

**MANDRAKE'S
LIBRARY. NOT
LONG AGO.**

MAGIC IS A
GAME OF
PERSPECTIVE.

WIZZARD

I KNOW
YOU HEAR ME,
WIZZARD...

FREE ME...
AND I WILL
DROWN YOU
IN GOLD.

MISJUDGE THE
ANGLE AND
YOUR AUDIENCE
WILL SPOT THE
PALMED CARD...

THE GLINT
OFF THE
MIRROR...

ME UNBOUND,
DRAKE OF MAN,
AND ENDLESS
POWER IN YOUR
HAND.

RUB ME,
TOUCH ME,
RELEASE
ME!

THE WIRE
THROUGH THE
SMOKE.

NOTHING SHEARS
THROUGH
ILLUSION FASTER
THAN REALITY.

EVERYTHING
YOU DESIRE,
WIZZARD...

ME UNBOUND
TO RUN HOME,
OR GNASH
WILL I UPON
YOUR BONES.

NOW!
QUICKLY.

FREE
MEEE!

HERE,
SORCERER,
OVER HERE...

SOOO
THIRSTY. I
HUNGER FOR
BLOOD.

THE PROBLEM WITH
PERSPECTIVE, IS
THAT IT SLIPS AWAY
SO EASILY.

MAKING IT HARDER
TO REMEMBER
WHICH SIDE YOU
ARE SUPPOSED TO
BE HIDING...

MONGO. CHAMBER OF THE EMPRESS. NOW.

AND WHICH ONE YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SHOWING.

VALIANT, STOP!

DAMMIT PRINCE, DON'T MAKE ME PUT A HOLE IN YOU.

STOP, I-I--

STAY BACK, FRIENDS. I MUST KILL EMPRESS ARDEN.

HE'S TOO SMART. I'VE GOT NO SHOT.

SAVOR YOUR WORDS, DESPOT. THEY ARE YOUR LAST.

Ulp.

HURT YOU!

STRIKE THAT. I DO NOW.

UNNNH.

I HATE IT WHEN THEY TALK OVER YOU.

DON'T WANT TO--

Um...

YEAH.

SHOULD WE BE LETTING HER...?

MAYBE, I GUESS...? PROBABLY NOT. SHE SEEMS DISTRACTED.

DARYA, KLYTUS IS MAKING HIS MOVE.

KRAK





No!

DALE,
PLEASE,
HELP ME.

SHOULD
THE EMPIRE FALL,
MILLIONS OF LIVES
WILL BE LOST IN THE
CHAOS. IF KLYTUS'
COUP SUCCEEDS,
IT COULD BE
BILLIONS.



IT'S SO
COLD...

HANG ON.
JUST HANG
ON!



KILLING
EVERYONE THAT
LOVES YOU
WON'T MAKE YOU
STRONGER...

-NGH-

JUST
LONELIER.



THE DALE
I KNOW
WOULDN'T
SIT THERE
AND WATCH
ME DIE!



DALE...?!



MING'S SHIPYARD.

POWBOOM

HAHHHHHLL

DESTROY THE BEAST.

BEFORE IT RUINS EVERYTHING.

DOCTOR, WE HAVE TO KEEP MOVING.

ONE MORE SECOND...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

DON'T CALL ATTENTION TO US!

THAT IS NOT ME.

THIS SHOULD TORCH THAT SHAMBLING MOUND.

PTWISSH

HAAIL MINNING!