## **Sword in the Stone Sides**

#### Arthur

(to merlin with brightness and passion)

Could you turn me into a bird? I've always wanted to know what it would be like to fly in the clouds, looking down over the world.

(to balamore, with anger and conviction)

He's no king! He lets his people starve while he goes on conquest! He's a murderer and a tyrant!

## Kay

(Talking about what he'll do after becoming a knight, with ambition and swagger)
I think I might become a knight errant. Go on an adventure, you know? Go questing and make a name for myself. Slay dragons and gryffins and the like.

(To merlin with anger and contempt)
What do you know, old man!? A man stabbed me and nearly took my life! And you
weren't even there to help!

#### Merlin

(To Arthur with energy and charm)

And what has that done but make your mind lazy and underdeveloped. You need a proper education, my boy! A proper education! You can't be an effective man in this world without it

(To Arthur with wisdom and gentleness)

No two people are alike, Arthur. A good king considers all of his people. Not just the ones that conveniently fit into his decree.

## **Ector**

(Scolding with tough love)

Kay! What the devil have you been doin, eh? You set the whole household upside down!

(Threatening, with control and intensity)
Then you'd best not tell him. If you come for my boys again, it will not end well for you.

## Urience

(To a soldier, spoken with coldness and cruelty)

Gather what's left of his army in the courtyard. Burn him where all can see and then release them into the forest. I wish to send a message to the people of what happens to traitors

(To a group of knights, with power and authority)
This boy is not your king! I am! Are we really to believe that the ruler of all England should be determined by some trick?

# Morgana

(To Balamore, with authority and charm)

Be grateful you're still alive after such a disgrace, Captain Balamore. But fear not, you aren't entirely useless. Follow me. I require your assistance.

(To Balamore, with rage)

Do not speak his name in my presence!! He may have been born with some natural ability but now he is an old man and a fool! I've become more powerful than he could ever hope to be.

#### **Balamore**

(To Kay, with authority and power)

These forests belong to King Urience, son of Igraine and son-in-law to the late king sovereign, Uther Pendragon. His instructions are to kill intruders on sight.

(To Morgana, said with experience and without compassion)
How should we do it? I could send a team of men to the forest. They could put a volley of arrows in the boy's back the second he leaves the castle walls.

#### Herald

(Spoken with energy and VOLUME)

Welcome Lords and Ladies to the West Forest Contest at Arms. Today, combatants from across the region compete for the title of Champion of the forest. Combatants prepare for action!

# Female Ensemble (Nurse)

(To Arthur, over the top)

Oh, Master Art! Where have you been?? Look at your clean jerkin all muddled and torn. Such a turn you gave us! But look at your poor hair with all them twigs in it. Oh me own random, wicked little lamb!