Audition Script #1 (pages 17-18)

Tristan and George laugh. Gawain rolls his eyes in annoyance. King Arthur sits deep in thought.

TRISTAN

What did the dragon say when he saw the Knight? *(Pause)* "Look, tinned food!"

George laughs in a high-pitched voice for a long time. The other Knights look strangely at him. King Arthur interrupts his laughing.

KING ARTHUR

Silence! *(Pause)* Merlin, come over here!

MERLIN

(Walks over to the King)

Eh...yes, my King?

KING ARTHUR

I've noticed the work you do... it's not...

MERLIN

...good enough, my King? I'm so sorry. I'll work harder during my spare time...

KING ARTHUR

No, no. I'm thinking this job doesn't help you discover your potential. You're an intelligent fellow, not entirely different from myself. *(Pause)* How would you like to be King for a day?

MERLIN

King for a day? What do you mean?

KING ARTHUR

I need some time off. You are the perfect stand-in. Is it settled then?

MERLIN

Eh...

KING ARTHUR

You can thank me later. Molly will help you clean up and get changed. I'll pop in later to make sure you have everything you need. Go on now!

Merlin and Molly leave.

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GEORGE
What's the plan?

KING ARTHUR
The dragon doesn't know what I look like and will mistake Merlin for being me.

TRISTAN
Are you sending Merlin to face the dragon? He's a coward!

KING ARTHUR
Yes, I know, but he's also very intelligent. I think it will be wise to send him to meet the dragon, especially because that means I won't have to.

DANIEL
What if he's eaten by the dragon?

KING ARTHUR
Rather him than me. It's easy to replace him with another chef.

TRISTAN
And of course, he's no help with the witches either. If only we knew sorcery of some sort.

DANIEL
(Mean laugh)
No wizard has been seen in Camelot for twenty years. No, it's up to us, the noble Knights of the Round Table, to fight the witches.