

Part 4: There Is Only One

[Scene: Patrick and Maeve are on stage, they seem worried, and are pacing back and forth.]

Narrator: Welcome back. Last time, our story ended with some confusion. Derdra and Connel, who had not appeared in the story, thought that this Narrator was acting unfairly by not including them. This Narrator wants everyone to know that being a Narrator is not easy! They [points to P & M] get all the credit! Actors! [M & P stop pacing and look at the Narrator with shocked expressions on their faces.] But who tells the story? I do, that's who! And I can't say anything at all unless it's written on the script! So don't blame me if you don't get on stage: blame the writer!]

Maeve: Who IS this guy?

Narrator: THE NARRATOR!

Maeve: Then narrate, why don't you?

Narrator: Oh, ah, I guess I got carried away. So! Last time Connel and Derdra were not part of the story BECAUSE THEY WERE ON A SECRET MISSION which Patrick and Maeve knew nothing about!

Patrick: Where have Derdra and Connel been?

Narrator: See!?!

Maeve: Derdra's Mum told me that she left a mysterious note saying that they'd be back in a few days! Imagine that!

Patrick: All I know is that I've had to do Connel's chores as well as my own!

Maeve: If you ask me, they are being quite inconsiderate.

Patrick: And what happened to Sir Armagh?

Maeve: You know, technically, we shouldn't call him "Sir" because he was stripped of his knighthood.

Patrick: Whatever. Where has he been?

Maeve: Well, since we talked to him about knowing Jesus, and Jesus knowing him, he's been off hunting on his own. **He** left a mysterious note saying that he needed some time to think about things.

Patrick: What's with the mysterious notes? I've never written a mysterious note in my life!

Maeve: Me neither, but I'm keeping my options open.

Patrick: So what are **we** supposed to do?

Maeve: Well, I hear there's a good joust playing at the castle.

Patrick: Who's in it?

Maeve: Sir Arnold and Sir Willis. Sir Stallone gets the winner.

Patrick: Seen it.

Maeve: Yeah.

Patrick: We could go bowling!

Maeve: Nah, the elves are on strike.

Patrick: Oh, no pins.

[Connel and Derdra ENTER RIGHT. Connel is carrying something wrapped in cloth.]

Maeve: Hey! Where have you guys been?

Derdra: We've been searching all through the forest!

Narrator: Yes, they'd been searching all through the forest!

Derdra: Hey! I just said that!

Patrick: I think we've had about enough of you there, buddy!

Narrator: OK, YOU tell it!

Connel: We will. [To the others] Like Derdra says, we've been searching all through the forest...

Maeve: We've heard that part three times now! What were you searching for?

Connel: Not what, who.

Derdra: Remember how Sir Armagh told us about the other knights who left the service of the

Evil King Evan Macha? Sir John, Ander's Son, Sir Cory, Sir Broad and Sir Benton?

Maeve: Patrick, the knight and I had that conversation yesterday and **you two** weren't here.

Connel: Blame it on continuity, anyway we sort of got the idea that if we could get all of them together, maybe they would help us to fight against the Evil King!

Patrick: Did either of you think to ask Sir Armagh?

Derdra: No, but__

Patrick: Think about it. The things the King did were certainly evil, but our friend and former knight hasn't done anything for the last ten years but hide out in this forest.

Connel: What are you saying?

Patrick: I'm only saying that he might not **want** to fight against the King! If he did, don't you think he'd have started something on his own by now?

Derdra: Well, the **other** knights haven't done anything much either, but they said that if Alil Armagh was going to stand up to Evan Macha, they'd stand with him!

Connel: Every one of them! And they asked us to bring him this! [Presents the wrapped bundle to Maeve.]

Maeve: [Taking the package] What is it?

Derdra: Open it!

[Maeve opens the package and all four are a bit awed by the sword which is revealed.]

Maeve: Was this **his** sword?

Connel: No. At least according to Sir Broad. He told us...

Derdra: He told us it was **Connacht's** sword! [Maeve and Patrick gasp]

Patrick: Connacht!?!

Connel: He told us that the legends are all true, and even King Macha knows it, and he told us something else, too.

Maeve: What?

Connel: That Alil Armagh is the last direct descendant of the great hero himself!

Maeve: You're kidding! Why didn't he ever tell us?

Derdra: Why would he? That's not something that you just toss out in idle conversation.

Patrick: We have to find him.

Connel: Find him? What do you mean?

Maeve: He's off somewhere in the woods!

[Derdra and Connel look at each other, exasperated.]

Derdra: But we just came from traipsing all through the woods.

Patrick: [Exiting] Come on!

[Maeve, and Derdra, and Connel all EXIT]

Narrator: And so our friends went off into the deepest parts of the Forest of Rathroghan, and there they found Alil Armagh. We won't show you because he was weeping bitterly, and you should not see a knight cry. You see, the knight had listened carefully as they had told him about his need for forgiveness, and Jesus' power, and he wanted to personally know Jesus as his Savior, but he knew that he was a sinner (and he knew that Jesus, being God, was holy,) and he knew that he could never be good enough or do enough good things to find favor with God. So our friends told him about what Jesus had done: that He allowed Himself to be killed on the cross so that He would pay the penalty that our sins had earned. He took our place and paid our penalty. We could never be good enough or do enough good, but Jesus became our substitute so that what we could not do, He did for us. They told him that by believing and trusting completely in Christ and what He did for us, we could know that Jesus paid it all—we could become God's children—we could KNOW Jesus fully. It's a very private and personal thing that happened there, deep in the forest, so it's best that we not show you, but the once proud knight, Alil Armagh, became very humble that day. He spoke to God in prayer, telling God that he understood and agreed with what the Bible said; that he was a sinner. He told God that he knew that he could not save himself from the penalty he deserved for

his sin. He asked God to forgive him, and to save him make him a new person, all because of what Jesus did by going to the cross to die, and raising from the dead. Alil Armagh meant what he said to God that day, and immediately something was different about him, and I can tell you that he really did begin to change the way he acted from that day forward. Come back tomorrow and you'll see a bit of what I mean.

End—Theme Music