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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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[EXT. EALDOR - DAY] [The people of Ealdor go about their day, but scatter when bandits come riding through.]

KANEN

Search the place! Find him!

[Bandits bring Matthew to Kanen with his arms full of food.]

KANEN

It's harvest time.

[Bandits hand him a couple of the bags Matthew was carrying.]

KANEN

What's this? Where's the rest of it?

MATTHEW

I only kept back what we need to survive.

KANEN

Survive? I'll be back in one week, farmer, and I want to see all of it.

HUNITH

You can't take our food! Our children will starve! I won't let you do this!

[Hunith tries to grab the bags that Kanen took.]

HUNITH

You're not taking any of it!

[Kanen smacks Hunith, who falls to the ground.]

VILLAGER

Hunith!

[A villager runs to help Hunith; Kanen shoots him with a crossbow.]

KANEN

I will give you a week. Don't you dare disappoint me. I'll see you later, sweetheart.

[The bandits ride off. Matthew helps Hunith get up.]

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[EXT. LOWER TOWN - DAY] [Hunith walks into Camelot. Merlin sees her as he's collecting water from the well.]

MERLIN

Mother?

HUNITH

Merlin!

[She goes to hug him, but he notices her bruise.]

MERLIN

What happened? Who did this to you?!

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, THRONE ROOM - DAY] [Hunith stands before Uther and the court.]

HUNITH

The winters are harsh in Ealdor, and there are many children. Some of them just won't be strong enough to survive. We barely have enough food as it is, and if Kanen takes our harvest, our children won't live to see another summer. Please, we need your help.

UTHER

Ealdor's in Cenred's kingdom. Your safety is his responsibility.

HUNITH

We've appealed to our King, but he cares little for the outlying regions. You're our only hope.

UTHER

I have the deepest sympathy for you and would have this barbarian wiped off the face of the earth.

HUNITH

You'll help us?

UTHER

I wish I could.

ARTHUR

Surely we can spare a few men?

UTHER

Resources are not the problem.

MORGANA

Then what is?

UTHER

Ealdor lies beyond the Ridge of Essetir. For an army of Camelot to enter it would be an act of war.

[Hunith drops to her knees.]

HUNITH

I know you're a good king, a caring man. I'm begging you, help us, please.

UTHER

The accord we've struck with Cenred was years in the making. I cannot risk hundreds of lives for the sake of one village. I'm afraid Camelot cannot help.

[Morgana glares at Uther and escorts Hunith out.]

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[EXT. KING'S PALACE, BATTLEMENTS - DAY] [Arthur looks out over Camelot. Merlin joins him.]

ARTHUR

I'm sorry. If it were up to me, we'd be on our way there now.

MERLIN

You tried. And thank you for getting an audience with the King.

ARTHUR

I wish that Camelot was able to help people regardless of how far away they lived.

MERLIN

I'm going back to Ealdor.

ARTHUR

Of course.

MERLIN

It's been an honour serving you.

ARTHUR

You'll be coming back.

MERLIN

Well, she's my mother. I have got to look after her before anyone else. You understand?

ARTHUR

I'd do exactly the same. Well, you've been terrible. Really, I mean it. The worst servant I've ever had.

MERLIN

Thank you, Sire.

ARTHUR

Merlin. Good luck.

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[INT. GWEN'S HOUSE - DAY] [Gwen helps Merlin pack for his trip.]

GWEN

Here.

[Gwen hands Merlin a sword. He starts to reach for the blade and she sucks in her breath. Merlin grabs the hilt.]

GWEN

Tell me how it feels?

MERLIN

Yeah. Yeah that feel...that feels really good. It's very, erm, you know...swordy.

[Gwen raises her eyebrows.]

GWEN

I've packed some armour for you.

MERLIN

I won't be able to carry all that.

[Morgana enters dressed in trousers and a corseted tunic.]

MORGANA

You won't have to. We're coming with you.

MERLIN

What do you mean?

GWEN

You're going to need all the help you can get. I can mend armour and sharpen swords.

MORGANA

And I know how to fight.

MERLIN

But y-y- you can't. I mean, why would you?

GWEN

If it was the other way around, you'd help us. You already have. You saved my life.

MORGANA

And you helped me get the druid boy out of Camelot. We owe it to you. Both of us.

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - DAY]

GAIUS

You got the food I prepared for you?

MERLIN

Yes.

GAIUS

Be careful with the wine. You know what you're like. One whiff of a barmaid's apron and you're singing like a sailor.

MERLIN

I'll be fine.

GAIUS

Are you sure you don't want an extra blanket?

MERLIN

It's okay, really. I'll be alright.

GAIUS

Well, make sure you are. Do whatever it takes.

[Gaius hugs Merlin.]

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[EXT. ROAD - DAY] [Merlin, Morgana, Gwen, and Hunith ride for Ealdor.]

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[EXT. WOODS, CAMP - NIGHT] [At night, Merlin sits at the campfire with his mother, the others asleep.]

HUNITH

They shouldn't be here. Especially the Lady Morgana. Isn't she the King's ward?

MERLIN

Not that you'd know it. She's the only person I know who isn't frightened of him.

HUNITH

It won't make any difference to Kanen that they're women.

MERLIN

I know. But I couldn't talk them out of coming.

[Merlin looks at the healing bruise on his mother's face.]

MERLIN

I want to make him pay for what he did to you.

HUNITH

Promise me you'll be careful. No one can find out about you.

MERLIN

They won't. They never do.

HUNITH

Get some rest.

[Hunith goes to lay down. Merlin takes a burning stick from the fire and blows some flecks into the air.]

MERLIN

Draca.

[The glowing flecks take the shape of the Pendragon dragon.]

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[EXT. WOODS - NIGHT] [Merlin shifts in his sleep and hears horse in the woods. He draws his sword and goes searching through the dark. Someone puts a sword against his back.]

ARTHUR

I'd ask you for money, but I know you don't have any.

MERLIN

Arthur!

[Merlin whips around and Arthur ducks as the sword swings near his head.]

ARTHUR

Put the word down, Merlin. You look ridiculous.

[Arthur takes Merlin's sword and walks toward their camp.]

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[EXT. WOODS, CAMP - NIGHT] [Arthur and Merlin sit at the newly stoked campfire.]

ARTHUR

How much further is it?

MERLIN

Er, maybe a few hours.

ARTHUR

How many men does Kanen have?

MERLIN

Erm, I'm not sure. I think, from what my mother said, maybe as many as forty.

ARTHUR

You should get some rest. It's going to be a long day tomorrow.

MERLIN

Thank you. Erm, I know you didn't have to come.

ARTHUR

Get some sleep.

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[EXT. ROAD - DAY] [Arthur, Merlin, Morgana, Gwen, and Hunith ride for Ealdor.]



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[EXT. EALDOR - DAY] [Bandits burst into the village looking for the rest of the food.]

MATTHEW

Wait.

BANDIT

What's in here? What's there?

KANEN

If you're hiding anything from me...

[Merlin's party continues to ride. Kanen's men discover a hidden stash.]

BANDIT

Kanen!

[The bandit hold up bags of food. A village woman touches a young girl on the shoulder.]

VILLAGE WOMAN

Stay there. Stay there.

MATTHEW

Please, we have to eat.

KANEN

Oh.

MATTHEW

And re-sow the fields for next year! We only kept the bare minimum! Everything else you can take.

KANEN

That sounds fair.

[Kanen strikes Matthew, and raises his axe for a final blow.]

MATTHEW

No!

[Arthur throws a sword into the post behind Kanen, rides up, dismounts, fights the bandits. Merlin rides up and dismounts too.]

KANEN  
Kill them!

[Merlin fights a bandit. girls arrive and dismount. Merlin caught against a door in his sword fight.]

MERLIN  
Hætende.

[The bandit's sword heats up. Will watches him. Bandit drops sword. Merlin kills him. bandit attacks Arthur from behind, but Morgana parries and kills him.]

MORGANA  
Bring back memories of when I used to beat you?

ARTHUR  
That never happened.

[Kanen mounts.]

KANEN  
You'll pay for this with your lives! All of you!

WILL  
You still up to the same old magic tricks again? Look, I thought I told you I didn't want your kind around here?

[Will smiles and Merlin grins back.]

MERLIN  
I miss you, too, Will.

[They hug.]

MERLIN  
It's good to see you again.

WILL

How've you been? I, er, hear you're skivvying for some prince.

MERLIN

No. I wouldn't say I'm a skivvy.

ARTHUR

Merlin! Gather the villagers, I need to talk to them.

MERLIN

Yeah, in a minute. I'm just talking...

ARTHUR

Now, Merlin. There isn't much time.

MERLIN

Yes, Sire.

[Arthur addresses the villagers.]

ARTHUR

I know Kanen's kind. He'll be back. And when he is, you must be ready for him. First of all, we have to prepare for...

WILL

Am I the only one wondering who the hell this is?

ARTHUR

I'm Prince Arthur of Camelot.

WILL (scoff)

Yeah, and, er, I'm Prince William of Ealdor.

HUNITH

Keep quiet. He's here to help us.

WILL

But he's made things worse. Kanen will be back, and when he is, he'll be looking for revenge. You've just signed our death warrants.

HUNITH

He saved Matthew's life!

ARTHUR

That's alright, Hunith. This is his village. What would you have us do?

WILL

We can't fight against Kanen. He has too many men.

ARTHUR

So what's the alternative?

WILL

Give him what he wants.

[The villagers shake their heads.]

ARTHUR

Then what? Those of you who don't starve to death will face him again next harvest! And the harvest after that.

WILL

We'll manage. We'll survive.

VILLAGERS

How?

ARTHUR

The only way he can be stopped is if you stand up to him.

WILL

No. You just want the honour and glory of battle! That's what drives men like you! Look, if you want to fight, then go home and risk the lives of your own people, not ours!

MERLIN

Will.

HUNITH

I'll follow you. If I'm to die, then I want to go out fighting.

MATTHEW

That goes for me, too.

VILLAGE MAN

You can count me in.

VILLAGE WOMAN

I'm in.

VILLAGER

Me too!

VILLAGERS

Yeah!

VILLAGE MAN

You can count me in!

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[INT. EALDOR, WILL'S HOUSE - DAY] [Merlin approaches Will.]

MERLIN

He knows what he's doing. You've got to trust him. Look, when I first met Arthur, I was exactly like you. I hated him. I thought he was pompous and arrogant.

[Will rights a stand that has a chainmail shirt and tabard on it.]

WILL

Well, nothing's changed there, then.

MERLIN

But, in time, I came to respect him for what he stands for, what he does.

WILL

Yeah, I know what he stands for: princes, kings, all men like him.

MERLIN

Will, don't bring what happened to your father into this.

WILL

I'm not. Why are you defending him so much? You're just his servant.

MERLIN

He's also my friend.

WILL

Friends don't lord it over one another.

MERLIN

He isn't like that.

WILL

Really? Well, let's wait until the fighting begins and see who he sends in to die first. I guarantee you, it won't be him.

MERLIN

I trust Arthur with my life.

WILL

Is that so? So he knows your secret, then? Look, face it, Merlin You're living a lie. Just like you were here. You're Arthur's servant, nothing more. Otherwise you'd tell him the truth.

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[INT. EALDOR, HUNITH'S HOUSE - NIGHT] [The Camelot party sleeps.]

ARTHUR

Have you always slept on the floor?

MERLIN

Yeah. The bed I've got in Camelot's luxury by comparison.

ARTHUR

Must've been hard.

MERLIN

Mmm. It's like rock.

ARTHUR

I didn't mean the ground. I meant, for you. It must've been difficult.

MERLIN

Mmm. Not really. I didn't know any different. Life's simple out here. You eat what you grow and everyone pitches in together. As long as you've got food on the table and a roof over your head, you're happy.

ARTHUR

Sounds...nice.

MERLIN

You'd hate it.

ARTHUR

No doubt. Why'd you leave?

MERLIN

Things just...changed.

ARTHUR

How? Come on, stop pretending to be interesting. Tell me.

MERLIN

I just didn't fit in anymore. I wanted to find somewhere that I did.

ARTHUR

Had any luck?

MERLIN

I'm not sure yet.

ARTHUR

We'll start training the men tomorrow. It's gonna be a long day. Get the candle.

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[INT. EALDOR, HUNITH'S HOUSE - DAY] [Merlin helps Arthur put his jacket on the next morning.]

MORGANA

You still not learned how to dress yourself?

ARTHUR

You don't have a dog and fetch the stick yourself. No offense, Merlin.

MERLIN  
None taken.

HUNITH  
Prince Arthur, you didn't finish your breakfast.

ARTHUR  
Didn't I?

MORGANA  
Come on, eat up.

[Arthur pretends to eat it.]

ARTHUR  
Mmmmm.

[Arthur hands the bowl off to Gwen.]

ARTHUR  
Right. Let's get going. We need wood, and lots of it.

MERLIN  
Of course.

[Gwen finished Arthur's breakfast and hands the bowl to Hunith.]

GWEN  
Arthur said it was lovely.

HUNITH  
He must care for you a great deal.

MERLIN  
Arthur'd do the same for any village. That's just the way he is.

HUNITH  
It's more than that. He's here for you.



MERLIN

I'm just his servant.

HUNITH

Give him more credit than that. He likes you.

MERLIN

That's because he doesn't know me. And if he did, I'd probably be dead by now.

HUNITH

You don't really believe that, do you?

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[EXT. EALDOR - DAY] [Merlin walks toward the woods with an axe.]

WILL

Merlin! Where are you going with that thing?

MERLIN

What does it look like? We need wood.

WILL

We both know that you don't need an axe to fell a tree.

MERLIN

And I remember the trouble it got me into. I nearly flattened Old Man Simmons.

WILL

Ha. Yeah, well, he deserved it, stupid old crow.

MERLIN

Mmm. He never did like me anyway.

WILL

Well, even less after that.

MERLIN (chuckles)

Why are you being like this?

WILL

You know why. Why did you leave?

MERLIN

It wasn't what I wanted. My mother was worried. When she found out you knew, she was so angry.

WILL

I wouldn't've told anyone.

MERLIN

Well, I know you wouldn't.

WILL

You'd be able to defeat Kanen on your own, wouldn't you?

MERLIN

I'm not sure. Maybe.

WILL

Well, so what's stopping you? So what if Arthur finds out?

MERLIN

I don't expect you to understand.

WILL

Try me.

MERLIN

One day Arthur will be a great king, but he needs my help. And if anyone ever found out about my powers, I'd have to leave Camelot for good.

WILL

Are you telling me you'd rather keep your magic a secret for Arthur's sake than use it to protect your friends and family?

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[EXT. EALDOR - DAY] [Arthur trains the village men.]

ARTHUR

I won't be able to teach you everything there is to know about fighting with a sword, but you

can learn the basics: the stance, how to parry a blow, how to land your own. On my count! One! Two! Three! Four! Now, you may have to watch for the feint. So, keep your feet moving, and only stay in range long enough to land your blow. And again. One! Two! Three! Four!

[Morgana and Gwen watch the training as they sharpen swords.]

ARTHUR

One! Two! Three! Four!

MORGANA

There is no way they're going to be able to hold Kanen off.

GWEN

Men aren't the only ones who can fight.

ARTHUR

Again. One! Two! Three! Matthew. I want you to organise sentry duty to keep an eye out for Kanen and his men.

MATTHEW

Be glad to.

ARTHUR

If there's any sign of attack, I want you to ride straight back here. I don't want you fighting all on your own.

MATTHEW

Ha-ha. (nods)

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[EXT. EALDOR - DAY] [Arthur draws water from the well to drink.]

MORGANA

Looks like the battle's already fought and lost.

ARTHUR

They'll toughen up.

GWEN

They need to.

ARTHUR

How are we doing for weapons?

MORGANA

There isn't much, but we should be able to scrape together what you need.

GWEN

It's not the weapons that worry us. It's having enough people to use them. We think the women should be allowed to fight.

MORGANA

You haven't enough men. If they were trained soldiers, maybe you'd stand a chance, but they're not.

ARTHUR

It's too dangerous.

[Arthur walks towards the resting men.]

ARTHUR

Right! Back on your feet! Come on, let's go!

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[INT. EALDOR, HUNITH'S HOUSE - NIGHT] [The Camelot party sleeps.]

GWEN

We don't stand a chance.

MORGANA

Arthur can't see that. He's too stubborn.

[Merlin wakes.]

GWEN

Why do you think he came here?

MORGANA

The same reason we did: Merlin. Arthur may act like he doesn't care, but he wouldn't be

here if he didn't.

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[INT/EXT. EALDOR, COMMON BUILDING - DAY] [Arthur speaks to the men.]

ARTHUR

We're not going to be able to defend Ealdor with sword and sinew alone. We're going to need a plan. We need to find some way of limiting their mobility and drawing them into a trap. If we fight them on their terms, then...

[A village woman screams. Arthur and the men rush outside to investigate. Matthew is slung over a horse.]

ARTHUR

Get him down from there!

[The village men take Matthew down as villagers gather around. Arthur reads the note that's on the arrow in his back.]

MERLIN

What does it say?

ARTHUR

"Make the most of this day, it will be your last."

FIANCÉ

Matthew! No! No! No!

WILL

You did this! Look what you've done! You've killed him!

MERLIN

It wasn't his fault.

WILL

If he hadn't been strutting around, treating us like his own personal army, this would never have happened!

ARTHUR

These men are brave enough to fight for what they believe in, even if you aren't!

WILL

You're sending them to their graves! You killed one man. How many more need to die before you realise this a battle that can't be won? When Kanen comes, you haven't got a chance. You're gonna be slaughtered.

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[INT. EALDOR, WILL'S HOUSE - DAY] [Merlin follows Will into Will's house.]

WILL

Don't bother, Merlin. I'm not interested.

MERLIN

You should be. Because tomorrow Kanen attacks, and whether you like it or not, we'll have to fight.

WILL

Not if I'm not here.

MERLIN

Well, that's up to you, but the rest of us are staying. Join us, Will! This isn't about Arthur, this is about your friends. Are you really going to abandon them?

WILL

What, like you did?

MERLIN

I'm here now.

WILL

Yeah. Yeah, you are. And you could end this. If you used your magic, then no one else would have to die.

MERLIN

You know I can't.

WILL

Can't or won't? I'm not the one abandoning these people, Merlin. You are.

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[INT. EALDOR, HUNITH'S HOUSE - DAY] [Arthur sharpens his sword. Merlin sits down

next to him.]

MERLIN

William's father was killed fighting for King Cenred, so he doesn't trust anyone of nobility.

ARTHUR

Do you think the villagers believed him?

MERLIN

No. He's always been a troublemaker. They're used to ignoring him.

ARTHUR

And if he's right?

MERLIN

He isn't.

[Hunith overhears them from inside her house.]

ARTHUR

I'm treating these men like soldiers, and they're not. You've seen them fight. They...they haven't got a clue! You need to tell them all to leave the village before Kanen returns.

MERLIN

No, we're going to stay. We're going to fight, and we're going to win.

ARTHUR

Merlin, it can't be done. The odds are too great.

MERLIN

It can. We're going to make Kanen rue the day he ever came to this village. All you need to do is get the men ready for battle, and the rest will take care of itself.

ARTHUR

How?

MERLIN

You've just got to believe in them. Because if you don't, they'll sense it, and the battle'll be lost before it's even begun.

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[INT. EALDOR, COMMON BUILDING - NIGHT] [Arthur addresses the villagers.]

ARTHUR

Tomorrow morning, the women and children should gather what belongings they can carry and go to the woods.

GWEN

We're not going anywhere!

ARTHUR

I know you want to help. The women can't stay here. It's too dangerous.

GWEN

The women have as much right to fight for their lives as the men do!

ARTHUR

But none of you know how to fight.

GWEN

The more of us there are, the better chance we stand!

[The women step forward.]

ARTHUR

This is your home. If you want to fight to defend it, that's your choice. I'd be honoured to stand alongside you. Kanen attacks tomorrow. Kanen's brutal. He fights only to kill, which is why he will never defeat us. Look around. In this circle, we're all equals. You're not fighting because someone's ordering you to, you're fighting for so much more than that. You fight for your homes. You fight for your family. You fight for your friends. You fight for the right to grow crops in peace. And if you fall, you fall fighting for the noblest of causes: fighting for your very right to survive! And when you're old and grey, you'll look back on this day, and you'll know you earned the right to live every day in between! So you fight! For your family! For your friends! For Ealdor!

[The villagers stand with swords raised.]

VILLAGERS & MERLIN

For Ealdor! Ealdor! Ealdor! Ealdor! Ealdor! Ealdor! Ealdor!



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[INT. EALDOR, HUNITH'S HOUSE - NIGHT] [Hunith sits pensively in her home. Merlin enters and hangs up his jacket.]

HUNITH  
Come here.

[Merlin sits down beside her and she strokes his face.]

HUNITH  
I do love you, my boy.

MERLIN  
What's wrong?

HUNITH  
I should never have gone to Camelot. I've ruined everything for you.

MERLIN  
You haven't. Why would you say that?

HUNITH  
I know what you're planning to do.

MERLIN (sigh)  
If it comes to a choice between saving people's lives and revealing who I really am, \*shrugs\* there is no choice.

HUNITH  
You can't let Arthur know about your gift.

MERLIN  
Why not? Maybe it's meant to be this way. And if he doesn't accept me for who I really am, then he's not the friend I hoped he was.

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[EXT. WOODS - DAY] [Arthur stands watch. Gwen brings him a bowl of Hunith's home cooking.]

GWEN

Arthur, Hunith made you some food.

[Gwen hands him the bowl.]

ARTHUR  
Thanks.

[Gwen turns to leave.]

ARTHUR (mutters)  
I think.

[Gwen stops and turns back around.]

GWEN  
Food is scarce for these people, you shouldn't turn your nose up at it!

[Arthur stares at her.]

GWEN  
Oh, no. I-I shouldn't've spoken to you like that. I'm sorry.

ARTHUR  
Gwen.

[Gwen starts leaving.]

GWEN  
I'm sorry, I don't know what I was thinking. It won't happen again.

ARTHUR  
Guinevere!

[Gwen turns to face him.]

ARTHUR  
Thank you. You're right. And you were right to speak up. I should've listened to you and Morgana. (mutters) We're going to need all the help we can get.

GWEN

We'll be fine.

ARTHUR

How can you be so sure?

GWEN

Because I have faith in you. I mean, we all do.

ARTHUR

Thank you.

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[INT. EALDOR, HUNITH'S HOUSE - DAY] [Merlin starts to help Arthur with his armour.]

ARTHUR

No, not today.

MERLIN

Put on your own.

[They dress for battle. Merlin struggles with the buckle on one of his bracers. Arthur helps him out.]

ARTHUR

You ready?

MERLIN

My throat's dry.

ARTHUR

Me too.

[Arthur hold out his hand and Merlin shakes it.]

ARTHUR

It's been an honour.

MERLIN

Whatever happens out there today, please don't think any differently of me.

ARTHUR

I won't. It's alright to be scared, Merlin.

MERLIN

That's not what I meant.

ARTHUR

What is it? If you've got something to say, now's the time to say it.

MORGANA

Arthur. They've crossed the river.

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[EXT. EALDOR - DAY] [Arthur goes down the line of villagers, shaking hands.]

ARTHUR

You ready?

VILLAGER

Ready.

ARTHUR

For Ealdor.

[He reaches Gwen and shakes her hand.]

ARTHUR

Are you frightened?

GWEN

Not in the slightest.

[Gwen, Arthur, and Merlin take their hiding positions. Kanen and his men ride out of the woods and into the village.]

ARTHUR

Hold. No one moves until they give the signal.

[Kanen and his men stop and look around the empty village.]

ARTHUR

Hold.

KANEN

Come out, come out wherever you are.

GWEN

Now, pull!

[Gwen and a villager pull up a hidden gate, trapping the riders inside. Morgana tries to light a fire with flint.]

ARTHUR

Now, Morgana. What are you waiting for? Something's gone wrong.

[Merlin rushes off.]

ARTHUR

Merlin!

[Kanen spots Merlin running.]

KANEN

There's one. Get him!

[Merlin dodges the arrow.]

KANEN

Kill him!

[Merlin dodges again and reaches Morgana, still desperately trying to light a fire.]

MERLIN

Give me the flint.

[Morgana hands them over and Merlin pretends to use them.]

MERLIN

Baerne.

[Merlin lights a fire and a prepared line flames up, trapping the riders.]

KANEN

Come back! Don't run away!

[Kanen's men ride back into the village.]

ARTHUR

Now!

[The villagers give a battle cry as they spring out of hiding to fight. A rider comes up behind Merlin and Will jumps off a roof in his father's armour to unhorse the rider.]

MERLIN

I didn't think you were coming.

WILL

Neither did I.

[Merlin and Will fight back to back. The villagers start losing. Merlin and Will stop to assess the situation.]

WILL

There's too many of them.

MERLIN

Not for me there isn't. Cume thoden.

[Merlin conjures a windstorm, Arthur sees. the villagers start winning and the remaining bandits flee. Gwen and Morgana hug. Kanen marches out to face Arthur.]

KANEN

Pendragon!

[Arthur fights Kanen and wins, running him through. then he marches angrily towards Merlin and Will.]

ARTHUR

Who did that?

MERLIN

What?

ARTHUR

Wind like that doesn't just appear from nowhere. I know magic when I see it. One of you made that happen.

MERLIN

Arthur...

[Kanen picks up a crossbow and aims it at Arthur.]

WILL

Look out!

[Will pushes Arthur out of the way and gets hit himself. Kanen dies.]

MERLIN

Will!

ARTHUR

You just saved my life.

WILL

Yeah. Don't know what I was thinking.

ARTHUR

Come on! Get him inside!

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[INT. EALDOR, WILL'S HOUSE - DAY] [Merlin, Arthur, and a couple village men carry Will inside.]

WILL

That's twice I've saved you.

ARTHUR

Twice?

WILL

Yeah, it was me. I'm the one that used the magic.

MERLIN

Will, don't.

[Arthur looks at Merlin.]

WILL

It's alright, Merlin. I won't be alive long enough for anyone to do anything to me. I did it. I saw how desperate things were becoming and I had to do something.

ARTHUR

You're a sorcerer?

WILL

Yeah. What are you gonna do? Kill me?

ARTHUR

No. Of course not. Do what you can for him.

[Merlin nods. Arthur puts his hand on Will's shoulder and then leads the women out.]

WILL

I was right about him. I told you he was going to get me killed.

MERLIN

You're not going to die.

WILL

You're a good man, Merlin. A great man. And one day, you're going to be servant to a great king. Now you can still make that happen.

MERLIN

Thanks to you.

WILL

This place has been boring without you. It was good to see you again.

MERLIN

Yeah, you too.



WILL

Merlin. Merlin, I'm scared.

MERLIN

Don't be. It's going to be alright.

WILL

Merlin...\*dies\*

[The villagers stand at Will's funeral pyre.]

ARTHUR

I'm sorry. I know he was a close friend.

MERLIN

He still is.

ARTHUR

You knew he was a sorcerer, didn't you? That's what you were going to tell me?

MERLIN

Yes. It was.

ARTHUR

You know how dangerous magic is. You shouldn't've kept this from me, Merlin.

[Arthur walks over to Morgana and Gwen. Hunith walks over to Merlin.]

HUNITH

You better be going.

MERLIN

I don't have to go.

HUNITH

Yes, you do.

MERLIN

If anything were to happen to you...

HUNITH

I know where to find you. You have to go, Merlin. You belong at Arthur's side. I've seen how much he needs you. How much you need him. You're like two sides of the same coin.

MERLIN

I've heard someone say that about us before. I'm going to miss you.

[Merlin hugs his mum.]

HUNITH

I'm going to miss you , too. When you left, you were just a boy. Now look at you. I'm so proud of you.

[Gwen, Morgana, Arthur, and Merlin ride for Camelot.]

HUNITH (voiceover)

When the time is right, the truth will be known. Until then, you must keep your talents hidden. It's better for everyone.

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