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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, Edwin pulls a bug out of a box.]

EDWIN

Bebeode þe arisan ealdu.

[Edwin places the bug in some flowers.]

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[00:50, INT. KING'S PALACE, MORGANA'S CHAMBERS] [Gwen enters with Edwin's flowers.]

GWEN

Look what's just arrived for you.

MORGANA

Who're they from?

GWEN

I don't know. Maybe Arthur.

MORGANA

How disappointing.

GWEN

Why? Who'd you like them to be from?

MORGANA

I don't know. Tall, dark stranger?

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[01:14, Edwin stands in the Square at night. Gwen puts out the candles in Morgana's Chambers.]

GWEN

See you in the morning.

[Morgana falls asleep and the bug climbs out of the flowers and into Morgana's ear.]

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[02:41, INT. KING'S PALACE, MORGANA'S CHAMBERS] [Gaius examines sleeping Morgana.]

GAIUS

Her body seems to have closed down.

UTHER

Why? You don't have an answer do you? Nothing you've tried so far has worked. It's been nearly two days. And what do you know?

GAIUS

I fear she may have some form of inflammation of the brain.

UTHER

What could cause such a thing?

GAIUS

An infection, possibly. Rest assured, I will do everything in my power to cure her, Sire.

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[03:08, INT. KING'S PALACE, GRIFFIN STAIRCASE] [Gaius descends the curved stairs from

Morgana's Chambers. Gwen meets him.]

GWEN

Is she any better?

[Gaius shakes his head. Gwen climbs the stairs as Gaius descends and meets Merlin on the landing.]

GAIUS

She's all but dead, Merlin.

MERLIN

No, you're going to cure her. You have to.

GAIUS

Don't you start. I've tried everything.

MERLIN

I was wondering...

GAIUS

What?

MERLIN

Maybe I could...

[Merlin waits for a guard to pass by.]

MERLIN

...help.

GAIUS

If you're suggesting magic...have you forgotten what happened with Gwen's father? This is not a magical illness, it must be cured by conventional means. We keep trying. See if you can find me some fresh rosemary.

MERLIN

There must be something more I can do.

GAIUS

And yarrow.

—

[03:53, INT. KING'S PALACE, MAIN SQUARE] [Edwin waits as Arthur comes out to meet him.]

ARTHUR

What's your business here?

EDWIN

My name is Edwin Muirden, and I have a remedy to cure all ills.

ARTHUR

Is that so?

EDWIN

I beg an audience with the King.

ARTHUR

Our court has a physician.

[Arthur begins to walk away.]

EDWIN

I hear the Lady Morgana was gravely ill.

[Arthur stops and turns.]

ARTHUR

That is no concern of yours.

EDWIN

I might be able to help her.

ARTHUR

Our physician has the matter in hand.

[Arthur continues walking.]

EDWIN

I will be at the inn, in case you change your mind.

—

[04:37, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS] [Arthur sits in a chair while Merlin paces.]

MERLIN

It's gonna be alright. It is. I know it is. She's gonna be absolutely...

ARTHUR

Merlin.

MERLIN

What?

ARTHUR

You're making me anxious.

MERLIN

But I'm not worried.

ARTHUR

Then stop pacing.

[Merlin sits down, but then starts tapping his fingers on the table. Arthur gets up and starts pacing.]

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[05:11, INT. KING'S PALACE, MORGANA'S CHAMBERS]

GAIUS

I cannot preserve her life for much longer. She has hours, maybe less.

ARTHUR

We cannot let her die!

UTHER

Arthur, please.

ARTHUR

There's a man, he came to the castle yesterday. He claims he can cure her.

UTHER

That's ridiculous. He doesn't know what's wrong with her.

ARTHUR

He says he has a remedy that can cure all ills.

GAIUS

Impossible.

ARTHUR

Well, for Morgana's sake, surely we should at least hear him out. I mean, what've we got to lose? Please, Father.

GAIUS

Probably some charlatan hoping for a quick shilling.

ARTHUR

I don't care! If she's about to die, what harm can it do? Give him his shilling! If there's one chance in a million he can save her, then why not?

UTHER

Send for him.

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[05:59, INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DOOM] [Uther, Gaius, and Arthur enter. Edwin drops to one knee and hands Uther a roll of parchment.]

EDWIN

Edwin Muirden, Sire. Physician and loyal servant.

UTHER

Welcome to Camelot.

GAIUS

Have we met before?

EDWIN

I doubt you would forget a face like mine, sir.

UTHER

Do you really believe you have a remedy?

EDWIN

There are not many ills that I have not seen and successfully treated, Sire. So when I heard of the Lady Morgana's sickness, I felt honour bound to offer my services.

GAIUS

You say you have a cure for all? An antidote for everything?

EDWIN

Yes. Although it is not quite as simple as that.

UTHER

Gaius is the court physician.

EDWIN

You are indeed a legend, sir. I am delighted to meet you. I am curious to know what it is that has affected her.

GAIUS

An infection of the brain.

EDWIN

And your treatment?

GAIUS

Yarrow.

EDWIN

Yes, yes.

GAIUS

Rosemary to stimulate cerebral circulation.

EDWIN

Interesting.

ARTHUR

Why? What would you suggest?

EDWIN

No, no, no, that is all fine. All good. If that is... the right diagnosis.

UTHER

What would your diagnosis be?

EDWIN

Well, without examining the patient...

ARTHUR

He should examine her.

EDWIN

I would need my equipment.

UTHER

Of course. You'll have use of one of the guest chambers.

ARTHUR

And consider my manservant at your disposal.

EDWIN

I will start work immediately.

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[07:48, INT. KING'S PALACE, EDWIN'S GUEST CHAMBER] [Merlin sets down some of Edwin's equipment.]

EDWIN

Yes...it was all originally designed for alchemy.

MERLIN

Making gold?

EDWIN

You have an interest in science?

MERLIN

Well, science is knowledge.

EDWIN

It has the answers to everything.

MERLIN

Maybe. It can't explain love.

EDWIN

So, you are in love?

MERLIN

No. I mean feelings, emotions.

EDWIN

You seem too bright to be just a servant.

MERLIN

Oh, don't be fooled, I'm not that bright.

EDWIN

Yes, we will need that. Now, we must hurry to the Lady Morgana. before it is too late.

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[08:44, INT. KING'S PALACE, MORGANA'S CHAMBERS] [Merlin and Edwin walk across the Square to Morgana's Chambers where Arthur and Uther are waiting.]

EDWIN

Put my equipment over there. Sire, I would be grateful if you could have everyone leave the room. I require peace and privacy.

UTHER

Certainly.

EDWIN

That includes you, Gaius.

GAIUS

But I am eager to learn from your methods.

EDWIN

Now is not the time for giving instruction. I will need all my concentration.

UTHER

Gaius...

[Everyone leaves and Edwin pulls out the bug box. Gwen enters as he's about to take the bug out of Morgana. He stops and turns on her.]

EDWIN

Why are you spying on me?

GWEN

I wasn't. I'm her maidservant.

EDWIN

Then bring me some water.

GWEN

Someone should be with her.

EDWIN

Do you want to be responsible for her death?

GWEN

No, but...

EDWIN

Then you will bring me some water. Now. Or she may die.

[Gwen leaves.]

EDWIN

Bebeode þe arisan áblinnen.

[Edwin pulls out the bug, dabs Morgana's bloody ear with a small cloth, and puts the bug back in the box with the others.]

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[11:18, INT. KING'S PALACE, GRIFFIN STAIRCASE] [Edwin descends the curved stairs to meet Uther, Arthur, Merlin, and Gaius.]

EDWIN

Great news, Your Majesty. You will be glad to hear it is not an inflammation of the brain.

UTHER

What is it then?

EDWIN

It is cerebral haemorrhage.

GAIUS

Haemorrhage? I don't think so.

EDWIN

I found this trace of blood in her ear.

[Edwin shows them the bloody cloth.]

UTHER

God in heaven.

EDWIN

The severity depends upon the site and volume of the bleed. If not treated, it can lead to coma, and eventually death.

UTHER

How could you have missed this?

GAIUS

I didn't see any blood.

EDWIN

Please. Just thank the fates that you did not administer more rosemary to stimulate the circulation. Can you imagine what that might have done?

[Uther turns to Gaius for explanation.]

GAIUS

It may have increased the bleed.

UTHER

Is there a cure?

EDWIN

See for yourself.

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[12:12, INT. KING'S PALACE, MORGANA'S CHAMBERS]

UTHER

Morgana, this is truly a miracle.

[Uther kisses her forehead.]

UTHER

I thought... I really thought...

MORGANA

Oh, you won't get rid of me that easily.

GAIUS

What exactly did he give you?

MORGANA

I have no idea. But thank heaven he did.

—

[12:30, INT. KING'S PALACE, CENTRAL CORRIDOR] [Gaius approaches Edwin as he walks down Corridor.]

GAIUS

Edwin. I want to offer you my congratulations.

EDWIN

Thank you.

GAIUS

She was all but dead and you brought her back to life. How exactly did you do that?

EDWIN

I have developed an elixir for the treatment of just such an ailment.

GAIUS

I'd love to know the ingredients.

EDWIN

It is not yet perfected. You must give me more time before I make it public.

GAIUS

The injury to your face?

EDWIN

It happened when I was very young.

GAIUS

Perhaps it was I that treated you for it.

EDWIN

I told you before, we've never met.

GAIUS

Yes, of course. Well, I'll leave you to your work.

—

[13:24, INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DOOM] [Edwin stands before Uther, Arthur, and Morgana.]

UTHER

Name your reward.

EDWIN

I desire nothing more than the good health of my patient, Sire.

UTHER

There must be something I can do for you.

EDWIN

No. I will wait until the Lady Morgana is fully recovered, and then I will be on my way.

UTHER

Why don't you stay awhile? You could live here in the palace.

EDWIN

No. I - I feel I would be trespassing. And you already have a court physician.

GAIUS

I'm sure Gaius would be glad of your help.

EDWIN

It is a kind offer, but...

UTHER

Think about it. Dine with me later. Give me your decision then.

EDWIN

To dine with Your Majesty would be reward in itself.

[Edwin bows.]

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[14:07, INT. KING'S PALACE, HALL OF RECORDS] [Gaius approaches Geoffrey of Monmouth.]

GEOFFREY

Gaius!

GAIUS

Geoffrey. I'm here to ask a favour of you.

GEOFFREY

Well, anything for an old friend.

GAIUS

I wish to see the court records from the time of the Great Purge.

GEOFFREY

What possible need can you have for those?

GAIUS

I fear that the past may have come back to haunt us.

GEOFFREY

All the more reason to keep the records hidden.

GAIUS

I know that neither of us want to remember that time, but this is a matter of great urgency.

GEOFFREY

The records are sealed, they cannot be opened. Uther has forbidden it.

GAIUS

Geoffrey, I beg of you.

GEOFFREY

I'm sorry, Gaius. This time you ask too much. Even for me.

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[14:53, INT. KING'S PALACE, EDWIN'S GUEST CHAMBER] [Merlin knocks.]

MERLIN

Edwin?

[Merlin enters the room and examines Edwin's equipment. he opens the bug box . they're still. he closes it reads the inscription on the cover.]

MERLIN

Bebeode þe arisan ealdu.

[Merlin opens the box to see the bugs moving.]

EDWIN

Very good.

[Merlin turns around, knocking over a jar with powder in it. he hands the box to Edwin.]

EDWIN

Swefn.

[The bugs go still.]

EDWIN

You have magic.

MERLIN

It wasn't me, I didn't do anything.

EDWIN

Then how else did you bring them to life? Only magic can do such a thing. These little angels are how I cured Lady Morgana. They repaired the damage to her brain. They saved her life. Magic can be a force for good.

MERLIN

I know.

EDWIN

Then why do you fear it?

MERLIN

Uther has banned it, it's not permitted.

EDWIN

Should I have let Morgana die?

MERLIN

No.

EDWIN

People like us, we have a gift. Do you not think it should be used to make this a better world?

MERLIN

Perhaps.

[Merlin tries to clear up the powder he spilled.]

EDWIN

Don't waste your time picking that up. Feormian dærst rénian.

[The powder goes back in the jar.]

EDWIN

Why waste a talent like that? And I can teach you.

MERLIN

Rædan ásce géatan

[The jar pours the powder into a bowl.]

EDWIN

What do you use this for?

MERLIN

Gaius doesn't like me to.

EDWIN

A gift like yours should be nurtured, practised, enjoyed. You need someone to help you, to encourage you.

MERLIN

Perhaps.

EDWIN

Imagine what we could achieve, if we shared our knowledge.

MERLIN

I should be getting back.

EDWIN

Of course. But you must promise to keep our secret safe.

MERLIN

Of course.

EDWIN

People like you and I, we must look after each other.

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[19:05, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS] [Someone knocks.]

GAIUS

Come in.

[Geoffrey of Monmouth enters with a large book covered in a cloth.]

GEOFFREY

Gaius, you've been a good friend to me over the years, and you've done me many kindnesses. I can't deny you this one request.

GAIUS

The records?

GEOFFREY

I know you wouldn't ask unless it was important.

GAIUS

You must believe me, there's a great deal at stake.

GEOFFREY

If Uther were to discover this, he would kill us both.

GAIUS

It is for Uther's sake that I make the request. Trust me, please.

[Geoffrey hands Gaius the book.]

GAIUS

Thank you, old friend.

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[19:58, INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DOOM] [Uther dines with Edwin.]

UTHER

It's unlike Gaius to miss something like this.

EDWIN

We all make mistakes.

UTHER

Gaius is a great physician.

EDWIN

The very best. Which is what I don't understand.

UTHER

What?

EDWIN

It's not for me to speak out of turn.

UTHER

You saved the life of my ward, you may speak as you wish.

EDWIN

He has been prescribing sleeping draughts for Morgana.

UTHER

She suffers from bad dreams.

EDWIN

Yes. But the dreams should have been a warning.

UTHER

You think the two may be connected?

EDWIN

Oh, yes.

UTHER

A symptom of the illness?

EDWIN

I am certain of it, yes. And those potions, they masked the problem, and allowed it to develop to the point where...

UTHER

She nearly died. If you hadn't come along when you did.

EDWIN

But I did and that is all that matters. Her life was saved... in the nick of time.

UTHER

Will you undertake a review of his work? Just to be on the safe side.

EDWIN

If it would put your mind at rest, Sire.

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[21:23, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS] [Gaius continues to read.]

MERLIN

Have you been up all night?

GAIUS

Yes, but it was worth it. Where are you going?

MERLIN

Er, I told Edwin I'd be up at dawn to collect some supplies.

GAIUS

Well, you better get a move on then.

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[21:56, INT. KING'S PALACE, EDWIN'S GUEST CHAMBERS] [Gaius enters.]

GAIUS

Edwin. Your scar has healed well. I often wondered what happened to that poor young boy.

EDWIN

I told you we've never met before.

GAIUS

I didn't realise who you were until I checked the records. You used your mother's maiden name. You are Gregor and Jaden's son.

EDWIN

They were friends of yours.

GAIUS

They were sorcerers.

EDWIN

They practised magic. And so did a lot of people back then, Gaius.

GAIUS

Uther will be furious when he finds out who you are.

EDWIN

Fine. Fine. Shall we tell him? Let's go and tell him. Let's tell him. Let's tell him everything. Ooh, I know... We could also tell him about Merlin.

GAIUS

Merlin?

EDWIN

You didn't know he was a sorcerer? Ah. I wonder what Uther will do. Probably have him burnt.

GAIUS

You would betray another sorcerer?

EDWIN

You did. When you turned a blind eye and let my parents die at the hands of Uther! At least Merlin doesn't have a son who will try to rescue him from the flames!

GAIUS

You're here to take revenge.

EDWIN

And I have waited a long time.

GAIUS

You think I will sacrifice the King to save Merlin?

EDWIN

Think about it, Gaius. But if I find out that you have told one other person, including the boy, I will go straight to Uther.

[Merlin enters.]

MERLIN

I got your provisions.

EDWIN

Oh, thank you, Merlin. Gaius was just reminiscing about old times, weren't you, Gaius?

GAIUS

Yes.

EDWIN

But now, I must get back to work.

—

[24:21, INT. KING'S PALACE, CENTRAL CORRIDOR]

MERLIN

I'd better get on with my errands.

GAIUS

Yes, of course, you must.

MERLIN

Do you want me to get you anything?

GAIUS

No, I'm fine. Just do what Edwin asks.

—

[24:39, INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DOOM] [Edwin stands before Uther, Morgana, and Arthur.]

EDWIN

I have been through the court medical records with a fine-tooth comb, Sire.

UTHER

And were your findings satisfactory?

EDWIN

With regret, I would have to say they were not.

UTHER

How so?

EDWIN

Gaius is a great man, thorough, and dedicated.

UTHER

But?

[Edwin sighs.]

EDWIN

His methods are outdated. He has failed to keep up with the latest developments. This has led to a number of errors.

UTHER

Gaius has served me well for 25 years.

EDWIN

And one cannot blame him for the infirmity those years have brought. Age can be a terrible curse.

UTHER

Perhaps it is time to lighten his burdens. Have you given any more thought to my offer?

EDWIN

Yes. I have considered it very carefully.

UTHER

Allow me some time to do the same.

[Edwin bows and exits. Uther gets up and goes to the table for a drink. Morgana follows him.]

MORGANA

Uther, you can't do this.

UTHER

You heard what he said. Gaius is old, he makes mistakes.

MORGANA

Gaius has treated me since before I can remember. You can't cast him out.

UTHER

You would have died if your care had been left to him. That's something I could not bear.

MORGANA

I know that, but ...

UTHER

I cannot risk something like this happening again.

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[26:11, INT. KING'S PALACE, MERLIN'S CHAMBERS] [Gaius watches Merlin in his sleep. Gaius goes down the Tunnel Corridor to the Dragon's Cave with a torch.]

GAIUS

Hello? It is me, Gaius.

[The dragon flies up to the rock by the entrance.]

KILGHARRAH

How old a man can become and yet change so little.

GAIUS

You have not changed either.

KILGHARRAH

Twenty years, almost a lifetime to make the short journey back to where you began.

GAIUS

I'm not here for myself.

KILGHARRAH

The boy?

GAIUS

You know about Merlin?

KILGHARRAH

You have struggled against his destiny, but you can no more prevent it than he can.

GAIUS

So, it is true then?

KILGHARRAH

Oh yes. He and the young Pendragon one day will unite the land of Albion.

GAIUS

But he is in danger.

KILGHARRAH

No. It is my gaoler who stands in peril.

GAIUS

Must Uther be sacrificed for the boy?

KILGHARRAH

Their time cannot come until his is past.

GAIUS

But is that time now?

[The dragon chuckles darkly.]

KILGHARRAH

That is of your choosing.

GAIUS

I will not choose between them.

KILGHARRAH

Then turn a blind eye. That is, after all, your talent.

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[28:13, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS] [Gaius sits and ponders.]

ARTHUR

Gaius, my father needs to speak to you.

GAIUS

When?

ARTHUR

Immediately.

—
[28:33, INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DOOM.]

GAIUS

Sire. Is there a problem? Are you unwell?

UTHER

This is not an ailment you can treat me for. You've been a loyal servant for many years. I look on you as a friend.

GAIUS

I regard you in the same way, Sire.

UTHER

You've been here since Arthur's birth. And all that entailed. What I'm trying to do I think is best for you.

GAIUS

I'm confused, Sire.

UTHER

I'll give you a generous allowance, make sure you're looked after.

GAIUS

You're retiring me?

UTHER

I don't want you to worry. I'll allow you to continue living in your chambers until more suitable accommodation can be found.

GAIUS

Because I made one mistake? Although in truth, Sire, it was not a mistake.

[Gaius sees Edwin creep out from behind a column.]

GAIUS

It was...

EDWIN

Yes Gaius?

UTHER

It was unfortunate, I accept that.

GAIUS

May I ask who is to be the next court physician?

UTHER

None of this was Edwin's idea. Initially, he turned down the offer.

GAIUS

I'm sure.

UTHER

It's not been an easy decision, but the younger man, new ideas.

GAIUS

Yes.

UTHER

You're hesitant. Is there a reason you oppose his appointment?

GAIUS

Sire...

EDWIN

If you have anything to say, then say it now, Gaius.

UTHER

This is difficult for both of us.

GAIUS

I thank you for your patronage. It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve your family, for all these years.

—

[30:37, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS] [Merlin enters while Gaius is packing.]

MERLIN

Gaius! Uther cannot do this to you. You tried to save Morgana.

GAIUS

Uther's not to blame.

MERLIN

I will speak to Edwin, you can work together.

GAIUS

No, you mustn't do anything.

MERLIN

I can't stand by and do nothing.

GAIUS

Uther's right. It's time I stepped down.

[Merlin sees him packing.]

MERLIN

What are you doing?

GAIUS

I cannot stay when there's no longer a use for me.

MERLIN

You're not leaving?

GAIUS

I believe it's for the best.

MERLIN

Then I will come with you.

GAIUS

Merlin, you're like a son to me. I never expected such a blessing so late in life.

MERLIN

And you are more than a father to me.

GAIUS

Then, as a father, I must tell you, you must remain here. Camelot is where you belong.

MERLIN

But you belong here too.

GAIUS

Not anymore. Merlin, you must promise me you will not waste your gifts.

MERLIN

My gifts mean nothing without you to guide me.

GAIUS

You have a great destiny. If I have had a small part to play in that, then I'm pleased.

MERLIN

There is so much I have yet to learn. I need you to teach me.

GAIUS

I'm afraid I am leaving here tonight, Merlin. And there's nothing you can do or say that can persuade me otherwise.

MERLIN

I will not let this happen.

[Merlin exits.]

GAIUS

Goodbye, Merlin.

—

[32:11, EXT. TRAINING GROUNDS - DAY] [Merlin watches Arthur practice.]

MERLIN

I can't understand why Uther would sack him over one mistake.

ARTHUR

A mistake that nearly killed Morgana. Besides, it wasn't the only one.

MERLIN

What do you mean?

ARTHUR

Edwin said his work was riddled with errors.

MERLIN

That's nonsense.

ARTHUR

No one wants Gaius to go, but my father's made his decision. There's nothing anyone can do.

—

[32:41, INT. KING'S PALACE, CORRIDOR] [Uther walks with Edwin in the castle.]

UTHER

I think you'll be very happy here.

EDWIN

I'm sure I will. When I reviewed Gaius's work, I noticed that he's been prescribing you arnica.

UTHER

It's for, er, my shoulder, it's an old battle wound. It gives me a lot of pain.

EDWIN

May I take the liberty of providing a new prescription? It should prove far more effective.

UTHER

Really?

EDWIN

Oh, yes. It is a remedy to cure all ills.

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[33:24, EXT. LOWER TOWN] [Gwen sees Gaius lead a horse out of the main gate while she buys fruit from a stall.]

GWEN

Gaius? You're leaving?

GAIUS

Yes, I'm sorry I didn't come and say goodbye.

GWEN

I don't want you to go. I don't trust Edwin. There was no blood in Morgana's ear, he put it there. He did something to her, I know he did.

GAIUS

You need to be careful who you say that to.

GWEN

I'm saying it to you because you can do something about it.

GAIUS

I can't.

GWEN

But you think the same, don't you? He's evil.

GAIUS

It's not that simple.

GWEN

So you're going to turn your back on us?

GAIUS

I have no choice, I'm sorry Gwen.

GWEN

In life you always have a choice. Sometimes it's easier to think that you don't.

GAIUS

Well, then. My choice is to leave.

GWEN

Then I'll miss you.

[Gwen kisses Gaius on the cheek.]

GWEN

Goodbye Gaius.

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[34:16, INT. KING'S PALACE, UTHER'S CHAMBERS] [Uther drinks a potion and passes out on the bed.]

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[34:35, Gaius sits by a campfire in the woods.]

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[34:42, INT. KING'S PALACE, UTHER'S CHAMBERS] [Edwin leans over Uther's bed as Uther wakes from his drug induced sleep.]

EDWIN

My Lord. My Lord. It seems the drugs I gave you have taken hold. Your body is now paralysed. Now, open your eyes, My Lord. I want my face to be the last face you ever see. You took my childhood from me. And now finally, I take my parents' revenge. Within a few hours, the beetle will eat into your brain. And you will suffer, as they suffered. And I long to hear you scream, as they screamed the night you gave the order for the fires to be lit. With your death, magic will return to Camelot. Bebeode þe arisan ealdu.

[The bug crawls into Uther's ear.]

EDWIN

Goodbye, Uther Pendragon.

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[36:00, INT. KING'S PALACE, EDWIN'S GUEST QUARTERS] [Edwin enters.]

GAIUS I will not allow you to kill Uther.

EDWIN

You've never had a problem letting people die before.

GAIUS

Your parents were practising dark magic, just like you.

EDWIN

And how do you propose to stop me?

GAIUS

Wáce ierlic.

[Nothing happens.]

EDWIN

Hmm. I think you meant: vaki ierlt.

[The spell throws Gaius against the wall.]

EDWIN

Have you forgotten everything, Gaius? You're getting too old. I have a cure though. Forbærne yfel.

[The spell encircles Gaius in flames.]

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[26:59, INT. KING'S PALACE, GRIFFIN STAIRCASE - NIGHT] [Arthur runs in as Merlin descends the curved stairs.]

ARTHUR

Merlin! My father has Morgana's illness! We must find Edwin!

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[37:07, INT. KING'S PALACE, EDWIN'S GUEST CHAMBER - NIGHT] [Merlin bursts in.]

MERLIN

What are you doing?

GAIUS

He was trying to kill the King. I couldn't let him.

EDWIN

I can rule the kingdom now. And with you at my side, we can be all-powerful.

MERLIN

Release him!

EDWIN

It's your loss, Merlin.

[Edwin's spell throws an axe at Merlin, but Merlin stops it.]

EDWIN

Swilte, Merlin.

[Merlin's magic overpowers Edwin's. Merlin sends the axe to kill Edwin and the flames disappear.]

MERLIN

Are you alright?

GAIUS

Yes. Thank you Merlin.

[Merlin fetches the bug box.]

GAIUS

What are you doing?

MERLIN

Uther's ill; the same thing Morgana had. Edwin said he used these to cure Morgana. Maybe we can too.

GAIUS

Elanthia beetles.

MERLIN

They're magical?

GAIUS

Yes. They can be enchanted to enter the brain, feed on it until they devour the person's very soul. We must going to him.

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[38:52, INT. KING'S PALACE, UTHER'S CHAMBERS]

MERLIN

How do we get the beetle out before it kills him?

GAIUS

It can only be magic.

MERLIN

We can't use magic on Uther, he'd kill us.

GAIUS

We don't have a choice.

MERLIN

Gaius!

GAIUS

There are times when it is necessary. It is your right.

MERLIN

I don't know how.

GAIUS

If you don't, he's going to die.

[Merlin sits on the bed and places his hands over Uther's ears.]

MERLIN

Bebeode þe arisan ealdu. Ablinnen.

GAIUS

What's happening?

[Merlin pulls his hands back, holding the still bug in his hand.]

GAIUS

Has anyone ever told you, you're a genius?

MERLIN

You certainly haven't.

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[40:41, INT. KING'S PALACE, UThER'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Gaius prepares a potion for Uther the next morning.]

GAIUS

Drink this. It'll help regain your strength.

UTHER

There's nothing wrong with my strength. Do you remember them? His parents?

GAIUS

I remember them all, Sire.

UTHER

Gaius. Once again, you saved my life. You've always served me well. And I know there are things that I've asked you to do, which you found difficult.

GAIUS

You've always done what you believe to be right.

UTHER

I was not right to betray you. I'm sorry. From now on I will remember that, in the fight against magic, you are the one person I can trust.

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[41:45, INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DOOM - DAY] [Gaius stands before the royal court.]

UTHER

I, my family, and my kingdom are deeply indebted to you. And in honour of this, I not only reinstate you as court physician, but henceforth, you are a free man of Camelot.

[Uther hands Gaius a roll of parchment and the court applauds.]

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[42:18, EXT. LOWER TOWN - DAY]

GAIUS

Of course, it's all ridiculous. I didn't save Uther, you did.

MERLIN

No, no. For once, I'm happy for someone else to take the credit. You were prepared to sacrifice your life to save me.

GAIUS

Where do you get that from?

MERLIN

I thought...

GAIUS

No. I didn't do anything. You saved me and you saved Uther. Maybe you are a genius.

MERLIN

You think so?

GAIUS

Well, almost. One day.

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