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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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[INT. IDIRSHOLAS - NIGHT] [Morgause walks behind tall cobwebbed figures in the chamber of an empty old castle.]

MORGAUSE

Cnihtas Medhires, éower sáwla sind min sáwla. Onwác and cóm hér eft. Rid eft ond forsliehð eft. Gehðu, Uther Pendragon!

[Morgause lights a fire in the middle of the circle of figures. The figures begin to move.]

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DOOM - DAY]

JOSEPH

I'm a herder from the northern plains, Sire. Three nights back, we were camped beneath the walls of Idirsholas.

UTHER

I'm not sure I would've chosen such a place.

JOSEPH

Good pasture is scarce at this time of year, Sire.

UTHER

And what is it you have to tell me?

JOSEPH

While we were there we, we saw smoke rising from the citadel.

GAIUS

And did you see anything else?

JOSEPH

No.

UTHER

Did you go inside?

JOSEPH

No. Nobody has stepped over that threshold for 300 years! You must know the legend, Sire.

GAIUS

When the fires of Idirsholas burn, the knights of Medhir will ride again.

UTHER

See to it this man is fed and has a bed for the night. Take a ride out there.

ARTHUR

Why?

UTHER

So we can put people's minds at rest.

ARTHUR

Surely this is superstitious nonsense?

UTHER

Gather the guard and do as I say.

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

MERLIN

Why is Uther so worried?

GAIUS

Because the Knights of Medhir are a force to be reckoned with.

MERLIN

Do you believe the story as well?

GAIUS

It's more than a story, Merlin. Some 300 years ago, seven of Camelot's knights were seduced by a sorcerer's call. One by one, they succumbed to her power. At her command, they became a terrifying and brutal force that rode through the lands leaving death and destruction in their wake.

MERLIN

What happened?

GAIUS

It was only after the sorcerer herself was killed that the Knights of Medhir finally grew still. Merlin, if what Joseph says is true, then something has awoken them, and I fear for each and every one of us.

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, MORGANA'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Morgana enters her room and finds her window open and a little box on her window ledge. she opens it and read the note placed inside.]

"My dearest Morgana,

Meet me tonight after sundown in ...outside the castle gates. I will...the marked and distinctive...

Until then, keep..."

GWEN

Are you all right?

[Morgana crumples the note.]

MORGANA

Yes, just a little cold.

GWEN

Do you need something warmer?

MORGANA

No, thank you.

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[EXT. FOREST - DAY] [Merlin and Arthur's party rides through the woods.]

ARTHUR

What is it, Merlin? Don't tell me you've been listening to Gaius's bedtime stories again.

MERLIN

I just hope that's all they are.

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[EXT. KING'S PALACE/FOREST - NIGHT] [Morgana sneaks out of the castle at night to meet Morgause in the woods.]

MORGAUSE

You look well.

MORGANA

Thanks to you.

[Morgana touches the enchanted bracelet Morgause gave her.]

MORGANA

I wear it all the time. I can't remember when I last had a bad dream.

MORGAUSE

But you do not seem happy. Why is that?

MORGANA

I would be if I didn't have to pretend.

MORGAUSE

Pretend?

MORGANA

That I'm Uther's loving ward when I hate him.

MORGAUSE

Have you ever imagined a new world, Morgana? One where Uther was no more?

MORGANA

Sometimes.

MORGAUSE

And is that what you'd like?

MORGANA

I once had the chance to be his assassin.

MORGAUSE

And what stopped you?

MORGANA

I don't know. I believe he cared for me. But not anymore. He cares for no one.

MORGAUSE

So, you want Uther destroyed and his reign to end?

MORGANA

More than anything. But it doesn't matter what I want. The future's not of my making.

MORGAUSE

You are wrong, Morgana. You underestimate your importance. The decisions you make now will change the shape of everything that is to come.

MORGANA

What do you mean?

MORGAUSE

Whose side are you on, Morgana? Are you with Uther? Or are you with me? Are you prepared to help me bring about his downfall?

MORGANA

I am.

MORGAUSE

I can't tell me how much it means to hear you say that.

[Morgause's eyes glow and Morgana passes out in Morgause's arms. Morgause lays her on the ground and begins to draw a circle around Morgana with a stick.]

MORGAUSE

Acene slæp swilce ... Acene slæp swilce ... Acene slæp swilce ...

[Morgana begins to glow.]

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, MORGANA'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Morgana wakes in her bed the next morning.]

GWEN

Morning, My Lady. Morgana. Morgana.

MORGANA

Yes.

GWEN

Did you sleep well? (yawn)

MORGANA

Yes. Better than you, by the looks of it.

GWEN

Sorry. (sigh)

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, UTHER'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Uther sits up in bed, sweating.]

UTHER

I have court business that needs attending to.

GAIUS

You have to stay in bed, Sire. You have a fever. I'll prepare a tonic for you. When did he first fall ill?

SIR LEON

It came on this morning. It's not something to worry about?

GAIUS

No. It will soon pass. Be sure to let me know if there's any change.

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[INT. IDIRSHOLAS - DAY] [Arthur's party rides for the fortress and enters the ruins.]

MERLIN

What's that noise?

ARTHUR

What noise?

MERLIN

A sort of trembling sound.

ARTHUR

That's your knees knocking together.

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Gwen sits, waiting for Gaius to give her a remedy.]

GAIUS

I fear this contagion is spreading. You're the fifth person I've seen today.

GWEN

I'm sure it's nothing.

[Gaius knocks a potion bottle to the floor, which shatters.]

GAIUS

Damn.

[Gaius bends down.]

GAIUS

Ooh.

[Gaius straightens up.]

GAIUS

I'll pick that up later. I think I might need a little something myself. If I can ever find what it is I'm looking for.

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[INT. IDIRSHOLAS - DAY] [Arthur's party enters the chamber in the fortress where Morgause awoke the knights at the beginning. Arthur checks the ashes of the fire.]

ARTHUR

It seems part of Joseph's story was true. Probably just travellers passing through.

[Merlin turns his head back toward the entrance.]

MERLIN

Or maybe not.

[Knights of Idirsholas draw their swords. Arthur's party fights the knights. Arthur runs one through, but it doesn't fall. Fight, stab, repeat. Arthur loses his sword in an undead knight's gut.]

MERLIN

Arthur!

[Merlin throws Arthur a sword.]

ARTHUR

Run, Merlin! Go!

[Merlin passes Arthur, but then stops.]

ARTHUR

What are you...?! Do as I say!

[Arthur shoves Merlin toward the entrance. Merlin waits in the doorway for Arthur. Arthur fights his way to the door and faces approaching undead knights.]

MERLIN

Ahríes þæc!

[Merlin pulls Arthur backwards out of the room as the entrance crumbles.]

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[EXT. FOREST - DAY] [Merlin and Arthur run into the woods and then stop.]

ARTHUR

What happened to your arm?

MERLIN

Oh, I must have caught in on something.

ARTHUR

Let me see. Your first battle wound. Here.

[Arthur rips off the bottom of his tunic.]

MERLIN

Er, no. No, don't...You'll ruin it.

ARTHUR

Don't worry. You can mend it.

[Arthur wraps Merlin's arm.]

ARTHUR

Did anyone else escape?

[Merlin shakes his head.]

ARTHUR

We need to get back to Camelot, gather reinforcements.

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[EXT. KING'S PALACE, MAIN SQUARE - DAY] [Merlin and Arthur dismount at the city entrance where the guards are lying on the ground.]

MERLIN

Are they dead?

ARTHUR

No. They're breathing.

MERLIN

What's happened to them?

ARTHUR

I don't know.

[They jog into the Square where guards and knights are strewn about.]

ARTHUR

What's going on?

[A horse comes into the Square with a cart, the driver fast asleep.]

MERLIN

I'll get Gaius.

[Merlin jogs into the palace.]

MERLIN

Arthur?!

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, GRIFFIN STAIRCASE - DAY] [Arthur runs in after Merlin. People are passed out on the staircase.]

MERLIN

They're all fast asleep. Must be some kind of sickness.

ARTHUR

Where's my father?

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DOOM - DAY] [Arthur rushes in, but it's empty.]

ARTHUR

Where is he?!

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

MERLIN

Gaius!

[Gaius is asleep on his work table.]

MERLIN

It must be the work of magic.

ARTHUR

We have to find my father!

[Arthur and Merlin pass Morgana's Chambers and go inside. Arthur notices Gwen lying on the floor and moves her to the bed. they hear the curtain behind them move. Arthur draws his sword and pulls Morgana out from behind it.]

ARTHUR

shout

MORGANA

scream

ARTHUR

It's me! It's me, Morgana! What's happened?

MORGANA

I didn't know it was you!

ARTHUR

Calm down, Morgana. Just tell me what happened.

MORGANA

People were complaining, saying they weren't feeling well.

ARTHUR

And what then?

MORGANA

They started falling asleep. Everyone, everywhere I went.

ARTHUR

Was someone here?

MORGANA

shakes head

ARTHUR

Then why were you hiding?

MORGANA

I told you, I didn't know who you were.

ARTHUR

Where's my father?

MORGANA

I don't know.

MERLIN

Arthur, she's distressed.

ARTHUR

If she was awake then she must have seen something.

MORGANA

I didn't see anything.

ARTHUR

You saw people getting sick, what did you do?

MORGANA

What could I do?

ARTHUR

Morgana, I don't understand. Why is it that you're the only person awake?

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, UPPER CORRIDOR - DAY] [Knights of Medhir ride out from

Idirsholas. Arthur, Merlin, and Morgana walk down the corridor.]

MERLIN

Don't worry, I won't say anything.

MORGANA

About what?

MERLIN

The illness.

MORGANA

That has nothing to do with me.

MERLIN

No, of course not, but you have magic.

MORGANA

You haven't told anyone that!

MERLIN

No, and I won't tell Arthur, but...there must be something keeping you safe, and I think that must be it.

MORGANA

Right.

ARTHUR (distant)

I found him!

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, UTHUR'S CHAMBERS -DAY] [Arthur lifts his father from his slumped position over the table.]

ARTHUR

Father.

MERLIN

See, he's all right.

ARTHUR

He is not "all right".

MERLIN

He's just asleep. All we have to do is find the cure. A way to wake them.

ARTHUR

Who could have done this? You're the only one who's not been affected, Morgana. There must be a reason.

MORGANA

I don't know.

ARTHUR

That's all you keep saying! You must know something!

MORGANA

No, they just fell asleep one by one!

MERLIN

It's obvious. When she started feeling sick, Gaius gave her a potion, right?

ARTHUR

When was she sick? She never said that.

MERLIN

She was one of the last to be affected. Somehow the potion must have helped.

ARTHUR

What about everyone else?

MERLIN

By then Gaius was too ill. He didn't have a chance to treat anyone else.

ARTHUR

Go and see if you can find this potion. I'll search for signs of life in the lower town. Morgana, you stay here. You look after my father. Keep him safe. Here. Protect him with your life, you understand?

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[EXT. FOREST - DAY] [Morgause meets her undead knights in the woods. They dismount and bow before her.]

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Merlin flips through magic book.]

MERLIN
All right, Gaius, this is going to wake you. Ic ácwice þé.

[Gaius springs up with a goofy grin.]

MERLIN
Gaius!

[Gaius has a blank stare.]

MERLIN
Gaius? All right. Er...

[Merlin flips pages in the magic book.]

MERLIN
Oh. We could try this. Ic þé bebíede þæt þú mé slæpest!

[Gaius's chair collapses and he ends up on the floor.]

MERLIN
Well, maybe not. Er...(sigh) Oh, come on, Gaius. I need you to wake up.

[Gaius still staring forward with a silly grin.]

MERLIN
I really need your help.

[Merlin flips through the book.]

MERLIN
Ah, here we go. Brimstréam!

[The spell splashes water in Gaius's face.]

ARTHUR

Merlin!

[Merlin snaps the book shut.]

ARTHUR

Come quickly!

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[EXT. KING'S PALACE, BATTLEMENTS/LOWER TOWN - DAY] [Merlin and Arthur watch from the battlements as eight riders head for Camelot.]

MERLIN

According to the legend there were only seven nights of Medhir.

ARTHUR

Then who's the extra rider?

MERLIN

I don't know. Camelot is defenceless.

ARTHUR

We have to get back to my father.

[Medhir riders pass through the lower town.]

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, UTHUR'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Merlin and Arthur return.]

ARTHUR

This will be one of the first places they look. We have to get him somewhere else.

MORGANA

What's going on?

ARTHUR

We're under attack. No time to explain. Grab his legs, carry him. You're not meant to be sweeping the floor with him! Pick his feet up!

MERLIN

His feet aren't the problem.

ARTHUR

Morgana, give him a hand.

[The riders cross the drawbridge.]

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, CORRIDOR - DAY] [Merlin grins as Uther snores while they drag him through the corridor.]

ARTHUR

It is not funny, Merlin. Did you find the potion Morgana took?

MERLIN

Er...no.

[The riders dismount in the square.]

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Arthur, Merlin, and Morgana drag Uther into the room. Merlin and Morgana drop his legs.]

ARTHUR

We can't leave him here! We have to lift him onto the bed.

MERLIN

Why? He's asleep. He's not going to know.

ARTHUR

Merlin!

MERLIN

Well...I'll get him a pillow.

ARTHUR

He's the King!

MERLIN

All right. Two pillows.

[Merlin and Arthur put pillows under Uther's head. Arthur staggers as he stands up.]

MERLIN You alright?

ARTHUR Are you feeling the same?

MERLIN We're getting sick.

[Merlin looks at Morgana who's still fine.]

ARTHUR
We can't let that happen. We must keep my father hidden.

MERLIN
Why don't we disguise him?

ARTHUR
That might just work.

MERLIN
We could dress him as a woman.

ARTHUR
That, on the other hand...

MERLIN
We could dress him as a servant.

ARTHUR
That's better.

MERLIN
I'll get him some clothes.

ARTHUR
Are you alright, Morgana? You seem quiet.

MORGANA
I'm fine.

ARTHUR

You sure? I can always tell when you're lying. Don't worry. I won't let any harm come to him.

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, CORRIDORS/DRAGON'S CAVE - DAY] [Merlin hides from the undead knights wandering through the castle. He goes to the Dragon's Cave.]

MERLIN

What's going on?! Why is everyone asleep?!

KILGHARRAH

pretend snoring

MERLIN

Please not you as well. I need your help! What am I going to do?! Don't pretend. I know you're listening to me.

KILGHARRAH (yawn)

I don't need to listen to you, Merlin. You always say the same thing: "Help me". And yet you refuse to give anything in return. Now you will face the consequence of that decision. Camelot's end is nigh, and there's nothing you can do about it.

MERLIN

I know I promised to free you, and I will!

KILGHARRAH

Hahahaha.

MERLIN

I will! I promise!

KILGHARRAH

I no longer trust your promises.

MERLIN

I swear on my mother's life!

KILGHARRAH

Careful what you say.

MERLIN

You have to help me. Please?

KILGHARRAH

Her life matters more to you than your own. This is an oath I believe you will honour.

MERLIN

I will.

KILGHARRAH

It is one thing to cast a spell that puts everyone to sleep. The power to maintain it is a very different matter. It will need more than just words to break this enchantment.

MERLIN

What do you mean?

KILGHARRAH

You must eradicate the source, Merlin.

MERLIN

Great. What is that?

KILGHARRAH

Not what, but who. Such spells need a vessel, a constant living presence to give them strength. The source of this pestilence is the witch, the Lady Morgana.

MERLIN

Can't be.

KILGHARRAH

I have warned you about her in the past, but you have failed to take heed. She is dangerous!

MERLIN (sigh)

No.

KILGHARRAH

And now she has chosen to turn her back on her own.

MERLIN

How do I stop her?

KILGHARRAH

That is easy, young warlock. You must kill her.

MERLIN (whisper)

No!

KILGHARRAH

The spell is woven with magic of such power that even you are not immune. You must act now before it's too late. If you do not, then Camelot will fall and Arthur will die, and the future you were destined to share will die with you.

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Merlin grabs clothes, a water skin, and a bottle of Hemlock.]

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, CORRIDOR - DAY] [Merlin runs down the corridor. Arthur grabs him and pulls him into an alcove.]

ARTHUR

What took you so long?

MERLIN

I didn't know Uther's size.

[Merlin and Arthur hear undead breathing, so they peek around the other side of the alcove to see Morgause walking down the corridor with the undead knights. Furious! Arthur tries to pull his sword, but Merlin stops him.]

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Merlin enters.]

MORGANA

I was worried about you.

MERLIN

They're here! They're in the castle!

MORGANA

Where's Arthur?

MERLIN

Gone to find somewhere safe to move to.

MORGANA

Thank you for not saying anything to him.

MERLIN

It's all right.

MORGANA

You're a good friend.

[Arthur enters.]

ARTHUR

We have to move my father before Morgause gets here.

MORGANA

Morgause!

ARTHUR

Come on! Let's go!

MERLIN

You're not surprised?

MORGANA

No, I am.

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, SERVANT'S CHAMBER - DAY] [They drag Uther into a servant's chamber.]

ARTHUR

Should be safe in here for a while.

[They drop Uther on the low bed. Merlin and Arthur sit down while Morgana stands at the window unaffected by the spell.]

ARTHUR

Must be the potion Gaius gave her.

MERLIN

Yeah, must be the potion.

ARTHUR

We can't keep this up much longer.

MERLIN

I know. Wait. We're in a servant's quarters. If we leave him here, they'll just think he's a servant.

ARTHUR

Not if Morgause sees him. We need to get him out of Camelot.

MERLIN

When we arrived there was a cart in the main square, remember?

ARTHUR

You are full of good ideas today, Merlin. You go and look.

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, CORRIDOR - DAY] [Merlin looks out a window at the cart in the square. Merlin is attacked by an undead knight in the corridor.]

MERLIN

Atres!

[The spell throws the knight against the wall. Merlin flees. It gets back up.]

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, SERVANT'S CHAMBER - DAY] [Merlin runs into the servant's chamber.]

MERLIN

They're closing in! We won't make it to the cart, not carrying Uther.

ARTHUR

That's why we've made this. We're gonna pull him.

[Arthur peeks out of the servant's chamber at an undead knight, closes the door, draws sword and hides behind a column.]

ARTHUR

Get down. Keep quiet.

[Merlin and Morgana hide. behind another column. undead knight enters and Arthur attacks.]

ARTHUR

Protect the King! Get him out of here!

[Merlin and Morgana drag Uther out of the room and down the Upper Corridor. an undead knight pursues them. Morgana trips and falls.]

MORGANA

Merlin!

[Merlin pauses and then keeps dragging the King.]

MORGANA

Please!

[The knight goes to strike her. Morgana screams and cowers on the floor. The undead knight stops and looks at her, then goes after Merlin. Merlin drags Uther down Red Ribbon Corridor. He's about to use magic against the knight, but Arthur jumps in to fight it and kicks it down a spiral set of stairs.]

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DOOM - DAY] [They enter.]

ARTHUR

Merlin, help me.

[Merlin and Arthur bar the door.]

ARTHUR

Morgana, we need the remedy that Gaius gave you. Morgana.

MORGANA

I don't have it.

ARTHUR

I know that, but you must remember what it was, what was in it? Come on, Morgana! We can't keep going much longer! Think!

MORGANA

I'm sorry! I...

MERLIN

It doesn't matter. We can't get it now anyway, we're trapped.

ARTHUR

There has to be something we can do!

MERLIN (whisper)

Why didn't that knight kill you?

MORGANA

How do I know? Because I'm a woman?

MERLIN

Yeah, maybe.

ARTHUR

Unless we can rid ourselves of this sickness, then I don't see how we're going to hold out.

MERLIN

We have to destroy the source of the magic.

ARTHUR

Which is?

MERLIN

I don't know.

ARTHUR

Our only chance is to get out of Camelot. Help me with my father. You cut the blanket up. We'll tie it to my father, and we'll lower him onto the cart.

MORGANA

Arthur...

ARTHUR

Morgana, please just do as I say. I'll fetch the cart 'round to the window.

MERLIN

You're going out there? I'll come with you.

ARTHUR

No. No, you stay. You protect my father.

MERLIN

You won't reach the cart alone. It's suicide.

ARTHUR

We have no choice.

MERLIN

How you feeling?

ARTHUR

Not bad.

MERLIN

You sure?

ARTHUR

Yeah, you?

MERLIN

Never better.

ARTHUR

Get me a pillow, could you.

MERLIN

Don't mess around. Arthur you... Arthur? You need to stay awake.

[Arthur begins to fall asleep leaning against the door. Merlin smacks him.]

ARTHUR

Merlin!

MERLIN

That's better!

ARTHUR

If you ever do that again...

MERLIN

Well, don't fall asleep, then!

[Arthur takes the water skin from Merlin and splashes his face with it. the undead knights growl outside the door.]

ARTHUR

That your knees again?

[Arthur and Merlin unbar the door.]

ARTHUR

If I need a servant in the next life...

MERLIN

Don't ask me.

ARTHUR

Ha-ha!

[Arthur draws his sword and jumps out into the corridor. Merlin re-bars the door.]

MORGANA

He's not going to survive out there.

MERLIN

I know.

MORGANA

We've got to do something.

MERLIN

I know.

[Arthur fights outside. Merlin and Morgana take Uther's dragging cloth.]

MERLIN

Here. You tear this up. I'll make some rope.

[Merlin poisons the water skin.]

MERLIN

Here, have some water.

MORGANA

I'm not thirsty.

MERLIN

If we get out of here, you may not get another chance to drink.

MORGANA

If we get out of here.

[Merlin hands her the water skin, but she puts it down. Arthur fights in the corridor. Merlin picks up the water skin and pretends to drink.]

MERLIN

Here.

MORGANA

I'm fine.

MERLIN

No, you have some before I finish it.

MORGANA (sigh)

Thank you.

[Morgana drinks. She begins to have trouble breathing. looks at the skin and then at Merlin. Merlin wipes his eyes and then turns to face her. Morgause notices something's wrong. Merlin tries to hold Morgana as she struggles to breathe. Morgause begins to hold her

throat like Morgana. she blows the council chamber door open and rushes to Morgana, taking her from Merlin's arms.]

MORGAUSE

What has he done to you?

MERLIN

I had to.

MORGAUSE

You poisoned her!

MERLIN

You gave me no choice.

MORGAUSE

Tell me what you used and I can save her.

MERLIN

First, stop the attack!

MORGAUSE

You're nothing but a simple servant! You don't tell me what to do!

MERLIN

If you want to know what poison it is, you will undo the magic that drives the knights!

MORGAUSE

Tell me the poison or you'll die!

MERLIN

Then she'll die with me. I don't want this any more than you, but you give me no choice. Stop the knights and you can save her.

[Arthur is still fighting undead knights.]

MORGAUSE

Astýre ús þanonweard! Cnihtas Medhires, éower sáwla. Rid eft ond forsliehð eft.

[The knights drop in front of Arthur. Merlin hands Morgause the hemlock bottle. Arthur

bursts in with other knights of Camelot.]

ARTHUR

What have you done with my father?

MERLIN

He's safe!

[Uther wakes up on the floor.]

ARTHUR

Morgana!

MORGAUSE

Keep away from her! Bedyrne ús! Astýre ús þanonweard!

[Morgause and Morgana disappear in a windy cloud of smoke.]

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[INT. KING'S PALACE, MORGANA'S CHAMBERS] [Uther looks at Morgana's jewellery. Arthur enters.]

ARTHUR

I couldn't find you. Are you alright?

UTHER

Is there still no sign of her?

ARTHUR

We've looked, Father.

UTHER

Morgause must not be allowed to get away with this.

ARTHUR

Yes, Father.

[Arthur turns to leave.]

UTHER

Arthur. I haven't had a chance to say thank you.

ARTHUR

I failed, Father. I should have protected Morgana.

UTHER

No. That was my duty. Her loss will forever be on my conscience, not yours.

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

GAIUS

You did the right thing.

MERLIN

You don't mean that. Morgana was your friend, too. You cared about her.

GAIUS

I did. But I fear that, unlike you, Morgana chose not to use her gift for good. You had no choice. Would be sitting here now if you had not made that decision?

[Merlin gets up.]

GAIUS

Where are you going?

MERLIN

I'll eat that later.

GAIUS

Merlin?

MERLIN

There's something I have to do.

[Merlin goes to his room to fetch a sword and heads to Dragon's Cave.]

KILGHARRAH (voiceover flashback)

You must steal a sword from the Knights of Medhir. Their blades were forged by the Old Religion. If you harness its power to your own, you will have the strength to break the

chains with which Uther Pendragon keeps me prisoner.

[The dragon flies down to Merlin.]

KILGHARRAH

The time has come, young warlock.

MERLIN

Where will you go?

KILGHARRAH

I am the last of my kind. There is but one road I can take.

MERLIN

What does that mean?

KILGHARRAH

You will see.

[Merlin climbs down the steps to the base of the dragon's giant chain.]

MERLIN

Before I do this, you promise me that you will not harm Camelot.

KILGHARRAH

I think there have been enough bargains, don't you?

MERLIN

Ic bebeode þisne sweord þæt hé forcierfe þá bende þæra dracan. Un clýse!

[Merlin swings the sword and breaks the chain. The dragon roars and flies away.]

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