

Knights in Wail

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Characters

- Sir Reginald: A highly regarded knight, in his mid-20's and who is leading the war front for Fortland.
- Gary: A defeated self-proclaimed king of Fortland, he's almost 20 and is recovering from his injuries from the battle of Fortland that everyone presumed he died in.
- Rosella: A loyal knight to Sir Reginald, one he holds in high regard, she is in her early 20's and shares a strong bond with her future king.

Setting

Set in a hospital. Sir Reginald has returned home to Fortland because he's been requested to meet with a sick patient. This patient he'll soon realise is his old mortal foe, Gary, who Reginald defeated and presumably killed long ago in order to reclaim his home that was wrongly taken.

Reginald moves briskly into the scene and looks over to the man in the sick bed.

Gary: *(Adjusting his eyes)* ...Reggie! *(He smiles)* How good it is to see you.

Reginald: So it's true! How can this be, is it a façade or pure witchery? Which is it Gary? I watched your demise!

Gary: That you did, but remember you left my fate to chance. My impregnable black steel armour saved my life from that falling tower that landed atop of me, yet those slashes you gave me prior to my rescue of your men will make sure my death is slow. Thank you my old pal.

Reginald: Do not call me your old pal, you usurping ghoul! *(Grappling his scabbard)*

Gary: Oh please, you'll be doing me a favour. The only downside being that you'll never know why I asked for your presence.

Reginald: Very well, explain away, but be haste, as I am needed elsewhere.

Gary: Of course, I cannot forget you have a war to get back to. How's it going, don't hear much about it down here.

Reginald: White Castle should fall any day now, meaning that'll be the end of your usurping cronies. After that Rosella and our armies will finally march for Gemini and take it from Morrison.

Gary: Thus putting an end to the war, putting you on top as king. Well done Reg! So are you going to marry the dear Rosella after you slay the old fart Morrison while he sits his decrepit backside on your future throne.

Reginald: God no, I have sworn to be faithful to the princess Angelina till the end of my days. You made me a widower, but I will never betray my vows.

Gary: Oh come on Reg! You're still young, handsome and you need a child and Rosella is the perfect catch for you and unlike the dear late Ange, I never tainted her.

Reginald: Do not remind me!

Gary: I apologise Reg, I was a very naughty boy back then. It was my first time and I wanted it to be special. It was not at all my intention to have her die during the act and let alone have you see it. I admit it was the worst thing I ever did and I think I really soured our relationship after that.