

# 5 - The King's Test

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**[00:04] Chief Guard**

You filthy human!

Who said you could trespass here?

**[00:07] Grey**

*This is bad. It's only natural that Tessia would be returning to the elvish kingdom.*

**[00:12] Grey**

*I had lowered my guard because of how innocent she is.*

**[00:15] Grey**

*What's she doing?*

**[00:18] Arthur**

T-Tessia!

**[00:24] Chief Guard**

Kill him!

**[00:25] Grey**

*I see now. I had forgotten.*

**[00:29] (Flashback) Tess**

Hey, I've been wondering this whole time...

**[00:33] (Flashback) Tess**

We've gotten pretty close, right?

**[00:36] (Flashback) Tess**

So is it okay if I call you "Art," like we're friends?

**[00:41] Grey**

*That was all it took for me to trust her.*

*I should've known better.*

**[00:52] Grey**

*I know full well how hollow that kind of gesture can be.*

**[00:57] Chief Guard**

Kill the human!

**[01:00] Tess**

Stop! Let Art go!

**[01:03] Chief Guard**

He's dangerous! This is one

of those violent humans!

**[01:07] Tess**

Art isn't dangerous! He saved me!  
Now release him, at once!

**[01:13] Chief Guard**

You corrupt human wretch! You pretend to help her,  
only to brainwash her?! You'll pay!

**[01:20] Virion**

That's enough.

**[01:27] Virion**

Release the human. At once.

**[01:31] Chief Guard**

Yes, sir!

**[01:37] Tess**

Art, are you okay?!

**[01:39] Tess**

You're all so awful! Art isn't a bad human!

**[01:43] Virion**

The missing princess reappeared with a  
human savage in tow. Can you blame them?

**[01:51] Tess**

Grandpa...

**[01:52] Arthur**

Grandpa?

**[01:54] Virion**

I am the former ruler of the  
Kingdom of Elenoir, Virion Eralith.

**[01:59] Virion**

You have my thanks for the aid that  
you have provided my granddaughter,

**[02:03] Virion**

the Princess of Elenoir, Tessia.

**[02:06] Grey**

*Princess?*

**[02:11] Arthur**

Princess...

**[02:14] Arthur**

Princess?!

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**[03:54] Arthur**

A princess?

**[03:57] virion**

Did you not tell him, Tessia?

**[03:59] Tess**

Huh... Didn't I?

**[04:02] Arthur**

What do you mean, "didn't I?"

**[04:04] Grey**

*Nothing about her gave me even  
the slightest impression that...*

**[04:08] Merial**

Tessia!

**[04:09] Alduin**

Tessia!

**[04:12] Tess**

Father! Mother!

**[04:15] Merial**

Tessia!

**[04:16] Alduin**

I'm so glad you're all right.

**[04:17] Tess**

I missed you so much! Daddy! Mommy!

**[04:22] Grey**

*That would make them the king and  
queen of the Elenoir Kingdom, then.*

**[04:29] Alduin**

Why is there a human in our midst?

**[04:31] Alduin**

And what are you guards doing?!  
Arrest the human at once!

**[04:36] Chief Guard**

Sir...

**[04:37] Virion**

I stopped them.

**[04:39] Virion**

Savage or not, this boy saved  
Tessia and brought her back to us.

**[04:44] Virion**

That hardly merits a summary execution.

**[04:47] Tess**

That's right! Art saved me!  
Don't be mean to him!

**[04:52] Alduin**

But...

**[04:54] Tess**

I said "no", okay?! Art saved my life, so we  
have to show him hospitality, at the castle!

**[05:01] Alduin**

A-A human... in our castle?!

**[05:03] Tess**

Come on, Art! I'll share all my  
favorite treats with you! Okay?

**[05:09] Arthur**

Yeah, but...

**[05:10] Tess**

It's all right, isn't it, Daddy?

**[05:12] Tess**

Isn't it?!

**[05:13] Alduin**

I suppose it is.

**[05:14] Tess**

Yay!

**[05:17] Virion**

Boy.

**[05:19] Virion**

We'll talk later.

**[05:24] Grey**

*What is this?*

**[05:26] Grey**

*This... unfathomable strength I sense?*

**[05:30] Tess**

This way, Art!

**[05:32] Arthur**

Slow down!

**[05:39] Tess**

Hurry, hurry!

**[05:40] Arthur**

You don't have to drag me!

**[05:47] Grey**

*So this is the Kingdom of Elenoir,  
home to the elves.*

**[06:00] Arthur**

*Amazing...*

**[06:15] Grey**

*The books I read were accurate.*

**[06:17] Grey**

*It seems that the elves and humans are  
in a state of touch-and-go hostility,*

**[06:21] Grey**

*thanks to past conflicts.*

**[06:23] Grey**

*It's hard to believe I'd get to see such a unique  
civilization with my own eyes, considering.*

**[06:32] Grey**

*She's pretty unique, as well.*

**[06:35] Grey**

*I keep thinking about that  
face Tessia made earlier...*

**[06:41] (Flashback) Arthur**

T-Tessia!

**[06:51] Grey**

*What did it mean?*

**[06:53] Grey**

*I don't know.*

**[06:55] Grey**

*Nor do I know the cause of this pain.*

**[06:58] Grey**

*In any case, I can't afford to let  
my guard down like that again.*

**[07:13] Head Maid**

It's a pleasure to have  
you back, Princess Tessia.

**[07:15] Tess**

I'm back, everyone!

**[07:17] Tess**

Now that we're here, I'd like you to show  
my savior here our best hospitality!

**[07:23] Tess**

It's okay! Art's not a bad human.

**[07:26] Grey**

*I don't know how you expect  
them to react to that explanation.*

**[07:29] Tess**

Now, where to begin? Snacks?  
A meal? Maybe a long bath?

**[07:34] Tess**

Or maybe we could play first?

**[07:36] Arthur**

Before all that,

**[07:38] Arthur**

is it all right if I explain what brought us here?

**[07:47] Alduin**

Let's hear it, then.

**[07:56] Arthur**

Is it... all right for the princess to be present?

**[07:59] Tess**

Sure it is!

**[08:01] Grey**

*It is?*

**[08:03] Tess**

Wait, why are you the only one  
standing, Art? Have a seat!

**[08:07] Arthur**

Uh, I'm not sure I should...

**[08:11] Grey**

*Okay, then.*

**[08:14] Tess**

Oh, and if we're going to be talking, we should

have tea and snacks! What a great idea!

**[08:21] Grey**

*And this is all fine?*

**[08:24] Grey**

*Truly?*

**[08:30] Alduin**

To start once more, from the beginning...

**[08:32] Alduin**

I am Tessia's father, and the current  
King of Elenoir, Alduin Eralith.

**[08:39] Alduin**

This is my wife, Tessia's mother,  
Queen Merial Eralith.

**[08:44] Alduin**

And this is...

**[08:45] Virion**

The former king of Elenoir, Virion Eralith.

**[08:50] Arthur**

My name is Arthur Leywin.

**[08:52] Arthur**

I am from a humble town in the Sapin Kingdom.

**[08:56] Arthur**

My status would not usually

**[08:58] Arthur**

afford me an audience with a king,  
much less the ruler of the elves,

**[09:03] Arthur**

and I am honored beyond  
words at the opportunity.

**[09:08] Alduin**

For someone of low-born origins,  
you've been educated well enough.

**[09:13] Grey**

*The introduction is slightly excessive,*

**[09:15] Grey**

*but if they treat me like a child,  
this discussion won't go anywhere.*

**[09:19] Grey**

So, tell me what happened.

**[09:20] Arthur**

Yes, sir.

**[09:22] Grey**

*I explained how I was separated from  
my family by the bandit ambush,*

**[09:27] Grey**

*while leaving out certain details.*

**[09:29] Grey**

*I did not lie, but I also  
didn't offer the entire truth.*

**[09:32] Grey**

*When I got to my encounter with Tessia,  
the mood in the room changed drastically.*

**[09:39] Alduin**

Slavers?!

**[09:41] Alduin**

Then human barbarians *were*  
behind her disappearance!

**[09:43] Arthur**

Begging your pardon, Your Majesty,

**[09:47] Arthur**

but slave traffickers are individuals of  
a shared profession, not a shared race.

**[09:50] Alduin**

What?

**[09:52] Virion**

So, you saw these slavers kidnap Tessia.  
What did you do, as a child, to save her?

**[09:59] Virion**

Negotiate with them? Beg for her freedom?

**[10:04] Arthur**

Neither, Lord Virion.

**[10:07] Arthur**

While I am a child, I am also a sorcerer.

**[10:10] Alduin**

And you mean to say that a child's sorcery  
was enough to overcome these slavers

**[10:14] Alduin**

and save Tessia?

**[10:16] Arthur**

Yes, sir.

**[10:18] Tess**

Then you really did beat them!

**[10:21] Chief Guard**

Of all the preposterous nonsense...

**[10:23] Chief Guard**

What could a child like you possibly do?

**[10:26] Chief Guard**

I'd wager you deceived  
Princess Tessia while she was lost

**[10:28] Chief Guard**

in an effort to infiltrate our kingdom!

**[10:31] Virion**

Stop that.

**[10:32] Chief Guard**

But, sir...

**[10:33] virion**

I won't repeat myself again.

**[10:35] virion**

Lower your sword.

**[10:39] Tess**

Art's not lying! I was really  
caught by some bad men!

**[10:44] Tess**

I heard them mention selling me off, too!

**[10:47] (Flashback) Tess**

Help! Anyone!

**[10:48] (Flashback) Danton**

Shut her up.

**[10:54] (Flashback) Pinky**

Hey, boss.

**[10:55] (Flashback) Pinky**

Elf girls sell for a lot, don't they?

**[10:58] (Flashback) Danton**

Yeah, she'll earn us quite a bit.

**[11:01] (Flashback) Danton**

Let's get moving.

**[11:03] (Flashback) Danton**

Then we can finally say  
goodbye to these eerie woods.

**[11:18] Alduin**

I believe you.

**[11:20] Arthur**

Thank you, sir.

**[11:22] Arthur**

And, as such, there was also something  
I'd like to ask you, Your Majesty.

**[11:26] Alduin**

What is it?

**[11:27] Arthur**

As I described, I was also attacked by bandits,  
which was how I ended up in your lands.

**[11:34] Arthur**

My only wish is to return  
to my family, in Sapin.

**[11:38] Alduin**

Are you suggestion that we help you return  
to Sapin as a reward for saving Tessia?

**[11:44] Arthur**

With all due respect.

**[11:47] Alduin**

After experiencing firsthand

the enmity we have for humans,

**[11:52] Alduin**

you would demand that we show you,  
one of those humans, gratitude?

**[11:56] Tess**

Daddy!

**[11:57] Arthur**

That's the very reason why, sir.

**[11:59] Arthur**

If elves would claim that  
humans are lowly savages,

**[12:03] Arthur**

I have to believe they wouldn't conduct  
themselves in a debased fashion.

**[12:09] Virion**

He has you there, Alduin.

**[12:12] Alduin**

Be that as it may, the hate between elves  
and humans cannot be washed away so easily.

**[12:20] Tess**

Stare...

**[12:24] Tess**

Stare!

**[12:30] Alduin**

More pressingly, the teleportation gate to the  
Sapin Kingdom is only accessible for the council

**[12:34] Alduin**

between all three races rulers,  
held once every seven years.

**[12:47] Alduin**

It won't be open again for five years.

**[12:51] Arthur**

*Five years...*

**[12:53] Grey**

*That's far too long.*

**[12:55] Alduin**

However, we can't let a human dwell  
among us for such a long time.

**[13:01] Alduin**

I will have some soldiers escort you home.

**[13:05] Arthur**

Thank you, sir.

**[13:07] Grey**

*Finally. I can finally go home.*

**[13:12] Alduin**

In the meantime, make yourself comfortable.

**[13:14] Alduin**

I'll have your escort prepared  
by tomorrow morning.

**[13:25] Grey**

*It keeps getting worse. What is happening to me?*

**[13:32] Grey**

*I... what should I do, Sylvia?*

**[13:37] Arthur**

Help me...

**[13:49] Grey**

*The evening breeze feels nice,  
and lessens the pain.*

**[13:55] Grey**

*I can't let this continue. I need to  
understand what's causing these pains.*

**[14:06] Arthur**

Tessia?

**[14:08] Grey**

*Are Reynolds and Alice all right?*

**[14:11] Grey**

*I doubt they would be done in easily.  
I'm sure they've safely escaped.*

**[14:19] Arthur**

I miss them.

**[14:21] Grey**

*When we're reunited,  
will they smile like that for me?*

**[14:26] Grey**

*So kindly...*

**[14:29] Grey**

*Is it even possible?*

**[14:31] Grey**

*The notion of someone smiling and  
warmly greeting someone like me...*

**[14:40] Tess**

Art?

**[14:56] Tess**

Arthur!

**[15:01] Arthur**

Tessia?

**[15:02] Arthur**

Did I interrupt your spoiled princess time?

**[15:05] Tess**

So mean! Stop making fun!

**[15:09] Tess**

I'm sorry, Art.

**[15:11] Tess**

My Daddy and the others...

were really rude to you.

**[15:15] Arthur**

It's fine. It just goes to show how worried they were about you, right?

**[15:21] Tess**

True, but...

**[15:22] Arthur**

Which is why you should behave like the spoiled princess you are, and let them spoil you.

**[15:28] Tess**

You keep making fun of me!

**[15:30] Tess**

Even though I bet you'll be the same when you see your parents again!

**[15:37] Tess**

Art?

**[15:38] Arthur**

Will I, though?

**[15:40] Arthur**

Will Mom and Dad really be happy to see me again?

**[15:47] Arthur**

They were attacked by bandits because of me. They went through so much trouble...

**[15:52] Arthur**

Would they really miss me, after all of that?

**[15:57] Grey**

*Someone like me, who was incapable of protecting his family.*

**[16:03] Tess**

Art...

**[16:08] Arthur**

What are you doing—

**[16:10] Tess**

Your parents are obviously sad about not being able to see you!

**[16:14] Tess**

I'm already sad about you leaving, and you're not even gone yet!

**[16:42] Alice**

Arthur.

**[16:43] Rey**

Arthur.

**[16:47] Grey**

*What was I fighting against?*

**[16:51] Tess**

These flowers are called firefly pots.

**[16:54] (Flashback) Arthur**

T-Tessia!

**[17:00] (Flashback) Chief Guard**

Kill him!

**[17:04] Grey**

*What was it I saw in her expression?*

**[17:07] Tess**

I really love them!

**[17:16] Grey**

*I keep being overwhelmed by  
the darkness inside me...*

**[17:18] Grey**

*waging war with my past life.*

**[17:21] Grey**

*How could I be so foolish?*

**[17:25] Arthur**

I'm sorry, Tessia.

**[17:28] Tess**

About what?

**[17:32] Arthur**

I like them, too.

**[17:45] Virion**

Hello, there.

**[17:47] Arthur**

Lord Virion?

**[17:49] Tess**

Grandpa!

**[17:50] Arthur**

How could you do that?! Were you trying  
to kill your own granddaughter?!

**[17:54] Virion**

You really think that could kill someone, eh?

**[17:59] Grey**

*It was a trick.*

**[18:02] Virion**

Your instant defense and response...  
it seems you really did fight those slavers.

**[18:10] Arthur**

You did this just to test me?

**[18:13] Tess**

Stop picking on Art!

**[18:15] Tess**

He's not the kind of human you hate,  
Grandpa! I know you understand that!

**[18:21] Virion**

Pick on him? Do you really think I'd come  
all this way for that kind of nonsense?

**[18:27] Arthur**

Then why are you here?

**[18:29] Virion**

Because I haven't taken this kind of interest in someone else in a long time.

**[18:57] Virion**

Not bad!

**[18:59] Grey**

*He's strong.*

**[19:02] Grey**

*I use mana, and try to keep my movements as direct as possible...*

**[19:06] Grey**

*but he's still faster than me!*

**[19:11] Grey**

*Here's a chance!*

**[19:14] Grey**

*I have to go faster.*

**[19:17] Grey**

*Faster still!*

**[19:28] Grey**

*This...*

**[19:31] Grey**

*reminds me of the look in the eyes of the beasts I faced in the arena.*

**[19:36] Grey**

*Their claws and fangs, bracing for a final attack,*

**[19:39] Grey**

*launched instinctively at the climactic moment...*

**[19:46] Grey**

*when it's kill or be killed!*

**[19:53] Tess**

Arthur!

**[19:55] Virion**

Well, I certainly wasn't expecting you to get the better of me.

**[19:59] Virion**

Now, let's begin the second round.

**[20:02] Tess**

That is quite enough bullying from you, Grandpa!

**[20:03] Virion**

Ow! Ow! That really hurts, Tessia!

**[20:07] Tess**

You're supposed to hold back during this kind of thing!

**[20:09] Virion**

If I had done that, he would've ended up bullying me, my dear.

**[20:13] Grey**

*What nonsense.*

**[20:16] Arthur**

It's an honor to hear you overestimate me, Lord Virion.

**[20:20] Virion**

An honor? If you really believe that, boy, then you'll become my apprentice.

**[20:27] Grey**

*His apprentice?*

**[20:28] Virion**

Well? Do you accept?

**[20:31] Arthur**

Um... Are you being serious, sir?

**[20:34] Virion**

I wouldn't make this kind of offer in jest.

**[20:37] Arthur**

I understand that, but... my parents still don't know that I'm alive. This is too much.

**[20:44] Virion**

Suppose there was a way to let your parents know that you were fine, then.

**[20:53] Arthur**

Is that really—

**[20:59] Virion**

I thought as much.  
You've inherited a Beast Will.

**[21:06] Virion**

You'll become my apprentice, boy.

**[21:10] Virion**

Because if you don't...

**[21:17] Virion**

You will die.

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