## And Thus It Burns

## Slechtvalk

This man, once a warrior of great stature. I cannot leave him behind, so I carefully lay him on the back o f my horse. And then I notice the royal emblem. With this knowledge I return, to the small wooden church. So he might be given the proper burial he deservers. Then my senses pick up the stench of burning flesh. I see a yellow glare ahead. Screams that slowly fade away. A nightmare has unfolded itself. This horror can't be a coincidence. And thus it burns, the church where I sheltered for the hail, t he doors seem locked. The saints, whose songs soothed me, were killed by a blazing fi re.