

LEGENDS OF THE ROUND TABLE  
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### SETTING

The forests of England in the Middle Ages.  
A Lake with magic in its waters.

### CHARACTERS

Merlin – A wizard  
Morgan Le Fay – An enchantress who likes to make fun of Merlin  
King Arthur- A king, Morgan Le Fey's brother  
Sir Bedivere- A knight  
The Black Knight- A knight, a bit of a bully  
Sir Gawain- A knight  
The Green Knight- A knight, has a magical talent  
Sir Galahad- A knight  
The Lady of the Lake- A mystical goddess of the water  
Villager- Running from a dragon

### Scene 1

#### MERLIN

Oh a legend is sung  
Of when England was young  
And Knights were brave and....

(MORGAN runs on because she is tired of MERLIN'S singing.)

#### MORGAN

STOP!

#### MERLIN

What?

#### MORGAN

Stop singing! I'm trying to cast a spell and it is INCREDIBLY distracting.

#### MERLIN

Oh come now Morgan, it is not that distracting.

#### MORGAN

It is, it really is. You may be the most famous wizard in history, Merlin, but your pitch is all over the place.

#### MERLIN

Fine, I'll stop.... wait, what spell are you casting, Morgan Le Fey? Are you up to mischief again?

MORGAN

Oh yes, without a doubt. Mischief is what I do.

MERLIN

Well, you should stop it.

MORGAN

Pardon me? Do you think I need your permission to do anything?

MERLIN

Well... no but...

MORGAN

No but Merlin. This is my island you're currently sitting on. Avalon, the isle of Apples. My island, my rules, I can do what I want.

MERLIN

Oh very well... but what are you doing?

MORGAN

I'm trying to see what my brother is up to.

MERLIN

Oh King Arthur? Didn't he go on a journey with Sir Bedivere?

MORGAN

Yes, but you know him. He gets in trouble all the time

MERLIN

Gets in trouble? Half the time you're the one getting him into trouble and I have to get him out!

MORGAN

Oh whatever, I... oh... oh wait I see them, he's walking right toward the Bridge of the... oh no...

MERLIN

Oh... that's not good.

(MORGAN and MERLIN run off. ARTHUR and BEDIVERE enter.)

ARTHUR

Good Sir Bedivere, my most faithful friend. This journey across my kingdom has been...

BORING! I'm so bored.

BEDIVERE

I must admit, my King, not much has happened. Of course that means your kingdom is peaceful and peace is the best thing in the world. Is it not?

ARTHUR

Well, yes, sure, peace is great... but it makes for lousy stories. I want adventure! I want excitement... Let's go fight a dragon!

BEDIVERE

A dragon? My king... where are we going to find a dragon?

ARTHUR

... Scotland?

BEDIVERE

Pretty sure it's just sheep and unicorns up there...

(SIR GAWAIN enters.)

ARTHUR

Sir Gawain! The bravest knight of the Round Table!

BEDIVERE

Hey!

ARTHUR

What noble adventure are you setting out on?

GAWAIN

Well your grace. Last Christmas, I chopped off this guy's head, so now he gets to chop my head off. So I'm going to his house to let him do it...

ARTHUR

Wait, you...

GAWAIN

Chopped his head off...

BEDIVERE

Why?!

GAWAIN

He dared me to.

ARTHUR  
So now...

GAWAIN  
He's going to chop my head off.

ARTHUR  
And you're just going to let him?

GAWAIN  
Part of the dare, fair is fair after all

BEDIVERE  
Wait a minute, if you chopped his head off... How is he still alive to chop your head off?

GAWAIN  
THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW!!

(GAWAIN huffs off dejectedly.)

ARTHUR  
Well... that was strange, let's just cross this river and be on our...

BLACK KNIGHT  
HOLD TRESPASSERS!

(THE BLACK KNIGHT *leaps onstage. Wielding an evil-looking blade.*)

NONE MAY CROSS THE BRIDGE OF... THE BLACK KNIGHT!!!

BEDIVERE  
... why?

BLACK KNIGHT  
BECAUSE I SAY SO AND I'M SUPER IMPORTANT!

ARTHUR  
You're important? I'm the King of England!

BLACK KNIGHT  
NO ONE CARES! THIS IS MY BRIDGE AND NONE MAY CROSS UNLESS THEY  
DEFEAT ME IN SINGLE COMBAT.

ARTHUR  
Oh... that sounds... AWESOME!

BEDIVERE

My Lord, I don't think we should...

(ARTHUR tries to fight the BLACK KNIGHT who immediately knocks the sword out of ARTHUR'S hand.)

BLACK KNIGHT

HAHA I AM INVINCIBLE. NO PASSING... NEEEEEEERDS.

(BLACK KNIGHT runs off.)

BEDIVERE

Are you wounded my king?

ARTHUR

Only my pride... and maybe my wrist... elbow is a little sore...

BEDIVERE

His sword must be magical. You never stood a chance.

(MORGAN and MERLIN enter.)

MORGAN

I'll say, he kicked your royal...

MERLIN

Morgan!

MORGAN

What? He did!

ARTHUR

Merlin? Morgan, my sister? What are you doing here?

MERLIN

I've come to help you defeat the Black Knight.

MORGAN

And I've come to point and laugh at you. Ha Ha!

MERLIN

Mor...

MORGAN

Okay fine, look Arthur, if you want to beat the Black Knight you need a better sword... and I know just the one...

(ARTHUR, BEDIVERE, MORGAN and MERLIN exit. GALAHAD enters.)

GALAHAD

I am Sir Galahad. The purest and most righteous of all the Knights of the Round Table. I've been away for years on a perilous quest to find the Holy Grail. And I did! I found the Holy Grail!

(GALAHAD stands there for a moment.)

No seriously I found it! There were saw-traps and dead-drops and a pit with an invisible bridge. It was totally perilous and then I found the Grail! But I couldn't take it past the seal in the main chamber of the cave and... look. I'm really tired okay, and totally quested out. I'm taking an extended vacation when I get back to Camelot.

GAWAIN

(From offstage)

OW OW.

(GAWAIN runs onstage pursued by the GREEN KNIGHT.)

GREEN KNIGHT

Oh come on, I haven't even swung the thing yet!

GALAHAD

Sir Gawain?

GAWAIN

Sir Galahad, thank goodness you're here. This knight is going to chop my head off!

(GALAHAD looks at the GREEN KNIGHT.)

GALAHAD

(to GAWAIN)

Why is he green?

GREEN KNIGHT

Because I am the Green Knight of the Green Chapel!

GALAHAD

Oh, is the chapel green too?

GREEN KNIGHT

No, it's brown. It's actually made of dirt. The roof is green though.

GALAHAD

Okay... and why do you want to chop of my friend's head.

GREEN KNIGHT

Because he chopped mine off last Christmas and fair is fair!

GALAHAD

He chopped your head off?

GREEN KNIGHT

Yes!

GALAHAD

Then how do you still have a head?

GREEN KNIGHT

Once he chopped it off I picked it up and put it back on!

GALAHAD

You can do that!

GREEN KNIGHT

Yes.

GAWAIN

Cause that's a totally normal thing!

GALAHAD

Green Knight, I think you're some sort of magical creature aren't you.

GREEN KNIGHT

... Maaaaaybe

GALAHAD

So how is it fair then? If you can get your head chopped off and be fine, and Gawain can't. How is that fair at all?

GREEN KNIGHT

Hey man, not my problem. He took the dare. And if he's truly the bravest Knight of the Round Table, he'll hold up his deal. Otherwise he's a great big chicken.

GAWAIN

What did you call me?

GALAHAD

Oh no.

GAWAIN

What did you call me?

GALAHAD

Here we go...

GAWAIN

No one...

GALAHAD

You shouldn't have done that.

GAWAIN

And I mean no one...

GALAHAD

This is like a thing for him...

GAWAIN

Calls me...

GALAHAD

He's seriously always been like this...

GAWAIN

A CHICKEN!

GREEN KNIGHT

Seemed pretty chicken when you were running around screaming OW OW OW a second ago...

(GREEN KNIGHT makes a chicken sound at GAWAIN.)

GAWAIN

THAT'S IT. YOU WANT TO DO THIS GREEN BEAN? LET'S GO!

GALAHAD

Gawain maybe this might not...

GAWAIN

Oh no. OH NO. We are doing this! Get your axe. Galahad is going to watch!

GALAHAD

Whoa, I don't want to...

GAWAIN

You're going to watch Emerald twit chop my head off and tell everyone at Camelot that Sir Gawain kept his word and is NOT a chicken. Sir Gawain IS. A. BOSS.

GREEN KNIGHT

Right. Back to the chapel, my axe is already sharp!

GAWAIN

Good!

GREEN KNIGHT

Great!

GAWAIN

I'm looking forward to it!

GREEN KNIGHT

Me too!

GAWAIN

Alright then!

GREEN KNIGHT

Let's go!

GALAHAD

Guys I just got back from Alexandretta and I'm really...

GREEN KNIGHT & GAWAIN

COME ON, GALAHAD!

(ALL THREE exit.)

## Scene 2

(LADY OF LAKE comes on casually holding Excalibur up in the air, singing to herself.)

(ARTHUR, BEDIVERE, MERLIN AND MORGAN sneak on.)

MERLIN

There she is! The legendary Lady of the Lake! Keeper of the sword EXCALIBUR!

BEDIVERE

Gesundheit?

MERLIN

No, that's a different sword! Arthur, if you can retrieve the sword, you can use it defeat the Black Knight!

MORGAN

Yeah, but don't think she's gonna make it easy for you. No one has ever claimed the sword from her... ever... ever... ever

ARTHUR

Yeah okay I got it!

(ARTHUR Walks up to the LADY OF THE LAKE, dropping to a knee gallantly.)

Oh majestic Lady of the Lake. I am Arthur, son of Uther, Lord of Camelot, King of All Britain and I have come to claim the mighty sword Excalibur!

LADY OF THE LAKE

And...

ARTHUR

Ummm... may I have it?

LADY OF THE LAKE

Sure.

(LADY OF THE LAKE holds out the sword, ARTHUR reaches for it, LADY moves her hand away, ARTHUR reaches again, and LADY moves her hand. This devolves into a game of keep away ending with the LADY's hand on ARTHUR's head as he pathetically windmills his arms trying to get it.)

BEDIVERE

This is unfortunate.

MERLIN

This is embarrassing.

MORGAN

This is hysterical!

ARTHUR

GIVE ME THAT SWORD!

LADY OF THE LAKE

Very well.

(Pushing ARTHUR away.)

I will give you the sword... if you tell me the most secret magic word that only the wisest and best of people know.

ARTHUR

Oh... umm... abracadabra?

LADY OF THE LAKE

No

(ARTHUR looks to MERLIN.)

ARTHUR

Merlin? A little help?

MERLIN

Me?!

ARTHUR

You're a wizard aren't you? What's the most magical word you know?

MERLIN

Higgitus-Figgitus.

ARTHUR

Really?

MERLIN

Zumbakazee?

LADY OF THE LAKE

Both wrong.

BEDIVERE

Lady Morgan?

MORGAN

Don't look at me, I got no clue.

BEDIVERE

But you're a wizard, too!

MORGAN

Ah Ah Ah, I'm an enchantress. There is a big difference.

ARTHUR

Oh, come on people!

(All of sudden from offstage come GAWAIN, GALAHAD and THE GREEN KNIGHT. GALAHAD and GREEN KNIGHT are laughing.)

GREEN KNIGHT

Oh Man, oh man you should have seen your face!

GAWAIN

It's not funny.

GREEN KNIGHT

You were so scared!

GAWAIN

Was not!

GALAHAD

You were pretty scared, Gawain.

GAWAIN

Whose side are you on?

GALAHAD

I'm just saying...

GAWAIN

Well did you see the size of that axe? It was huge. And then you swung it down at my neck like three times! Last one scratched me a bit.

(GAWAIN rubs his neck.)

GREEN KNIGHT

Oh come on man, I wasn't really going to chop your head off. Just wanted to see if you had the guts to show up. And you did.

GALAHAD

Ah, a test of bravery!

GREEN KNIGHT

Right, and you passed! So... we good?

GAWAIN

Yeah, I guess... Sir Bedivere? My king! What are you doing here?

GREEN KNIGHT

Oh, hey Lady Morgan.

MORGAN

Oh hi, Sir Bercilak.

(Looks at everyone.)

We're neighbors.

ARTHUR

Enough. Sir Galahad. I'm glad you're here. Everyone knows you to be wisest and most noble of all the Knights of the Round Table.

BEDIVERE & GAWAIN

Hey!

ARTHUR

Can you retrieve the sword Excalibur from the Lady of the Lake?

GALAHAD

Oh umm. Well I can try.

(Walking up to the LADY.)

May we have the sword?

LADY OF THE LAKE

Only if you can tell me the most secret magic word that only the wisest and best of people know.

GALAHAD

Oh... Oh!

(GALAHAD whispers into ARTHUR's ear.)

ARTHUR

Wait, really?

(GALAHAD shrugs.)

ARTHUR

(sighs.)

Please?

LADY OF THE LAKE

THE SWORD IS YOURS.

(Handing it to ARTHUR.)

The enchantment is lifted. Farewell well-mannered adventurers!

(LADY leaves.)

BEDIVERE

My lord you have the sword! You are ready to face the Black Knight!

BLACK KNIGHT

DON'T SAY MY NAME IF YOU CAN'T PLAY MY GAME. WATTUP  
NEEEEEERDS!

GAWAIN

Who you calling a nerd!

(GAWAIN tries to pick a fight but is held back by GALAHAD and GREEN  
KNIGHT.)

BLACK KNIGHT

ME. IM CALLING YOU NERDS! I AM THE BLACK KNIGHT. THE GREATEST  
KNIGHT IN ALL THE LAND. NO ONE CAN DEFEAT ME AND MY MAGICAL  
SWORD, GESUNDHEIT!

ARTHUR

Oh really?

(ARTHUR wielding Excalibur easily knocks Gesundheit out of THE BLACK  
KNIGHTS hand.)

BLACK KNIGHT

GESUNDHEIT! NOOOOOOOOO!!!

(BLACK KNIGHT loudly sneezes.)

I... I.... wait... I... I actually feel a lot better.

MERLIN

I'm not surprised. The sword Gesundheit is a cursed blade. Any who wield it fall under  
its spell.

BEDIVERE

Oh no, it turns them evil?

MORGAN

Not exactly. It curses you so that you constantly have that feeling inside your nose where

you want to sneeze but you can't sneeze but you really need to sneeze but you can't no matter what you do.

BEDIVERE

Wow... that's sounds horrible!

GREEN KNIGHT

Yeah, that's enough to turn anyone into a huge jerk.

BLACK KNIGHT

Yeah, hey guys. I'm... I'm sorry I called you all nerds. I... I just really had to sneeze and I lashed out and that's on me. That's my bad. I'm really sorry your majesty.

ARTHUR

Ah... well, no harm done... Sir...?

BLACK KNIGHT

Pellinore, sir.

ARTHUR

Well Sir Pellinore. You were pretty good with a sword... want to be a Knight of the Round Table?

BLACK KNIGHT

Oh Heck yeah I do!

GREEN KNIGHT

Hey can I be one?

ARTHUR

I don't know. Can you do anything cool?

GAWAIN

If you chop his head off he can put it right back on his head and be fine.

BEDIVERE

OH HE IS SO IN!

ALL KNIGHTS and KING ARTHUR

HUZZAH!

MERLIN

And so another adventure comes to and end! And peace settles across the land.

MORGAN

Yeah. great...

(ALL stand bored on stage looking for something to do. Suddenly VILLAGER runs on screaming.)

VILLAGER

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!

MERLIN

What is the matter?

VILLAGER

DRAGON!!!

ARTHUR

Dragon?!

VILLAGER

Yes! A giant dragon!

BLACK KNIGHT

How big?

VILLAGER

As big as a castle!

BEDIVERE

Does it have sharp claws!?

VILLAGER

Yes!

GAWAIN

And poisonous fangs?

VILLAGER

Yes!

BLACK KNIGHT

And massive shadowy wings?

VILLAGER

Yes!

GREEN KNIGHT

And can it BREATHE FIRE?!

YES! YES! YES! VILLAGER

And what's it doing right now? GALAHAD

IT'S EATING EVERYONE!! VILLAGER

AWESOOOOOOOOME!!! ALL EXCEPT VILLAGER

EVERYONE TO BATTLE!! KING ARTHUR

FOR CAMELOT!!! ALL

(ALL charge offstage to fight the dragon.)

THE END