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Transcript

KILGHARRAH

In a land of myth and a time of magic, the destiny of a great kingdom rests on the shoulders of a young boy. His name: Merlin.

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[00:11, INT. WESTERN ISLES, SHOP - DAY] [Knight Valiant enters a shady shop.]

VALIANT

I understand you have a shield for me.

[The merchant, Devlin, motions for him to come behind the counter.]

DEVLIN

With your swordcraft and this shield, I guarantee you will win.

VALIANT

Show me how it works.

DEVLIN

Certainly. Tharanai im bis entra ofra honra stolle.

[Snakes slither out of the shield.]

DEVLIN

When you're competing in the tournament, you pin your opponent under the shield, a snake

strikes. Your opponent will be paralysed.

[Devlin hands him the shield.]

DEVLIN

The snakes are now under your command. They will do anything that you tell them to do.

VALIANT

Anything?

DEVLIN

Just say the word.

[They both laugh darkly.]

VALIANT

Kill him.

[A snake strikes Devlin. Valiant rides for Camelot and places his helmet and seal on the registration table.]

VALIANT

Knight Valiant of the Western Isles. I'm here for the tournament.

STEWARD

Welcome to Camelot.

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[02:26, EXT. OUTSIDE CASTLE RAMPARTS - DAY] [Arthur training in his standard armour sans helmet. Merlin wearing armour with a helmet and shield.]

ARTHUR

Ready?

MERLIN

Would it make any difference if I said no?

ARTHUR

Not really.

[Merlin draws his sword. Arthur attacks.]

ARTHUR

Body. Shield. Body. Shield.

MERLIN

Shield.

ARTHUR

Head.

MERLIN

Head? Ow.

ARTHUR

Come on, Merlin. You're not even trying.

[Arthur tags Merlin in the back.]

MERLIN

I know. Ah.

ARTHUR

Once more.

MERLIN

Oh, no.

ARTHUR

To the left. To the right. And left. Head.

MERLIN

Ow!

ARTHUR

Come on, Merlin! I've got a tournament to win.

MERLIN

Can we stop now, please? Ow! Shield. Body.

ARTHUR
Shield.

MERLIN
Shield. Ah.

[Arthur hits him in the head.]

MERLIN
Ow.

[Merlin topples over backwards and his helmet rolls off.]

ARTHUR
You're braver than you look. Most servants collapse after the first blow.

MERLIN
Is it over?

ARTHUR
That was just the warm up. How's your mace work coming along?

[Merlin sighs.]

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[03:24, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Merlin walks in, losing his armour as he goes.]

GAIUS (chuckle)
So, how was your first day as Arthur's servant?

[Merlin taps his head.]

MERLIN
Do you hear clanging?

[Merlin sits at the table wearing his tunic. Gaius massages Merlin's shoulders.]

MERLIN
Ah! It was horrible. Ahh, and I've still got to learn all about tournament etiquette by the

morning. onhríne achtung bregdan.

[A book slides to Merlin on the table and opens up.]

GAIUS

Oi!

[Gaius slaps the back of Merlin's head.]

GAIUS

What've I told you about using magic like this?

MERLIN

If I could actually feel my arms, I'd pick up the book myself.

GAIUS

Never mind your arms. What do I do if you get caught?

MERLIN

What would you do?

GAIUS

Well you just make sure it doesn't happen, for both our sakes.

[Gaius goes back to treating Merlin's shoulders.]

MERLIN

Ah! I save Arthur from being killed and I end up as a servant. How is that fair?

GAIUS

I'm not sure fairness comes into it. You never know, it might be fun.

MERLIN (scoff)

You think mucking out Arthur's horses is going to be fun? You should hear my list of duties.

GAIUS

We all have our duties. Even Arthur.

MERLIN

It must be so tough for him with all the girls and the glory.

GAIUS

He is a future king. People expect so much of him. He's under a lot of pressure.

MERLIN

Ah! That makes two of us.

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[04:34, EXT/INT. LOWER TOWN, GWEN'S HOUSE - DAY] [Merlin brings Arthur's armour to Gwen's house. Merlin's dressed in the armour]

GWEN

So, you've got voiders on the arms.

MERLIN

Mm-mmm.

GWEN

The hauberk goes over your chest.

MERLIN

The chest. The arms. The chest.

GWEN

I guess you know what to do with the helmet.

MERLIN

Erm, yeah. Yeah, that was the only bit I'd figured out.

[Gwen giggles. Merlin puts the helmet on.]

MERLIN

How come you're so much better at this than me?

GWEN

I'm the blacksmith's daughter. I know pretty much everything there is to know about armour, which is actually kind of sad.

MERLIN

No, it's brilliant!

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[05:12, EXT. TRAINING GROUNDS] [Merlin struggles to get the vambrace on Arthur's lower arm.]

ARTHUR
You do know the tournament starts today?

MERLIN
Yes, Sire.

[Merlin fixes the buckle on the gorget.]

MERLIN
You nervous?

ARTHUR
I don't get nervous.

MERLIN
Really? I thought everyone got nervous.

ARTHUR
Will you shut up!

[Merlin grabs Arthur's cape, ties it on him, and hands Arthur his helmet]

MERLIN
Great, yeah. I think you're all set.

ARTHUR
Aren't you forgetting something? My sword.

MERLIN
Oh, yeah. Yeah, sorry. Guess, uh, you'll be needing that.

[Arthur grabs the sword and marches off]

MERLIN
That went well.

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[06:08, EXT. TOURNAMENT GROUNDS - DAY] [Gwen and Morgana sit excitedly in the stands of the tournament grounds as the competitors enter the arena. Merlin peeks around the entrance as Uther struts past the front line of knights.]

UTHER

Knights of the realm, it's a great honour to welcome you to a tournament at Camelot. Over the next three days, you will come to put your bravery to the test, your skills as warriors, and of course, to challenge the reigning champion, my son, Prince Arthur. Only one can have the honour of being crowned champion, and he will receive a prize of 1,000 gold pieces.

[A box is opened revealing the gold.]

UTHER

It is in combat that we learn a knight's true nature, whether he is indeed a warrior or a coward. The tournament begins!

[The crowd cheers. the knights exit the arena. Uther stops by Arthur on his way to the stands.]

UTHER

I trust you will make me proud.

[Uther slaps his back. Guards take Arthur and the other knight's capes, and they put on helmets. crowd cheers. Gwen whoops. Arthur and the knight fight.]

MERLIN

Yeah! Come on!

[Arthur wins. The crowd cheers.]

MERLIN

Yeah!

[Valiant wins his bout. other knights compete. Arthur and Merlin watch Valiant fighting.]

MERLIN

Knight Valiant looks pretty handy with a sword.

[Valiant exits the arena and stops near Arthur.]

VALIANT

May I offer my congratulations on your victories today?

ARTHUR

Likewise.

VALIANT

I hope to see you at the reception this evening.

[Valiant leaves with his servant.]

MERLIN

Creep.

ARTHUR

snort

MERLIN

snort

ARTHUR

Uh, for tomorrow you need to repair my shield, wash my tunic, clean my boots, sharpen my sword, and polish my chainmail.

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[10:11, INT. KING'S PALACE, MERLIN'S CHAMBER - NIGHT] [All of Arthur's checklist is magically being done while Merlin reads the magic book. Gaius enters and all of the objects drop.]

GAIUS

Are you using magic again?

MERLIN

No.

GAIUS

What's all this, then?

[Merlin shrugs.]

GAIUS

I just came to tell you that supper's ready.

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[10:39, INT. KING'S PALACE, THRONE ROOM - DAY] [The tournament knights queue up to meet Uther and Lady Morgana.]

VALIANT

Knight Valiant of the Western Isles, My Lord.

UTHER

I saw you fighting today. You have a very aggressive style.

VALIANT

Well, as My Lord said, "To lose is to be disgraced."

UTHER

I couldn't agree more. Knight Valiant, may I present the Lady Morgana, my ward.

[Valiant bows to kiss Morgana's hand while Arthur looks on with a wry grin.]

VALIANT

My Lady.

MORGANA

I saw you competing today.

VALIANT

I saw you watching. I understand the tournament champion has the honour of escorting My Lady to the feast.

MORGANA

That's correct.

VALIANT

Then I will give everything to win the tournament.

[Morgana smiles and nods to him, Valiant nods back.]

VALIANT

My Lady.

[Valiant walks over to shake hands with other knights, Morgana and Gwen watch him.
Arthur bows to his father]

UTHER

Arthur.

ARTHUR

Father.

[Arthur looks over at Valiant before walking to Morgana.]

MORGANA

They all seem rather impressed by Knight Valiant.

ARTHUR

They're not the only ones.

MORGANA

You're not jealous, are you?

ARTHUR

I don't see there's anything to be jealous of.

[Morgana's smile fades. Arthur walks on.]

MORGANA

Could Arthur be any more annoying? I so hope Knight Valiant wins the tournament.

GWEN

You don't really mean that.

MORGANA

Yes, I do.

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[11:58, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARMOURY - NIGHT] [Merlin hears a hissing sound.]

MERLIN

Hello? Is there someone there?

[Merlin finds Valiant's shield and sees one of the snake eyes blink. he moves to touch it when someone puts a sword to his chest. Merlin gets up.]

VALIANT

Can I help you with something, boy?

MERLIN

Nope. I'm good. I, I was just...I was, erm, gathering my master's armour.

VALIANT

Then you'd best be on your way.

MERLIN

Right, yeah. No problem.

[Merlin picks up the armour and stumbles on his way out.]

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[13:00, Arthur's Chambers. Arthur's armour is laid out on the table. Arthur enters, dressed in his gambeson.]

ARTHUR

You did all this on your own?

MERLIN

Yes, Sire.

ARTHUR

Now let's see if you can get me into it without forgetting anything.

[Merlin puts on Arthur's hauberk and surcoat, followed by the gorget, vambraces, pauldron, and couter. Next, his mail coif, belt, sword belt, dagger, and sword. Merlin hands Arthur his helmet.]

ARTHUR

That was much better. Not that it could have got any worse.

MERLIN

I'm a fast learner.

ARTHUR

I hope, for your sake, that's true.

MERLIN

Good luck.

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[13:53, EXT. TOURNAMENT GROUNDS - DAY] [Arthur marches into the arena and acknowledges the crowd. Merlin watches from the entrance.]

GAIUS

Is it my imagination, or are you beginning to enjoy yourself?

MERLIN

It...

[Merlin sighs.]

MERLIN

It isn't totally horrible all the time.

[Arthur fights his opponent.]

MERLIN

Yes!

[Merlin claps enthusiastically. Valiant fights in the arena. He knocks down Sir Ewan, whose helm rolls off. Valiant pins him down with his shield.]

VALIANT

Strike him.

[Serpents come out of Valiant shield.]

VALIANT

Strike him!

[Serpent bites Sir Ewan. Valiant hits him and stands up. Crowd cheers. Arthur and Merlin see Sir Ewan just lying there.]

MERLIN

I think he's badly hurt.

[Gaius enters the arena with his medical bag.]

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[15:38, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Merlin enters and puts down Arthur's armour.]

MERLIN

How is he?

GAIUS

It's most odd. Look at this. See these two small wounds. Looks like a snake bite.

MERLIN

How could he've been bitten by a snake? He was injured in the sword fight.

GAIUS

But the symptoms are consistent with poisoning: slow pulse, fever, paralysis.

MERLIN

Can you heal him?

GAIUS

Well, if it is a snake bite, I'll have to extract venom from the snake that bit him to make an antidote.

MERLIN

What happens if he doesn't get the antidote?

GAIUS

Then I'm afraid there's nothing more I can do for him. He's going to die.

MERLIN

He was fighting Knight Valiant.

GAIUS

What's that?

MERLIN

Nothing.

[Merlin exits.]

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[16:27, INT. KING'S PALACE, GUEST CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Valiant walks through the Red Ribbon Chamber and Merlin spies him from around the corner and follows to spy on Valiant in his guest quarters. Valiant pulls a mouse out of a cage]

VALIANT

Dinner time. Come on.

[Valiant feeds it to the snakes in the shield. Merlin scurries away, but Valiant hears him and follows. Merlin hides in an alcove of the Criss-cross Corridor and Valiant gives up the chase.]

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[17:29, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT]

MERLIN

I've just seen one of the snakes in Valiant's shield come alive. He's using magic.

GAIUS

Are you sure?

MERLIN

The snake ate a mouse - one swallow, straight down. Sir Ewan was fighting Valiant when he collapsed. It must've been one of the snakes from the shield. I have to tell Arthur.

GAIUS

Is there any chance you might be mistaken?

MERLIN

I know magic when I see it.

GAIUS

Perhaps, but have you any proof?

MERLIN

Don't you believe me?

GAIUS

I fear you'll land yourself in trouble. How will you explain why you were in Valiant's chambers?

MERLIN

What does that matter? He's using magic to cheat in the tournament!

GAIUS

But you can't go accusing a knight of using magic without proof. The King would never accept the word of a servant over the word of a knight.

MERLIN

What? So what I say doesn't count for anything?

GAIUS

I'm afraid it counts for very little as far as the King is concerned. That's the way it is.

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[18:46, EXT. TRAINING GROUNDS/TOURNAMENT GROUNDS - DAY] [Merlin and Arthur watch as a serving boy uses a step ladder to put on the helm of Arthur's next opponent.]

MERLIN

You're telling me you've got to fight that?

ARTHUR

Yes, and he's strong as a bear. But he's slow.

MERLIN

Ah, and you're fast.

ARTHUR

Exactly.

[Merlin finishes helping Arthur with his armour. Morgana absently strokes Gwen's cloak in the stands.]

GWEN

You're not worried, are you?

MORGANA

No.

[Merlin sees Valiant put down his shield. Gaius approaches Merlin.]

GAIUS

How're you getting on?

MERLIN

Fine. Just doing my job. Minding my own business.

[Arthur fights the bear knight and wins. Valiant wins his next match. Merlin and Gaius look at the final brackets.]

MERLIN

Valiant's going to fight Arthur in the final. He'll use the shield to kill him.

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[20:58, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Merlin sits with Sir Ewan by the sickbed. Gaius enters.]

GAIUS

Merlin, about what I said yesterday...Look, Uther wouldn't really listen to you or me, but you are right. We can't let Valiant get away with this.

MERLIN

But we don't have any proof.

GAIUS

Well, if we could cure Ewan, he could tell the King that Valiant was using magic. The King would believe another knight. But how we get the antidote...Well, that's another matter.

[Merlin gets up and leaves]

GAIUS

Merlin?

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[21:48, the knights toast in the Council Chamber of Doom]

KNIGHTS

Long live Valiant!

UTHER

So, Valiant, do you think you stand a chance of defeating my son?

VALIANT

He is a great warrior, My Lord. I do hope to be a worthy opponent.

[Merlin peeks into the Council Chamber]

UTHER

You should stay in Camelot after the tournament. I could do with more knights like you.

VALIANT

I'd be honoured, My Lord.

[Merlin heads to Valiant's guest chambers]

MERLIN

spell

[The door unlocks. Merlin enters and takes a sword from a rack, approaching the shield. Merlin turns to the door when he hears someone approaching. a snake slithers out of the shield and poises to strike. Merlin sees the shadow of the snake and turns around to cut off its head. the other snakes come out, but Merlin drops the sword, grabs the first snake head and runs out of the room]

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[23:33, Gaius drains some venom from the snake head]

GAIUS

I'll get started preparing the antidote.

MERLIN

I'm going to tell Arthur.

GAIUS

You'll need this.

[Gaius hands Merlin the snake head]

GAIUS

And Merlin, what you did was very brave.

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[23:52, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Arthur dining in his chambers.]

ARTHUR

You? You chopped its head off?

MERLIN

Ewan was bitten by a snake from the shield when he was fighting Valiant. You can talk to Gaius, you can see the puncture wounds in Ewan's neck where the snake bit him. Ewan was beating him, he had to cheat.

ARTHUR

Valiant wouldn't dare use magic in Camelot.

MERLIN

Ewan was pinned under Valiant's shield. No one could see the snake bite him.

ARTHUR

I don't like the guy, but that doesn't mean he's cheating.

MERLIN

Gaius is preparing an antidote to the snake venom. When Ewan's conscious, he'll tell you what happened. If you fight Valiant in the final, he'll use the shield. It's the only way he can beat you. Look at it!

[Merlin picks up the snake head.]

MERLIN

Have you ever seen any snakes like this in Camelot?

[Arthur takes the snake head and looks it over.]

MERLIN

I know I'm just a servant and my word doesn't count for anything. I wouldn't lie to you.

ARTHUR

I want you to swear to me what you're telling me is true.

MERLIN

I swear it's true.

ARTHUR

Then I believe you.

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[24:55, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Valiant is escorted through the Square to the Council Chamber of Doom. Gaius treats Sir Ewan in the Physician's Chambers. Ewan wakes.]

GAIUS

Welcome back.

EWAN

There was a snake on his shield. It came alive.

GAIUS

You're weak. The snake's venom is still in your system.

EWAN

I must warn Arthur.

GAIUS

Arthur already knows. He's requested an audience with the King. Now, they'll want to talk to you. Rest. You'll need your strength. I need to fetch more herbs. I'll be right back.

[Valiant's snake slithers to Ewan's bed and strikes him.]

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[26:08, INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DOOM - NIGHT] [Uther enters.]

UTHER

Why have you summoned the court?

ARTHUR

I believe Knight Valiant is using a magic shield to cheat in the tournament.

UTHER

Valiant, what do you have to say to this?

VALIANT

My Lord, this is ridiculous. I've never used magic. Does your son have any evidence to support this outrageous accusation?

UTHER

Do you have evidence?

ARTHUR

I do.

[Arthur motions for Merlin to come forward, who hands Uther the snake head.]

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[26:36, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Gaius mixes a potion.]

GAIUS

I'm afraid this potion tastes like toad water, but it'll get you back on your feet. Ewan?

[Gaius checks for Ewan's pulse]

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[26:50, INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DOOM - NIGHT]

UTHER

Let me see this shield.

MERLIN (whisper to Arthur)

Don't let him get too close.

ARTHUR

Be careful, My Lord.

[Arthur draws his sword. Uther inspects the field. Gaius enters the room.]

GAIUS (whisper)
Merlin.

ARTHUR (whisper to Merlin)
We need Ewan. Find out what's happening.

[Merlin nods.]

VALIANT
As you can see, My Lord, it's just an ordinary shield.

ARTHUR
He's not going to let everyone see the snakes come alive.

UTHER
Then how am I to know that what you say is true?

ARTHUR
I have a witness. Knight Ewan was bitten by one of the snakes from the shield. Its venom made him grievously ill, however, he has received an antidote. He will confirm that Knight Valiant is using magic.

UTHER
Where is this witness?

ARTHUR
He should be here...

[Arthur turns to Gaius and Merlin.]

ARTHUR
Where's Ewan?

MERLIN
He's dead.

UTHER
I'm waiting!

ARTHUR

I'm afraid the witness is dead.

UTHER

So you have no proof to support these allegations. Have you seen Valiant using magic?

ARTHUR

No. But my servant fought one of the snakes from...

UTHER

Your servant? You made these outrageous accusations against a knight the word of your servant?

ARTHUR

I believe he's telling the truth!

VALIANT

My Lord, am I really to be judged on some hearsay from a boy?

MERLIN

I've seen those snakes come alive!

UTHER

How dare you interrupt?! Guards!

[Guards begin taking Merlin away.]

VALIANT

My Lord.

UTHER

Wait!

VALIANT

I'm sure he was merely mistaken. I wouldn't want him punished on my account.

UTHER

You see? This is how a true knight behaves - with gallantry and honour.

VALIANT

My Lord, if your son made these accusations because he's afraid to fight me, then I will

graciously accept his withdrawal.

UTHER

Is this true? Do you wish to withdraw from the tournament?

ARTHUR

No!

UTHER

Then what am I to make of these allegations?

ARTHUR

Obviously there has been a misunderstanding. I withdraw the allegation against Knight Valiant. Please accept my apology.

VALIANT

Accepted.

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[29:51, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Arthur mopes.]

ARTHUR

I believed you, I trusted you, and you made me look a complete fool.

MERLIN

I know it didn't go exactly to plan.

ARTHUR

"Didn't go to plan"?! My father and the entire royal court think I'm a coward! YOU HUMILIATED ME!

MERLIN

We can still expose Valiant.

ARTHUR

I no longer require your services.

MERLIN

You're sacking me?

ARTHUR

I need a servant I can trust.

MERLIN

You can trust me!

ARTHUR

And look where it got me this time. Get out of my sight!

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[30:57, INT. KING'S PALACE, DRAGON'S CAVE - NIGHT]

MERLIN

Where are you? I just came to tell you: whatever you think my destiny, whatever it is you think I'm supposed to do, you've got the wrong person! That's it. Goodbye.

KILGHARRAH

If only it were so easy to escape one's destiny.

MERLIN

How can it be my destiny to protect someone who hates me?

KILGHARRAH

A half cannot truly hate that which makes it whole. Very soon you shall learn that.

MERLIN

Oh, great. Just what I needed, another riddle.

KILGHARRAH

That your and Arthur's path lies together is but the truth.

MERLIN

What is that supposed to mean?

KILGHARRAH

You know, young warlock, this is not the end. It is the beginning.

MERLIN

Just give me a straight answer!

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[31:50, EXT. KING'S PALACE, MAIN SQUARE - NIGHT] [Merlin sits on the steps. Gwen approaches.]

GWEN
Hello, Merlin.

MERLIN
All right?

[Gwen sits next to him.]

GWEN
Is it true what you said about Valiant using magic?

[Merlin nods.]

GWEN
What are you going to do?

MERLIN
Why does everyone seem to think it's down to me to do something about it?

GWEN
Because it is! Isn't it? You have to show everyone that you were right and they were wrong.

MERLIN
And how do I do that?

GWEN
I don't know.

[Merlin catches sight of a dog statue.]

MERLIN
That's it.

GWEN
Where are you going?

MERLIN

Do you have a wheelbarrow?

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[32:48, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Merlin wheels in the dog statue.]

GAIUS

What are you doing with that?

MERLIN

I'm going to let everyone see the snakes for themselves.

[Merlin puts the statue in his chamber and pull the magic book out from under a floor board.]

MERLIN

"Bebay odothay. Bebay odothay arisan quickum."

[Merlin tries out the spell.]

MERLIN

Bebay odothay arisan quickum. Bebay odothay arisan quickum.

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[33:35, INT. KING'S PALACE, MORGANA'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Morgana has a nightmare about Arthur fighting Valiant and jerks awake]

MORGANA (whisper)

Arthur!

[Morgana gets up and goes to the window to watch Arthur practicing in the Square below.]

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[34:00, INT. KING'S PALACE, MERLIN'S CHAMBER - NIGHT] [Merlin tries the spell over and over but nothing happens.]

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[34:16, Merlin enters Arthur's open chambers]

ARTHUR

I thought I told you to get out of my sight.

MERLIN

Don't fight Valiant in the tournament tomorrow. He'll use the shield against you.

ARTHUR

I know.

MERLIN

Then withdraw. You have to withdraw.

ARTHUR

Don't you understand? I can't withdraw. The people expect their prince to fight. How can I lead men into battle if they think I'm a coward?

MERLIN

Valiant will kill you. If you fight, you die.

ARTHUR

Then I die.

MERLIN

How can you go out there and fight like that?

ARTHUR

Because I have to. It's my duty.

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[35:12, Merlin's Chamber - DAY] [Merlin wakes early the next morning with the spell book in his lap, and speaks drowsily.]

MERLIN

Bebay odothay...arisan quickum.

[Valiant sharpens his sword near the tournament grounds. Arthur stands in the arena and looks around.]

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[35:38, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Arthur's old serving boy,

Morris, helps him with his armour. Morgana enters, Morris bows and exits. Morgana puts her hands on Arthur's back and he begins to turn around.]

MORGANA

Let me.

[Morgana fixes the strap for the gorget and tightens the vambrace.]

MORGANA

I used to help my father with his armour.

[Morgana hands Arthur his helmet.]

ARTHUR

Thanks.

[Arthur turns to leave.]

MORGANA

Arthur, be careful.

[Arthur nods.]

ARTHUR

See you at the feast.

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[36:47, EXT. TOURNAMENT GROUNDS - DAY] [Arthur enters the arena. Arthur and Valiant put on their helmets prepare to fight.]

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[37:40, INT. KING'S PALACE, MERLIN'S CHAMBER - DAY] [Merlin mumbles the spell with his eyes close.]

MERLIN

Bebay odothay arisan quickum.

[There's a growl, but Merlin keeps repeating the spell.]

MERLIN

Bebay odothay arisan quickum.

[The Rottweiler barks.]

MERLIN

I did it!

[The dog starts lunging at Merlin, he rushes out of the room and shuts the door. Gaius enters.]

GAIUS

Arthur's fighting Valiant!

MERLIN

I know. I'm on my way. Oh, whatever you do, don't go into my room. We'll deal with it later.

[Gaius peeks into Merlin's Chamber and the Rottweiler barks at him.]

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[38:34, EXT. TOURNAMENT GROUNDS - DAY] [Arthur fights Valiant. Arthur knocks Valiant's helmet off. Arthur removes his helmet and they both pull down their mail coifs. Valiant knocks Arthur to the ground and steps on his shield. Valiant disarms Arthur, but Arthur catches him before he can strike. Valiant pins Arthur against a wall, but Arthur shoves him off and Merlin takes the opportunity]

MERLIN

Bebay odothay arisan quickum.

[The snakes come out of the shield. the crowd stands up in surprise]

VALIANT

What are you doing? I didn't summon you!

UTHER

He is using magic.

ARTHUR

And now they see you for what you really are.

[Valiant chuckles darkly and sends the snakes to the ground.]

VALIANT

Kill him!

[Arthur backs up toward the stands and Morgana grabs a the sword from the knight sitting next to her and throws it to Arthur.]

MORGANA

Arthur!

[Arthur catches it, swings at Valiant and then kills the snakes. Arthur disarms Valiant and runs him through]

ARTHUR

It looks like I'll be going to the feast after all.

[Valiant drops and crowd cheers. Arthur slaps Merlin's shoulder on his way out of the tournament grounds.]

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[41:46, INT. KING'S PALACE, BANQUET HALL - NIGHT] [Courtiers mingle. Uther spots Arthur entering.]

UTHER

My honourable guests, I give you Prince Arthur, your champion.

[The court applauds and Arthur offers Morgana his arm.]

ARTHUR

My Lady.

[Morgana curtsies.]

MORGANA

My champion.

MERLIN

See, I told you he gets all the girls and the glory.

GAIUS

And he owes it all to you.

MORGANA

Has your father apologised yet for not believing you?

ARTHUR

He'll never apologise. I hope, uh, you're not disappointed Valiant's not escorting you.

MORGANA

Turns out he wasn't really champion material.

ARTHUR

That was some tournament final.

MORGANA

Tell me about it. It's not every day a girl gets to save her prince.

ARTHUR

Uh, I wouldn't say I needed exactly saving. I'm sure I would've thought of something.

MORGANA

So you're too proud to admit you were saved by a girl.

ARTHUR

Because I wasn't.

MORGANA

You know what? I wish Valiant was escorting me.

ARTHUR

Me too. Then I wouldn't have to listen to you.

MORGANA

Fine!

ARTHUR

Fine.

[Morgana storms off to talk to Gwen. Arthur turns to Merlin.]

ARTHUR

Can you believe Morgana? She says she saved me. Like I needed any help. I wanted to say I

made a mistake. It was unfair to sack you.

MERLIN

No, don't worry about it. Buy me a drink and call it even.

ARTHUR

Uh, I can't be seen to be buying drinks for my servant.

MERLIN

Your servant? You sacked me.

ARTHUR

Now I'm rehiring you.

[Merlin snorts.]

ARTHUR

My chambers are a complete mess. My clothes need washing. My, uh, armour needs repairing. My boots need cleaning. My dogs need exercising. My fireplace needs sweeping. My bed needs changing. And someone needs to muck out my stables.

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