

Kristian is summoned by his stepfather, who tells of a letter from Lord Vinter of Vitfäld. The letter mentions a merchant caravan attack but Lord Vinter can spare no resources to investigate. The stepfather sends Kristian to the site, who quickly finds evidence of the attack and picks up a trail to a survivor camp. The guard captain on site retells the ambush and describes the survivor's worsening condition of illness and reports of nearby monsters. Kristian is unable to find proof of poisoning or unusual creatures. When questioned how Kristian knew about the ambush, the captain is visibly confused, stating that they never sent a call for help.

Kristian decides to travel to Vitfäld, eager to learn more. Lord Vinter denies knowledge of the letter and suspects a plot is in play. In conversation he reveals a magical artifact he ordered from the far east, with properties so powerful it is capable of manifesting one's worst fears. He implores Kristian to retrieve the artifact as he intends to turn the tides of war with it. Kristian hurries back to warn the camp, where he is interrupted by looting bandits at the site of the attack. After disposing of them and catching up with the captain, he learns of a female prisoner who witnessed some bandits scuffle over a suspicious chest. The woman explains in more detail about the bandits seeking shelter with her family, but they were chased away, injuring her brother in the process. One of the bandits, wounded by the scuffle and disguised as a merchant, returned to the camp to recover.

The woman points Kristian to a potential hideout at the chapel, where he soon finds the remnants of the artifact's power. Before he can take the artifact of the bandit's corpses, he is confronted by the disguised bandit, who reveals Kristian's stepfather's involvement in the plot. The bandit, now aware of the artifact's true power, is not willing to let Kristian return it and fights him for it to the death. Kristian faces a difficult decision now: Return the artifact to Lord Vinter or confront his stepfather about his role in the conspiracy.

