

Cersei sits across from her father, Tywin, at a large table in his study. Cersei is queen.

TYWIN

When will the wedding take place in your mind?

CERSEI

As soon as decency permits. After we've allowed Tommen the appropriate time to mourn his brother and Margaery to mourn her husband.

TYWIN

A fortnight?

CERSEI

That seems reasonable.

TYWIN

No jugglers, no jousting dwarves, no 77-course meals. And your wedding to Loras?

CERSEI

Shortly after Tommen's.

TYWIN

Shortly?

CERSEI

A fortnight.

TYWIN

I know you don't like them. I didn't like your husband. Used to pat me on the back a lot. I didn't trust him.

CERSEI

We had that in common.

TYWIN

You don't need to make formal alliances with people you trust.

CERSEI

Then whom can we trust?

TYWIN

Ourselves alone. The Tyrells are our only true rivals in terms of resources and we need them on our side.

CERSEI

Robert wasn't particularly rich.

TYWIN

Robert had me funding him. Wars swallow gold like a pit in the earth.

CERSEI

I suppose that explains why we did so well in the last one.

TYWIN

Do you know how much gold was mined in the Westerlands this past year?

CERSEI

Haven't a clue.

TYWIN

Go on, your best guess.

CERSEI

Pounds, tons, ounces?

TYWIN

Doesn't matter. The answer is the same.

CERSEI

That can't be.

TYWIN

Our last working mine ran dry three years ago.

CERSEI

Then how do we pay for anything?

TYWIN

The crown owes the Iron Bank of Braavos a tremendous amount of money.

CERSEI

How much?

TYWIN

A tremendous amount.

CERSEI

There must be someone at the Iron Bank you can speak to, come to some arrangement.

TYWIN

The Iron Bank is the Iron Bank.
There is no someone.

CERSEI

But someone does work there. It is comprised of people.

TYWIN

And a temple is comprised of stones. One stone crumbles and another takes its place. And the temple holds its form for 1,000 years or more. That's what the Iron Bank is-- a temple. We all live in its shadow and almost none of us know it. You can't run from them. You can't cheat them. You can't sway them with excuses. If you owe them money and you don't want to crumble yourself, you pay it back. Vesting the Tyrells in the crown will help a great deal in this respect.

CERSEI

It's for the good of the family, I understand that. I'm not sure my brothers do.

TYWIN

I know you're building a strong case against Tyrion. And as a mother, that is your right. But as a judge, I cannot discuss the trial with you.

CERSEI

I respect that. We don't need to discuss it. The Lannister legacy is the only thing that matters. You've started wars to protect this family. Turned your back on Jaime for refusing to contribute to its future. What does Tyrion deserve for lighting that future on fire?