

Once Upon
A Time

PLEASE
GOD MAKE
IT STOP!

ARE
YOU CERTAIN
THAT NO ONE
SAW YOU
ANSWER MY
SUMMONS?

I SWEAR
TO YOU...NO
ONE SAW.

ARRGG!!

I BELIEVE
YOU.

PLEASE
TAKE COMFORT
IN THE FACT THAT
YOU'RE CONTRIBUTING
TO A LARGER
PURPOSE.

YOU
SHALL MAKE
A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIVES OF
KNIGHTS AND
KINGS. YOU ARE
BLESSED.

TRULY
BLESSED.

WHAT WE DO TODAY HAS NOT BEEN DONE IN MANY A YEAR. THIS CHANGES THINGS.

YOU ARE CHANGING THINGS.

TRULY, I OWE YOU MY THANKS. DO YOU FEEL MY GRATITUDE?

I... I DO.

THEN I AM PLEASED.

GUR--
GLUK!

SLICE

EVER AS IT WAS, IT IS DONE, IT IS BEGUN. ALL THINGS MOVING IN THEIR TIME, A REIGN IN BLOOD MAY BEGIN AGAIN.

Reign in Blood Part 1

On order of King Trevisan ... Sir Ferenc, I dispatch you at once to the Far Forest. Fetch forth Elder Winnifred from her training of the Daughters of the Line.

You know the nature of this urgency, Ferenc.



Make haste.
Your King.



LADIES!
I RIDE ON
URGENT BUSINESS
OF THE CROWN!
WHERE IS THE
ELDER?



ELDER
WINNIFRED
IS LEADING A
STUDY, GOOD
KNIGHT. I'LL
FETCH HER
DIRECTLY.

THANK
YOU,
MILADY.



SIR KNIGHT!

WHAT NEWS?



SIR FERENC, MILADY. KING TREVIAN HAS NEED OF YOU.

I AM SERVING THE KING RIGHT NOW. KNOW YOU THAT THE DAUGHTERS OF THE LINE ARE HERE FOR THEIR TRAINING.



OF COURSE, BUT...

THE RULES DICTATE THAT THE ROYAL LADIES COME TO ME IN THE SEASON TO LEARN THE HERBAL AND NATURE SPELLCRAFT.

THIS IS A DELICATE TIME, MANDATED AFTER THE KING'S COUNCIL AND THE BAN OF BLOOD MAGIC! KNOW YOU THIS?

YES, BUT--

THEN WHAT COULD BE SO BLASTED IMPORTANT--



LAURA! LAURA, GOOD ELDER.

LAURA? THE BABY?

THE SAME.

SHE IS ILL, ELDER. ILL UNTO DEATH.



GET ME ELIZABETH.

SHE'S IN THE FOREST--

THEN GO THERE AND RETURN HERE. GO!



ELIZABETH!

CAN I NOT SWIM IN PEACE?



WHAT DOES SHE WANT NOW?

THERE'S A KNIGHT, FROM THE KING. IT'S A MATTER OF SOME URGENCY.

THIS HAD BETTER NOT BE ONE OF YOUR ROYAL JESTS...



PLEASE HURRY, ELIZABETH!

WOULD YOU RATHER I WENT IN MY BATHING CLOTHES?

YOU HAD NO... OH.

QUITE. NOW LET'S GO.



TELL ME, IS HE HANDSOME?

THE KNIGHT?

OH CHILD, YOU NEED SO MUCH MORE THAN A FORTNIGHT WITH US.



MILADY, MY ORDERS WERE EXPLICIT!

AND I'M TRYING TO AID THE KING IN THE BEST WAY!



THANK THE GODS YOU'RE HERE.

WAIT, THIS IS THE ONE?!

SHE'S SO...



WHAT EXACTLY AM I, GOOD KNIGHT?

WHEN THE ELDER SUGGESTED THAT THERE WAS A SUPERIOR HEALER TO HERSELF, I EXPECTED SOMEONE MORE...

ELDER THAN THE ELDER?

IT SOUNDS QUITE SILLY WHEN YOU SAY IT THAT WAY. BUT YES, I EXPECTED MORE AGE AND WISDOM THAN YOUTH AND BEAUTY.



BAH! THIS IS WHY MEN MAKE A MESS OF THINGS. IT MATTERS NOT THE AGE OR APPEARANCE.

IT'S SKILL THE KING NEEDS IF YOU'RE TO SAVE THE BABY.

WHAT?!

THE KING'S CHILD IS GRAVELY ILL. HE SENT FOR ME. I SEND HIM YOU.





YES, ELDER?

THIS IS PERFECT, CHILD. WE'D PLANNED FOR YOU TO GO TO COURT, BUT NOW...

THIS CHANGES THINGS.

DOES IT?



GOING TO COURT AND FOLLOWING THE PLAN IS ONE THING. I HAVE TO BE CERTAIN WITH THIS CHILD. IT'S THE KING'S DAUGHTER, WINNIFRED!



I KNOW. JUST AS I KNOW THAT YOU WILL DO YOUR BEST. YOU HAVE A RARE AND WILD TALENT, ELIZABETH.

MAKE AN IMPRESSION UPON THE COURT. SAVE THE CHILD. OUR PLAN BEGINS NOW. FOLLOW IT.

YOU KNOW THAT I WILL.



EXCELLENT. THEN, GATHER YOUR THINGS. YOU HAVE A JOURNEY TO ATTEND TO.



I DARESAY THAT ELDER WINNIFRED COULDN'T HAVE HANDLED THE RIDE.

ARE YOU A STRANGER TO HORSES, MILADY?

I'M NOT A STRANGER TO MANY THINGS.



I APPRECIATE YOUR WIT AND WILDNESS, BUT YOU MAY WISH TO QUELL IT AT COURT.

AND I APPRECIATE YOUR COUNSEL, SIR FERENC.



HAVE YOU EVER BEEN?

TO THE CASTLE?
NO.

VERY WELL. I'LL TAKE YOU TO BE FITTED FOR A FORMAL GOWN BEFORE YOUR PRESENTATION TO THE KING AND QUEEN.

THEIR CHILD IS ILL, AND THEY'LL SLOW ME WITH THEATRE?

MILADY, THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COURT AND THEATRE IS THAT WHEN AN ACTOR ON STAGE ORDERS AN EXECUTION, IT USUALLY DOESN'T HAPPEN.



USUALLY?

THE KING IS NOT FOND OF CRITICS.



WELCOME TO CASTLE VARANNO, MILADY.

PAGE! MY HORSE!



I KNEW IT WOULD BE BUSY BUT IT'S SO... ALIVE.



I THINK THAT THIS PLACE SUITS YOU.

IT MAY.

I WILL SHOW YOU ABOUT LATER, IF YOU'LL ALLOW.



I MAY AT THAT.

BUT FIRST, COURT. REMEMBER: LISTEN. NOD. PROMISE NOTHING.



WHAT WOULD I PROMISE?

NOTHING. KEEP IT THAT WAY.

Enter...



The Court of King Trevian.

KING TREVIAN
AND QUEEN ELANOR,
ALLOW ME TO PRESENT
ELIZABETH, HEART-DAUGHTER
OF ELDER WINNIFRED. THE
ELDER RECKONS THERE
IS NO FINER HEALER
FOR THE PRINCESS
LAURA.

