

The Final Stage

A journey that began eight years ago will soon come to an end. Fantasy drama Game Of Thrones will be airing its eighth and final season starting April 15 on HBO. Join The Straits Times in tracking the journey of fans' four favourite characters through the world of Westeros.



THE NIGHT KING

- The Night King is the master and first of the White Walkers. He serves as supreme leader of the army of the dead and possesses the ability to change human infants into White Walkers.
- The White Walkers are an ancient race of powerful ice creatures who were once human. Their most notable traits are their glowing blue eyes.
- White Walkers are able to reanimate dead humans and animals to serve as their servants – known as wights. This ability does not work on corpses that have been burnt.
- Fire does not harm White Walkers. Only weapons made of dragonglass and Valyrian steel can kill them.



CERSEI LANNISTER

- Widow of King Robert Baratheon and Queen of the Seven Kingdoms.
- Cersei is ruthless to those she perceives as the enemy and will do whatever it takes to keep her power and protect those she loves.
- At the end of Season 7, we see that while she promises to help in the North, she plans to protect her unborn child by letting her enemies eliminate one another.

THE IRON THRONE (LOCATION: KING'S LANDING)

- The seat of the sole ruler of Westeros.
- Made from 1,000 swords and daggers which royal families of Westeros submitted to Aegon the conqueror and melted together by the flames of one of his three dragons, Balerion.
- At that time, Westeros had no single ruler and was divided into seven small kingdoms. Aegon, along with his dragons, conquered six of the seven kingdoms.
- All who submitted to Aegon gave away their ancestral swords from which the throne was forged.
- The last kingdom was joined through a marriage alliance.



JON SNOW

KING IN THE NORTH

- **WINTERFELL**
 - Jon is the son of Lyanna Stark and Rhaegar Targaryen but was raised as the bastard son of Ned Stark in Winterfell.
- **CASTLE BLACK**
 - Jon joins his uncle Benjen Stark in the Night's Watch where they do not care about people's past and even a bastard can rise to positions of honour.
 - Kills a wight found attacking Lord Commander Mormont.
- **BEYOND THE WALL**
 - Jon befriends the Night's Watch enemy – the wildlings and teams up with them against the White Walkers. This causes him to be stabbed by the Night's Watch.
- **REVIVED**
 - Jon is brought back to life by the Red Priestess, Melisandre, as he is thought to be the Prince That Was Promised.
- **DRAGONSTONE**
 - Jon travels to Dragonstone to mine for dragonglass and meets Daenerys Targaryen.
- **WIGHT HUNT**
 - Freed from his vows, Jon leaves the Night's Watch and leads a party to capture a wight to prove to the South that they exist.



ARYA STARK

FACELESS GIRL

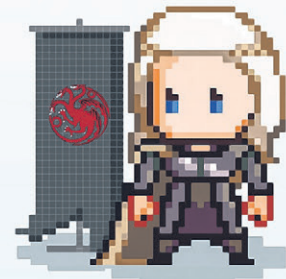
- **WINTERFELL**
 - Born and raised in Winterfell, but Arya rejects the notion that she must become a lady.
- **KING'S LANDING**
 - Before leaving for King's Landing, where her father Ned Stark would serve the King, Jon Snow forges her a sword which she names "Needle".
- **KING'S LANDING**
 - Arya's father finds out about Needle and hires Syrio Forel, a master sword-fighter, to train her in the art of combat.
 - Ned is beheaded for false treason, but Arya is taken to safety by Night's Watch recruiter Yoren.
- **THE TWINS**
 - Arya comes across the aftermath of the Red Wedding massacre and her brother Robb's corpse.
- **BRAAVOS**
 - Arya joins the Faceless Men guild as an assassin.
- **THE TWINS**
 - Arya returns to The Twins to avenge her family. She carves Walder Frey's sons and bakes them into a meat pie for him. She then reveals her identity as a Stark and slits his throat.



JAIME LANNISTER

KINGSLAYER

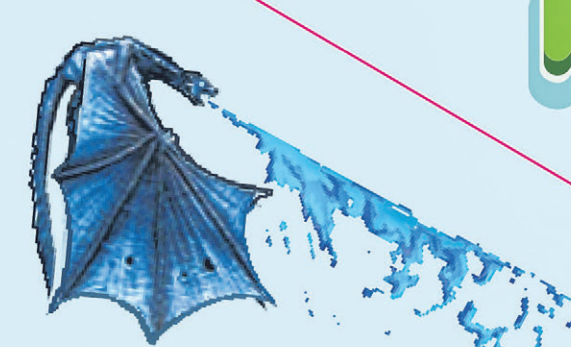
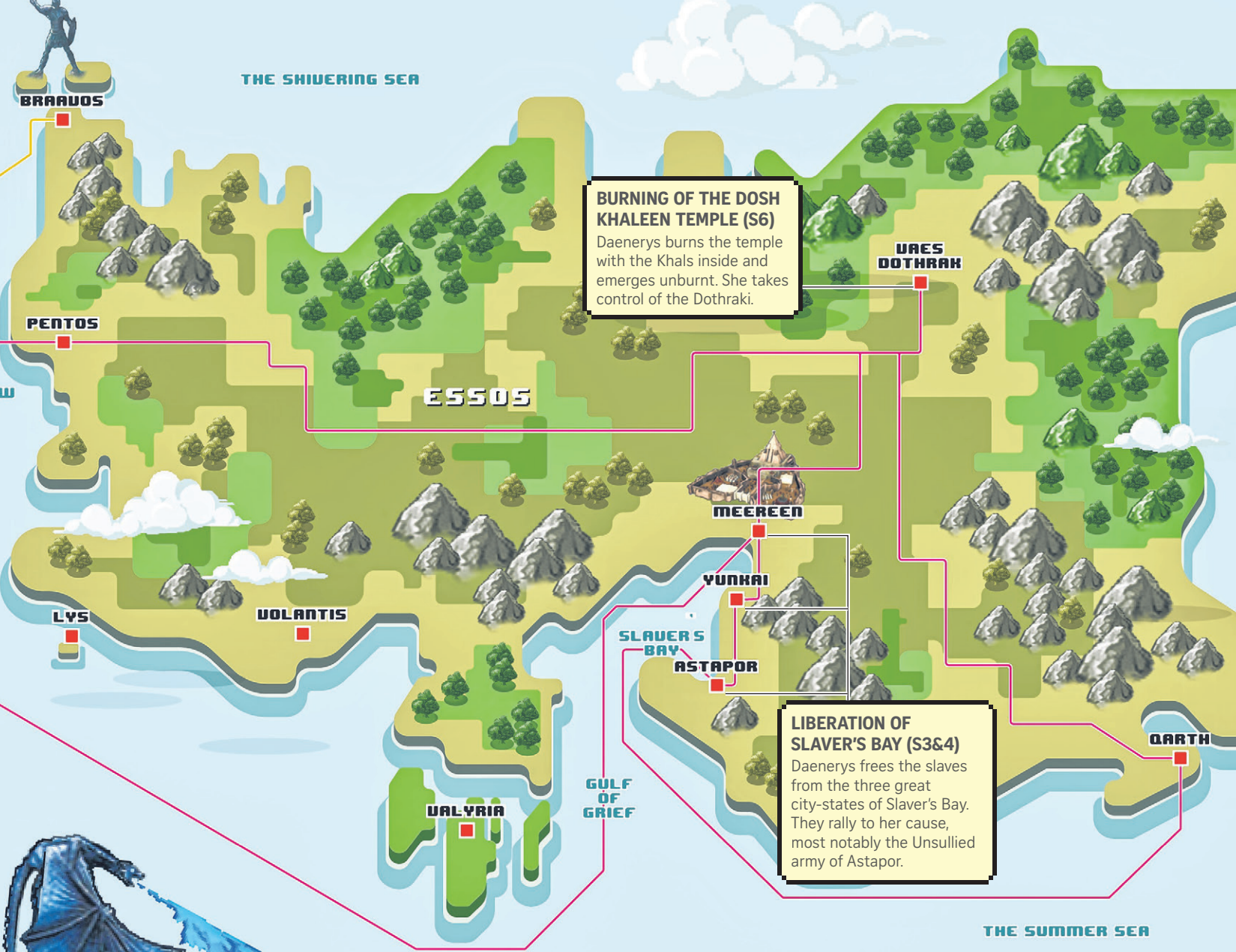
- **KING'S LANDING**
 - Served as Kingsguard to Mad King Aerys II Targaryen before killing him, earning him the infamous title Kingslayer.
- **WINTERFELL**
 - Pushes Bran Stark off a tower for discovering his incestuous relationship with his twin sister Cersei.
- **NORTHWEST OF RIVERRUN**
 - Captured by Catelyn Stark to be used in exchange for her daughters, but taken captive by men from House Bolton and loses his sword hand.
- **SUNSPEAR**
 - Jaime sets off for Dorne to bring back his daughter Myrcella to King's Landing. Poisoned by Ellaria Sand, Myrcella dies in his arms.
- **KING'S LANDING**
 - Sees for the first time a wight brought by Jon Snow and Daenerys Targaryen from the North and understands the threat mankind faces.
 - When he finds out that Cersei does not intend to honour the truce and alliance to fight in the North, he leaves her to join Jon and Daenerys.



DAENERYS TARGARYEN

MOTHER OF DRAGONS

- **DRAGONSTONE**
 - Born to Mad King Aerys II Targaryen and his wife Rhaella.
- **PENTOS**
 - She grows up with her brother Viserys, who brokers a deal to marry her to Khal Drogo in exchange for an army. She receives three dragon eggs for the wedding.
- **VAES DOTHRAK**
 - Daenerys falls in love with Khal Drogo and becomes pregnant with a son, but loses both of them. While cremating Drogo's body, she steps into the blaze and hatches her dragons.
- **QARTH**
 - Daenerys is captured by warlock Pyat Pree, but is saved by her dragons, which burn him alive.
- **ASTAPOR**
 - Daenerys gains her Unsullied army – slaves she freed who decide to fight alongside her.
- **MEEREN**
 - With the help of the Unsullied, she frees more slaves.
- **WIGHT HUNT**
 - Loses her dragon Viseon while rescuing Jon Snow.



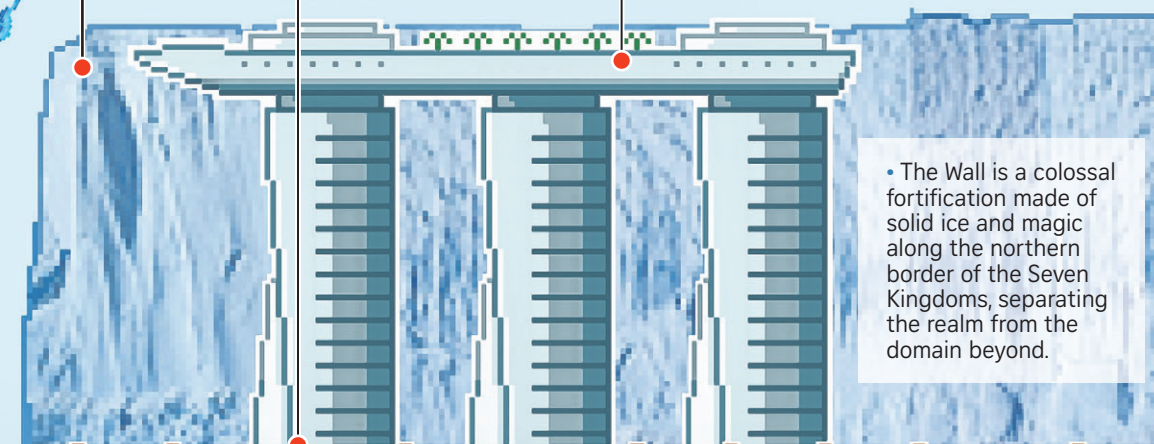
VISEON

- Named after the older brother of Daenerys, Viserys.
- Killed by an ice spear from the Night King during the wight hunt. His corpse is later retrieved from the lake and resurrected by the Night King, becoming an ice dragon and the Night King's mount.
- Undead Viseon's blue flames are able to destroy part of the wall, allowing the Night King and the army of the dead to pass into the Seven Kingdoms.
- This is the first time the wall has been breached since it was constructed.

THE WALL
• 200m tall
• 482,000m long

GREAT WALL OF CHINA
• 6-7m tall
• 21,196,000m long

MARINA BAY SANDS
• 200m tall
• 340m long (SkyPark)



• The Wall is a colossal fortification made of solid ice and magic along the northern border of the Seven Kingdoms, separating the realm from the domain beyond.