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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 man. His name: Merlin.

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[00:12, INT. MORGANA’S HOVEL - DAY] [Agravaine strokes Morgana’s cheek as she lies unconscious where he placed her on her bed. He gets up and walks over to the fire. Just then Morgana stirs, dreaming. We flash into her memory of Old Merlin in her house, stealing the Fomorroh. Flash to her standing over him in the woods with the dagger.]

MORGANA

So, Emrys...

[Old Merlin throws her with magic. Flash to Old Merlin standing over her, hand raised to strike with magic. She wakes, wide eyed and terrified, and sits up. Agravaine looks over and sees her awake.]

AGRAVAINE

Morgana!

[He goes to her.]

AGRAVAINE

When I found you, you were unconscious in the woods. What happened to you? Morgana,

who did this to you?

MORGANA
Emrys.

AGRAVAINE
The old man? He was here?

MORGANA
He took the Fomorroh. He destroyed it.

AGRAVAINE
He knew of our plans to kill Arthur?

MORGANA
He knows all our plans. All our secrets. He knows everything.

AGRAVAINE
Someone's telling him.

[Agravaine thinks for a moment, then closes his eyes in realisation.]

AGRAVAINE
Oh. Gaius. When I first asked him if he knew Emrys, he claimed not to know, but he was lying. I knew he was lying!

MORGANA
Gaius?

AGRAVAINE
He's the only one in Camelot who would know the Fomorroh. It has to be him.

[Morgana gets up from the bed, clearly disturbed by her thoughts.]

AGRAVAINE
He must be telling Emrys everything.

[Morgana recovers.]

MORGANA

Good. Then he can lead us straight to him.

AGRAVAINE

Gaius is loyal and very stubborn. He won't do that willingly.

MORGANA

Who said he had to be willing?

[OPENING TITLES]

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[02:44, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Merlin opens Arthur's curtains.]

MERLIN

Up you get.

KING ARTHUR

What for?

MERLIN

A bath.

KING ARTHUR

Where's breakfast?

MERLIN

Say, "Ah."

KING ARTHUR

Ah?

[Merlin stuffs a roll in Arthur's mouth.]

KING ARTHUR (muffled)

Merlin!

[Arthur pulls the roll out of his mouth and Merlin hurries to look over some documents on the table.]

MERLIN

Set aside some practice time.

KING ARTHUR

Ah, wonderful. What for? Quarterstaff? Battle axe?

MERLIN

Your speech.

KING ARTHUR

Who to?

MERLIN

The Guild of Harness Polishers.

KING ARTHUR

The guild of who? I don't know anything about polishing.

MERLIN

Fortunately I do.

[Merlin holds up a really long scroll.]

KING ARTHUR

That'll take hours to learn.

MERLIN

You don't have hours. First, you have to receive Odin's envoy.

KING ARTHUR

Do I have to give a speech?

MERLIN

No. You have to listen to one.

[Arthur rolls his eyes.]

MERLIN

Then you need to inspect the guards, perform a freeman's ceremony, oh...and to be a judge.

KING ARTHUR
Preside over a trial?

MERLIN
A garland competition.

[Arthur rolls his eyes again and flops his head back on his pillow.]

KING ARTHUR
There'll be any time to myself?

[Arthur curls back into his covers.]

MERLIN
I know, it's almost like having to work. Come on. You don't have time for this.

[Merlin goes over to the bed and grabs Arthur, trying to drag him out of bed. Arthur struggles to stay under the covers.]

MERLIN
No, come on. No, out of bed.

[Arthur makes an odd squeal as Merlin forces him out of bed along with all his covers.]

MERLIN
You're doing very well, Arthur.

KING ARTHUR
I don't think so.

[Merlin fetches Arthur's shirt.]

MERLIN
Everyone's saying it.

KING ARTHUR
I'm glad your friends at the tavern approve.

MERLIN
I'm serious. You're becoming a very good king.

[Merlin pulls Arthur to his feet.]

KING ARTHUR

Thank you. You're still the worst servant I've ever known.

[Merlin hands Arthur his shirt. Someone knocks on the door.]

KING ARTHUR

Enter.

[Agravaine enters.]

AGRAVAINE

Good morning, my lord. May I have a word?

KING ARTHUR

Of course.

AGRAVAINE

Er, the matter I wish to discuss is a delicate one, sire. Perhaps it'd be better if we talked alone.

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[04:14, EXT. FOREST - DAY] [Morgana rides through the woods. She approaches a city on a peninsula.]

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[04:31, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Arthur dresses behind his screen.]

AGRAVAINE

We know there is a traitor amongst us.

KING ARTHUR

I wish I could deny it.

AGRAVAINE

But we have to consider everyone. Even those dearest to us. No one can be above suspicion.

KING ARTHUR

Of course.

AGRAVAINE

So...one of your knights?

KING ARTHUR

No.

AGRAVAINE

You sure?

KING ARTHUR

I would vouch for each and every one of them.

AGRAVAINE

Well, I have suggested Gaius before, but...I can't believe that he'd betray you.

KING ARTHUR

Nor I. Gaius has always been a loyal servant. Indeed, a friend. To me and my father.

AGRAVAINE

Well...it was Gaius who told you where to find the sorcerer that killed your father, wasn't it? And we do know that he has dabbled in sorcery. What if his interest in the dark arts has been rekindled?

KING ARTHUR

I've always believed I can trust Gaius.

AGRAVAINE

Oh, me too. Perhaps I am being a little hasty. But it wouldn't do any harm to ask him some questions, would it?

KING ARTHUR

I'm not sure there's any need.

AGRAVAINE

Oh, I believe there is, sire. We're talking about your safety, and the safety of the realm. Somebody is plotting against you, and it is my duty to investigate every possibility, however unlikely. I-I'm sure that Gaius himself would respect that.

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[05:51, EXT. CATHA CITY - DAY] [Morgana walks through a market filled with townsfolk wearing turbans. She ignores the sales pitches and enters the temple.]

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[06:03, INT. CATHA TEMPLE- DAY] [Morgana approaches a brawny guard in the corridor.]

MORGANA

I wish to see the Catha. He's expecting me.

[The guard moves aside. Morgana walks around the shrine where the Catha is kneeling and faces him.]

MORGANA

You are Alator of the Catha, warrior and priest.

ALATOR

You are Morgana Pendragon, High Priestess of the Triple Goddess, and last of your kind.

[Alator stands.]

ALATOR

What do you seek here?

MORGANA

I need you to abduct someone. From Camelot.

ALATOR

Camelot is no friend to our kind. From what I hear, the young king follows Uther's ways.

MORGANA

You are a Catha. Such things would not stop you.

ALATOR

Why should I risk my life for you?

[Morgana approaches him and holds out her arm with the healing bracelet.]

MORGANA

Because I am willing to give you something in return. It was forged on the Isle of the

Blessed by a High Priestess. Its healing powers are without equal in the five kingdoms.

[Alator takes the bracelet from her wrist.]

ALATOR

There is true power here. This is a precious gift. The person you seek must be important to you.

MORGANA

Yes. I hope the man will lead me to my mortal enemy. Emrys.

ALATOR

It is as you wish. I will perform this task for you.

[Morgana curtsies and exits.]

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[08:17, INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER - DAY] [Arthur plays with his rings as guards escort Gaius into the room. He lingers in the background while Agravaine greets Gaius.]

AGRAVAINE

Please, sit down.

GAIUS

Why have I been brought here in this manner?

AGRAVAINE

As the king's right hand man, one of my jobs is to ensure his safety.

[Agravaine holds out a chair for Gaius, who sits.]

AGRAVAINE

That means asking questions, even of his most trusted servants. Then, so be it. No one is to take offence.

GAIUS

Have I done something wrong, sire?

[Arthur doesn't answer and Agravaine sits down across from Gaius.]

AGRAVAINE

What is your attitude to sorcery, Gaius?

[Gaius looks at Arthur, who waits for his answer.]

GAIUS

It is against the law.

AGRAVAINE

And do you agree with that?

GAIUS

I understand the reason for it.

AGRAVAINE

That's not an answer to the question that I asked.

[Arthur watches.]

GAIUS

The law is needed to prevent the abuses that have been perpetrated by sorcerers.

AGRAVAINE

Can I ask you to be a little more direct with your answers? Do you agree that magic should be banned? Yes or no?

GAIUS

Yes.

AGRAVAINE

Have you ever practiced sorcery?

[Gaius purses his lips.]

GAIUS

A long time ago.

AGRAVAINE

Recently?

GAIUS

No.

AGRAVAINE

Then how did you know the sorcerer that killed Uther?

[Agravaine looks at Arthur who is still hanging out in the background.]

GAIUS

I'd heard of him.

AGRAVAINE

You told Arthur where to find him.

[Gaius looks at Arthur.]

GAIUS

Yes.

AGRAVAINE

That suggests you did know him.

GAIUS

I was told of a dwelling where he could be found.

AGRAVAINE

Who by?

GAIUS

I cannot say.

AGRAVAINE

Have you ever met with him? It's a simple enough question, Gaius. Have you met him, yes or no?

[Gaius takes a breath and looks down before answering.]

GAIUS

No.

[Agravaire can tell he's lying.]

AGRAVAINE

A-ha. And you would be prepared to swear to that?

GAIUS

Yes.

AGRAVAINE

On oath?

GAIUS

Yes.

AGRAVAINE

Humph. Thank you, Gaius. It's been most informative.

[Agravaire is clearly pleased to have caught Gaius lying.]

GAIUS

Is that it?

AGRAVAINE (nods/shrugs)

Mm. Oh, for today.

[Arthur stares at the floor in the background. Agravaire glares at Gaius as he leaves. They wait until the doors close and Arthur steps forward.]

KING ARTHUR

Is it really necessary to treat him like that?

[Arthur sits on the throne.]

AGRAVAINE

Your life is at stake, sire. We cannot afford to be fainthearted.

[Agravaire stands.]

AGRAVAINE

And you saw with your own eyes he was lying.

KING ARTHUR

He's definitely hiding something.

[Agravaire scoffs.]

KING ARTHUR

But we can't be certain. We have no proof.

AGRAVAINE

No. You're right, sire. We do not. But I fear that if we keep investigating, we might find some.

[The guards open the doors for Agravaire and he exits, leaving Arthur alone in the council room.]

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[11:55, EXT. FOREST - DAY] [Alator rides through the woods with his brawny guard. They stop for a view of Camelot.]

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[12:06, EXT. LOWER TOWN - NIGHT] [A guard leads a horse up the street. Alator steps out of the shadows with his guard and follows him.]

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[12:27, INT. KING'S PALACE, AGRAVAINE'S CHAMBER - NIGHT] [Merlin knocks on the open door.]

AGRAVAINE

Come in.

[Merlin enters.]

AGRAVAINE

Ah. Close the door, would you?

[Merlin closes the door and walks into the room.]

AGRAVAINE

Merlin. I realise what a loyal and trusted servant you are, so I have a very special errand for you.

[Agravaire smiles and unwraps a dagger. He pulls it out of its sheath and holds it up, walking very close to Merlin. Merlin is uneasy.]

AGRAVAINE

What do you think?

MERLIN

It's beautiful.

AGRAVAINE

Present for Arthur.

[Merlin relaxes and smiles now.]

AGRAVAINE

It's been crafted by the sword smiths of Gedref, but unfortunately, the blade has become somewhat dulled during the journey.

[Agravaire sheathes the dagger and hands it to Merlin.]

AGRAVAINE

Would you sharpen it for me?

MERLIN

Of course.

[Agravaire smiles and turns back to his chair.]

AGRAVAINE

Oh, and Merlin...

[Merlin turns around on his way to the door.]

AGRAVAINE

Leave it for the king to find in the morning.

[Merlin chuckles.]

MERLIN

It would be my pleasure.

[Merlin leaves.]

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[13:39, INT. ROYAL STABLES - NIGHT] [A guard leads a horse into the stables. Alator and his bodyguard sneak in and wait for the guard to leave. They untie a white horse.]

ALATOR

Ga on wuda!

[The horse runs out of the stables and off through the lower town.]

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[14:10, EXT. KING'S PALACE, BATTLEMENTS - NIGHT] [Alator and his bodyguard hide under the battlements as guards pass by. They make their way to a door in the wall. Agravaine opens the door from the inside.]

AGRAVAINE (whisper)

You're late!

ALATOR

Let us not waste time, then.

[Agravaine tries to go in after Alator, but the bodyguard pushes him back and goes in ahead of him.]

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[14:34, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Gaius is working late. He hears something.]

GAIUS

Merlin?

[Alator grabs Gaius from behind with a hand over his mouth.]

ALATOR

Onslæp nu!

[Gaius falls asleep and collapses into the bodyguard's arms.]

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[14:54, EXT. FOREST - NIGHT] [The bodyguard tosses Gaius onto a horse and they ride off.]

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[15:03, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Agravaire enters with a bag. He plants a book titled "Witchcraft, Sorcery & Magic" in the room, and quickly packs some of Gaius's things.]

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[15:29, INT. KING'S PALACE, ARTHUR'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Merlin places the sharpened dagger next to Arthur's bed while he sleeps. The warning bells sound and Arthur jolts awake. He looks over at Merlin who smiles awkwardly.]

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[15:46, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Guards toss Gaius's possessions, breaking many of them, as usual. Agravaire holds the planted book.]

AGRAVAINE

My lord, he was seen riding away from the city.

[Sir Leon enters.]

MERLIN

That can't be true.

SIR LEON

Sire. (to Agravaire) You were right. A white stallion has been taken from the royal stables.

KING ARTHUR

Well, where would he be going? Why leave at this time of night?

AGRAVAINE

Well, I could hazard a guess, sire, but I think a thorough search of his belongings may well provide us with the truth.

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[16:10, EXT. FOREST - DAY] [Alator and the bodyguard ride through the forest with Gaius. They reach a large natural stone bridge and mining caves.]

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[16:24, INT. KING'S PALACE, COUNCIL CHAMBER - DAY] [Arthur flips through the books

of sorcery that Agravaine planted.]

KING ARTHUR

And this was found in Gaius's chambers?

AGRAVAINE

I am as disappointed as you, sire. Someone so close, so trusted. And it's not merely the discovery that he was a sorcerer, is it? It's... it's the lies.

[Merlin watches Arthur, angered by Agravaine's lies.]

AGRAVAINE

The lies and years of betrayal.

[Arthur drops the spell book on the table, upset.]

AGRAVAINE

I know it's hard to believe, isn't it, sire? But we both saw him refuse to condemn magic. We both knew he was hiding something. And neither of us want to believe it, but...now, with this...hasty departure in the middle of the night? These are not the actions of an innocent man, sire. There can be no doubt. Gaius is the traitor.

[Arthur leans back in his chair, still struggling Agravaine's words.]

AGRAVAINE

I'll send a search party as soon as possible.

KING ARTHUR

No. What purpose will that serve? Let him run.

AGRAVAINE (bows)

As you wish, sire.

[Agravaine exits. Merlin glares at him as he leaves, then stares at the floor. As soon as the door closes...]

MERLIN

How can you believe this?

[Arthur looks down for a moment.]

KING ARTHUR

I know how you must feel. We questioned him. He's been consorting with sorcerers. He more or less admitted to it.

MERLIN

And that makes him a traitor.

KING ARTHUR

Why run if you have nothing to hide.

MERLIN

He's given his life to this kingdom. He would never betray you.

KING ARTHUR

Then explain his actions.

[Merlin finally looks at Arthur.]

MERLIN

All right. They're lies. Gaius would never run off in the night.

KING ARTHUR

Look, I know it's hard. But no break ins were reported. His possessions are missing. A horse has been stolen.

MERLIN

He would not leave without saying goodbye to me.

[Merlin looks away again and stares in the opposite direction. Arthur sighs.]

MERLIN

Agravaine has made this story up.

KING ARTHUR

I shall ignore that last comment.

MERLIN

Because he's your uncle, you will not see who he really is.

KING ARTHUR

Merlin! I've had my heart broken enough already today. I don't want to lose another friend.

[Arthur stands up briskly.]

KING ARTHUR

Gaius...

[Arthur holds up the magic book.]

KING ARTHUR

Condemned himself.

[Arthur slaps the book on the table on his way out.]

KING ARTHUR

There's no more to be said.

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[19:07, INT. RIDGE OF KEMERAY - DAY] [Alator enters the cave, the bodyguard carries Gaius over his shoulder. The bodyguard lays Gaius on a slanted slab of rock and Gaius stirs.]

MORGANA

You've had a difficult journey. You must be tired. It's time to wake up.

[Morgana strokes his cheek and Gaius wakes.]

MORGANA

It's time for the fun to begin.

[Gaius finds he can't move.]

GAIUS

Get on with it, Morgana. Whatever you want to do, just do it now. I'm not afraid to die.

MORGANA

Dying is the easy part. I wouldn't be in such a hurry if I were you. My friend here's going to help me get some information.

[Gaius looks at Alator for the first time.]

MORGANA

Some information you might be a little reluctant to give. I want you to tell me where Emrys is.

GAIUS

I don't know anyone called Emrys.

MORGANA

Oh, I think you do.

GAIUS

Do what you will. I will never tell you anything, Morgana.

MORGANA

Alator is no ordinary torturer. He's a Catha...priest of the Old Religion. He has at his disposal some skills only known by initiates. But you're a learned man, Gaius. I'm sure you know exactly what he can do.

[Morgana leaves and Agravaine follows her out.]

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[20:59, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Merlin sits on the floor reading a sheet of parchment. The door opens and he looks at it expectantly. It's Gwen. He turns back, disappointed.]

MERLIN

I thought you were him.

[Gwen walks to him and puts a hand on his shoulder as she sits on the floor beside him.]

MERLIN

Agravaine's behind this. He's done something to Gaius.

GWEN

Arthur told me what you said.

MERLIN

He won't listen to me.

GWEN

I'll do what I can, but...Agravaine's his uncle. He...he trusts him more than anyone.

MERLIN

Yeah.

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[21:50, INT. RIDGE OF KEMERAY - DAY]

ALATOR

Ligfyr onbærne swiþe.

[Alator's eyes glow and a circle of flame rises up around Gaius's stone slab.]

ALATOR

Do not resist the fire. Let it enter your mind. Let the flames search out your thoughts. Feel them burn...

[Gaius seems to be in pain.]

ALATOR

Into the darkest recesses of your mind. Let them shine a torch on your deepest secrets. Bring them to the light.

GAIUS

Acwence þa bælblyse.

[Gaius's eyes glow and the flames die down.]

ALATOR

Fyr wiþere!

[The spell strengthens the flames into a high blaze.]

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[22:45, INT. KING'S PALACE, AGRAVAINE'S CHAMBER - NIGHT] [Merlin searches Agravaine's chamber. He finds a chest under the bed and pulls it out. It's locked. His eyes glow and it unlatches. It's filled with books titled "Studies in Sorcery." Upset, Merlin drops the book back in the box and shoves it back under the bed. He notices a pair of boots nearby with reddish soil all over them. He rubs his thumb across the boot and picks up some of the dirt. He sniffs it and notices its odd smell. The door unlatches and he hides behind the

dressing screen. Agravaine has a mirror set up in a position that allows him a view of the room, so Merlin can see where he is. Agravaine starts to undress and walks around the screen. Merlin has slipped around to the other side while Agravaine pulled off his shirt. Agravaine sees Merlin sneaking off in the strategic mirror. Merlin leaves and he steps around the screen, putting his shirt back on. He looks down by the bed and sees his boots with a thumb mark of dirt missing. He grits his teeth.]

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[24:39, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - NIGHT] [Gwaine is sitting on a bench, waiting for Merlin. Merlin stops as he enters.]

MERLIN
What are you doing in here?

SIR GWAINE
Got bored of playing soldiers. And I thought I'd come and see how you were.

[Still suspicious, Merlin takes a bag off the back of the door and opens it for Gwaine to exit before heading to a work table.]

MERLIN
I'm busy.

SIR GWAINE
Doing what?

MERLIN
What do you think?

SIR GWAINE
Looking for Gaius.

MERLIN
I know everyone thinks he's a traitor, but he's not. He's been abducted, Gwaine. He may even be dead.

[Merlin turns to look at a book and brings a candle closer to examine the dirt.]

SIR GWAINE
Probably don't need my help, then.

[They exchange a look and Merlin softens.]

MERLIN

Do you know what this is?

[Merlin holds up his dirty thumb.]

SIR GWAINE

Might do.

[Gwaine gets up.]

SIR GWAINE

Here. Let me see.

[Gwaine walks to the work table. Merlin holds out his hand and Gwaine takes a swipe of the dirt and smells it.]

SIR GWAINE

That's iron ore. Where'd you find this?

MERLIN

That doesn't matter. Does it help us?

[Gwaine sits and wipes his dirty fingers on the table.]

SIR GWAINE

Iron ore's pretty rare in Camelot. In fact, I've only seen it once, on a patrol.

MERLIN

Where?

SIR GWAINE

Er...ridge of Kemeray. they've been hewing iron from rocks there for hundreds of years.

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[25:54, EXT. KING'S PALACE, MAIN SQUARE - NIGHT] [Merlin and Gwaine ride out of Camelot. Agravaire sees them from his window.]

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[26:09, INT. RIDGE OF KEMERAY - NIGHT]

ALATOR

Feel the fire roar deep within you. Feel your thoughts begin to simmer. Let them flee the rushing flames. Let them run like burning oil. Let them escape. Allow them free, Gaius.

[Gaius struggles against the magic.]

ALATOR

Tell me. Who...is...Emrys?

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[26:46, EXT. FOREST - NIGHT] [Agravaine gallops through the forest.]

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[26:54, INT. MORGANA'S HOVEL - NIGHT] [Agravaine bursts in as Morgana is unloading firewood.]

AGRAVAINE

Merlin's onto us. He's out searching for Gaius even as we speak. He may even know where he's hidden.

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[27:04, EXT. RIDGE OF KEMERAY - NIGHT] [Merlin and Gwaine head into the mining caves.]

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[27:22, INT. RIDGE OF KEMERAY - NIGHT] [Alator continues his mental torture.]

ALATOR

Tell me about Emrys. Tell me, Gaius. Where can we find Emrys?

[Gaius struggles not to speak, but can't help himself.]

GAIUS

In Camelot.

ALATOR

Where in Camelot?

GAIUS

Emrys is- Emrys is a name by which he is known to the druids, but to me...I know him by a different name.

ALATOR

Tell me, Gaius.

[Gaius starts to form Merlin's name.]

GAIUS

No!

[Alator places his hands on Gaius to strengthen the spell.]

ALATOR

Who is he?

GAIUS

H- he is the most powerful sorcerer who has ever lived.

ALATOR

What is his name?

GAIUS

His name...is...

[Gaius struggles.]

GAIUS

Merlin.

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[28:42, INT. RIDGE OF KEMERAY, CAVE ENTRANCE - NIGHT] [Merlin and Gwaine enter the right mining shaft and Merlin notices the same iron ore on his boots.]

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[28:59, INT. RIDGE OF KEMERAY - NIGHT] [Now that the worst has been spoken, Gaius continues without a fight.]

GAIUS

For the druids' legends are true. Merlin is...Emrys. A man destined for greatness. A man who will one day unite the powers of the old world and the new, and bring the time that the poets speak of. The time...of Albion.

[Gaius closes his eyes.]

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[29:35, INT. RIDGE OF KEMERAY - NIGHT] [Merlin and Gwaine continue searching. The bodyguard jumps out at them. Gwaine fights him, but eventually Merlin steps in and, with a flash of the eyes, he's down. Alator hears the bodyguard's scream. Merlin helps Gwaine to his feet.]

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[30:14, EXT. FOREST - NIGHT] [Agravaine and Morgana ride for the caves.]

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[30:19, INT. RIDGE OF KEMERAY - NIGHT] [Gwaine and Merlin come to a fork in their search.]

MERLIN
We should split up.

SIR GWAINÉ
Yeah.

MERLIN
Gwaine. If you find him, don't wait for me.

[Gwaine nods.]

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[30:35, EXT. RIDGE OF KEMERAY - DAY] [Agravaine and Morgana arrive. Agravaine dismounts.]

SIR GWAINÉ
Black horse belongs to Gawain. He's a hot head. Better be careful of him.

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[30:49, INT. RIDGE OF KEMERAY - DAY] [Gwaine keeps searching. Agravaine and Morgana enter.]

MORGANA

Go to Gaius. If he remains alive, we're all in danger.

AGRAVAINE

You can rest assured, he won't breathe another word.

MORGANA (nods)

I'll deal with Merlin and this hot head.

[They separate. Merlin continues searching and sees firelight ahead. He ducks into hiding as Alator comes around the corner. Alator stops, but doesn't look down to see Merlin. When he leaves, Merlin goes where Alator just came from.]

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[31:35, INT. RIDGE OF KEMERAY - DAY] [Agravaine finds Gaius. He steps into the stone circle and checks Gaius, who's still alive. Agravaine pulls out a dagger and goes for Gaius's throat.]

SIR GWAINÉ

Agravaine! So it was you! You abducted him.

AGRAVAINE

What? No!

SIR GWAINÉ

What are you doing?

[Gwaine places his sword at Agravaine's throat.]

AGRAVAINE

He's unconscious, I'm trying to help.

SIR GWAINÉ

With that?

AGRAVAINE

I want to see if he's still breathing.

[Agravaine lifts the dagger from Gaius's throat to his nose.]

SIR GWAINÉ

And is he?

AGRAVAINE

Just. You can see the breath still on the blade, look.

[Gwaine holds the torch near the dagger and Agravaine parries Gwaine's sword.]

AGRAVAINE

Now do you believe me?

[Gwaine puts his sword back at Agravaine's throat.]

SIR GWAINÉ

Then how did you know he was here?

[Agravaine pauses, thinking on his feet.]

AGRAVAINE

Guards at the western gate saw you and Merlin leave. Knowing Merlin's concern for Gaius, I thought it must be some new information at hand. So, I just followed your trail.

[Gwaine backs off and nods.]

SIR GWAINÉ

You agree he was abducted, then?

AGRAVAINE

Yes, of course he was. Now, we must get him back to Camelot without delay. Come on.

SIR GWAINÉ

We have to find Merlin first.

AGRAVAINE

No!

[Gwaine looks back, suspicious.]

AGRAVAINE

I fear if we do not leave now, Gaius will not survive. We've no time to lose. Give me a hand!

[Gwaine starts to go anyway.]

AGRAVAINE

Look, the people who took Gaius have already fled. I saw them with my own eyes from the ridge. We must get back to Camelot by night fall.

[Gwaine hesitates.]

AGRAVAINE

Come on, Gawain! Help me! Please!

[Gwaine sheathes his sword and goes to help.]

AGRAVAINE

Merlin can find his own way back.

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[33:11, INT. RIDGE OF KEMERAY - DAY] [Merlin reaches a dead end. He turns back the way he came only to be thrown backwards by Morgana.]

MORGANA

You really are a thorn in my side, aren't you?

[Morgana pulls out a dagger.]

MORGANA

When will you learn not to meddle with things you couldn't possibly understand?

[Morgana throws the dagger and controls it to stay at Merlin's throat as he scampers backwards on the ground.]

MORGANA

It's difficult, isn't it? When there are so many different and painful ways for me to be finally rid of you.

MERLIN

I don't care what you do to me. I want to know what you've done to Gaius.

MORGANA

Well, Gaius had some information I needed. The whereabouts of the sorcerer Emrys. If he

gave it to me willingly, his suffering would not be prolonged, but...if he did not...

[Morgana smirks.]

MERLIN

If you have harmed him...

MORGANA

Why are we discussing his fate when it's time to decide yours? Not whether you're going to die alone here in this godforsaken place. That's gonna happen anyway. But how. Or more precisely, how painfully.

[Alator enters.]

MORGANA

Alator this is Merlin.

[Alator is surprised and looks more closely at Merlin.]

MORGANA

He's just a serving boy, but he's the most troublesome serving boy I've ever known. I take it your time with Gaius was fruitful?

[Alator looks at Morgana.]

ALATOR

Gaius told me everything.

[Merlin looks at Alator.]

MORGANA

So you know who Emrys is?

ALATOR

Indeed I do.

[Alator walks forward and Morgana follows a few steps, desperate for his answer. Alator kneels down and looks Merlin in the eye. Merlin glares at him.]

ALATOR

Not only do I know who Emrys is, I know exactly where he is.

[Morgana's eyes are wide with eagerness.]

MORGANA
Then tell me.

[Alator looks at her.]

ALATOR
Never.

[Alator stands and aims his staff at her.]

ALATOR
Forþ fleoge!

[Morgana screams as she's thrown backwards against a rock and collapses unconscious. The dagger at Merlin's throat drops. Merlin scrambles to his feet.]

ALATOR
Merlin, I am Alator of the Catha. I am honoured to be of service.

MERLIN
You have magic!

ALATOR (nods)
I understand the burden you carry. I have lived with it all my life. I have been shunned, persecuted, and sometimes even hunted in every corner of the five kingdoms. I understand what that feels like. You're not alone. From what Gaius told me, I do not have your great powers, Merlin, but I share your hopes. For I, and others like me, have dreamt of the world you seek to build. And we would gladly give our lives to help you do it.

[Alator kneels to Merlin. Merlin sighs in amazement.]

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[36:12, EXT. KING'S PALACE, DRAWBRIDGE - DAY] [Gwaine and Agravaine ride into the square with Gaius slung across Gwaine's horse.]

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[36:17, INT. KING'S PALACE, GRIFFIN STAIRCASE - DAY] [Gwaine jogs up the stairs ahead of the guards carrying Gaius. He meets Arthur on the landing.]

KING ARTHUR
What happened?

SIR GWAINÉ
We found him. He'd been kidnapped.

[Arthur looks sharply at Gwaine for a moment.]

KING ARTHUR
He's in a bad way.

[They follow the guards carrying Gaius, Agravaïne behind them.]

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[36:37, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Agravaïne and Arthur watch Gwen mopping Gaius's forehead.]

AGRAVAÏNE
It seems I misjudged Gaius. Merlin was right all along.

KING ARTHUR
We were lucky he found him.

AGRAVAÏNE
Indeed. If it hadn't been for the tenacity of your boy, Gaius would be dead.

[Arthur swallows hard.]

AGRAVAÏNE
We both owe Gaius and Merlin an apology, my lord.

[Arthur leaves. Agravaïne follows him after a last look at Gaius.]

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[37:13, INT. RIDGE OF KEMERAY - DAY] [Morgana wakes in the cave. She picks up her healing bracelet sitting next to her and shakes in fear.]

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[37:48, INT. KING'S PALACE, PHYSICIAN'S CHAMBERS - DAY] [Merlin sits by Gaius's bedside. Gaius wakes.]

GAIUS
I'm ashamed.

MERLIN
Why?

GAIUS
Your secret. A secret I thought I'd protect with my life.

MERLIN
Gaius, you could've died.

GAIUS
But if Morgana had found out...

MERLIN
She didn't. She didn't count on Alator's true loyalties.

GAIUS
I worry that one day I'll let you down.

MERLIN
My worry is Arthur.

GAIUS
We can't tell him about Agravaine.

MERLIN
He needs to know.

GAIUS
We don't have any evidence. And you've seen how dear he is to Arthur.

[Arthur knocks and enters. Merlin's not really pleased to see him.]

KING ARTHUR

I think I owe both of you an apology.

MERLIN

Not to me. To Gaius.

KING ARTHUR

Yes.

[Gaius and Merlin share a poignant look.]

KING ARTHUR

Merlin, will you give us a moment?

[Merlin gives Gaius an mischievous look.]

MERLIN

Does that mean I get the morning off?

[Gaius smiles.]

KING ARTHUR

Yes.

[Merlin raises his eyebrows.]

KING ARTHUR

Yes, you can have the morning off to...clean my chambers, polish my armour, and launder my clothes.

[Merlin turns to Arthur.]

MERLIN

You certainly know how to apologise.

[Arthur grins with an amused shrug. They share a poignant look and Arthur nods to him as Merlin leaves. Arthur approached Gaius's sickbed.]

KING ARTHUR

Are you all right?

GAIUS

I'm just glad it's all over.

KING ARTHUR

I made a mistake.

GAIUS

I've looked after you since you were a nurseling, Arthur. You should've known I love you far too much ever to betray you.

[Arthur looks touched and ashamed.]

KING ARTHUR

Gaius...who abducted you?

[Gaius swallows hard and considers for a moment how to answer.]

GAIUS

I couldn't say. But I'm certain they were in league with Morgana.

KING ARTHUR

What did they want?

GAIUS

Information. About you...Camelot...to help bring down the kingdom.

KING ARTHUR (softly)

Did they get it?

[Gaius shakes his head.]

GAIUS

Morgana got nothing from me.

[Arthur chuckles for a moment, then sighs in amazement at Gaius's strength. He sits in the chair that Merlin vacated and grasps Gaius's hand.]

KING ARTHUR

I'm grateful.

[Arthur braces his arms on his legs.]

KING ARTHUR (softly)

But there's a matter that still concerns me. When you were asked about the sorcerer who killed my father...you lied.

GAIUS

I did, sire.

KING ARTHUR (softly)

You admit it?

GAIUS

I chose to protect him. I feared you would seek him out and execute him. That would've been a grave mistake. The sorcerer did not kill your father. Uther was dying. He tried everything in his power to save him.

[Gaius sees Arthur having difficulty with what he said.]

GAIUS

Contained within this great kingdom is a rich variety of people with a range of different beliefs. I'm not the only one seeking to protect you. There are many more who believe in the world you are trying to create. One day you will learn, Arthur. One day you will understand...just how much they've done for you.

[Arthur processes Gaius's words and nods.]

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