

MERLIN

Arty, I promise you that I am here to help you. All I ask is that you trust me. I have done nothing to earn that trust as of yet, but if you will grant it to me, I promise I will earn it. Do you trust me, Arty? You asked me why you are king. You should have asked how you will be king. What does a king do, Arty? He serves the people, serves them like a king. Think about the sword. Others pulled at that sword through the years for riches, for power, for personal gain. You were the only young man who pulled at it for his brother, not for himself. Now, come inside and let us get some rest. Tomorrow we set out on an adventure to make a king.

ARTHUR

Wait. My father was Uther. The last king of England, Uther? When were you going to tell me this? I'm named the next king of England. I find out the family I thought was mine for thirteen years, isn't. And you didn't think it might be useful information that my father was actually Uther? That it's in my blood? And you didn't tell me about her, either. I have a sister and my father was king. You don't get to keep my family from me. You don't get to decide that. (A beat.) Get out of here. Our adventure is over. Get out of here. I'm going to help my sister. I'm the King of England. Don't tell me what I can and can't do. Go.

DRAGON

Who goes there? Who is in my lair? By fire and ash, my eyes must jest. Has someone been here and emptied my nest? (The DRAGON sniffs the air.) I smell your smell, you treacherous thief. I will follow the trail and make your life brief. Come wings come, beat and ascend. Some miserable soul has called for its end.

MORGAN

This is our chance, Yvain. I may take the crown of England with the help of this young dragon. I only have to slip into the dragon's lair while the mother sleeps and steal the egg for myself. I will play mother to it, and under my care it will do my bidding. Then with a dragon at our side, we claim the crown. For me. For you.