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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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[00:25, EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - DAY] [Merlin and Arthur ride to a hill overlooking a small village.]

ARTHUR

You know what you need after a hard day's hunt?

MERLIN

Sleep.

ARTHUR

I nice cold tankard of mead.

MERLIN

Mead.

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[00:41, EXT. COUNTRYSIDE, VILLAGE - DAY] [Arthur and Merlin dismount and tie their horses up in the small village.]

ARTHUR

No better place to measure the mood of your people than the local tavern.

MERLIN

This is one of those moments where I tell you something isn't a good idea and you ignore me, isn't it?

ARTHUR

You're learning, Merlin. Slowly, but you're learning. Now, remember, in here you're not my servant, I'm just a simple peasant like everyone else.

MERLIN

Simple part's right.

ARTHUR

What?

MERLIN

I said, the sun is very bright.

ARTHUR

Yeah. Yeah, it is.

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[01:19, INT. COUNTRYSIDE, VILLAGE TAVERN - DAY]

MARY

Afternoon. What'll it be?

ARTHUR

Er...

MARY

Mmm. You're an handsome fellow.

ARTHUR

Well, you wouldn't be the first to say it.

MARY

Oh, no, sorry. I was talking about your friend here.

ARTHUR

Him?

MERLIN

Thank you.

ARTHUR

Two tankards of mead, please.

MERLIN

I was wrong. Coming here was a great idea.

[Dagr enters. The tavern goes quiet.]

DAGR

Afternoon, Mary. Business looks good.

MARY

We have our better days.

DAGR

I don't suppose you'd begrudge me my share, then.

[Mary throws him some coins.]

DAGR

And the rest?

MARY

That's all we got.

[Dagr grabs the front of Mary's shirt and pulls a dagger on her.]

DAGR

I'll not ask again!

ARTHUR

Take your hands off her.

[Dagr attacks Arthur. Arthur throws Dagr into a shelf.]

DAGR

I'm gonna make you pay for that.

MERLIN (chuckles)

I'd like to see you try.

[Dagr whistles and a group of tough looking men enter the tavern.]

ARTHUR

You had to open your big mouth, didn't you Merlin?

GWAINÉ

You two have got yourselves in a bit of a pickle, haven't you?

ARTHUR

You should get out of here while you have the chance.

GWAINÉ

You're probably right.

[Gwaine takes a swig from his drink, hands the drink to Dagr and punches him. A brawl ensues.]

MERLIN

Arthur!

ARTHUR

Merlin! Behind you!

[A man throws a chair. Merlin ducks.]

MERLIN

Ætslide bencpel.

[Merlin's spell throws a bench at two large men marching toward him. Mary tries to rescue her merchandise. Merlin slides under the bar and Mary help him knock out Ebor. Merlin magically throws plates at another attacker and Gwaine approaches the counter as he knocks out the man he has in a headlock.]

GWAINÉ

Pass the jug, heh?

[Merlin hands Gwaine the jug. Gwaine takes a swig, then punches an attacker behind him.]

GWAINÉ

What do they call you, then?

MERLIN

Merlin.

GWAINÉ

Gwaine. Pleasure to meet you.

[Gwaine smashes the jug on another attacker's head.]

GWAINÉ

Such a waste, heh?

[Arthur fights Dagr. Dagr pulls a knife. Gwaine lunges at Dagr, but takes a knife to the thigh. Gwaine tries to get up, but falls over and knocks himself out on a bench. Merlin examines Gwaine.]

ARTHUR

How is he?

[Merlin's bandages Gwaine's leg.]

MERLIN

Not good. He's losing a lot of blood.

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[05:18, EXT. COUNTRYSIDE, VILLAGE - DAY] [Peasants throw rotten food at Dagr in the stocks outside the tavern. Gwaine is slung over Arthur's horse.]

ARTHUR

If this man ever troubles you again, word is to be sent to Camelot. Soldiers will be here within a day.

MARY

How can you make a promise like that?

ARTHUR

Because I'm the King's son, Prince Arthur.

[Arthur and Merlin ride off.]

MARY

Prince Arthur? Prince Arthur in my tavern? Come on!

[Mary and other peasants pelt Dagr with rotten food.]

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[06:18, INT. KING'S PALACE, MERLIN'S CHAMBER - NIGHT] [Merlin and Arthur set Gwaine down on the bed.]

GAIUS

Merlin, fetch me some fresh water, towels, a needle, and silk thread.

MERLIN

And honey?

GAIUS

You're learning.

[Arthur looks at Gaius for explanation.]

GAIUS

Helps fight the infection.

ARTHUR

Will he be alright?

GAIUS

Providing he's strong.

ARTHUR

He's that, alright. The man saved my life, Gaius. He's to be given anything he needs.

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[06:56, INT. KING'S PALACE, MERLIN'S CHAMBER - DAY] [Gwaine wakes and Merlin enters with a breakfast tray.]

GWAINE

What am I doing in this bed?

MERLIN

You were wounded. Arthur wanted to make sure you were treated by his physician.

GWAINE

Arthur?

MERLIN

Prince Arthur. You saved his life.

GWAINE

If I'd known who he was, I probably wouldn't have. He's a noble.

MERLIN

Yeah, but he's a good man.

GWAINE (snort)

If you say so.

MERLIN

You're a hero. The King wants to thank you in person.

GWAINE

Please, no. I've met a few kings. Once you've met one, you've...you've met them all.

MERLIN

He'll probably give you a reward.

GWAINE

I'm not interested. Besides, I've got everything I need right here.

MERLIN

Why did you help us?

GWAINE

Your chances looked between slim and none. I, er...I guess I just kind of like the look of those odds.

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[08:03, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS - DAY]

ARTHUR
How's Gawain?

MERLIN
Recovering.

[Merlin looks out the window.]

MERLIN
Who's that?

[Arthur goes to the window to see a knight riding into the Square.]

ARTHUR
Ahh, Sir Darien. He's here for the *mêlée*.

MERLIN
Oh, yeah. The tournament where the knights ride around hitting each other with blunt weapons for no good reason.

ARTHUR
A little more to it than that.

MERLIN
Really? All I've ever seen is people getting the seven bells knocked out of them so that the last man standing can be called the winner.

ARTHUR
The *mêlée* is the ultimate test of strength and courage.

MERLIN
Are you sure we're talking about the same thing?

ARTHUR
Well, I wouldn't expect you to understand. You're not a knight.

MERLIN

Oh, well if it means I don't get clobbered 'round the head, I'm glad of it.

ARTHUR

I'm afraid it doesn't.

[Arthur throws a cup at the back of Merlin's head.]

MERLIN

Ow!

[Arthur nods his head towards the armour sitting on the table.]

ARTHUR

I need that lot cleaned by noon.

[Merlin rubs his neck.]

MERLIN

Agh.

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[09:06, INT. CYLFERTH'S SHOP - DAY]

CYLFERTH

The Stalorne blades, just as you requested.

[Dagr and Ebor inspect one of the swords.]

EBOR

They're blunt.

DAGR

That is only how they appear.

[Dagr cuts Ebor's shirt with the sword.]

EBOR & DAGR

Muahahaha.

CYLFERTH

Why should you want such a weapon?

DAGR

That's none of your business, old man. You have the crystals?

CYLFERTH

Money first.

[Dagr tosses Cylferth a pouch. Cylferth fetches a box and Dagr reaches for it.]

CYLFERTH

Not yet. Pece treowee andwlitan heora fram gesiht eallra.

[The spell makes the crystals glow.]

CYLFERTH

The wearer of these crystals will be able to take on the form of whoever's blood they touch.

[Cylferth laughs.]

DAGR

Thank you.

CYLFERTH

Thank you.

[Dagr runs Cylferth through with one of the Stalorne blades.]

EBOR

Now what?

DAGR

Now, Ebor, we can take our revenge on Prince Arthur of Camelot.

EBOR & DAGR

Muahahaha.

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[11:05, INT. KING'S PALACE, MERLIN'S CHAMBER - DAY] [Gwaine puts on his boots, opens the window and looks down on Camelot.]

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[11:39, EXT. LOWER TOWN - DAY] [Gwaine spots Gwen, snatches a flower from the basket of a girl passing by, and presents it to Gwen.]

GWAINE

I believe this belongs to you.

GWEN

I don't think so. It's not my colour.

GWAINE

Ah, well....let us see.

[Gwaine puts the flower in Gwen's hair.]

GWEN

I bet you've got a whole bunch of those to hand out.

GWAINE

No. Yours is the only one.

[Gwaine holds up empty hands as proof. Gwen scoffs and tries to move past him.]

GWAINE

I'm Gawain.

[Gwaine holds out his hand. Gwen shakes it and keeps walking. Gwaine doesn't let go and pulls her back.]

GWAINE

You haven't told me your name. You look like a princess to me. So it's probably something like Sophia or...or Esmeralda. That's it. Princess Esmeralda.

[Gwaine bows to Gwen.]

GWEN

Stop it. People are staring.

GWAINE

Not until you tell me your name.

GWEN

It's Gwen.

GWAINÉ

There. That wasn't so hard now, was it?

[Gwen tries to move past him.]

GWAINÉ

Let me carry that. A princess shouldn't have to lump her washing around.

GWEN

Unfortunately I'm not a princess.

GWAINÉ

Ah, but you see...you are to me.

[Gwen laughs.]

GWAINÉ

This isn't working, is it?

GWEN

No, not really. But I like that you tried, and that you know when to give up.

[Gwen takes the flower out of her hair and hands it to Gwaine.]

GWEN

You'd better have this, in case someone else takes your fancy.

[Gwen continues down the street.]

GWAINÉ

I've only eyes for you.

GWEN

I'm sure.

[Gwaine chuckles as he turns to walk up the street.]

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[EXT. FOREST - DAY]

SIR ETHAN
How much further would you say it is to Camelot?

SIR OSWALD
Half a day's ride. The journey is almost over.

DAGR
It is for you.

[Sir Ethan sees Dagr rushing in for the attack.]

SIR ETHAN
Oswald!

[Dagr stabs Oswald. Ebor takes down Sir Ethan from behind. A servant exits one of the tents.]

EBOR
Dagr!

[Dagr throws a knife into the servant's back.]

DAGR
The crystals.

[Ebor opens box. Dagr wipes blood on one of the crystal necklaces and puts it on.]

EBOR
You look good, Dagr.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)
Sir Oswald.

EBOR
Sorry, Sire.

[Ebor bows.]

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

That's alright.

[Dagr (Oswald) takes the box and hands the second crystal necklace to Ebor.]

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

Your turn. Then we can take our rightful place in the mêlée.

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[14:34, EXT. KING'S PALACE, MAIN SQUARE - DAY] [Dagr (Oswald) and Ebor (Ethan) ride into the Square. Arthur and Merlin greet them.]

ARTHUR

Sir Oswald! Didn't think you'd be brave enough to show up.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

And miss the chance of putting you on your backside?

ARTHUR

Ha-ha. You've never managed it before.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

That was then. This is now.

[Arthur gives him a friendly punch and turns to the unfamiliar Sir Ethan.]

EBOR (SIR ETHAN)

Sir Ethan.

[Arthur and Ebor (Ethan) grasp arms.]

ARTHUR

This is my servant, Merlin. He loves hard work so, anything you need, just give him a call.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

Believe me, I will.

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[15:06, INT. KING'S PALACE, SIR ETHAN'S AND SIR OSWALD'S GUEST CHAMBER - DAY]

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

Merlin!

[Merlin enters carrying a large trunk.]

MERLIN

Here it is.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

What took you so long?

MERLIN

What? It weighs a ton. The stairs...seven flights.

EBOR (SIR ETHAN)

That's very kind of you.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

But you can't leave it there.

MERLIN

I can't?

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

It's in the way.

MERLIN

OK, where do you want it?

EBOR (SIR ETHAN)

Over there, by the bed.

[Merlin picks up the trunk and moves it.]

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

Oh, no. The...other side.

[Merlin drags the trunk to the other side of the bed.]

EBOR (SIR ETHAN)

It's going to get in my way there.

MERLIN

Where do you want it?

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

On top of the wardrobe.

MERLIN

On top?

EBOR (SIR ETHAN)

You're absolutely right, Oswald. That's exactly where it should be.

MERLIN (pants)

Er...

[Merlin puts the trunk on top of the wardrobe. Dagr (Oswald) opens the latch and everything falls out.]

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[16:36, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Merlin quickly slurps his pea soup.]

GAIUS

It's very hard to work out whether you are eating or inhaling that soup.

MERLIN

I haven't had anything all day. Sir Oswald had me at his beck and call.

GAIUS

How is he?

MERLIN

Awful. He treats me like dirt.

GAIUS

That doesn't sound like the young man I knew. He always struck me as a rather kind and thoughtful soul.

MERLIN

He must have changed.

GAIUS

You must remember that not all masters are as good to their servants as Arthur.

[Merlin spits his soup in Gaius's face.]

GAIUS

Thank you, Merlin.

MERLIN

Sorry.

[The door opens and Gwen peeks in.]

GWEN

Merlin, I think you need to come with me.

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[17:30, INT. LOWER TOWN, THE RISING SUN - NIGHT]

MERLIN

You drank all this?

GWAINÉ

With some help from my new friends!

TAVERN FOLK

Yeah!

INN KEEPER

He says that he hasn't got any money. So it looks like you'll have to pay.

MERLIN

But...I can't afford this.

INN KEEPER

You better find someone who can.

[Gwaine laughs and falls over.]

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[17:50, INT. KING'S PALACE, MERLIN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Merlin helps a staggering Gwaine into the room.]

GWAINE
You're the best friend I've ever had.

MERLIN
You seem to have quite a few.

[They laugh.]

GWAINE
I'd love to see Arthur's face when he gets that bill.

MERLIN
Right. What is it with you and nobles?

GWAINE
Oh, nothing. My father was a knight in Caerleon's army. He died in battle, leaving my mother penniless. And when she went to the King for help, he turned her away.

MERLIN
You didn't know him?

GWAINE
Just some stories I've been told.

MERLIN
Yeah, I know how that feels. I met my father just briefly before he died.

GWAINE
Why?

MERLIN
He was banished.

GWAINE

What had he done?

MERLIN

Nothing. He served the King.

GWAINE

But the King turned against him? That doesn't surprise me.

MERLIN

Arthur's not like that.

GWAINE

Ha! Maybe. But none of them are worth dying for, heh?

[Gwaine laughs, hits his head on wall, and laughs some more.]

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[19:07, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Merlin enters with a breakfast tray.]

MERLIN

Sorry. I know, I'm late.

ARTHUR

Not at all.

MERLIN

Good.

ARTHUR

Sure you're alright? You're not sick, unsteady, about to burst into song?

MERLIN

No, why?

[Arthur picks up a piece of paper.]

ARTHUR

Fourteen quarts of mead, three flagons of wine, five quarts of cider...

MERLIN

I can explain.

ARTHUR

Four dozen pickled eggs.

MERLIN

That was Gwaine. He went to the tavern and, er..he couldn't pay for it.

ARTHUR

So you said I would.

MERLIN

Mm. You know, if I hadn't, that inn keeper...he, he would've strung us both up.

ARTHUR

I fail to see the downside.

MERLIN

You said he should be given anything he needs.

ARTHUR

Four dozen pickled eggs?!!!

MERLIN

I'm sorry...I'll pay for it.

ARTHUR

You most certainly will.

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[20:00, INT. KING'S PALACE, THRONE ROOM - DAY]

GWAINE

Arthur is a thoroughbred little braggart.

MERLIN

Why?

GWAINE

For making us do this.

MERLIN

I think it's fair.

GWAINE

For the entire army?

MERLIN

If you admitted your father was a knight, you wouldn't have to.

GWAINE

Maybe. But I'm not making the same mistakes that he did. Anyway, my father always treated his servants well.

MERLIN

You didn't know him.

GWAINE

Well, I like to think that he did. What about yours?

MERLIN

No, he didn't have any servants. He didn't have...well...anyone.

GWAINE

When did he die?

MERLIN

About a year ago. I just wish that I had the chance to know him better. So much he could've taught me.

GWAINE

But you did get to meet him.

MERLIN

Yeah.

GWAINE If there's one thing that I learned from my father's life, is that titles don't mean anything. It's what's inside...

[Gwaine slaps Merlin's knee with the cleaning brush.]

GWAINÉ

...that counts.

MERLIN

Ow.

[Merlin rubs his knee.]

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[21:14, EXT. TRAINING GROUNDS - DAY] [Arthur attacks a practice dummy.]

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

You look like you need a bit of practice.

ARTHUR

Ah, you think so?

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

I know so.

[Arthur gestures "bring it" and Merlin hands Dagr (Oswald) a sword. Fight ensues.]

ARTHUR

You're rusty. You're not as quick as you used to be.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

Still quick enough to hit you.

ARTHUR

I thought you were left handed?

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

Yes, I am, I...

[Dagr (Oswald) switches the sword to his left hand.]

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

...just wanted to give you a chance. Why don't we make this more interesting? 50 gold coins

first clean hit.

ARTHUR

Make it a hundred.

[Dagr (Oswald) attacks, Arthur pins his arm and taps his armour.]

ARTHUR

You can keep your money.

[Arthur leaves and Ebor (Ethan) approaches Dagr (Oswald).]

EBOR (SIR ETHAN)

Don't worry, in the mêlée there'll be two of us.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

And with the Stalorne blade I will fillet the little brat.

[Dagr (Oswald) turns to Merlin who overheard them as he picked up the borrowed sword.
Dagr (Oswald) spits.]

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[22:34, INT. KING'S PALACE, SIR ETHAN'S AND SIR OSWALD'S GUEST CHAMBER - NIGHT] [Merlin examines the Stalorne blades and one of them cuts his finger.]

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

What are you doing with that, boy?

MERLIN

Wha...Er...I was just tidying...

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

Keep away from things that don't concern you.

[Merlin takes dinner plates and leaves.]

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[23:38, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Gaius bandages Merlin's cut finger.]

MERLIN

To the eye the sword appeared blunt, but when I touched it...

[Merlin mimics a grimace.]

GWAINE

You were lucky. I've seen those blades in action. They're forged using sorcery.

GAIUS

What would they want with such a blade?

MERLIN

I think they mean to kill Arthur in the mêlée.

GAIUS

But in front of all those people?

GWAINE

It's the perfect cover. If they succeed, nobody will suspect it was intentional.

MERLIN

I need to warn Arthur.

GAIUS

Merlin, Sir Oswald's a knight. He comes from a well respected family. You can't accuse him without proof.

MERLIN

Then we need that blade.

GWAINE

I'll get it.

MERLIN

What if they catch you? What reason would you have to be in Sir Oswald's chamber? No. It's safer if I do it.

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[24:15, INT. KING'S PALACE, SIR ETHAN'S AND SIR OSWALD'S GUEST CHAMBER - NIGHT] [Merlin sneaks into the chamber while Dagr (Oswald) is asleep. Merlin opens the

trunk to get the Stalorne blade, but he notices the crystal around Oswald's neck. Merlin approaches the bed and sees Dagr in the crystal. Dagr (Oswald) wakes up and grabs him.]

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[25:23, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT]

GWAINE

Merlin should be back by now.

GAIUS

I know.

GWAINE

I'm going to go see what's going on.

GAIUS

Gawain.

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[25:36, INT. KING'S PALACE, SIR ETHAN'S AND SIR OSWALD'S GUEST CHAMBER - NIGHT] [A dagger is thrown just above Merlin's head.]

MERLIN

I was just rearranging the bed clothes, that's all!

[Dagr (Oswald) throws second dagger.]

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

You here that, Sir Ethan? He was just rearranging the bed clothes.

[Dagr (Oswald) throws third dagger.]

EBOR (SIR ETHAN)

My mistake. He's not the snivelling thief I thought he was.

[Dagr (Oswald) attacks Merlin with a sword.]

MERLIN

I thought you might be cold!

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

Of course you did.

[Merlin ducks as Dagr (Oswald) swings at him.]

GWAINE

Is there a problem here?

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

No. Now leave.

GWAINE

You alright, Merlin?

[Merlin shakes his head.]

MERLIN (mouths)

No.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

I thought I told you to leave?

GWAINE

I wasn't talking to you.

EBOR (SIR ETHAN)

How dare you speak to a knight like that!

[Ebor (Ethan) attacks Gwaine. Gwaine disarms Ebor (Ethan) and catches his sword. Dagr (Oswald) attacks Gwaine.]

MERLIN

Careful!

GWAINE

Don't worry. I can handle this thug.

[Gwaine fights Dagr (Oswald), and then Ebor (Ethan) who attacks from behind. Gwaine knocks Ebor (Ethan) down, then Dagr (Oswald) attacks from behind.]

MERLIN
Watch out!

[Gwaine disarms Dagr (Oswald). Sir Leon enters.]

SIR LEON
What's going on?

[Gwaine turns to look. Oswald backhands him, knocking Gwaine to the floor.]

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)
This man attacked me! I demand an audience with the King!

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[26:43, INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER OF DOOM - NIGHT] [Merlin walks in with Gaius.]

MERLIN
It's not Sir Oswald. It's that thug from the tavern, Dagr. He's using a magical crystal to change his appearance.

[Guards bring Gwaine into the council chamber in chains.]

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)
Sire, this man attacked me, with a sword, tried to kill me.

UTHER
Is this true?

GWAINE
I stepped in to protect Merlin.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)
I tried to talk to him. He was like a man possessed. I'm sure that Sir Ethan will back me up.

EBOR (SIR ETHAN)
Indeed, I can vouch for his every word.

GWAINE
He's a liar!

UTHER

I will have your tongue! How dare you speak to a knight in that way?!

GWAINÉ

Nobility is defined by what you do, and not by who you are. And these men are anything but. They are arrogant thugs!

ARTHUR

Gwaine.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

Well, you see, Sire, how he behaves.

UTHER

I've heard enough. For a commoner to attack a nobleman is in violation of the Knight's Code.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

I couldn't agree with you more, Sire. He must be made an example of.

ARTHUR

Sir Oswald, please.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

Nothing less than his execution will give me satisfaction.

ARTHUR

Father, I understand how this must look, it's an embarrassing situation. Sir Oswald is a dear friend, and our guest here in Camelot. But Gwaine is my guest here, too. And he may not be of noble birth, but I can vouch that he has a noble heart.

UTHER

How can you say that when you see the way he behaves?

ARTHUR

Gwaine risked his life to save mine. I beg you, please, if a knight's word is his bond, then I give you my word Gwaine is a good man. He deserves clemency.

UTHER

You are banished from Camelot. If you ever return, you will pay for it with your life. You

have until dawn to leave the city.

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[28:49, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHOENIX CORRIDOR - NIGHT]

EBOR (SIR ETHAN)

That servant boy is onto us.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

What's he gonna do? We're knights, remember? You've seen what happens when a commoner accuses a knight.

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[28:56, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Gwaine packs his belongings.]

MERLIN

I'm sorry.

GWAINE

Don't be. I never stay in one place for very long. People get sick of me too quickly.

MERLIN

I didn't.

GWAINE

After the trouble I caused?

MERLIN

You livened the place up.

GWAINE (chuckles)

Make sure you look after Arthur. He's in danger.

MERLIN

I thought you hated nobles?

GWAINE

Heh, well...maybe that one's worth dying for, eh?

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[29:27, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHOENIX CORRIDOR - NIGHT]

GWEN
I heard what happened.

GWAINE
Yeah, well, there you go.

GWEN
You did a brave thing.

GWAINE
Hell of a lot of good it did me.

GWEN
I know Arthur. He's not like Uther. You saved his life, I'm sure one day he'll repay you.

GWAINE
He tried to speak up for me.

GWEN
Arthur's fair. He's loyal. He'll be a great king. I know he will.

GWAINE
Clearly. If he makes everyone feel the way that you do. At least now I know why you turned me down.

GWEN
It's not just me that says that.

GWAINE
No, I'm sure it isn't. Let's hope he lives that long.

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[30:22, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT]

MERLIN
I don't know what we do.

GAIUS

I could try and persuade Arthur to withdraw from the contest.

MERLIN

He won't. I know Arthur. I'll have to somehow...use my powers to defend him.

GAIUS

With the King and half of Camelot watching?

MERLIN

I don't have a choice.

—

[30:49, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS - DAY]

UTHER

Ah. I trust you're ready for the challenge?

ARTHUR

Yes, Father.

UTHER

I came to bring you this. I won my first mêlée with this blade. The edge has been dulled, it's perfectly safe. All of Camelot is eager for a victory today, Arthur. I know you won't let me down.

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[31:39, INT. KING'S PALACE, MORGANA'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Gwen looks worriedly out Morgana's window at the townspeople walking to the tournament grounds.]

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[EXT. TOURNAMENT GROUNDS - DAY] [A crowd gathers. Trumpets sound.]

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[31:57, INT. TOURNAMENT GROUNDS, EBOR (ETHAN) AND DAGR (OSWALD)'S TENT - DAY]

EBOR (SIR ETHAN)

Prince Arthur isn't going to know what's hit him.

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

Oh, I hope he does. If it's over too quickly, that'll be no fun at all.

[Ebor laughs.]

DAGR (SIR OSWALD)

Ready?

EBOR (SIR ETHAN)

Absolutely.

[They clang swords in salute.]

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[32:12, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS - DAY]

MERLIN

You know those moments when I tell you something isn't a good idea?

ARTHUR

And then I ignore you, yeah.

MERLIN

And then I'm proved right?

ARTHUR

Merlin, your concern for my wellbeing is touching.

MERLIN

I'm serious. I think you should withdraw.

ARTHUR

Look, I know you think the *mêlée* is some kind of...stupid game, but it's more than that. It's about proving to the people that I'm fit to lead them.

MERLIN

I know.

[Merlin hands Arthur the dull sword.]

MERLIN

Just be careful.

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[32:54, EXT. TOURNAMENT GROUNDS - DAY] [Uther enters the stands. Merlin stands next to Gaius in the crowd. Uther gives the signal and the mêlée ensues. Gwaine is injured by a Stalorne blade. Ebor(Ethan) rides toward Arthur.]

MERLIN

He's heading straight for Arthur.

[Arthur ducks. Ebor (Ethan) is thrown from his horse. Gwaine is knocked off his horse. Ebor (Ethan) goes for Arthur on foot..]

MERLIN

Arthur's in trouble.

[Ebor (Ethan) jumps and pulls Arthur off his horse, then tries to stab him. Arthur rolls out of the way. Arthur fights with Ebor (Ethan). Dagr (Oswald) rides toward them to attack Arthur.]

GAIUS

You'll have to do something. Otherwise, Arthur will die.

MERLIN

spell

[The girth breaks on Dagr (Oswald)'s saddle and he falls off his horse, then gets up to join the fray.]

MERLIN

It's two against one.

[Gwaine gets up and joins Arthur.]

MERLIN

Who is that helping Arthur?

GAIUS

I don't know, but I think we should be thankful he is.

[Gwaine disarms Ebor (Ethan) and catches the Stalorne blade.]

MERLIN

There's only one person I know who can do that.

[Gwaine stabs Ebor (Ethan), the crowd gasps. Dagr (Oswald) knocks Arthur down and goes for the kill. Gwaine blocks Dagr (Oswald) and stabs him with the Stalorne blade, the crowd gasps. Arthur and Gwaine get up and face each other.]

ARTHUR

They'll expect us to fight to the end now.

[Arthur removes his helmet and the crowd cheers.]

ARTHUR

You fought bravely. The field is yours.

[Gwaine sticks his sword in the ground and lifts his visor. Arthur smiles and shakes head.]

ARTHUR

I should've known.

[Gwaine removes his helmet.]

ARTHUR

Nobody fights like you do.

[Gwaine turns toward the King's box, surprising Gwen and Uther.]

UTHER

Guards! Seize him!

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[38:23, INT. TOURNAMENT GROUNDS, TENT - DAY] [Gaius kneels over the bodies of Ebor (Ethan) and Dagr (Oswald).]

UTHER

Is there nothing you can do for them?

GAIUS

I'm sorry, it's too late for them.

UTHER

The prisoner is responsible for their deaths. I want him executed immediately.

GAIUS

You might want to wait before you pass judgment. I fear that...

[Gaius pulls the crystal from Ebor's neck.]

GAIUS

Sir Ethan...

[Gaius pulls the crystal from Dagr's neck.]

GAIUS

...and Sir Oswald are not all that they seem.

[Gaius removes their helmets to reveal Ebor and Dagr.]

UTHER

Sorcery.

ARTHUR

And once again, I owe Gawain my life.

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[39:07, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHOENIX CORRIDOR - DAY]

ARTHUR

The King is prepared to overlook the fact that you fought in the mêlée.

MERLIN

That's fantastic!

GWAINE

Thank you, Arthur.

ARTHUR

But...he's a stubborn man. He will not rescind his judgment. You must leave Camelot.

[Gwaine gives a rueful smile and nods.]

MERLIN

Oh, you got to speak to him, Arthur, make him change his mind.

GWAINE

Merlin.

ARTHUR

I'm sorry Gwaine. My father's wrong. If it were up to me...

GWAINE

I know. You don't need to explain yourself.

ARTHUR

You have until sunset.

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[39:45, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - DAY]

MERLIN

Where will you go?

GWAINE

I was thinking Mercia.

MERLIN

It's dangerous.

GWAINE

Yeah. And you get a lot more ale for your money. I'm joking.

MERLIN

Why don't you tell the King who you really are, he'll grant you a pardon, you can stay in Camelot?

GWAINE

I could never serve under a man like Uther.

MERLIN

Yet you helped Arthur.

GWAINE
He stood up for me.

MERLIN
I knew he would.

GWAINE
That showed he is, indeed, a noble man.

MERLIN
Then why don't you stay?

[Gwaine sighs..]

MERLIN
You could be a knight. Like your father. You and Arthur, you fought well together.

GWAINE
Then maybe one day we will again.

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[40:36, EXT. RAMPARTS ABOVE THE LOWER TOWN - DAY] [Gwaine walks down the street and salutes Arthur and Merlin in farewell.]

ARTHUR
It's a shame. He would've been a great knight.

MERLIN
Maybe one day he still will.

ARTHUR
The rules won't allow it. Knights are noblemen. Always have been, always will be. It's a tradition that...

[Arthur sees Gwen chatting with Gwaine.]

ARTHUR
They seem very friendly!

MERLIN

Why should you care?

ARTHUR

I don't.

[Gwen laughs and touches Gwaine's chest.]

ARTHUR

She could do better than that!

MERLIN

What? She should be setting her sights...higher?

[Arthur shrugs.]

MERLIN

Oh, but I forget! She can't. A girl of Gwen's standing, no. She could never consort with a nobleman. That's the rules.

[Arthur glares at Merlin.]

ARTHUR

Merlin.

MERLIN

Shut up?

ARTHUR

You guessed it.

[Gwen kisses Gwaine on the cheek and they go they wander their separate ways. Arthur and Merlin shove each other on their way back to the castle.]

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