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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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[01:33, EXT. DRAGON’S EYRIE] [Merlin wakes.]

MERLIN

I didn’t think you’d answer my call.

KILGHARRAH

Merlin, I could not resist a dragonlord, even if I wanted to.

MERLIN

I’m grateful, thank you.

KILGHARRAH

Lie still.

MERLIN

Ow. What hurts?

KILGHARRAH

The serket’s poison is powerful. I have given you an enchantment that will help you heal, but it will take time.

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[02:33, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS]

ARTHUR
Where is that half-wit?

GAIUS
Merlin?

ARTHUR
I've got no socks, no breeches, and an archery session to go to. Merlin!

GAIUS
I thought he was with you, Sire.

ARTHUR
Don't try and cover for him.

GAIUS
He didn't come home last night, I can't find him.

ARTHUR
When you do, you can tell him he's the target.

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[02:55, INT. KING'S PALACE, UPPER CORRIDOR] [Morgana sneaks through the castle and peeks around the corner at some guards. She descends to the burial vaults, sets fire to some brush and places it in a notch in the wall to create smoke in the corridor above. The guards investigate, leaving the corridor empty. Morgana sneaks through to the King's chambers, wraps a string around the mandrake root and strangles it several times. The Uther becomes more terrified with each scream the root makes.]

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[04:19, EXT. DRAGON'S EYRIE] [Merlin wakes.]

MERLIN
You shouldn't have let me sleep.

KILGHARRAH
I had no choice, young warlock. The venom was too strong, even for your great powers.

MERLIN

I don't have time. I need to get back to Camelot. The kingdom is in danger and...it's my fault. I should've listened to you. Should never have trusted Morgana.

KILGHARRAH

You did what you felt was right, and that shows great courage. But trust is a double edged sword.

MERLIN

I thought...because she has magic, I thought we were the same.

KILGHARRAH

In some ways you are.

MERLIN

No. I will never be like her.

KILGHARRAH

You have learnt an important lesson, Merlin. Your determination to see goodness in people will be your undoing. But I fear that your futures are now joined forever. She is the darkness to your light, the hatred to your love.

MERLIN

I need to get back to Camelot.

KILGHARRAH

You're not yet fully recovered, Merlin, and it's more than three days' walk.

MERLIN

I've no intention of walking.

[Merlin rides the dragon to Camelot.]

MERLIN

Woo! Whoa. Ha-ha! Woo!

[Kilgharrah drops Merlin off in the clearing near Camelot.]

KILGHARRAH

This is as far as I go.

MERLIN

Thank you. I won't forget this.

KILGHARRAH

Be careful, young warlock. The great battle for Camelot has begun. You must be strong. For Arthur's destiny and the future of Albion lie in your hands.

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[06:43, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS] [Merlin shakes Gaius awake.]

MERLIN (whisper)

You need to wake up.

GAIUS

Merlin! Where have you been?

MERLIN

I don't have time to explain.

GAIUS

Are you alright?

MERLIN

Morgana is in league with Morgause; she's plotting against Uther.

GAIUS

What?

MERLIN

She's responsible for his visions. Come on, hurry up. There's something I need to show you.

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[07:13, INT. KING'S PALACE, Uther's CHAMBERS] [The room is topsy-turvy when Merlin and Gaius enter. Uther is crouched in a corner.]

GAIUS

Uther? Uther!

[Uther paws desperately at Gaius while he stares at nothing over Gaius's shoulder. Uther sees a sopping wet Ygraine with five drowned children in the middle of the room.]

YGRAINE

Please!

[Merlin rushes to the bed, removes the mandrake root, and throws it in the fireplace. The root screams as it dies.]

GAIUS

It was an enchantment, Sire. You need to rest.

[Gaius and Merlin help Uther into bed. Gaius drugs Uther's cup.]

GAIUS

Please drink this, sir. It will help you to sleep.

[Gaius feeds Uther the drink.]

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[08:58, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS]

MERLIN

We must tell Uther what Morgana has done.

GAIUS

Are you mad? He'd have both our heads if we made such accusations. He'd look on it as treason.

MERLIN

We can't just let her get away with it.

GAIUS

He dotes on her every word, Merlin.

MERLIN

But...if he knew.

GAIUS

You've seen how blind he is to her faults. Besides, the root is gone now. It can do no more harm.

MERLIN

No, you don't understand. I heard Morgana and Morgause. There's more to their plan, I'm sure of it.

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[09:30, MORGAUSE'S CAVE] [Morgause watches Cenred's army in a crystal as they march through a valley.]

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[09:44, EXT. COUNTRYSIDE] [Knights of Camelot watch Cenred's army from a hill and then ride off through the woods.]

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[09:55, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS] [Merlin opens the curtains and turns around to a jumbled mess.]

MERLIN
What happened?!

ARTHUR
What happened? I've had to make do without a servant, that's what's happened.

MERLIN
I wasn't gone for that long.

ARTHUR
Without my permission.

MERLIN
What if I was dying?

ARTHUR
I wouldn't be complaining! But you're not. So where've you been?

MERLIN
I was dying.

ARTHUR
I don't have time for this. The future of the kingdom rests upon my shoulders. Do you have any idea what that feels like?

MERLIN

Well...

ARTHUR

Merlin. I should have you thrown in the dungeons. So, what've you got to say for yourself?

MERLIN

You've not had your breakfast this morning, have you?

ARTHUR

I'll have you for breakfast!

[Arthur throws a random object at Merlin.]

MERLIN

Oh, no wonder this place is such a mess!

[Arthur throws another object.]

MERLIN

Oh, yes, I can see you've got all the makings of a great king.

[Arthur throws yet another object and Merlin ducks out of the room.]

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[10:45, INT. KING'S PALACE, MORGANA'S CHAMBERS]

GWEN

May I clear away the dishes, My Lady?

[Morgana stares out the window as Merlin walks through the square with Arthur.]

GWEN

Morgana?

MORGANA

I was thinking about what to wear. I must dress.

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[11:09, INT. KING'S PALACE, UTHUR'S CHAMBERS] [Morgana checks under the bed for

the madrake root.]

GAIUS

Have you lost something, My Lady?

MORGANA

My earring. I thought I might have dropped it when I was in here yesterday. How is he?

GAIUS

Much better. We found the source of his sickness. He was being enchanted.

MORGANA

Enchanted.

GAIUS

You need not worry, My Lady. He'll make a full recovery.

MORGANA

That is a relief.

GAIUS

Indeed, My Lady.

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[11:57, INT. KING'S PALACE, CENTRAL CORRIDOR] [Morgana pops out of an alcove as Merlin walks by and pulls him into it.]

MORGANA

I don't know how you managed to escape, but I do know one thing: if you breathe a word of what you saw, I will make your life a very short and painful one. Just think how Uther would react if he learned that a serving boy had tried to poison his beloved ward.

[Morgana struts off with a smirk. The knights of Camelot return.]

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[12:38, INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DOOM]

SIR LEON

I estimate they will reach the city within two days.

ARTHUR

Under whose banner do they march?

SIR LEON

Cenred's, Sire. We knew he was amassing an army...

ARTHUR

How many men?

SIR LEON

20,000 maybe more.

GAIUS

I fear that news of the king's illness has spread beyond our borders. Cenred sees an opportunity.

SIR LEON

Then we must find a way to appease him

ARTHUR

Not what my father would do, he wouldn't bow to our enemies.

GAIUS

Forgive me, Sire, we are outnumbered two to one.

ARTHUR

What concessions will Cenred insist on? What territories will he demand?

GAIUS

We do not have to give him anything, but it could buy us valuable time.

ARTHUR

It shows weakness, Gaius. There's only one course of action open to us.

[Arthur sits on the throne.]

ARTHUR

We must prepare the city for siege.

SIR LEON

Are you sure that is wise?

ARTHUR

The castle is our strongest weapon. No army has ever taken Camelot.

SIR LEON

But what about the people in the outlying villages?

ARTHUR

Give them refuge within the city walls.

SIR LEON

And what of their houses, their livelihoods? Cenred will destroy everything in his path.

ARTHUR

But they will have their lives. Go. Ready the army.

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[13:42, EXT. KING'S PALACE, COURTYARD CORRIDOR]

MERLIN

You did well in there. I mean it. I was impressed. We're talking siege engines, and battering rams, and catapults. You made a tough decision whe...you're risking hundreds of...

ARTHUR

Do you know what?

MERLIN

What?

ARTHUR

I'd really prefer it if you just kept quiet in these situations.

MERLIN

I am just trying to help.

ARTHUR

Well, you're not.

MERLIN

I know you don't mean that; you're just worried. But you don't need to be. Look what we've got.

ARTHUR
What?

MERLIN
You and...me.

ARTHUR
Merlin, what exactly are you going to do?

MERLIN
I'm going to be at your side, like I always am, protecting you.

ARTHUR
God help me.

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[14:27, EXT. COUNTRYSIDE]

CENRED
My dear Morgause.

MORGAUSE
Cenred.

CENRED
My army shall be here by nightfall.

[Morgause smiles.]

CENRED
I'm glad that pleases you.

MORGAUSE
I'll wait and see if you deliver before I say that I am pleased.

CENRED
And when I do?

MORGAUSE

Then I will give you a feast that you will never forget.

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[15:06, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS] [Gwen knocks on the open door and Arthur turns around.]

GWEN

I'm sorry, I didn't mean to...

ARTHUR

No. Come in, please.

GWEN

How is your father?

ARTHUR

I could do with him here.

GWEN

You should have more faith in yourself.

ARTHUR

What are the people saying.

GWEN

They are glad that you have taken charge.

ARTHUR

I've committed them to a siege. There's going to be casualties, Gwen.

[Gwen steps forward and places a hand on Arthur's arm.]

GWEN

I trust you, Arthur. More than Uther. More than any man. Worry is not a wise counsel. Forget everything else. You have to follow what you believe is right.

[Arthur places his hand over Gwen's. Gwen looks up at him and steps back.]

GWEN

I should go, Sire.

ARTHUR

There's no need to call me that.

GWEN

There is every need, Sire.

[Gwen leaves.]

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[16:32, INT. KING'S PALACE, WROUGHT IRON STAIRWAY] [Morgana watches the citizens of Camelot prepare for the siege before she sneaks out of the city.]

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[16:54, EXT. WOODS]

MORGANA

Where have you been?

MORGAUSE

What's wrong, sister?

MORGANA

It's Merlin. He's alive. He's back in Camelot. He has thwarted us. He destroyed the mandrake root. Your enchantment's been broken.

MORGAUSE

Do not worry. The root has already done its work, and Cenred's army are less than a day from the city.

MORGANA

Then it is time?

MORGAUSE

Are you ready? Morgana? Cenred's army are mighty, but they cannot bring down the city on their own. You, too, must play your part.

MORGANA

Tell me what I must do.

[Morgause holds out a staff.]

MORGAUSE

It's carved from the Rowen tree that grows at the very heart of the Isle of the Blessed. Only the high priestesses and their Bloodguard have ever set eyes on it.

MORGANA

My magic is still weak. I do not have the strength to wield such an instrument.

MORGAUSE

Do not worry. The staff will guide you. It carries its own power.

MORGANA

I will not fail you.

MORGAUSE

I know.

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[18:19, EXT. KING'S PALACE, MAIN SQUARE] [Peasants stream into Camelot from the outlying villages.]

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[18:37, INT. KING'S PALACE, GRIFFIN STAIRCASE] [Merlin drags bags of supplies up the steps.]

ARTHUR

Merlin, where have you been? I've been calling for you.

MERLIN

Gathering provisions. Twenty-five salted cod, fifteen dried capers, and one smoked boar.

ARTHUR

What on earth for?

MERLIN

We're preparing for a siege.

ARTHUR

Yes, not a banquet.

MERLIN

You know what you're like without food. We could be trapped in here for weeks, months, even. Look what I've got for your breakfast. Your favourite. Pickled eggs.

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[19:04, INT. KING'S PALACE, WROUGHT IRON STAIRWAY] [Soldiers continue to prepare for the siege. Arthur walks through the infirmary giving instructions to Sir Leon. Arthur catches sight of Gwen and gives her a nod.]

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[19:35, EXT. KING'S PALACE, COURTYARD CORRIDOR]

ARTHUR

Has everyone from the outlying villages been given shelter?

SIR LEON

As best we can, Sire. They amount to almost 9,000 so far, but they're still coming.

ARTHUR

How long will our provisions last?

SIR LEON

Depends, Sire, on what losses we sustain.

ARTHUR

Cenred?

SIR LEON

Our scouts report he'll be upon us a matter of hours.

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[19:54, INT. KING'S PALACE, UTHUR'S CHAMBERS] [Arthur sits by his father's bedside. Merlin enters.]

MERLIN

Sire. It's time.

[Arthur gets up and places his hand on his sleeping father.]

ARTHUR

I promise, I will not let you down.

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[20:33, EXT. KING'S PALACE, BATTLEMENTS] [Arthur and Merlin look out at the enemy. Arthur leads his knights past his army in the Square. In a lower chamber, Arthur steels himself as his knights ready their weapons.]

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[21:26, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS] [Merlin helps Arthur on with his armour. He pulls a little too tightly on the vambrace strap.]

MERLIN (whisper)
Sorry.

ARTHUR
It's not like you to get nervous, is it, Merlin?

MERLIN
I'm not nervous.

ARTHUR
No?

MERLIN
Because I trust in your destiny.

ARTHUR
Have you been on the cider?

MERLIN
It is your fate to be the greatest king Camelot has ever known. Your victory today will be remembered...by every age...'til the end of time. Just trust in yourself.

ARTHUR
There are times, Merlin, when you display a sort of...I don't know what it is. I don't want to say...it's not wisdom. But, yes. That's what it is.

[Merlin smiles.]

ARTHUR

Don't look so pleased. The rest of the time you're a complete idiot.

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[23:11, INT. KING'S PALACE, MORGANA'S CHAMBERS] [Morgana watches the soldiers file out of the castle.]

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[23:20, INT. KING'S PALACE, LOWER CHAMBER] [Arthur greets his troops and raises his sword.]

ARTHUR
For the love of Camelot!

KNIGHTS
For the love of Camelot!

[Arthur leads them out. Other soldiers prepare barricades in the lower town.]

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[23:53, OUTER EDGE OF THE BATTLEFIELD] [Cenred and Morgause are mounted near the forest with their guards as they watch his troops prepare the trebuchets.]

CENRED
Fire!

[The trebuchets launch flaming material and Cenred's troops advance on the city.]

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[24:26, INT. KING'S PALACE, Uther's CHAMBERS] [Uther wakes and gets out of bed.]

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[24:35, EXT. LOWER TOWN] [Cenred's army breaks through the gate and advances towards the barricade. Arthur and his knights fend them off. Uther descends the steps into the Square dressed in his armour. He draws his sword and runs across the drawbridge.]

SIR LEON
Hold the line!

[Sir Leon catches sight of Uther.]

SIR LEON

You need to go back, Sire.

[Uther pushes past Sir Leon to reach the front line.]

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[25:20, INT. KING'S PALACE, INFIRMARY] [Merlin enters and glances over at Morgana.]

MERLIN

Gaius. One of us needs to keep an eye on her.

GAIUS

Don't worry, I am.

MERLIN

You mustn't let her out of your sight. I need to get back to Arthur.

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[25:41, EXT. KING'S PALACE, MAIN SQUARE] [A fireball lands in the square and Merlin gets knocked to the ground. Cenred's men use ladders to climb the battlements, Camelot's army defends. Cenred and Morgause continue to watch from the woods.]

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[26:23, EXT. LOWER TOWN] [Uther finally reaches the front line and begins to attack. Arthur catches sight of him.]

ARTHUR

Father!

[Arthur pushes his way to Uther and drags him away from the front line.]

UTHER

What are you doing?

ARTHUR

You're not well.

UTHER

This is my kingdom!

[Uther gets hit by a lone, stray arrow and collapses into Arthur's arms. Arthur looks back at the overwhelmed barricade.]

ARTHUR

Pull back! Retreat!

[Merlin arrives as the knights retreat and Cenred's men launch themselves over the barricade in full force.]

MERLIN

Forbærnen.

[Merlin's spell sends up a wall of fire to block the enemy and allow Camelot's troops time to retreat.]

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[27:08, INT. KING'S PALACE, INFIRMARY] [Morgana waits for Gaius to look away and then leaves. Gaius looks back up and sees Morgana leaving. Gaius follows her to her through the war torn Square to her chambers.]

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[27:30, INT. KING'S PALACE, MORGANA'S CHAMBERS] [Morgana fetches the Rowen staff from under her bed and hides behind a column. Gaius looks around for a moment and leaves.]

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[28:07, EXT. KING'S PALACE, MAIN SQUARE] [Arthur helps his father to the well.]

UTHER

You must get back to the battle, we're losing the lower town.

ARTHUR

It's already lost, Father.

UTHER

And the citadel?

ARTHUR

Safe for now.

UTHER

It must stay that way.

ARTHUR

You have to trust me, Father. I know what I'm doing.

[Arthur pulls the arrow out of Uther's leg.]

ARTHUR

You must rest. When you're well again, you will still have a kingdom, I promise you that.

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[28:32, OUTER EDGE OF THE BATTLEFIELD] [Cenred rides back to Morgause.]

CENRED

The lower town is ours.

MORGAUSE

That will hardly fill the pages of history. What of the citadel itself?

CENRED

Their defences are strong. Time for you to deliver your side of the bargain.

MORGAUSE

Patience, Cenred. You will not be disappointed.

[Morgana makes her way down to the burial vaults.]

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[28:48, INT. KING'S PALACE, INFIRMARY] [Merlin and a soldier help Uther to a medical table.]

MERLIN

Where's Gaius?

GWEN

I don't know.

GAIUS

Morgana's disappeared.

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[29:09, INT. KING'S PALACE, BURIAL VAULTS] [Morgana enters and smirks. Merlin bursts into Morgana's room looking for her. Morgana drives the staff into the stone floor. Merlin feels the jolt of magic.]

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[29:40, OUTER EDGE OF THE BATTLEFIELD] [Morgause breathes in the power of the Rowen staff.]

CENRED
Enough of your games, Morgause. What has happened to your traitor?

MORGAUSE
For such a great king, you have very little patience.

CENRED
The time for patience is over!

MORGAUSE
You need not worry much longer. No army can fight on two fronts. Not even the knights of Camelot.

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[30:06, INT. KING'S PALACE, BURIAL VAULTS] [Morgana watches the Rowen staff shoot energy beams at the tombs around her.]

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[30:24, THE EXT. KING'S PALACE, BATTLEMENTS] [Arthur and his soldiers fend off the enemy. One of the soldiers near him gets stabbed and Arthur helps him down from the battlements.]

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[30:44, INT. KING'S PALACE, BURIAL VAULTS] [Morgana watches skeletons burst through their tombs around her.]

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[31:00, EXT. KING'S PALACE, MAIN SQUARE] [Arthur helps the wounded soldier through the square.]

ARTHUR

Take him to the hospital.

[Arthur hands the wounded soldier off to a couple of men. Merlin comes down the steps.]

ARTHUR

Merlin! Where the hell have you been?

MERLIN

Nowhere!

ARTHUR

You're starting to make a habit of this. What's your excuse this time?

[Merlin stops to gape at something.]

ARTHUR

Come on, Merlin. You can do better than that.

[Merlin points behind Arthur. Arthur turns to see an army of skeletons behind him. Arthur fights one and stabs it. The skeleton shrugs and keeps fighting. Merlin fights a skeleton and lops its arm off. A knight takes on the skeleton while Merlin slashes at the arm on the ground.]

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[32:29, INT. KING'S PALACE, GRIFFIN STAIRCASE] [Arthur and Merlin rush up the steps, but stop half way.]

ARTHUR

You need to warn Gaius. Tell him to seal off the hospital.

[Arthur turns to face the skeleton entering the castle. Merlin watches the silhouette approach.]

ARTHUR

Merlin! Do as I say!

[Merlin rushes up the steps.]

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[32:45, INT. KING'S PALACE, INFIRMARY]

UTHER

I have to get out there.

GAIUS

No, Sire. You're still weak from the medicine I gave you. I told you that...

UTHER

I cannot watch my kingdom fall and do nothing.

GAIUS

Arthur will defend it.

MERLIN

Gaius.

[Gaius leaves Uther to talk with Merlin.]

MERLIN

You need to seal off the hospital. The castle is under attack from within.

GAIUS

What are you talking about?

MERLIN

Morgana, she summoned an army of the dead. They're everywhere.

GAIUS

Where are you going?!

MERLIN

To try to stop her.

[Merlin runs down the Wrought Iron Stairway.]

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[33:18, EXT. KING'S PALACE, DRAWBRIDGE GATE] [Camelot soldiers defend against Cenred's army. Sir Leon moves back from the front line and turns to see the skeleton army crossing the drawbridge towards him.]

SIR LEON

On me!

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[33:59, INT. KING'S PALACE, INFIRMARY]

ARTHUR

We can't fight a battle on two fronts.

GWEN

Keep still.

[Gwen bandages Arthur's hand. Arthur winces.]

ARTHUR

I don't know how much longer we can hold the citadel. We need to get my father to safety

GAIUS

How? We no longer control the lower town. There's no escape, Arthur.

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[34:12, INT. KING'S PALACE, BURIAL VAULTS] [Merlin enters and Morgana turns to look at him.]

MORGANA

You should leave now while you still can.

MERLIN

Morgana, please. I beg you. Women and children are dying. The city will fall.

MORGANA

Good.

MERLIN

No, you don't mean that.

MORGANA

I have magic, Merlin. Uther hates me and everyone like me. Why should I feel any differently about him?

MERLIN

You of all people could change Uther's mind. But doing this? Using magic like this will only harden his heart.

MORGANA

You don't have magic, Merlin. How could you hope to understand?

MERLIN

I do understand, believe me. If I had your gifts, I would harness them for good. That's what magic should be for. That's why you were born with these powers.

MORGANA

You don't know what it's like to be an outsider. To be ashamed of how you were born, to have to hide who you are. Do you think I deserve to be executed because of who I am?

MERLIN

No. It doesn't have to be like this. We can find another way.

MORGANA

There is no other way.

[Merlin nods as he backs up. Merlin walks behind a pillar and tries to dash around the other side to reach the Rowen staff. Morgana knocks the sword out of his hand and draws her own. Morgana advances on him and Merlin backs up.]

MERLIN

What are you going to do? Kill me?

MORGANA

You don't think I can?

MERLIN

If you're going to do it, make it quick.

[Morgana slashes at Merlin. Merlin ducks and picks his sword up from the floor. They fight.]

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[35:59, EXT. KING'S PALACE, DRAWBRIDGE GATE] [Sir Leon and other soldiers continue to fight between Cenred's army and the skeleton army.]

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[36:14, INT. KING'S PALACE, BURIAL VAULTS] [Merlin and Morgana continue fighting.]

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[36:30, EXT. KING'S PALACE, DRAWBRIDGE GATE] [Sir Leon and soldiers continue fighting.]

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[36:36, INT. KING'S PALACE, BURIAL VAULTS] [Morgana disarms Merlin. Merlin avoid her attacks, Morgana gets off balance and Merlin ducks behind a tomb.]

MERLIN (whisper)
Feoll bu brand!

[Merlin's spell collapses part of the vault roof on top of Morgana, knocking her out. Merlin picks up a sword and runs to the Rowen staff.]

MERLIN
Snæde!

[Merlin slices through the staff.]

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[37:14, INT. KING'S PALACE, CENTRAL CORRIDOR] [The skeleton that Arthur is fighting crumbles. The skeleton that another knight is fighting crumbles.]

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[37:37, EXT. KING'S PALACE, DRAWBRIDGE GATE] [The skeleton Sir Leon is fighting crumbles. Sir Leon rejoins the fight against Cenred's army. The knights of Camelot push the fight past the training grounds gate.]

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[38:17, OUTER EDGE OF THE BATTLEFIELD]

CENRED
Your traitor has failed us just as I knew they would. I'm calling off the siege.

MORGAUSE
You can't!

CENRED

I cannot take the city unaided. That was not our bargain!

MORGAUSE

You have failed me, Cenred.

CENRED

I would rather fail you, Morgause, then watch thousands of men die.

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[38:45, INT. KING'S PALACE, THRONE ROOM]

MERLIN

Sire.

ARTHUR

What is it, Merlin?

MERLIN

I need to tell you something about Morgana.

ARTHUR

It's all right. We know what happened.

MERLIN

You do?

UTHER

In my time, we've won many battles, but none so important as this. Every man, every woman and child has performed their heroic best, and I thank you, and I salute you all. Even before the battle, we knew there was a traitor in our midst, one who was almost the undoing of us. However, we have to thank the one person who outwitted them, and who - almost singlehandedly - turned the battle. The Lady Morgana.

[Uther presents Morgana to the court. The court applauds.]

UTHER

For it was she who bravely entered the vault, found the magical vessel, and destroyed it. We must be vigilant! We must stand firm against the dark forces of magic, and ensure that they never penetrate our walls again.

[Merlin and Morgana glare at each other.]

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[40:07, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS]

MERLIN

Why is Uther so blind to her true nature?

GAIUS

I don't know, Merlin. It's a mystery. But Morgana will try again.

MERLIN

I'll be ready for her.

GAIUS

You must be careful.

MERLIN

I'm not afraid of her, Gaius.

GAIUS

You should be.

MERLIN

No. All I feel for her is...sad. She's become so bitter, so full of hate.

GAIUS

Don't let that happen to you, Merlin.

MERLIN

Nothing could ever make me that angry.

ARTHUR

Merlin!

[Arthur enters.]

ARTHUR

Get your lazy backside out here.

MERLIN

Second thought.

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