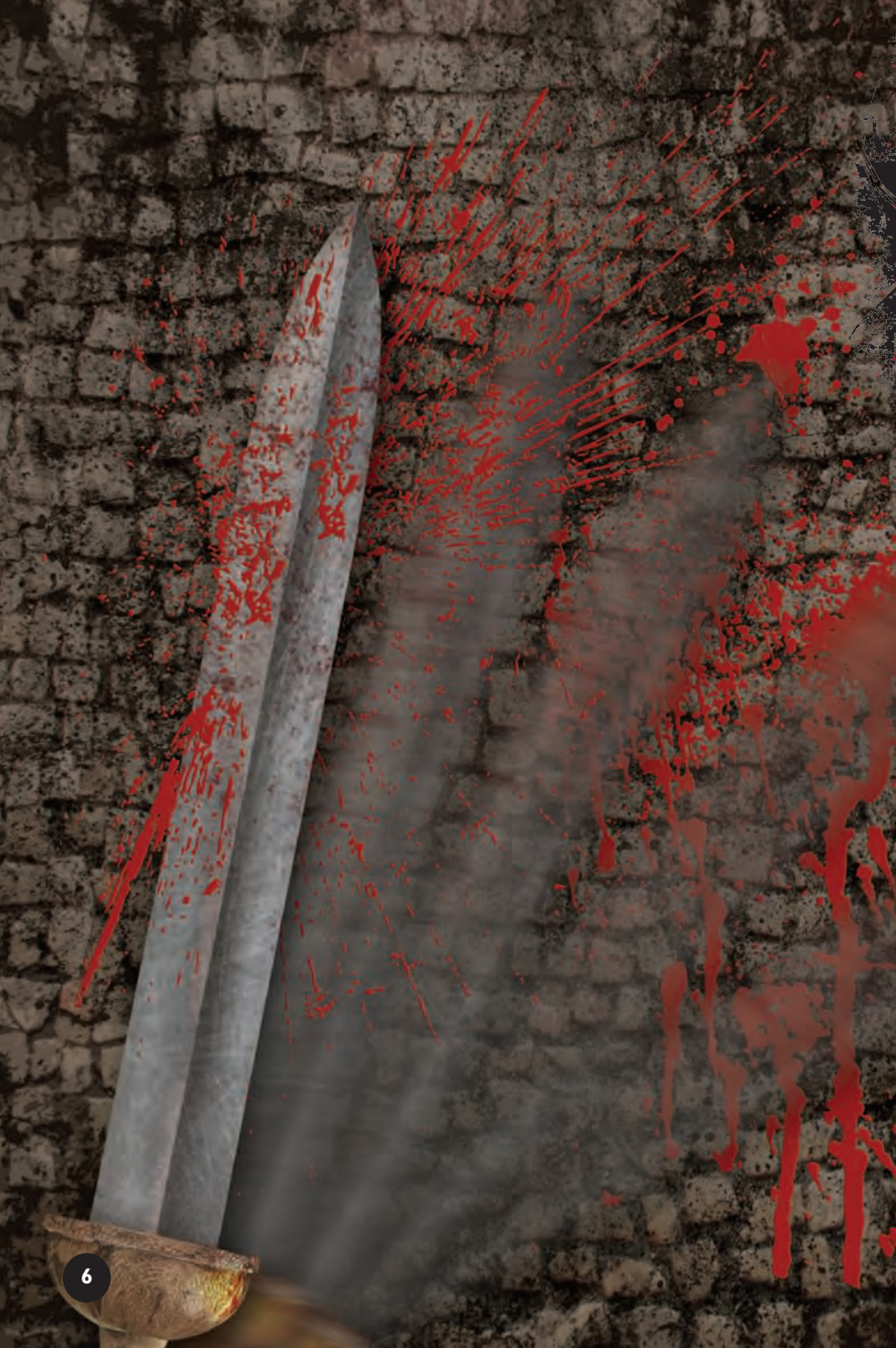
Others were taken prisoner.


Some warriors were sent to  
Rome to become ...

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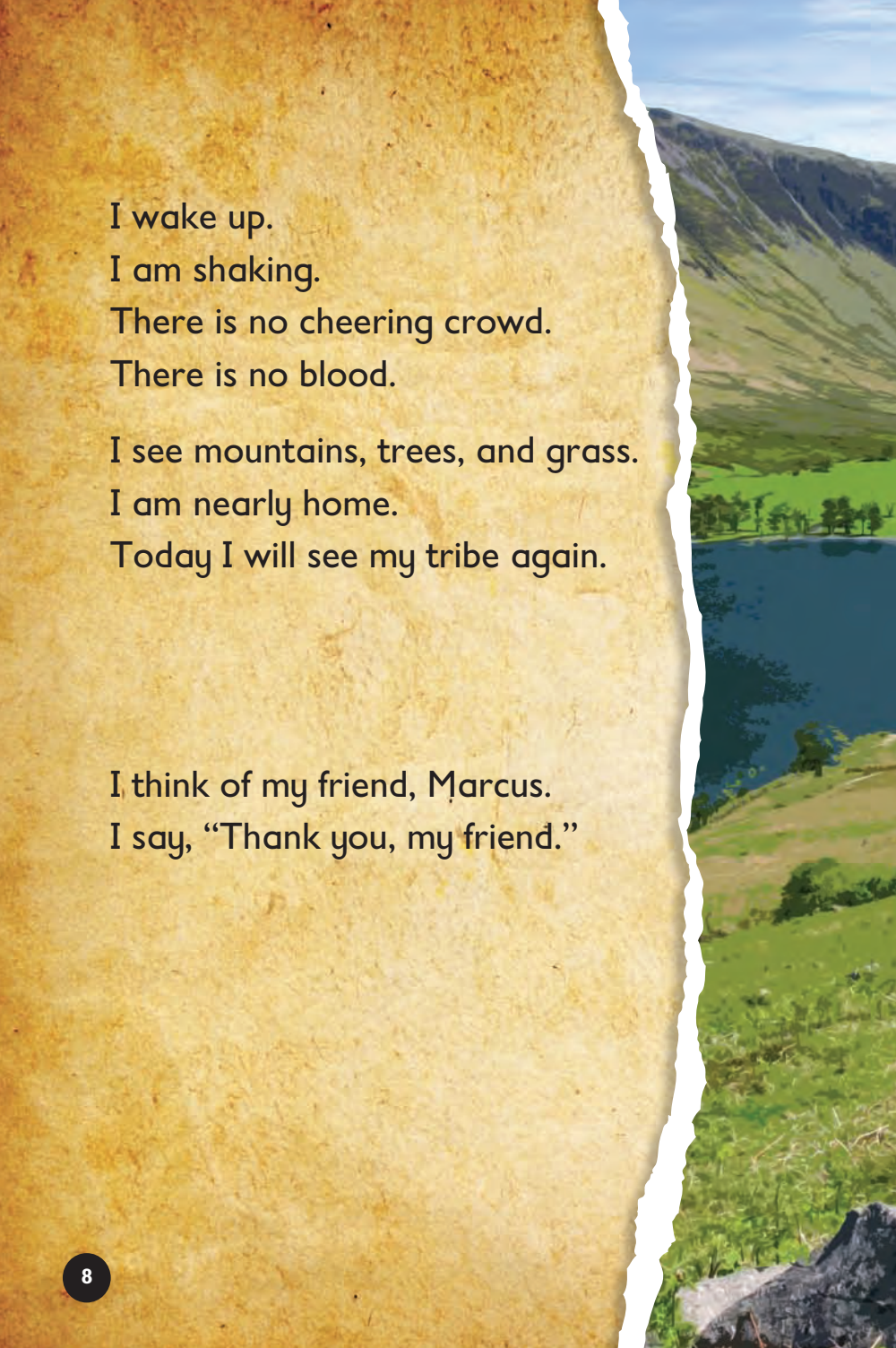
My sword slashes through  
skin and bone.

I hear the crowd cheering.  
I can smell blood.

Kill or be killed.

**Kill or  
be killed.**





I wake up.  
I am shaking.  
There is no cheering crowd.  
There is no blood.

I see mountains, trees, and grass.  
I am nearly home.  
Today I will see my tribe again.

I think of my friend, Marcus.  
I say, "Thank you, my friend."





My father was the king of our tribe.  
He was a warrior.  
I think of my father after a battle.  
He has blood on his hands.

