

## SYNOPSIS

*A Storm of Swords* is the third book of *A Song of Ice and Fire* novel series which tells about story of kingdom noble families that are fight each other in order to obtain the Iron Throne which will give a status as a King of Seven Kingdoms. In this third book, House of Lannister made their way obtained the Iron Throne in the name of King Joffrey and stands as a King of Seven Kingdoms. This book tells how the House of Lannister uses their power as the king to hold their position and also obtain their own advantages. The main issue of this third book is the battle of two great Houses; they are House of Lannister and House of Stark.

In the other hand, other Houses are also aiming to obtain the Iron Throne. House of Baratheon led by Stannis Baratheon makes his plans to reclaim the Iron Throne. House of Targaryen led by Daeneris Stromborn Targaryen recruited a lot of soldiers to help her take over the Iron Throne. But they are still far away to obtain the Iron Throne and stands as the King of Seven Kingdoms.

In the side of House of Lannister, Jaime Lannister, who was caught by House of Stark, become the bondsman to reclaim the family members of House of Stark. But on the way back to King's Landing, Jaime Lannister faces with problems. He lost his right hand because of his manner that makes a group called The Brave Companion dislike him. Yet he made his way back to King's Landing with only one hand.

Tyrion Lannister asks his right toward Casterly Rock, the main castle of House of Lannister, from his father, Tywin Lannister. But Tywin disagree with him. Tyrion is humiliated by his nephew, the King, Joffrey Baratheon, on his wedding day which makes him so angry. Right at the wedding, King Joffrey Baratheon was poisoned by unknown killer. Tyrion becomes the first suspect because of his feeling that known by the people as disliking King Joffrey.

Tywin Lannister plans to marry his grandson, the King, Joffrey Baratheon with House of Tyrell and also marry her daughter with House of Tyrell. He makes the plan to slay all of Stark because he thinks they are a dangerous enemy. Tywin Lannister is killed by his own son, Tyrion Lannister, because Tyrion feels he was being played by his father.

While in the side of House of Stark, Robb Stark still leading his army to the King's Landing so he can finish his revenge and safe his sisters who were imprisoned by House of Lannister in the castle. Robb Stark builds a huge number of strong and loyal soldiers. When he plans to attack the King's Landing, he thinks that his army needs more soldiers so he wants to ask House of Frey for their assistance.

But unfortunately, House of Frey is already contacted by House of Lannister. The meeting of House of Stark and House of Frey which arrange the wedding between the two Houses goes really bad. House of Frey was actually asked by House of Lannister to slaughter all the Stark inside the Frey's castle including his beloved mother, Catelyn Stark. This scene is known as the 'Red Wedding'.

The efforts of House of Stark to attack King's Landing were severed at once since the death of Robb Stark. But his mother, Catelyn Stark, who was slaughtered by House of Frey revived by the power of Red God. Catelyn does not feel she is glad that she is back alive, she feels so upset if thinking about her son. She regrets that she should be alive. It means nothing for her since her son is already gone.

Jon Snow, the bastard son of Eddard Stark, struggles with his way back to The Wall since he was taken by the wildlings and made him 'turncloak'. He must keep living even with his enemies surrounding him. He finds his lover among those enemies which made him a true man.

The story ends with Tyrion escaping the King's Landing. He was judged by the murder of King Joffrey. His sister, Cersei Lannister, asks all people to do a favor. The person who can bring her his head will be rewarded by a position of Lord under her dominance. She feels so sad because her son was killed by her imp brother and she will not forgive him.