

The Death of the Royal Mercenaries

‘Let Cú Chulainn be asked for a truce for us,’ said Ailill and Medb. Lugaid went with that message and Cú Chulainn granted the truce. ‘Send a man to the ford for me tomorrow,’ said Cú Chulainn. There were with Medb six royal mercenaries, that is, six royal heirs of Clanna Dedad, to wit, three called Dub from Imlech, and three called Derg from Sruthair. ‘Why should we not go against Cú Chulainn?’ said they. So they went to meet him on the morrow and Cú Chulainn killed the six of them.

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