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Tir Na Nog

Scene: BOYNE VALLEY FAIRY RING

ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE are standing around the stone table. The gem starts glowing red.

ANGUS What's happening?

The earth beneath the stone table opens up. ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE all fall through to the fairy realm.

Scene: TIR NA NOG

ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE land at the bottom of a rocky cavern.

ANGUS Ugh.

IVAR Are you alright?

DEIRDRE I think so.

ANGUS I'm dead. I can't believe I'm dead.

ROHAN elbows ANGUS in the ribs.

ROHAN Feel that, did you?

ANGUS Yeah.

ROHAN So you're not dead.

ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE stand and start to wander.

DEIRDRE Where are we?

IVAR Wherever it is, I don't like it.

ROHAN This must be the Little People's underworld!

ANGUS Great. Gold!

REDCAP and FAIRIES peek out from behind a rock. They giggle.

DEIRDRE It's Tir Na Nog, isn't it?

IVAR Interesting. Now how do I get out of here?

ROHAN We can't leave now! We're here to find the warrior Draganta. We need him to save Kells.

IVAR You need him. All I need is a way out.

DEIRDRE We haven't got time to argue. Our kingdom is under attack. Which way should we go?

FAIRIES run through a small tunnel giggling. ROHAN draws his sword and points at them.

ROHAN This way.

IVAR Then I'll head this way. (*exits through a tunnel in the opposite direction*)

ROHAN Ivar, we should all stick together! This is a strange place with strange-

IVAR Ahhh!

IVAR runs back in. A burst of magical flame follows him. ROHAN and DEIRDRE laugh.

IVAR You're right. We should stick together. You might need me.

ANGUS (*scoffs*) You might need me. Princess, take my arm. I'll lead you, come on.

ANGUS holds out his arm to DEIRDRE. ROHAN pushes ANGUS' arm aside and holds out his hand.

ROHAN I think the Princess would prefer my assistance.

DEIRDRE rolls her eyes and pushes past ROHAN and ANGUS to follow where the FAIRIES went. ROHAN, ANGUS, and IVAR follow.

IVAR You have no idea where you're going.

ANGUS Yeah, but I'm getting a good feeling about this place.

ANGUS stops abruptly.

ANGUS Wait! Nobody move!

In front of them is a chest full of gold coins. ANGUS runs forward and grabs fistfuls of the coins.

ANGUS Now, this! This is why I'm here.

REDCAP is standing watching nearby.

REDCAP Do you need a hand, laddie? He he!

ANGUS Uh oh.

REDCAP He he he!

ANGUS backs away slowly. REDCAPS and FAIRIES come out of hiding and all laugh. A net rope falls from above, trapping ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE. They struggle to escape.

REDCAP Don't you see? You're here to be our slaves!

Scene: KELLS CASTLE

CONCHOBAR and CATHBAD are frantically searching through the castle.

CATHBAD I have searched the stars, my King, but I can find no trace of Rohan or the thief Angus.

CONCHOBAR I was right to doubt this would work.

CATHBAD There is more bad news.

CONCHOBAR Out with in, man.

CATHBAD Your daughter Deirdre is missing. I fear that she has joined them.

CONCHOBAR Cathbad, all my life I have trusted in your powers as a druid and wise counsel. And now I lose not only my kingdom, but my daughter?

CATHBAD looks down in despair.

Scene: TEMRA THRONE ROOM

MAEVE pushes stone figures strategically around a map. TORC stands and observes.

MAEVE My ogre continues to break through Kells' defence.

TORC Exactly so. We've captured their kingdom up to the Stone Valley. Your plan is working.

MAEVE Of course. Now I will begin to take what is rightfully mine. Begin the final assault.

TORC doesn't move. MAEVE looks irritated.

MAEVE Now!

TORC nods and exits. MAEVE pushes a stone figure into another.

Scene: KELLS BATTLEFIELD

OGRE is attacking Kells SOLDIERS and VILLAGERS. OGRE roars. A VILLAGER stumbles and falls off a thatched roof. Another VILLAGER falls into the river. VILLAGERS flee the OGRE. OGRE follows screaming VILLAGERS.

Scene: TIR NA NOG

ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, AND DEIRDRE are bound and are being dragged by REDCAPS and FAIRIES.

IVAR Excuse me, small people, but there's been a misunderstanding. I am not with these ruffians, I am here by accident.

ANGUS That's right, just leave me here and I'll find my own way out.

ROHAN Ah, quit it you two. I'm thinking of a plan.

DEIRDRE What is it?

ROHAN Well, I haven't quite thought of it yet.

DEIRDRE That's comforting.

ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE are led into a larger cavern in Tir Na Nog filled with more laughing REDCAPS, FAIRIES, BOGIES, and SPRIGGANS.

ANGUS Look at all the gold!

REDCAP 1 Silence! In the King's throne room, you speak only when spoken to!

REDCAP 2 His Majesty, King Fin Varra, ruler of Tir Na Nog approaches!

FIN VARRA enters and climbs the stairs to his throne. AIDEEN flutters nearby, watching intently.

REDCAP 1 Your Majesty, we have brought you the human invaders!

FIN VARRA Who dares enter the kingdom of Tir Na Nog?

DEIRDRE I am Princess Deirdre of Kells. I demand that you release us at once!

FIN VARRA Ha ha ha!

FIN VARRA raises his hand and glittering magic makes the ropes tying ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE vanish.

ANGUS Such a lot of power for a small King.

FIN VARRA Why do you invade my kingdom?

ROHAN Your Majesty, I am Rohan. I search for the warrior Draganta and my quest has led me here.

AIDEEN *(admiring ROHAN)* He he.

ANGUS Yeah, and you're supposed to help us.

FIN VARRA We do not help invaders. We punish them!

ROHAN Our kingdom may be conquered by an evil Queen.

FIN VARRA That's not my concern.

DEIRDRE If this island is ruled by Queen Maeve, everyone will suffer.

FIN VARRA I know of all this. It would give me no small pleasure to see Maeve and that dark fairy Mider defeated. The warrior Draganta you seek can do this!

DEIRDRE Then you'll help us?

FIN VARRA How do I know you are the ones chosen to find Draganta?

ROHAN pulls up his sleeve to show the mark on his arm.

ROHAN Do you recognize this?

FAIRIES Ah!

FIN VARRA Ah!

FIN VARRA picks up a scroll and opens it.

ROHAN You hold the other part of the Ancient Scroll!

FIN VARRA Perhaps you are the chosen one. But perhaps not. First, the four of you must prove yourselves worthy of my help by passing a test.

ANGUS And what if we fail this test?

FIN VARRA Then you'll spend eternity as spriggans.

SPRIGGANS Aghhh!

ANGUS I'm sorry I asked.

ROHAN When does this test begin?

FIN VARRA It already has.

The floor disappears under ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE and they fall.

FIN VARRA Ha ha ha!

LITTLE PEOPLE all laugh.

Scene: TIR NA NOG PIT

ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE land on the ground of a pit. They sit up in pain, having hit the ground hard.

IVAR Agh.

DEIRDRE Oh, my back!

ROHAN I'm getting tired of this.

ANGUS Ugh, what did I land on?

ANGUS reaches under him and pulls out a human skull.

ANGUS Ahhh!

ANGUS drops the skull and jumps to his feet, backing away. ROHAN, IVAR, and DEIRDRE follow suit.

IVAR I wonder what happened to them.

The walls start closing in on ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE.

DEIRDRE Question answered. Rohan, do something!

ROHAN Me?

ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE push at the stone walls to no avail. ROHAN pulls out his sword.

ROHAN This might work.

ROHAN jams his sword between the walls and tries to push the walls apart with his back and feet. ANGUS beckons ROHAN, IVAR, and DEIRDRE.

ANGUS There's a way out! Come on!

ANGUS exits, followed by DEIRDRE. ROHAN goes to exit, but stops to check on IVAR, whose sleeve is stuck in the rocks.

ROHAN Come on!

IVAR My sleeve! I can't move!

ROHAN Quick!

IVAR It's too late, save yourself!

ROHAN I'll save us both.

ROHAN runs back into the enclosing walls, grabs his sword, and cuts IVAR'S sleeve free.

IVAR Come on!

IVAR exits. ROHAN climbs through the tunnel out just as the walls crash together. ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE stand in the next part of the cavern.

ROHAN By Dagda, that was close.

DEIRDRE Your bravery is impressive, but rash, Rohan.

ROHAN My Princess honours me.

ANGUS Huh.

DEIRDRE exits further into the cavern, followed by ANGUS.

IVAR You risked your life for mine. In my kingdom, such sacrifices demand repayment. I am forever in your debt.

ROHAN Help us save Kells. I consider the debt repaid.

IVAR I swear it.

ROHAN and IVAR shake hands. IVAR and ROHAN exit into the next part of the cavern.

Scene: TIR NA NOG TOMB OF THE TWO STONES

DEIRDRE stands as ROHAN and IVAR join her. It is an open cavern that drops down off a cliff. Just off the edge of the cliff are a series of blue and red hexagonal stepping stones.

IVAR Angus, what are you doing? Hurry up!

ROHAN It's quite a drop.

DEIRDRE My father's army is under attack. We won't be able to wait for your friend.

ANGUS is lingering behind, gathering jewels and gold from the walls of the cavern.

ANGUS Wow! *(bites a piece of gold)* Gold! Just a little bit more.

ANGUS pulls out his sword and tries to pry the gold free from the cavern wall. ANGUS magically falls through the wall.

Scene: TIR NA NOG GOLD CAVERN

ANGUS stumbles into a cavern filled with glittering gems and gold. REDCAP is standing watching by a chest filled with gold coins.

ANGUS Whoa! Ugh.

REDCAP If it's gold that's got your eye, lad, take a look.

ANGUS Ah! Fantastic! *(crouches by chest of gold and pauses)* This is some fairy trick.

REDCAP Ah, I'm not interested in you at all. You can have your freedom and this gold.

ANGUS What do you get in return?

REDCAP Your friends will soon come to the Tomb of the Two Stones. And the trail of the blue stones is safe and the red stones are deadly. Now have your friends walk on the red stones, and this gold is yours.

Scene: TIR NA NOG TOMB OF THE TWO STONES

DEIRDRE, ROHAN, and IVAR wait by the cliff. DEIRDRE is eyeing the stones.

DEIRDRE We won't be able to wait for your friend.

ROHAN Guess he'll just have to catch up with us.

DEIRDRE steps forward and goes to stand on a blue stone. ANGUS runs in.

ANGUS Wait! Step only on the red stones.

IVAR Is this more fairy magic?

ANGUS Just trust me. I met this tiny fella back there. Only the red ones are safe.

ROHAN You're completely sure?

ANGUS Of course I'm sure!

DEIRDRE goes to step onto a red stone.

ANGUS At least I think I am.

DEIRDRE stops and turns back.

DEIRDRE Ugh!

ANGUS Just...hold on.

ANGUS pushes past DEIRDRE and looks at the stones.

ANGUS Let me go first.

ANGUS steps on a red stone, finding his balance.

ANGUS Yes! Ha ha! See? I told you. Come on!

ANGUS steps from red stone to red stone and beckons ROHAN, IVAR, and DEIRDRE. ROHAN, IVAR, and DEIRDRE follow, stepping only on the red stones. ANGUS loses his balance.

ROHAN Angus!

ANGUS Whoa! (*catches his balance*) Come on. Be careful you guys. Don't look down.

IVAR Be careful, Princess.

DEIRDRE I'd worry about yourself.

ANGUS, ROHAN, IVAR, and DEIRDRE make it across the stones and ANGUS helps everyone onto the cliff on the other side by holding out a hand. ROHAN picks up a rock and gently tosses it onto a blue stone. The blue stone falls into darkness and crashes.

ROHAN Whoa! I'm glad you bumped into that little fella, Angus.

ANGUS Yeah. And I'm glad I didn't believe a word he said.

IVAR How much more of this test must we endure?

DEIRDRE If we fail, my father's kingdom is lost.

AIDEEN flutters in and stops in front of ROHAN.

AIDEEN Wait, wait! Humans! You must listen to me. Please, handsome one, go no further. I fear you'll fail the test and be turned into a spriggan!

ROHAN Calm yourself, Little One. We'll pass this test. But there is something you can do for us.

AIDEEN Anything!

ROHAN Go and see how the King's troops are faring against Maeve's forces.

AIDEEN exits.

Scene: KELLS BATTLEFIELD

OGRE is attacking Kells SOLDIERS and VILLAGERS. OGRE roars and breaks down a fence. SOLDIERS and VILLAGERS flee. AIDEEN watches from afar.

AIDEEN Oh no!

OGRE chases after SOLDIERS, shooting them with bursts of flame. SOLDIERS fall over fences and into a ditch.

Scene: TIR NA NOG PIT

ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE wander further through the cavern.

DEIRDRE Which way now?

ROHAN This place is a maze.

ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE all look around. They are at the entrance to the pit.

ROHAN We're back where we started!

ANGUS starts to gradually sink into the ground.

ANGUS Am I getting shorter?

ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE look down and they are all sinking into sinking sand.

DEIRDRE I can't move my legs!

IVAR What fairy trick is this?

ROHAN A dangerous one, I'd say.

The sand pulls ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE under.

Scene: TIR NA NOG THRONE ROOM

ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE fall, screaming, through the ground and land in front of FIN VARRA'S throne where FIN VARRA and the LITTLE PEOPLE await them. ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE stand up.

IVAR We're still breathing!

FIN VARRA The test is over!

DEIRDRE We've passed the test! We've proven ourselves worthy!

FIN VARRA Passed? Oh no, no, no, no, no, no. You failed. And spriggans you'll be!

FIN VARRA twirls his walking stick and green fog rises from the ground, surrounding ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE.

DEIRDRE If you dare to turn a future Queen into a spriggan, so be it. But I demand you spare the others! They're here only to help save Kells. Let them return and help my father defeat Maeve.

FIN VARRA waves his walking stick and the fog disappears in a burst of glitter. ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE all look at each other in confusion.

FIN VARRA You, Rohan, demonstrated courage. Angus, you showed honesty, while Ivar demonstrated loyalty. I was only waiting for Deirdre to show a noble trait which she has just done by her unselfishness.

ANGUS So does that mean we passed the test?

FIN VARRA You have all proved yourselves worthy. Here. What I promised!

FIN VARRA passes the scroll to ROHAN. ROHAN opens it and reads it. ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE read over ROHAN'S shoulder.

ROHAN But where's the rest of it?

FIN VARRA You have all you need to Draganta, the warrior you seek. Summon the powers of the elements and behold your arsenal.

ROHAN Fire within me.

ANGUS Earth beneath me.

IVAR Water around me.

DEIRDRE Air above me.

FIN VARRA This is your destiny.

FIN VARRA creates an illusion of ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE standing in their Mystic Armour holding their Mystic Weapons. ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE watch the illusion with interest.

ROHAN Great Lugh! I've never seen such armour.

The illusion shows PYRE, breathing fire.

FIN VARRA Pyre, the Dragon of Dare, will be your ally.

FIN VARRA waves a hand and the illusion vanishes.

FIN VARRA What you saw are visions of things to come. You must find your armour and the dragon. That quest will lead you to the warrior Draganta.

DEIRDRE But...good King, my father's castle is threatened. We need your help now.

FIN VARRA You will not leave Tir Na Nog unaided.

FIN VARRA shoots sparkling golden magic from his hand and three Mystic Weapons appear, dangling mid-air. The Terra Mace moves to ANGUS' hands, the Barbed Trident to IVAR'S, and the Whirlwind Crossbow to DEIRDRE 'S.

FIN VARRA My armourers have made you the finest weapons in all the land. Use them wisely and they'll serve you well.

ROHAN And what of my weapon?

FIN VARRA You, my lad, have had it all along. Strike your sword against my throne.

ROHAN unsheathes his sword and touches it to the throne. A burst of gold light appears and the sword changes into the Sword of Kells.

ROHAN Whoa!

AIDEEN flutters in and stops in front of ROHAN.

AIDEEN Rohan, you must hurry! Your King's castle is under siege!

ROHAN King Fin Varra, these weapons are truly magnificent. But we need Draganta!

FIN VARRA Use what I have given you. If you win this battle, then you can pursue this warrior to bring peace to your kingdom. Go before it's too late!

ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE all exit.

Scene: KELLS CASTLE GROUNDS

Temra SOLDIERS run and ride horses, advancing on Kells SOLDIERS and the castle. Kells SOLDIERS throw spears from the battlements and dump boiling water onto the armies below. Temra SOLDIERS raise ladders and scale the castle walls, breaking in with trebuchets and grappling hooks. Another group of Temra SOLDIERS brings forth a catapult. CONCHOBAR stands atop a battlement watching the battle. Temra SOLDIERS load the catapult with a large rock and fire. MAEVE and TORC sit atop horses watching the battle from a nearby standpoint.

TORC Conchobar's castle is barely protected. Victory will be yours.

MAEVE It is guaranteed.

CONCHOBAR clashes swords with a Temra SOLDIER, knocking him down the stone stairs of the castle. On the ground, ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE enter, wielding their Mystic Weapons. CONCHOBAR spots them.

CONCHOBAR Deirdre, get back! All is lost here!

ROHAN Let's go!

ROHAN battles with several Temra SOLDIERS using the Sword of Kells. CONCHOBAR continues to fight off two SOLDIERS. ANGUS sings the Terra Mace, using it to hit SOLDIERS and shoot rocks from the weapon like a sling. DEIRDRE fights off Temra SOLDIERS using the Whirlwind Crossbow.

DEIRDRE I hope Fin Varra was right.

DEIRDRE shoots the Whirlwind Crossbow at an approaching battalion, taking down all of the SOLDIERS at once. DEIRDRE smiles. IVAR fights off a large group of Temra SOLDIERS using his Barbed Trident, sending a burst of electricity at a battalion. Temra SOLDIERS prepare the catapult again. ANGUS sees this and swings his Terra Mace, lobbing it at the catapult, which is destroyed by a giant boulder from the Mace. ROHAN spots a group of Temra SOLDIERS climbing a ladder onto the battlements. ROHAN blasts flame from the Sword of Kells and the ladder collapses with all of the SOLDIERS on it.

SOLDIER 1 Retreat! Go!

Temra SOLDIERS retreat on foot and on horseback. MAEVE and TORC watch as their army retreats. ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE run together, laughing while CONCHOBAR watches from above.

CONCHOBAR Where did you get such weapons?

ROHAN The Little People gave them to us! To defend Kells!

CONCHOBAR smiles.

ANGUS You could be a champion with that sword, Rohan.

ROHAN Hey, you're not too bad with that mace either, Angus.

OGRE approaches, roaring.

ROHAN This battle's far from over. Surround him!

ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE surround OGRE. OGRE blasts fire at ROHAN and ANGUS. ROHAN and ANGUS dive out of the way.

ROHAN Whoa!

ANGUS Ah!

ROHAN and ANGUS get back up and run together again, preparing their weapons.

ROHAN Ready? On my command. Now!

ROHAN shoots flame from his Sword at OGRE. IVAR blasts electricity from his Trident, DEIRDRE fires a gust of wind from her Crossbow, and ANGUS hurls rocks from his Mace. OGRE roars and bursts into tiny shards of darkness then disappears.

ROHAN Be gone, evil vision!

MAEVE and TORC watch OGRE be destroyed and look at each other angrily.

MAEVE This is not the end! I will return with more powerful creatures and finish what I started. The kingdom of Kells will be mine!

MAEVE and TORC exit. ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE stand together smiling at their victory. Kells SOLDIERS surround them and cheer.

Scene: KELLS THRONE ROOM

CONCHOBAR stands at his throne, alongside CATHBAD and DEIRDRE. SOLDIERS and GUARDS stand at attention. ROHAN, ANGUS, and IVAR stand before the throne.

CONCHOBAR You have saved our kingdom and our honour. Kells will be forever in your debt. *(takes DEIRDRE'S hand)* And you, my daughter, have made me very proud. When your time comes, you will make a great ruler.

ROHAN and ANGUS look at each other and snigger.

CONCHOBAR Rohan, I was wrong to have doubted you. *(rises and approaches ROHAN)* Maeve is still a threat, but we won't give up now. We'll hold on until you finish your quest.

CATHBAD Mind you, Rohan, there is little time. Maeve will try to increase her dark powers.

DEIRDRE Cathbad is right. Our weapons won't be enough when she attacks again. We must find the Mystic Armour and the Dragon of Dare to aid us.

ROHAN And the warrior Draganta. For only then will Kells truly be at peace.

CONCHOBAR Then quest you will! With all my support and blessing. Let this victory be just the beginning. *(turns to his subjects)* I give you, the Mystic Knights!

SUBJECTS applaud and cheer. ROHAN, ANGUS, IVAR, and DEIRDRE slowly turn to see the cheers.

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