The Shielding Danes

Scyld Shefing (Shield Sheafson)

Beow (the Dane)

Halfdane

Gnæf

Hildeburh

Finn of Jures

King Hoc

The Frisians or Jutes

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The Swedes

Ongentheow (Ongentheow)

Ohthere

The Helmings

Helm

Halfdane’s daughter (Yrs)

Hroðgar (Hrothgar)

Weoltheow

The Heatho-Bards

King Frodo

Ingeld

Eadgils

Eammund

Halga

Onela

The Heatho-bards’ old king Frodo was killed fighting the Shielding Danes. Hrothgar sent Freawaru as a peace-weaver, but the marriage failed. When Beowulf took the throne, his reputation was all that temporarily prevented the feud from continuing.

Ongentheow killed Hathcyn, Hygelac’s older brother at Ravenswood. Hygelac took vengeance, attacking Ongentheow, and Eofer the Geat killed Ongentheow. Ohthere, his son, is looking for a shot at vengeance against the Geats, as discussed in line 2435+ and lines 2922+. Wiglaf in fact tells us that Swedish scouts will soon report Beowulf’s death, and then the Swedes will cross the border.

The Frisians or Jutes

Finnsburg Shieldings?

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