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Actor Appearances

Season One

The End's Beginning

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Guest Stars:	Lars Mikkelsen (Stregobor), Emma Appleton (Renfri), Jodhi May (Queen Calanthe), Adam Levy (Mousesack), Björn Hlynur Haralds- son (Eist), Mia McKenna-Bruce (Marilka), Maciej Musial (Sir La- zlo), Tobi Bamtefa (Sir Danek), Packy Lee (Nohorn), Sonny Ash- bourne Serkis (Martin), Matt Devere (Lord Marbury), Kata Petō (Lady Marbury), John Cummins (Innkeeper), Alexandra Szucs (Isadora), Veronika Varga (Cintra Upper Class Woman), Martin Berencsy (Korin), Daniel Burke (Nilfgaardian Soldier), Kristóf Widder (Nilfgaardian Offi- cer), Tomasz Krzemieniecki (Vyr), Balázs Veres (Nilfgaardian Soldier / Citran Knight)
Summary:	Geralt of Rivia, a solitary monster hunter, struggles to find his place in a world where people often prove more wicked than beasts.



The episode opens with Geralt in a swamp area fighting against a spider-like creature known as a kikimora, with the monster attempting to drown its hunter while he tries to reacquire his sword to continue the battle. After grabbing his weapon and cutting free from the monster's grip, Geralt arises out of the water and kills the creature. Before he heads into town to try and receive a reward, he finds a deer nearby wounded by the crea-

ture and kills it offscreen to eat.

Geralt heads into the nearby town of Blaviken with the hopes of selling the kikimora corpse and stops in the tavern while waiting to meet his contact. While trying to order some beer from the bartender, he is refused service by the man as well as harassed by other customers in the tavern, who would rather see him dead than help him out. However, another customer in the bar named Renfri shuts down the bartender and keeps the peace in the tavern, siding with the monster hunter and buying him two beers.

After having a brief chat with Renfri, Geralt is found by his contact, Marilka, the daughter of the alderman to whom he's trying to sell the kikimora to, however, she clarifies her father was looking for a graveir's corpse, as kikimoras are good for thinning out population. Despite this hitch in his plan, she offers to take him to the town's wizard Master Irion, as he's willing to pay for jobs that will get him supplies for various elixirs.

After being escorted to the tower of Irion, Geralt meets Master Stregobar, the sorcerer of the town who reveals that Irion has been dead for over 200 years and originally built the tower. Stregobar continues the legacy of Irion by taking his name as his own while out on the town and has hired Marilka to bring Geralt to him for a very specific task: killing Renfri. Stregobar

discusses the Curse of The Black Sun, in which any woman born during the first full eclipse in 1200 years is cursed to bring about the return of the demon goddess Lilit to exterminate the human race. Stregobar has found other women born under the Black Sun and tried to cure them, but they all died due to internal mutations, and Renfri is supposedly the last of the cursed women and has killed various animals as a young girl and gouged the eyes out of her maid with her comb and killed one of Stregobar's men with her signature brooch. While Stregobar still concedes killing her is an evil task, in order to prevent bringing about Lilit, it is the lesser of two evils and tries to convince Geralt of the same, but the witcher chooses to abstain and when given the choice between two evils, he'd rather not choose at all.

While Geralt is having his meeting with Stregobar, audiences are introduced to the kingdom of Cintra and its teenage princess Cirilla, who often partakes in what are seemingly rebellious activities including dressing as a peasant and playing with the local children and speaking out of turn with her grandfather King Eist Tuirseach as her grandmother Queen Calanthe knights local soldiers. The King and Queen discuss the possibility of Cirilla becoming queen of the kingdom should it fall to Nilfgaard, their southern neighbor with whom they are warring.

While resting in the forrest on the outskirts of town before journeying elsewhere, Geralt is visited by Renfi, who revealed she used to be a princess before she was attacked by Stregobar's goon, who raped her, robbed her and let her go, losing her royal title as a consequence. She tries to get Geralt to side with her and kill Stregobar for her, claiming it is the lesser evil, much to his dismay as hearing that sentiment for the second time. Geralt declines her request and asks she leaves Stregobar and finally live her life rather than become the monster Stregobar and various townsfolk want her to become.

As Cirilla is kept locked up in the castle under protection from Sir Lazlo and sorcerer Mousesack, Queen Calanthe and King Eist head into battle against Nilfgaard and despite some heavy blows made against the enemy forces, the Cintran forces begin suffering heavy losses and Eist is killed by Cahir, a Nilfgaardian officer. Calanthe returns to the castle gravely wounded and the kingdom begins falling to the enemy, with Mousesack protecting the castle with a force field to prevent invading forces from entering. However, this only lasts for a short time and the 100 Cintran citizens in the castle are brutally killed by the Nilfgaardians. Cirilla is told by Calanthe to escape and find Geralt, as he is her destiny.

As he has a conversation with his trusty horse Roach, Renfri returns to Geralt to once again try and convince him to help her kill Stregobar, before choosing to accept his invitation to leave town and let him spare her and seduces him, with the two spending the night together. In his sleep, Geralt has a vision about Renfri and that her desire to kill Stregobar is too strong and that she has returned to the marketplace in search of the sorcerer, and he races back to stop her. He is confronted by a dozen of the townspeople from earlier and defeats them easily in battle, with Renfri emerging from the shadows holding a blade to Marilka's throat. She and Geralt engage in a sword fight, with both sustaining minor injuries from each other's blades before he is forced to stab her in the throat with her own dagger. Stregobar arrives and attempts to take Renfri's body back for an autopsy, to which Geralt refuses, and Stregobar turns the crowd against the witcher, convincing them he murdered the group in cold blood. He leaves the town, taking Renfri's brooch with him.

While Cirilla attempts to escape the city, Calanthe leaps out of the window and kills herself as other notable members of the kingdom still in the castle consume poison to kill themselves before they are killed by invading forces. As she and Sir Lazlo ride out on a horse together, he is shot and killed by Cahir and she is taken captive by the officer. During his journey back to his country with the princess in tow on the back of his horse, she awakens to see her city and castle burning down and it awakens a power in her to screech to the point of causing him pain, bringing down a nearby tower and creating a rift in the Earth, allowing her escape to find her destiny, Geralt.

Four Marks

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Guest Stars:	Lars Mikkelsen (Stregobor), Tom Canton (Filavandrel), Therica Wilson- Read (Sabrina), Roderick Hill (Fletcher), Charlotte O'Leary (Tiffania), Szandra Asztalos (Anica), Eliza Varga (Doralis), Rebeka Balogh (Lark), Krisztián Csákvári (Adon Ozol), Natasha Culzac (Toruviel), Atanáz Babinchak (Filip), M. Simon Andrea (Lilja Ozol), Amit Shah (Torque), Dónal Finn (Nettly), Levente Lippai (Zeke Ozol), Sándor Köleséri (Ab- bott), Pál Fedinecz (Soup Line Dwarf), Szofi Berki (Kaveri), Balázs Sz- itás (Drunk Guy), Ayari Rodhouane (Nonim), Zsofia Miklos (Peasant Girl), Péter Fancsikai (Soup Line Soldier), Blanka Herbály (Novice #2),
Summary:	Eper Stinner (Novice #1) Bullied and neglected, Yennefer accidentally finds a means of escape. Geralt's hunt for a so-called devil goes to hell. Ciri seeks safety in numbers.



A young hunchback girl is caught spying on two teens making out near her barn and is bullied by the two mercilessly, but escapes the two as she closes her eyes and opens them to find she is in a mysterious temple, having portalled there. She meets a man studying in the area named Istredd, who marvels at the power she just displayed to get to Aretuza, while also warning that she is now in danger and that a woman will be searching for her now. He creates a portal for her back to her home, but shortly after arriving back, a witch arrives and offers to pay her father four marks for her, to which he ac-

cepts and says to his wife she's no daughter of his.

After escaping Cahir at the end of the previous episode, Cirilla is still on the run from Nilfgaardian forces through the nearby woods and stumbles upon a mysterious boy, who keeps her from eating poisonous berries and shares a rat with her. The next day they're venturing through the woods and she spots a Cintran flag and while heading to its source loses sight of who she calls Rat Boy. She finds the source is a Cintran refugee camp, where many of the lower-class citizens of the fallen kingdom are struggling and blaming her grandmother Queen Calanthe for its downfall.

Having left Blaviken after being accused of butchering a group of people, Geralt of Rivia is now in Posada and encounters a bard named Jaskier singing tales of various creatures around the continent, but after being booed off stage meets the witcher and learns that many of the creatures he sings of don't actually exist. Seeking solace, Geralt tries to leave, only to be begged by a local to find a local "devil" who is stealing their grain and is paid to do so, taking off to find it with Jaskier in tow.

The hunchback girl wakes up in the room the witch locked her in and learns her name, Tissai de Vries, Rectoress of Aretuza, who has brought her to the city to join a group of girls she is training to hone in on their magic skills. They begin with an attempt at lifting a rock with a minor incantation, with one girl seeing her hand rapidly deteriorate as the magic requires a balance of give and take, as such the flower sitting on the desk in front of them is used as a balance as it rots while the rock floats. However, the hunchback girl struggles with lifting the rock. The next test involves thought transference, with the girls sitting across from one another and attempting to read their minds, only for her to once again fail the test. She returns to Istredd for comfort, who helps her to learn the power and in which she reveals her name is Yennefer and the two clearly form a deep bond.

Cirilla meets a man whose father made the cloak she's wearing and died in a war with the elf kingdom alongside his brother. He offers to let her stay with his family while she's there, meeting his mother and spending the night while learning of her abuse of the family's elf. Meanwhile, Geralt and Jaskier have come across the reported devil, the faun-like Torque the Sylvan, with the hunter offering to let the creature live if he leaves the area, as he's clearly an intelligent being, only for Torque to warn that Geralt isn't safe in the area either as he is knocked out by an unknown figure. Upon awaking tied up to Jaskier, Geralt learns they have been captured by elves, namely Filavandrel, the king of the elves, who Torque was stealing the grain for and is currently in hiding after the war with Cintra. While he initially plans to kill Geralt and Jaskier to keep his location a secret and to keep the fight alive against the enemy kingdom, the former is able to convince him to keep his kind alive by rebuilding and resurfacing later and they are let go.

The next test for Yennefer and the rest of the group involves them trying to literally catch lightning in a bottle, which Tissai describes as controlling the ultimate expression of chaos. After two are injured while failing the test, the Yennefer goes up and is directly struck by the lightning, but gets up rather quick as she seemingly absorbs the lightning and as Tissai scolds the group, Yennefer uses the lightning absorbed as an attack on Tissai, who easily deflects it and warns that it's dangerous to allow her emotions to overtake her powers. She returns to Istredd concerned Tissai knows of their budding relationship, who warns Yennefer that the magic she seeks out from the Brotherhood of Sorcerers is older and more potent. He also reveals that the temple of Aretuza was built was elves who originally inhabited the continent and that after they taught humanity how to harness magic, they slaughtered elves to keep secret the fact they didn't originally have the power themselves. She reveals to him that her real father, not the one who sold her, was actually half-elf and that's the reason why she has powers and a crooked spine, and that her father died in the Great Cleansing.

While asleep, the Cintran camp is attacked by Nilfgaardian forces and Cirilla watches as her matriarchal host is murdered by her house elf, fed up with the abuse from his master, and she is rescued by the Rat Boy, who guides her out of the camp and back into the woods. He reveals his name is Dara and that he is an elf and the two head off to find Geralt. While having feelings grow for Istredd, it's revealed Yennefer was sent by Tissai as a test to take something from Istredd to ensure her loyalty, whereas it's also revealed that he is working with Stregobor and he tells his mentor Yennifer's elven ancestry.

Betrayer Moon

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	son Radjou-Pujalte (Dara), Anna Shaffer (Triss)
Guest Stars:	Lars Mikkelsen (Stregobor), Therica Wilson-Read (Sabrina), Shaun Dooley (King Foltest), Jason Thorpe (Lord Ostrit), Terence Maynard (Artorius), Judit Fekete (Vanielle of Brugge), Ben Lambert (King Vir- furil), Katia Bokor (Queen Sancia), Gudmundur Thorvaldsson (Re- mus), Sam Marks (Captain Segelin), Andrey Kurganov (Tsoka), Jade Croot (Princess Adda), Julian Rhind-Tutt (Giltine), Imogen Daines (Danica), Bogdan Iancu (Mikal), Leigh Gill (One-Eyed Dwarf), Tamás Olt (Human Miner), Scott Alexander Young (Innkeeper / Rural Inn), Becky Wright (Striga (voice))
Summary:	Geralt takes on another Witcher's unfinished business in a kingdom stalked by a ferocious beast. At a brutal cost, Yennefer forges a magical new future.



While Geralt seems to believe he is the last of his kind, the episode opens with the miners of Temeria paying another witcher to find and exterminate a creature killing multiple townsfolk, but as he is drawn into a meat locker with shrieks and trails of blood, the witcher is killed by the unseen entity. While laying in bed next to a prostitute, who attaches his scars to the songs she's heard from a traveling bard, the woman tells of a witcher spending time with her the previous month on his way to Temeria to kill a creature, but that he took the miner's money and left. After paying the prosti-

tute, Geralt leaves Roach with the hotel's owner, to whom he owes three nights' rent, and heads to Temeria to kill the creature and collect the reward to get Roach back.

Geralt arrives in the mines as a revolt from the lower-class citizens is nearly about to get underway, as they blame their king, Foltest, for the creature attacking and want to see him dead instead, accusing him of treason. Despite initial pushback from the group, the witcher offers to conduct the hunt on what he believes is a vukudlak for a third of the price of his predecessor and to receive payment after as an apology from his guild, only to be interrupted by the king's knights sensing a rebellion. The knights are instructed by the courtier Ostrita to escort Geralt to the borders of the town, as they have no desire for a witcher to be in their city, only to be met in the woods by Foltest's sorceress Triss Merigold, who wants him to save the creature. Triss reveals that she was brought to the kingdom under the belief it was a vukudlak stemming from Foltest's sister Adda having an affair with a man in town that gave birth to a child, the only heir to the throne as Foltest has never married, and to cure it, only to learn it was not what was killing people. Upon investigating the body of his fallen brethren, Geralt determines the town is being plagued by a shtriga, which is only conjured up through a curse and that since it is a female, it's the kingdom's princess.

Yennefer and Istredd have become lovers as they both near the end of their respective lessons, and the former plans to return to her homeland of Aedirn as a mage to its king. However, the leaders of the Brotherhood of Sorcerers have other plans, as Stregobor reveals her elven ancestry to the chapter and the leader, Artorius Vigo, elects to have his niece go to Aedirn while Yennefer heads to Nilfgaard to keep their king in check, despite the Aedirn kings of the past preferring to have a native as their mages. Yennifer confront Tissaia about the matter, who reveals that Stregobor found out about her elven bloodline, so therefore Istredd has revealed her secret and derailed her plans for the future. Yennifer purposely misses initiation to try and draft a birth certificate for her stepfather to sign claiming to be her blood father so that she may avoid going to Nilfgaard, as the kings are known for molesting their mages rather than listening to their advice. Istredd reveals he has been chosen for a seat on the research chapter of the Brotherhood, which he can use to bring her along on journeys around the world. Yennefer refuses, criticizing him for trying to be heroic by putting her in a demeaning role as housewife while he ventures out on journeys around the world, and the two part ways after he belittles her for her desire to be beautiful and powerful.

Despite Foltest's initial distaste for the idea of having Geralt investigate the matter, he's willing to hear the witcher's thoughts out as he locks the guards out of the throne room, during which Geralt accuses the king of having had an affair with his sister, who died years ago and whose crypt lies in a castle he abandoned following a Nilfgaardian invasion. Foltest is repulsed by his accusations and demands he leaves his kingdom, only for Geralt to instead investigate the abandoned castle with Triss tagging along. While investigating Adda's room, they find letters from the two's mother Queen Sancia cursing the two for having an affair and that Adda refused to have their child aborted. They bring the letters to Ostrita, who claims he knew of no such affair between the two, but Geralt reveals he recognizes Ostrita's scent from a scent he noticed on Adda's bed earlier, to which the courtier breaks down and claims that Foltest seduced Adda and that he's her true love. He also confesses to putting the shtriga curse, albeit on Foltest, not Adda, but given the baby's bloodline the curse befell it and it eventually ate away at Adda's insides and came out as a hungry creature.

Following her breakup with Istredd, Yennefer undergoes the transformation to rid herself of her deformed features, choosing to stay awake during the process and to forgo her fertility in favor of her looks. After the painful process, Yennefer emerges at the graduation ball with her stunning new appearance and steals the king of Aedirn from Fringilla, having a dance with him as the two quickly strike up a bond and he offers her the position as mage for his kingdom, as he prefers having a native for his sorceress.

Geralt returns to confront Foltest over the revelation, but instead promises to try and cure the shtriga, his daughter, and leaves Renfri's brooch with the king to give his daughter after the hunter succeeds. He brings Ostrita to the abandoned castle to use as bait for the shtriga, which kills him quickly. Geralt engages in battle with it, trying to bind it in chains unsuccessfully and then putting up a good fight using his powers and fists before it begins pinning him down, with which he uses his powers to bring out the floor beneath them and using a spell to keep it trapped in the crypt chamber. After taking refuge in Adda's crypt to keep the shtriga in the sunlight, Geralt emerges to find it cured and now a young woman, who still attacks the hunter and creates a nasty slice in his shoulder that mortally wounds him while he takes a bite out of her shoulder that also proves to injure her badly. When he awakens, Geralt finds himself in Triss' room, with the sorceress having nursed him to health and revealing that the princess has been sent to another kingdom to try and be fully cured. She also returns Renfri's brooch to Geralt, telling him he uttered her name over and over again in his sleep. He receives his payment for the job from Triss and heads out to get Roach back from the hotel owner.

Ciri is awakened in the forest by a mysterious voice that beckons her, heading off in a trance. Dara wakes up to find her walking in no clear direction and takes off after her, finding she's walking through a no man's land without any issue, but as he chases after her, he is hit by an arrow, leaving him calling after her as she is drawn into a dark part of the woods.

Of Banquets, Bastards and Burials

Season 1 Episode Number: 4 Season Episode: 4

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	son Radjou-Pujalte (Dara), Anna Shaffer (Triss)
Guest Stars:	Jodhi May (Queen Calanthe), Adam Levy (Mousesack), Björn Hlynur
	Haraldsson (Eist), Isobel Laidler (Queen Kalis), Josette Simon (Ei-
	thne), Blair Kincaid (Crach An Craite), Owen Good (Kaedwenian
	Lord), Declan Hannigan (Herald), Ossian Perret (Lord Tinglant), Gaia
	Mondadori (Pavetta), Wayne Cater (Seething Lord), Bart Edwards
	(Urcheon (Duny)), Dominic Creasey (Lord Peregrine of Nilfgaard),
	Nóra Trokán (Dryad General), David Broughton-Davies (Councilman),
	Marcin Czarnik (Ronin Mage), Máté Haumann (Field Marshall), Gá-
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	bor Perei (Panicked Guard), Ross Telfer (Draig Bon Dhu), Adam Zam-
	bryzcki (Mage), Balázs Veres (Nilfgaardian Soldier / Citran Servant)
Summary:	Against his better judgment, Geralt accompanies Jaskier to a royal
	ball. Ciri wanders into an enchanted forest. Yennefer tries to protect
	her charges.



After heading off in an unknown path through the woods in a trance, Ciri walks from the snow-covered trees into the oasis-like Brokilon Forest, where she is surrounded by tribal-looking people known as Dryads. The rest of the tribe hold a meeting protesting Ciri staying in the forest, as there's a power deep inside her that she doesn't even know about that could threaten them all, but the leader says they will have her and Dara

drink the waters from the area and if they're ill of heart, they will die, otherwise they will forget their troubles and stay.

After being swallowed by a selkiemore and cutting his way out of it, Geralt returns to the tavern to collect his reward and finds Jaskier in a nearby tavern collecting details of the story and the bard hires the witcher to act as his bodyguard at a royal ball, as he has slept with a few too many royal wives. While dressing him down and asking him to remain silent to avoid the spotlight, Jaskier is disconcerted that Geralt is immediately recognized and reunited with an old friend, the mage Mousesack, with the ball taking place in Cintra. Queen Calanthe arrives back from a battle to reveal that the ball is a wedding celebration for lords from other kingdoms to vie for the hand of Princess Pavetta, despite her not wanting marriage, and invites Geralt to sit by her side during the festivities.

Various lords vie for the hand of Pavetta, including that of Lord Peregrine from Nilfgaard, whom the rest of the crowd treats as a joke and Calanthe likens his nation to that of "shit wipe," causing him to storm out in a rage.

Yennefer is escorting Queen Kalis and her baby daughter with a group of knights, expressing her desire to move on from cleaning up political messes after three decades. The convoy is attacked by an unknown bug-like creature that is being controlled by a mage. She portals them both to a desert area, surmising the attacker is an assassin who was sent by the king to kill Kalis as he has grown tired of her not giving him a male heir. They are followed by the assassin and its creature and continue to portal through multiple areas before arriving in a mountain-top area, where Yennefer portals away herself. As Kalis tries to bargain for her life by offering her baby as sacrifice, she is killed by the assassin and Yennefer portals back in time to save the baby from the creature, but is hit by a knife from the assassin while fleeing through another portal, emerging to find the baby killed by the knife and choosing to now forge her own path away from the Brotherhood.

While seeming indifferent to the multiple lords vying for her hand, a knight named Urcheon of Erlenwald fights his way into the hall to offer his hand in marriage, keeping his face covered as it is part of his code. King Eist pulls his helmet off, revealing a face that of a porcupine, which Urcheon says stems from a curse put upon him as a young boy and that when the twelfth bell rings he will be cured. He reveals that he previously saved Eist in battle and was offered the law of surprise as a reward, with which he will be granted with something Eist has that he does not yet know. Upon returning from that battle, Eist found Calanthe was pregnant with Pavetta, hence Urcheon is owed her hand in marriage, and while Eist agrees with him and it's revealed destiny has already brought the star-crossed lovers together prior to the ceremony, Calanthe vehemently protests and orders Urcheon killed. Geralt steps in to prevent him from being killed and a battle ensues between the two and Cintran soldiers, as well as an all-out brawl with everyone else.

Calanthe calls a hold to the battle and approaches her daughter's love in a seemingly peaceful manner to accept his proposal, having given her sword to Eist. However, it is revealed she is concealing a dagger at her waist and attempts to kill Urcheon, but before she can Pavetta reveals she has powers and uses them to send everyone flying and pressed against the walls, with a whirlwind guarding her and her love. Mousesack and Geralt use their combined magic to burst the whirlwind and temporarily disable Pavetta. Calanthe embraces her daughter, remarking at the fact she has received her grandmother's powers, which skipped over the queen, and reverses her decision, choosing not to mess with destiny and allow the two to be married. During the marriage ceremony held right there in the damaged hall, Pavetta and Duny, as she calls him, kiss, turning him back into human form and breaking the curse. While initially refusing payment from Duny for his help, Geralt decides to ask for a Law of Surprise as his reward and before he can protest to it regarding a child yet again, Pavetta throws up, revealing she is in fact pregnant and leaving her child and Geralt's destinies intertwined.

Cirilla is awoken from a nightmarish vision of the horrors her people are suffering at the hands of Nilfgaard to find Dara drinking the waters of Brokilon, which have helped him forget the dreadful past in which Calanthe ordered the slaughtering of his people and wishes to stay with the Dryads. Ciri chooses to also drink from the water, however it seemingly has no effect on her. The leader of the Dryads takes her to a mystical tree in which she says is the root of the powerful water and Ciri drinks from it, which transports her to a magical place with a mystical tree beckoning to her.

Back in Cintra, a group of Nilfgaardian mages led by Fringilla come upon Calanthe's dead body and one of them cuts off a chunk of skin from her arm and eats it, beginning to convulse and leading one of the others to stab him to death and rip out his internal organs. They then read his stomach, which reveals that Ciri is hiding in the Brokilon Forest, and helping Cahir to formulate a plan for how to finally capture her.

Bottled Appetites

Season 1 Episode Number: 5 Season Episode: 5

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Show Stars:	Henry Cavill (Geralt of Rivia), Freya Allan (Ciri), Eamon Farren (Cahir), Anya Chalotra (Yennefer), Joey Batey (Jaskier), MyAnna Bur- ing (Tissaia), Royce Pierreson (Istredd), Mimi Ndiweni (Fringilla), Wil-
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Guest Stars:	Adam Levy (Mousesack), Josette Simon (Eithne), Nóra Trokán (Dryad General), Lucas Englander (Chireadan), Ben Wiggins (The Adonis), Philippe Spall (Hemet), Roger Ringrose (Beau Berrant), Richard van Weyden (Giant Bald Guard), Anita Olatunji (Middle Aged Woman), Joachim Paul Assböck (Man), Martin Angerbauer (Militia Guard), Raquel Amegashie (Warrior Dryad), Anneke Weerts (Gatherer Dryad), Callum Coates (Mousesack Doppler), Kevin Howarth (Djinn), Balázs Veres (Nilfgaardian Soldier)
Summary:	Heedless of warnings, Yennefer looks for a cure to restore what she's lost. Geralt inadvertently puts Jaskier in peril. The search for Ciri intensifies.



Knowing that the Brokilon Forest is too dangerous to venture in given the Dryads inhabitation, Cahir enlists a doppler to infiltrate the area. He brings out Mousesack, who Fringilla has locked up in a cage made out of dimeritium, which has essentially neutered the mage's powers. The doppler takes Mousesack's form and proceeds to kill him, revealing that every person he imitates he gains their entire knowledge and feelings in the process.

Following her departure from the Brotherhood of Sorcerers, Yennefer is now living in the small kingdom of Rinde helping the locals out with minor spells

to make their lives better, much to the dismay of the mayor, who despises mages and requests payment from any who wish to perform magic in his town.

As Jaskier travels through the forest, he comes across Geralt, who appears to be fishing in a nearby lake but is actually in search of a djinn in order to wish for a chance to sleep. After fishing out the jar in which the entity is contained, he and Jaskier fight over it and cause it to break, with the latter believing he is its master and asking for two wishes before being attacked by the djinn that leaves him on the verge of death. Geralt brings him to the nearest elf doctor, Chireadan, who offers a potion that will prevent death for a few hours until they find a mage. He reluctantly sends them to Rinde to head into the mayor's castle where he has Yennefer locked up, and after knocking out the guard and walking through the halls and finding the mayor in a naked trance, they stumble upon a party room in which an orgy is underway with Yennefer watching. She reveals everyone there is under her spell, including Jaskier, who sits next to a few naked women despite his impending doom, and she agrees to help save his life in return for something she doesn't yet specify. Yennefer invites the witcher to share a bath with her, while not letting him see her in the nude, and the two reveal they know things about the other's kind, with Geralt pointing out signs that she originally came from Aretuza and questions what her deformity was before the transformation, to which she doesn't answer. While looking in on Jaskier, Geralt notices the seal to the jar laying on a nearby dresser and a version of it drawn on the floor with candles surrounding it and surmises that she is planning to capture the djinn for her own means after the final wish is spoken, which they both believe is from Jaskier. She uses a combination of herbal scents to paralyze Geralt, who seemingly falls asleep and awakens in a dungeon cell, only to learn from Chireadan that he was actually entranced by her and attacked two city councilman brutally, both of whom were trying to usurp the mayor and evict Yennefer from town. Chireadan also reveals he is in love with Yennefer and didn't want to send Geralt and Jaskier her way for fear of them falling under her spell.

The guard from the gate Geralt knocks out upon arrival enters the cell and begins beating up the witcher, using his shackles to keep it an easy fight for him. In the meantime, Jaskier awakens in the room to find Yennefer waiting mostly nude with symbols on her chest that will help her become the vessel for the djinn and tries to get him to make his final wish. As he tries and seemingly nothing happens, Geralt wishes for the guard to burst, which he does quite instantaneously, realizing the cuts on his arm from the broken pot have made him the master of the djinn. He rushes upstairs to try and stop Yennefer from her attempts at harnessing the djinn's powers, and after making a new wish that sees the djinn fly away and the seals on the dresser and her body fly away, the roof seemingly collapses on them, leaving both Chireadan and Jaskier heartbroken. However, we then see that Yennefer portalled them to the party room from earlier, and she reveals she was going to use the djinn to restore her fertility, which was taken away during her transformation at Aretuza. The two take action on their attraction together and begin to have sex, with Jaskier initially lamenting at their deaths until Chireadan brings him to the window to show they are having sex before pulling him away to leave them in private. Yennefer asks what was Geralt's wish, but he's fast asleep before he can answer her question.

The doppler version of Mousesack heads into Brolikan and is guided by the Dryad locals to find Ciri, claiming he previously served her family, and while Dara is initially hesitant to follow her, he joins her as they leave the forest in search of Geralt.

Rare Species

Season 1 Episode Number: 6 Season Episode: 6

Originally aired:	Friday December 20, 2019
Writer:	Haily Hall
Director:	Charlotte Brändström
Show Stars:	Henry Cavill (Geralt of Rivia), Freya Allan (Ciri), Eamon Farren
	(Cahir), Anya Chalotra (Yennefer), Joey Batey (Jaskier), MyAnna Bur- ing (Tissaia), Royce Pierreson (Istredd), Mimi Ndiweni (Fringilla), Wil- son Radjou-Pujalte (Dara), Anna Shaffer (Triss)
Guest Stars:	Adam Levy (Mousesack), Adele Oni (Téa), Colette Tchantcho (Véa), Jordan Renzo (Eyck of Denesle), Steve Wall (Boholt), Jeremy Craw- ford (Yarpen Zigrin), Máté Haumann (Field Marshall), Ron Cook (Borch Three Jackdaws), Wayne Brett (The Alderman), Michael Power (The Butcher), Michael Byrch (True Form Doppler), Benjamin Chaf-
Summary:	fin (Cahir Actor), Simeon Dyer (Lucas Corto), Michael Keane (Xavier Moran), Kain Francis (Yannick Brass), Zoltan Lörincz (Man) A mysterious man tries to entice Geralt to join a hunt for a rampaging dragon, a quest that attracts a familiar face. Ciri questions who she can trust.



While on a separate job hunting a creature, where the men who hired him try to rob the supplies off Roach while Jaskier does nothing to help, Geralt meets a man named Borch Three Jackdaws, whose travel companions Téa and Véa kill one of the two men while the other flees. Borch beckons Geralt to join him at a local tavern, where plentiful food and ales are ordered, and asks the witcher to help join him on a hunt for a green dragon

currently hiding somewhere in the mountains of King Neidamir's kingdom. The dragon was recently spotted by locals who believed they could acquire the treasure it has amassed, but after wounding it, the creature laid waste to nearby farms, burning crops and sheep. The king has offered a reward to any that kill the dragon, including allowing the victor to keep whatever treasure they find, and four teams have been assembled, one of dwarves, one of reavers and one with Yennefer in tow as companion to Sir Eyck of Denesle. While initially refusing the job, Geralt accepts given the opportunity to connect back with Yennefer, while Jaskier continues to try and woo Borch's companions.

While Ciri and Dara follow the doppler Mousesack out of Brokilon, he answers her question regarding her connection to Geralt, revealing he is owed to her as a reward for law of surprise after he saved her father. As they return to the snow-covered woods, Dara begins to question Mousesack's motives, claiming much of what he said and is doing aren't adding up, but the doppler presents Ciri with her grandmother's sash, appeasing her for the time being. After coming across an open field, Ciri's conversations with Mousesack begin to take a suspicious turn and she accuses him of lying, to which he reveals he is not Mousesack and Dara attacks him with a silver knife, revealing his true monstrous form. After knocking out Dara, the doppler chases Ciri through the woods, where she is eventually captured by what appears to be a Nilfgaardian soldier and drugged into unconsciousness.

As the four groups trek up the mountains on foot, with the path being too narrow for horses, the dwarves and Borch's team seem to be getting along friendly as they both dislike the reavers and Eyck, who appears a little too uppity for their taste. While heading up a hillside path, Jaskier comes across a hirikka, with Geralt telling everyone to sheath their weapons as it doesn't intend any harm, but the overzealous Eyck kills it quickly and proceeds to slash away at its dead body for a while before feasting on its corpse, which gives him digestion problems. While they sit around the fire, Borch and Geralt discuss the history of dragons, including the mythical gold dragon, which the witcher claims to have died out while Borch believes they are still alive. After awakening the next day, a dwarf finds Eyck dead in some nearby brush, his throat slit while handling the digestion issues from feeding o the hirikka, leaving Yennefer to begrudgingly join Geralt's team.

As they team up with the dwarves team to take a shortcut alongside the mountain to get ahead of the reavers, Borch and his companions step poorly on some old planks and fall to their death after asking Geralt to continue on and protect those still able to live. Geralt questions Yennefer on why she came along in the journey in the first place and she reveals she is trying to create a mythical potion using a fresh dragon's heart that will restore her fertility. Geralt and Yennefer step away into a tent at the top of the mountain and discuss the pain they each caused each other following their initial meeting, with the witcher slipping away while she slept following their sexual encounter in Rinde while Yennefer later repeated the same act on Geralt. The two apologize to each other and spend the night together, waking up to find one another still laying in bed next to each other before heading outside and realizing the dwarves have left.

Yennefer and Geralt catch up to the dwarves racing up the hill to where the dragon is staying and she uses her powers to freeze them in place. Upon arriving in the cave, she finds the green dragon has already perished and is laying near a dragon egg, and as Geralt attempts to stop her from approaching, Téa and Véa reveal themselves to be alive and a golden dragon flies in from a hole in the roof of the cave and speaks, revealing Borch was a golden dragon all along and hired Geralt to help protect his dead wife and her egg from the hunting parties. The reavers arrive and engage in a length sword fight with both Geralt and Yennefer, both using their powers to kill the entire group, while one seemingly dead is burned alive by Borch while trying to crawl towards the egg.

Ciri awakens to find Cahir has captured her and is discussing the fact he is the true key to her destiny, but as he looks away to get her some food, it's revealed he actually captured the doppler disguised as Ciri. The two engage in a fight, in which the doppler mostly has the upper hand and even wounds Cahir, before it takes off and eludes Cahir's capture. The real Ciri is tied up to a tree in the woods and is found by Dara, who frees her but then laments her for having them leave Brokilon and claims she is going to get him killed and leaves her for good.

In the aftermath of the battle, the dwarves finally arrive at the cave and Borch offers them dragon's teeth to bring to the king in exchange for no questions asked, which they readily accept and leave. Borch has a talk with Geralt and Yennefer after, in which Geralt reveals his final wish to the djinn was to keep their destinies intertwined, further angering Yennefer after Borch declares she won't be able to reverse the loss of her fertility. Geralt and Yennefer part ways and he scolds Jaskier for everything he has come to experience thus far, blaming it on the bard, who then sadly leaves as well.

Before a Fall

Season 1 Episode Number: 7 Season Episode: 7

Originally aired: Writer:	Friday December 20, 2019 Mike Ostrowski
Director:	Alik Sakharov, Marc Jobst
Show Stars:	Henry Cavill (Geralt of Rivia), Freya Allan (Ciri), Eamon Farren (Cahir), Anya Chalotra (Yennefer), Joey Batey (Jaskier), MyAnna Bur- ing (Tissaia), Royce Pierreson (Istredd), Mimi Ndiweni (Fringilla), Wil- son Radjou-Pujalte (Dara), Anna Shaffer (Triss)
Guest Stars:	Mahesh Jadu (Vilgefortz), Lars Mikkelsen (Stregobor), Jodhi May (Queen Calanthe), Adam Levy (Mousesack), Björn Hlynur Haralds- son (Eist), Maciej Musial (Sir Lazlo), Ella-Rae Smith (Fola), Anna Burnett (Glacella), Lily Cooper (Murta), Anna-Louise Plowman (Zola), Terence Maynard (Artorius), Judit Fekete (Vanielle of Brugge), Tobi Bamtefa (Sir Danek), Joshua Higgott (Hegor), Rob Malone (Anton), Vi- ola Prettejohn (Fake Ciri), Martin Berencsy (Korin), Paul Kynman (Gi- ant Rider), Howard Chadwick (Chubby Merchant), Louis Boyer (Nilf- gaardian Sentry), Daniel Burke (Nilfgaardian Soldier), Krisztián Koller (Hegor's Friend 1), Kembe Sorel (Hegor's Friend 2), Balázs Veres (Nilf- gaardian Soldier)
Summary:	With the Continent at risk from Nilfgaard's rising power, Yennefer re- visits her past, while Geralt reconsiders his obligation to the Law of Surprise.



Losing the companionship of Dara, Ciri is now by herself, found committing petty thievery from a marketplace on her way to the kingdom of Skellige. After meeting a woman, who offers to take her in for shelter with her family, she steals a horse and sets off. Meanwhile, Geralt returns to Cintra, despite Calanthe's threats of death should he do so, and meets in secret with Mousesack to check in on Ciri and warn of the Nilfgaard army forming at the nearby Amell Pass. They are inter-

rupted, however, by assassins, and realizing there's too many Geralt forces Mousesack to portal the two out of there, arriving in Cintra. The queen initially wants to see Geralt dead and questions why he has returned, to which he says he never would have intended on it had she not sent eight men after him to kill him. She offers to pay him off to break the debt, but he refuses and believes her life to be in danger and offers to take her and protect her from Nilfgaard.

After initially meeting who he believes to be the princess, Calanthe asks he wait to be summoned while she says goodbye to her peasant friends, however Mousesack secretly opens a door for him and he follows the path to find her saying goodbye to her friends, except that it's not the princess and that she is actually in plain clothes playing knucklebones with the other kids. Geralt returns and scolds the queen for lying to his face, to which she asks Eist to escort him out and he implores the witcher see that she can protect Cirilla, to which Geralt declines and says he will be back, causing Eist to lock him up to prevent such an event.

After venturing away from Geralt following their heartbreak, Yennefer has arrived in Nazair to meet with Istredd, who is currently looking for a hidden rune, in hopes of rekindling their

romance and joining him on his expeditions. While they do initially kiss and he shares his feelings for her, he laments her for the fact she chose to be powerful over love and leaves her behind, after which she is met by Vilgefortz of Roggeveen. He says he is a mage from Aretuza and implores her to come back, as Tissaia has requested her presence with the looming war. Upon arrival, she learns he lied to her to get her to come back to help, with which she storms out and encounters a group of girls currently studying the mystical arts she did. However, she also learns that the rules are starting to loosen up in the time since she was a student, as most of the girls' families practically bought their way in versus being discovered from a conduit moment. She mixes a special batch of herbs that gets all the young girls high, save for one who believes they will all suffer disciplinary actions. Yennefer takes the girls to the windmill where her former sisters were turned into eels and reveals this is the fate of those who don't ascend and that should the girls ascend they will lose their fertility.

With Nilfgaard continuing its conquering over the lands and Fringilla assisting with her magic, the Brotherhood of Sorcerers are divided on what their actions should be, some believing the kingdom's statements that they only wish to conquer Cintra and should abstain while others believe Nilfgaard won't stop there. After taking a vote on which path to choose, the Chapter decides to abstain from the war and let Cintra fall, save from a handful of mages who believe Nilfgaard must be stopped, Yennefer, Vilgefortz and Tissaia included. While still choosing to remain out of the battle, Tissaia pleads with Yennefer to join the fight to protect Aretuza not for its sake, but for the rectoress', to which she agrees.

As Cintra begins to fall at the hands of Nilfgaard, Geralt escapes from his prison cell and makes his way out of the castle while Calanthe orders Mousesack to bring him to protect Ciri, only to find him gone. As Ciri is guided out of the castle to escape and Calanthe leaps from the window to her death, Geralt watches the queen fall after battling a few guards and heads back into the castle to look for the princess.

As Ciri camps out in the middle of a field with her newly acquired horse, she is found by a group of men who happen to be Cintrans, one of whom was a peasant friend of hers, but rather than gather in happiness they proceed to steal her stuff and threaten to turn her into Nilfgaard. While being held, she finds a dark new power in which she begins chanting in a demonic voice that the time of "sword and axe" are nigh, echoing a statement made by Cahir in a previous episode and is seemingly possessed by a dark spirit before it cuts to credits.

Much More

Season 1 Episode Number: 8 Season Episode: 8

Originally aired:	Friday December 20, 2019
Writer:	Lauren Schmidt Hissrich
Director:	Marc Jobst
Show Stars:	Henry Cavill (Geralt of Rivia), Freya Allan (Ciri), Eamon Farren (Cahir), Anya Chalotra (Yennefer), Joey Batey (Jaskier), MyAnna Bur- ing (Tissaia), Royce Pierreson (Istredd), Mimi Ndiweni (Fringilla), Wil- son Radjou-Pujalte (Dara), Anna Shaffer (Triss)
Guest Stars:	Mahesh Jadu (Vilgefortz), Therica Wilson-Read (Sabrina), Anna-Louise Plowman (Zola), Francis Magee (Yurga), Frida Gustavsson (Ma), Emma Appleton (Renfri), Shaun Dooley (King Foltest), Lu Corfield (Marites), Judit Fekete (Vanielle of Brugge), Máté Haumann (Field Marshall), Tristan Ruggeri (Young Geralt), Jack Bandeira (Young Alderman), Jack Wolfe (Nadbor), Daniel Burke (Nilfgaardian Soldier), Rhianna Mc- Greevy (Coral), Jim Caesar (Atlan Kerk), Roland Tzafetás (Black Box Mage), Iván Lengyel (Bottle Kid #1), Barnabás Kovács-Szégner (Bottle Kid #2), Theo James (Young Vesemir), Balázs Veres (Nilfgaardian Sol- dier)
Summary:	A terrifying pack of foes lays Geralt low. Yennefer and her fellow mages prepare to fight back. A shaken Ciri depends on the kindness of a stranger.



After finding the castle empty and without Cirilla, Geralt takes to the woods in search of her, stumbling upon a merchant trying to give a halfway decent burial to the Cintran citizens killed at the burned down refugee camp. Geralt senses evil in the area and warns the man to go home, only to be ignored and leave him to his seeming demise as ghoul-like creatures rise from the ground in an attempt to eat him, but the witcher returns

and saves the man. He engages in a battle with a large group of the creatures and while proving victorious, he is bitten on the leg by one of them and falls down seemingly unconscious after saying a farewell to Roach.

After coming under possession from whatever the entity was at the end of the previous episode, Ciri is awakened in the middle of the field by the woman she met in the market to find her attempted robbers impaled on various trees in the surrounding area. The woman offers Ciri comfort and guides her through the field to take her to her home for shelter.

Yennefer and 60 mages head to the small village of Sodden Hill in hopes of cutting off the Nilfgaard advance on the north, with the locals being pushed out of their homes due to the war. The locals team up with the mages and the soldiers to craft weapons including arrows, bottles filled with phosphorous rock and fortify the castle for the impending attack. While winding down for the night and enjoying a meal and drinks with the locals, Triss and Yennefer catch up, with the former revealing she crossed paths with Geralt while fighting a shtriga and the latter stating that destiny has more than likely taken him on an unpleasant path since, choosing not to tell of their love for one another. In the meantime, Fringilla informs Cahir that the Brotherhood have

arrived at Sodden and have fortified the castle, but that she will draw them out and that they must attack now if he has any hopes of catching up to Cirilla.

While the bite should've killed him, Geralt wakes up in the back of the merchant's wagon as he takes the witcher to his farm in order to help heal him better. Under influence from the venom from the bite, Geralt has flashbacks to his childhood in which it's revealed his mother Visenna was a witch and that after caring for him, she one day drove him out to the middle of the woods on a wagon and abandoned him while he went to search for water for her. Following her abandonment, he was captured by a man named Vesemir. After waking up a second time on the wagon, he drinks some of a potion and uses the rest on his wound and requests to be taken to the Blue Mountains, as "he" will help. While unconscious in the middle of the woods, Geralt dreams of Renfri and Yennefer both nursing him to health before having a vision of his mother, whom he scolds for letting Vesemir mold him into a witcher and questioning how she could leave him under the pretense that destiny would bring them together again. He wakes up and asks to be taken to the merchant's farm so that he may properly stock Roach up for a ride to the Blue Mountains, with the merchant offering ale and food as a reward for saving his life earlier.

As the locals and mages sleep, one of the Nilfgaard mages uses her powers to conjure up a large fireball to be catapulted at the castle, with Yennefer narrowly waking up in time to send it shooting off in another direction. The mage conjures up another but is then burned to death by it and Fringilla forges a mysterious metal box and hands it to another mage, who quickly approaches the castle in the early morning to lay down a thick fog in order for soldiers to approach unseen. Yennefer heads to the watchtower and uses her powers to keep an eye on the battlefield, pointing out soldiers for Triss to conjure up poisonous mushrooms under to kill, Coral to seemingly crush their insides with her mind and Sabrina to launch the bottles of phosphorous that she shoots out of the sky, raining down fiery death upon the soldiers. Vilgefortz portals to Cahir's location and engages in a close fight with him, eventually being defeated and kicked down the hill where he hits his head on a log below, seemingly killing him. The Northern mages begin losing battle as Fringilla bursts open the gates to the castle, conjures a portal for archers to shoot arrows through and kill fighters and the fog-laying mage fades away while delivering the mysterious box that opens to reveal it's full of snake-like creatures. As Yennefer attempts to reach Tissaia, she confronts Fringilla and the latter comes out victorious by using dimeritium to neuter her powers. Yennefer watches as Coral and Atlan, another mage, are both slaughtered by Nilfgaard soldiers and Triss, who has created a thick vine wall to prevent soldiers from entering, has been badly burned by a torch aimed through the thicket. Sabrina hands two boys a bottle of phosphorous, seemingly in a trance, and surprises Yennefer by stabbing her in the stomach with an arrow. Yennefer notices one of the snake-like creatures is in Sabrina's ear, seemingly controlling her, and the boys drop their bottles onto the rest of them, causing an explosive chain reaction that badly damages the castle and sends Yennefer and Sabrina flying out of the watchtower, the former landing on her feet and surviving while the latter dies.

Struggling to keep up the fight, Yennefer psychically calls out to any allies in the area to help, with Tissaia hearing the call but unable to respond due to the dimeritium and Vilgefortz waking up and killing another Northern mage, marking him as a traitor in some capacity. While the battle ensues, Geralt hears it off in the distance and asks the merchant to take him there while Ciri can see the battle from the woman's farm. As a last ditch effort, Yennefer absorbs the fire as she did with the lightning and climbs onto a nearby cliff top, unleashing it upon the soldiers and radius forest area seemingly burning them all to death while keeping Tissaia alive and Cahir watching in the distance. After the last of the fire passes her, Tissaia opens her eyes to see the scorched earth and Yennefer gone from the cliff, calling out her name as Geralt arrives at the battlefield and does the same.

Ciri awakens from visions of Tissaia and Geralt calling out for Yennefer and decides to take a walk through the woods as an unknown wagon approaches the farm. The wagon is revealed to be that of the merchant, whose wife is the one that took Ciri in and informs him of such. Geralt, having overheard the conversation, heads into the woods in search of Ciri and after not initially finding her is amazed to see her running up to him and the two embrace. After confirming that people linked by destiny will find one another, Ciri looks at him and asks who's Yennefer, with the witcher giving no answer as it cuts to the credits.

Season Two

A Grain of Truth

Season 2 Episode Number: 9 Season Episode: 1

Originally aired:	Friday December 17, 2021
Writer:	Declan De Barra
Director:	Stephen Surjik
Show Stars:	Henry Cavill (Geralt of Rivia), Freya Allan (cirilla "Ciri"), Eamon Farren
	(Cahir Mawr Dyffryn aep Ceallach), Anya Chalotra (Yennefer of Venger-
	berg), Joey Batey (Jaskier), MyAnna Buring (Tissaia de Vries), Royce
	Pierreson (Istredd), Mimi Ndiweni (Fringilla Vigo), Anna Shaffer (Triss
	Merigold), Mecia Simson (Francesca Findabair), Kim Bodnia (Vesemir),
	Paul Bullion (Lambert), Yasen Atour (Coën), Basil Eidenbernz (Eskel)
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Guest Stars:	Mahesh Jadu (Vilgefortz), Kristofer Hivju (Nivellen), Agnes Born
	(Vereena), Terence Maynard (Artorius), Melissandre St Hilaire (Kira),
	Lesley Ewen (Meena Coppercloth), Andrew Paul (Colin Coppercloth),
	Mark Addison (Nilf Gaard Soldier), Paul O'Kelly (Nilfgaard Soldier),
	Janette Perme (Mage), Robert Ryan (Nilfgaard Soldier)
Summary:	Geralt sets off with Ciri on a journey that leads him to an old friend.
	After the Battle of Sodden, Tissaia shows no mercy in her search for
	information.



The episode opens as a merchant and his family try to find a place to wait on the winter storm. However, a monster pops up and decides that they are better off being dinner. We all love a good monster.

After the opening credits, we cut to Tissaia at Sodden Hill trying to figure out what happened to Yennefer. However, no matter how many minds she dives into, she sees nothing. The way we see her visions in a first-person POV is such a nice

nod to the video game style. Tissaia starts to call out for Yennefer when she hears someone else do the same. That someone else is Geralt, who is searching the field with Ciri on the back of Roach.

Ciri mentions to Geralt that she had seen this before he heads over to chat with Tissaia. Geralt tries to get her to tell him what happened to Yennefer, and while she doesn't specifically say that she died, Tissaia gives him that impression. Geralt grabs Roach and Ciri and heads off. Ciri tries to get him to open up about who Yennefer is, but he shoots her down. Poor guy just had his heartbroken.

Geralt and Ciri begin the long trek to Kaer Morhen. One night while camping out, Ciri awakens from a nightmare. Geralt tries to make her feel better by sharing that he has nightmares too. Apparently, our big monster hunter is afraid of an overly friendly rock troll. Ciri opens up about her nightmares and Geralt answers her questions about how she became his law of surprise. She wants to return home, but Cintra is no longer safe and Geralt knows that if she goes to Skellige, she would just be married off to the first Lord looking to take over her throne.

The episode jumps to Aretuza, where Tissaia is still looking for Yennefer among the hurt and dead. She overhears Artorius trying to keep Triss stable. With some quick thinking and help from Tissaia and Vilgefortz, Triss calms back down. Tissaia informs Artorius that both his niece Fringilla and Yennefer are lost now. It seems that Vilgefortz and Artorius still differ on how they

need to treat the current situation, but Tissaia sides with Vilgefortz and decides that she wants to be the one to question the prisoner.

Quickly, we jump to Yennefer, who is alive but probably not too well. She has been captured by Fringilla and what is left of the Nilgaardian army.

We jump back to Geralt and Ciri, still wandering through the woods. Geralt explains what Kaer Morhen is and why it isn't well known anymore. If you haven't seen The Witcher: Nightmare of the Wolf, I highly suggest checking it out. It can help you get up to speed on the past of Kaer Morhen and the other witchers. Geralt and Ciri bond over the idea that they both have hidden in plain sight before and that they are both a bit different.

Geralt spots a dead animal and he and Roach instantly become wary. Ciri learns that Geralt has the ability to calm animals using what is known as axii. As Geralt investigates the small dead creature, we hear what seems to be a monster in the distance, which sets Geralt on high alert and the two continue on their way. The two arrive at an abandoned village just as the storm picks up. He doesn't like how quiet it is and decides to visit the home of a friend nearby instead.

Geralt and Ciri arrive at the mansion, but something seems off. Geralt tells Ciri to stay with Roach. As he makes his way towards the doors, they begin to slam open and close before a creature comes rushing out. Thankfully, before Geralt can put a knife into his neck, Nivellen makes himself known as the creature. Geralt realizes that it is him though he looks a tad bit different. Nivellen promises to tell him everything if he just puts the knife down and comes inside.

Inside, Nivellen preps a fire and bath for Ciri and then heads off with Geralt to reconnect over quite a lot of wine. It's very fatherlike how protective Geralt is of Ciri. While Ciri is bathing, something is watching her from the attic above, though she doesn't see who or what it is. She joins Geralt and Nivellen at dinner, where Nivellen recounts the tale of how the two met. He then opens up about his curse and how it happened after he trashed the Temple of the Lionheaded Spider. He isn't sure exactly how to break the curse, but he does know that killing himself does nothing.

They then hear scurrying in the ceiling above and Nivellen tells them about his cat, Vereena. A most loyal companion but awfully shy. After dinner, Geralt, Ciri and Nivellen chat by the fire about the now-abandoned town and what Nivellen believes will be the end of days. Geralt isn't too convinced that this will be the time it finally happens. He decides to head out and make sure the mansion is secure, leaving Ciri and Nivellen behind.

The episode takes us back to Aretuza, where Tissaia comes face to face with their prisoner — Cahir. He isn't phased by her at first, claiming that the White Flame will cleanse everyone in the end. But that quickly changes as Tissaia dives into her interrogation. The loss of Yennefer drives her pain and it looks as if she isn't willing to let up until he surrenders everything he knows. Remind us to never get on her bad side.

We slip over to Yennefer and Fingilla next. Yennefer realizes that the Nilfgaard army is on the run after their loss. Yennefer quickly realizes that Fringilla is going to use her to save her own back after failing to complete the White Flame's mission. Fringilla doesn't argue against her and it looks like Yennefer's bad luck is just beginning.

Back at Nivellen's mansion, he tells Ciri the tale of The Fall of the Elves. A doomed Elven warrior in love with a human. They decided to marry instead of fight and were expecting a child. They were killed, but not before their kin could come into the world. Outside, Geralt is chatting with Roach about Ciri's subtle defiance even when he is trying to keep her safe. Back inside, Ciri opens up to Nivellen about wanting to change the past and how she is struggling to accept it. She tries to talk with him about breaking his curse and even mentions her dad's story, but Nivellen doesn't feel like he is worthy.

Nivellen sees Ciri off to bed and she tries to ease his pain over his curse one more time. She watched her entire family fall at the hands of the Nilfgaard army and sees those people as monsters. But, I feel that with Nivellen being so confident that he is one, he isn't sharing something about what went into his curse. He wishes her goodnight before heading out.

Outside, Roach warns Geralt of a presence and we can see the footsteps in the snow. However, once outside the gate, they just disappear. Back inside, he tries to get Nivellen to open up about what is really going on with a drinking game. However, it seems like Geralt can't hit the mark and ends up revealing more to Nivellen about what is going on with Ciri. Geralt opens up about

Yennefer and how she changed his thoughts on his destiny. Our poor Geralt is really crushed over his belief that Yennefer is dead.

The episode quickly cuts to Yennefer trying to convince Fringilla to change her mind. They have differing views on their lives after Aretuza as the two argue about how their different choices led them this far. Back at Nivellen's mansion, Geralt tells Nivellen that he has no intention of using his child of surprise to continue the witchers. Geralt then decides to let Nivellen know that he has known this whole time that Nivellen has been cheating with magic daggers. But why? What is he really hiding? Instead of providing answers, he leaves Geralt and heads off to bed. Awfully suspicious is you ask us.

In Ciri's room, she tells Vereena everything will be okay before falling asleep. And for the first time, we get a good look at Vereena as she climbs out of the ceiling to check on Ciri, who is now having a nightmare. Is it possible that this is why Nivellen has been so suspicious? Ciri awakens and the two have a brief conversation about how Vereena is different and that she knows about Geralt. Ciri realizes that Nivellen has been hiding her and Vereena uses a bit of magic to put Ciri back to sleep.

Geralt continues to investigate the mansion and then heads down to the town. He finds the bodies of the merchant and his family from the beginning of the episode. He realizes that the monster who caused it flies, which is why the footprints magically disappear. Geralt rushes back to the mansion and wakes Ciri. He warns her that a bruxa is in the house and downs one of his potions. Let the monster-hunting begin! Ciri heads outside while Geralt checks on Nivellen, where he finds Vereena, the bruxa, feeding on him.

The two go head to head and Geralt sends Vereena flying into the courtyard. Ciri goes to check on Vereena, not knowing that she is the bruxa. Vereena sends Geralt flying and tries to get Ciri on her side. Geralt gets back on his feet and the fight continues. During one of her diving attacks, Geralt manages to strike a blow. Ciri rushes over to cover Vereena, trying to plead with Geralt to stop, but Vereena takes Ciri hostage. However, she isn't about to cause any damage before Nivellen uses a spear to stab her from behind.

Cue creepy bone-cracking and head twist as Vereena tries to pull herself down the spear towards Nivellen. Before she can bite him, Geralt cuts her head off. Before she dies, Vereena warns Ciri that Geralt will come for her too. As she bursts into flames, Nivellen's curse is broken. But he doesn't care that he is free now that Vereena is dead. He finally tells the truth about what has been going on and what really caused his curse. This new information paints him in a completely different light and Geralt and Ciri leave him to suffer alone by himself.

At their new campsite, Geralt warns Ciri that he isn't playing when he tells her to run or hide. Ciri opens up about her fear that everywhere she goes, people die. She doesn't want to cause this for people and is afraid all the time. Geralt gives her a pep talk about facing her fears and promises that he won't let anything happen to her.

The episode comes to an end as Fringilla and Yennefer's camp is attacked by an unknown assailant.

Kaer Morhen

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Originally aired:	Friday December 17, 2021
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	Pierreson (Istredd), Mimi Ndiweni (Fringilla Vigo), Anna Shaffer (Triss
	Merigold), Mecia Simson (Francesca Findabair), Kim Bodnia (Vesemir),
	Paul Bullion (Lambert), Yasen Atour (Coën), Basil Eidenbernz (Eskel)
Guest Stars:	Tom Canton (Filavandrel), Bart Edwards (White Flame), Nathaniel Ja-
	cobs (Everard), Jota Castellano (Gwain), Chuey Okoye (Merek), Ania
	Marson (Voleth Meir), Kaine Zajaz (Gage), Imogen Daines (Danica),
	Emily Byrt (Ayline), Ann Firbank (Ithlinne), Carmel Laniado (Violet),
	Bernardo Santos (Northern Soldier)
Summary:	Seeking a safe place for Ciri, Geralt heads for home, but danger lurks
Summary.	everywhere — even Kaer Morhen. Yennefer's dreams could be the key
	to her freedom.



The episode opens with a delightful turned terrifying dream with Yennefer and Geralt. They are together and she is pregnant and then the baby is there but on fire and being taken by someone in a red robe. She awakens to find her and Fringilla trapped in an enclosed cart. When Fringilla awakes, she realizes that they are moving away from Cintra and seem to be the only two alive. We finally learn that their captures are the Elves as Filavandrel opens the back of the cart.

Fringilla tries to get answers about what is going on when Yennefer spots a tower that looks similar to Aretuza. It doesn't seem like Filavandrel, or the other elves are interested in supplying them with any answers. They take them to see Franchesca, who is unhappy with her gifts. She uses magic to knock a rather talkative Fringilla out before ripping into Yennefer when she tries to share that she, too, is a part Elven. Franchesca wants them strung up but agrees to let them live for now at the behest of Filavandrel.

We cut to Geralt and Ciri as they arrive at Kaer Morhen. Ciri questions Geralt and gets some answers before they head inside and meet with the rest of Geralt's brethren. It's heartwarming to see Geralt reunite with the others, including Vesemir, Lambert and Coën. While they are celebrating, we also get the chance to see Eskel make his return. He shares about his fight with a leshy and how he would have killed her if he didn't lose his elixirs. Vesemir reminds everyone that fire to the heart is what kills them, which makes Ciri laugh a bit, drawing the attention of Eskel. And our princess drops the mic introducing herself to him.

Later on, Geralt does some training before chatting with Vesemir about Ciri. It seems he knew about Geralt's child of surprise and wasn't a big fan of the choice. While they are talking, Ciri is inside, trying to find a new room. Geralt explains to Vesemir that Ciri hasn't been truthful about everything and hopes that he can figure out who and what she is by spending time with her. Vesemir warns him about sticking his head into court issues knowing full well what can happen.

Back inside, Eskel confronts Ciri about wandering around. Something seems off with him. Maybe it's the fight with the leshy, or perhaps he is just this bad-tempered around Ciri. He walks away, leaving Ciri to finally settle on a room and for the first time, she pulls out the scarf her grandmother left her before the fall of Cintra.

"Kaer Morhen" cuts to Yennefer and Fringilla back at the Elven encampment. Yennefer asks Fringilla about her nightmares and if a robbed figure has appeared. It seems that the two of them, plus Franchesca, have been having shared magically mysterious dreams. They realized they would need to get close to the Elven mage to figure out precisely what was happening. At the fire, we can see that Franchesca and Filavandrel aren't really on the same page about what is going on here. She just needs them to believe in her visions and find what is hiding in these woods.

Filavandrel heads off to check on his horse, who happens to be next to Yennefer and Fringilla. They try to find a way to get him on their side and Yennefer even mentions Jaskier's songs. When they don't seem to be getting him on their side, Fringilla drops that they too are seeing robbed figures in their dreams and that by working together, they can help figure out what it means. However, before agreeing, Elven soldiers find something and draw his attention away.

Back at Kaer Morhen, Ciri watches as Geralt goes to work on breaking down the leshy arm. She has a lot of questions, but Geralt doesn't seem to be handing out in-depth answers. When Ciri brings up training, Geralt warns her it's dangerous. But who else is? The black night, of course. She wants to kill him because she hates him. Geralt drops some knowledge on Ciri about witchers only killing to protect lives and never out of fear. Ciri changes the subject and asks about his first days at Kaer Morhen, which he laughingly responds was spent being beaten and starved. Um, Vesemir, we have some questions.

They hear screaming coming from the hall and Geralt leaves Ciri behind to investigate. Good thing. It seems like the witchers have some friends visiting and the party has already started. Geralt runs into an old acquaintance who mentions his new daughter. Geralt tries to say he isn't a dad, but the look he gives her when she offers to take the girl in and teach her about their business just screams dad energy. He has officially entered Dad Geralt mode. Geralt then sets his sight on Vesemir and tries to get him to send the girls home.

However, it seems like the party isn't ending anytime soon. Eskel brought them up, but they won't remember anything in the morning. Geralt turns his sights on Eskel and tries to get him to send them home. The two argue before Eskel storms off with one of the girls. Vesemir catches Ciri's eye, who ignored Geralt's order and came to pry on the party, which sends her rushing off before anyone else sees her.

"Kaer Morhen" jumps back to Yennefer and Fringilla. Something is off with Yennefer, but she blames it on something else. An Elf comes to collect them and takes them to meet with Franchesca and the others within the temple. They share their visions with each other and investigate the alter they found. Franchesca believes it must be one of the old gods trying to guide them, but Yennefer and Fringilla think it must be a witch. The alter shifts back, revealing a staircase down below. Franchesca, Yennefer and Fringilla head down below to see what is waiting for them.

We shift back to Kaer Morhen, where Vesemir finds Ciri in a museum of sorts. He gives her a brief history of the witchers and what it is like being a father figure to the others. He tries to get Ciri to open up about how she got out of Cintra, but she doesn't give him any information. She is clearly hiding something, but what? In the lab area, Eskel and his lady friend are enjoying each other's company when we spot a tree branch weaving its way out of Eskel's back.

We flashback to Yennefer and the others who are making their way through the woods. We get a brief glimpse into Fringilla's past and what her nightmares are like. They eventually come across a hut with no doors and Franchesca ignores Yennefer's warning and recites the incantation. The hut turns itself around and a light flashes before we are sent back to Kaer Morhen. Geralt and Vesemir chat about Ciri and whether Geralt is really ready to care for Ciri.

Geralt remembers what it was like after the sacking of Kaer Morhen and how Vesemir protected them. But, Vesemir reminds him that he didn't protect them — he taught them to fend for themselves. The conversation is cut short when their medallions all begin to rattle and the witchers prep for a battle inside the walls of their home. Let the monster-hunting begin! Lambert takes the ladies to Ciri's room for protection while the others search the halls for the monster.

"Kaer Morhen" returns to Yennefer and the others as they awake within the hut separately. They each see the figures from their dreams who want to help them find what they are searching for. Franchesca and Fringilla give into the visions and seek the answers to how to achieve their dreams. It seems that they need to work together for both of their dreams to come true. Yennefer, however, continues to fight against hers. It turns out that Yennefer can no longer tap into the chaos anymore and can not use magic. The witch in the hut seems to release Yennefer, but just so she can suffer without magic longer.

Back at Kaer Morhen, Geralt finds the monster they are looking for in the form of Eskel being taken over by the leshy. He tries to get Eskel to gain control again, but it doesn't seem to be working. Vesemir finally shows up and the two try and put a stop to it. In the end, Geralt kills the leshy and Eskel in order to save Vesemir's life. While the fight is going on, the girls in Ciri's room storm out, leaving her behind.

We flashback to Yennefer as she awakens outside the hunt. Fringilla and the Elven people are heading to Cintra, having made a pact thanks to the voice of the "old god." We jump back to Geralt and Ciri, who hug it out after Geralt's fight with Eskel. The final scenes of "Kaer Morhen" flash between Geralt and Ciri, Yennefer and the other witchers. Geralt tells Ciri that times are changing and nowhere is safe. His goal is to help Ciri find what she needs to survive the horror. Yennefer seems to have left Fringilla and the others and becomes distressed as she tries to cast spells. And finally, Vesemir and the others say goodbye to Eskel as they hang his medallion on the tree. The episode closes with a shot of Geralt and Ciri practicing with swords.

What Is Lost

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	Paul Bullion (Lambert), Yasen Atour (Coën), Basil Eidenbernz (Eskel)
Guest Stars:	Mahesh Jadu (Vilgefortz), Tom Canton (Filavandrel), Lars Mikkelsen
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	Okoye (Merek), Therica Wilson-Read (Sabrina), Lilly Maria Cooper
	(Murta), Ania Marson (Voleth Meir), Antony Byrne (General Hake),
	Kaine Zajaz (Gage), Ed Birch (King Vizimir of Redania), Rebecca
	Hanssen (Queen Meve of Lyria), Luke Cy (King Ethain of Cidaris), E.
	Richard Tirado (King Demavend of Aedirn), Magnus Samuelsson (King
	Henselt of Kaedwen), Scarlett Maltman (Falka), Ketan Majmudar (Nilf-
	gaard Soldier)
Summary:	Impatient with Geralt's methods, Ciri braves major obstacles to prove
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	her mettle. Scheming and suspicion among the Brotherhood make
	Yennefer a target.



The episode opens at Kaer Morhen, where Ciri is undergoing her own sort of witcher training as Geralt looks on. He tells her it's time to eat, but she wants to continue to practice. When she grabs her practice sword back, she has a short vision but doesn't tell Geralt about it. They head inside and it seems that Ciri has found a home. However, it seems the others, like Lambert, aren't too fond of having Ciri around. They blame her for Eskel's death. We get a bit of a flashback to another winter at Kaer Morhen, where we see Eskel

and Geralt chatting about training before present-day Geralt heads off to find Vesemir.

In the lab, Vesemir is running tests on Eskel's body to try and figure out exactly what happened. He isn't ready to give up on finding answers, but Geralt thinks that they need to let Eskel rest in peace now. We know that Vesemir sees each of the witchers as his own children and this must be killing him at this moment.

We jump to Aretuza, where Tissaia adds Yennefer's name to a list of those lost at the Battle of Sodden. Another parental figure mourning the loss of her child. In a meeting with the other mages, Istredd shares what little he knows after working on the Nilfgaardian dig site. It seems that Tissaia is on the side of Vilgefortz, who are blaming the others for not acting sooner to stop Nilfgaard. We also learn that Cahir has not provided Tissaia with anything. Almost like his mind is blocked.

It also seems like Stregobor is trying to turn the council against the Elves since they have now aligned themselves with Nilfgaard. But what does he get through this? I haven't trusted this man and I think he has something else up his sleeve. He does warn them that if they don't get control of what is happening now, they will be burying more than 14 of their fellow mages. Or better yet, make that 13! Yennefer is back at Aretuza!

Tissaia gets Yennefer up to date about what has happened in her absence. Tissaia thanks her for what she did at the Battle of Sodden but asks that she lay low so she and Vilgefortz can fight for the leaders' seats. Yennefer tries to tell Tissaia about what has happened to her, but she cannot do so.

At Cintra, we see Elves from across the Continent arriving. Filavandrel is still worried about their alliance with Nilfgaard, but Franchesca disagrees. She feels safe with Nilfgaard to protect them and wants him to worry less.

The episode brings us back to Kaer Morhen, where Ciri is back at work training when Lambert and Coën. They bait her into asking about the more complicated challenges before leading her to another training course. One that reminds me heavily of Wipe Out if it included things that could possibly kill you. Lambert gets it started and we watch as Ciri doesn't even make it past the first task before she is knocked right off of it.

Elsewhere, Geralt and Vesemir take Eskel's body to a cave where it is left to finally rest. Vesemir shares how he has been tearing himself apart trying to find out what they missed and that Geralt would be doing the same thing if it were his child. And Geralt can really understand that now, having Ciri to look after. Before too long, the wolves arrive and Vesemir and Geralt leave.

Back at Aretuza, Yennefer tries to use magic again to heat the pool, only to fail again. Triss, Sabrina and Murta arrive to greet her. Sabrina heats the pool for them and everyone but Triss climbs in. It seems she isn't ready to face the scars left from the Battle of Sodden. In a classroom elsewhere in Aretuza, Stregobor is giving a lecture on Falka, sharing his distrust of the Elven people. Istredd tries to disprove his case and Stregobor tries to make it seem like Falka is similar to Yennefer. It looks like he is trying to make Yennefer look unstable or maybe even a spy.

We flashback to Yennefer and Triss, who are reliving the events of Sodden together. No matter the horrors that happened to Triss during the battle, she is still thankful that she is still here to live another day. She doesn't want to erase her scars but learn to embrace them and move on. She shares, "what's lost is lost," but is this something that Yennefer can agree with? Is letting go of her power as simple as accepting scars?

The episode takes us back to Kaer Morhen, where Ciri is still trying to cross the obstacle course. And try after try, she continues to fail. Lambert and Coën try to convince her to call it quits, but she refuses and jumps right back up. She finally makes it through the first part, only to fall during the second and cuts her arm badly in the process. Lambert tries to tell her enough is enough, but it looks like Ciri isn't ready to throw in the towel.

Across the world in Cintra, Fringilla is trying to keep up with the influx of Elven people every day. It seems like not all of her people are okay with Fringilla's choice, but it doesn't seem like she cares what they think. During Fringilla's meeting with Franchesca, we can see how Fringilla is trying to find a way to merge the two groups together by working alongside each other. They each need something and it seems like they are willing to find a middle ground in order to each get what they are looking for out of this partnership.

Back at Aretuza, Yennefer is wandering about when she overhears Vigelfortz quietly talking with someone. As she heads in that direction, he rounds the corner and is surprised to find her. He apologizes for making it hard on her while they try and take over, but she understands that politics require a certain type of person. He eventually leaves her and Yennefer continues down the path in which he came. She ultimately finds the cell that is housing Cahir. The two have a small chat about how his death would mean nothing, so he won't find it here.

Cahir also tells her that Fringilla used to talk about her and how she envied her, but not anymore. Yennefer heads off only to run into Stregbor, who uses magic to try and get into her head. A big no-no. He manages to see the most recent events within Yennefer's mind. But, thankfully, Tissaia arrives in time and stops him in his tracks before he uncovers too much.

The episode jumps back to Kaer Morhen, where Vesemir and Geralt arrive to find the entire keep watching Ciri try and make it through the course. I love how the Lambert we saw before, berating our "princess" and telling her she doesn't belong, has become one of her biggest sup-

porters and telling her to stay calm and relax. Points for the red-headed witcher. Geralt manages to arrive just in time to see Ciri almost clear the course, falling just at the very end.

We slip back over to Aretuza, where Stregbor is now going against Tissaia over his actions. Stregobor's reasoning for what he did is because he doesn't know if he can trust Yennefer, who went missing after the battle, spent time with Nilfgaard forces and is now all of a sudden back. It is also pretty clear that his prejudice against Elves plays a significant part in his reasoning.

Tissaia informs Yennefer that the only way she can prove her innocence is to kill Cahir. But, Yennefer knows that they only want her to do this, so Stregbor has another reason to make her look like a villain. Tissaia tells Yennefer that she should just tell them the truth. She doesn't have access to chaos anymore and that she isn't a threat. Yennefer opens up that in the month she has been missing, she was trying to find a way to get her power back. She wants Tissaia's help, but even she doesn't know how to help her. It is such an emotional conversation that shows just how lost Yennefer feels.

Back at Kaer Morhen, Geralt patches Ciri up while reminding her that she needs to be more careful. The other witchers can get patched up after a pretty mean blow to the head, but Ciri might not survive that. All Ciri wants at this moment is to be stronger and she thinks Geralt is trying to hold her back. It is that fine line between wanting to watch your kids succeed and learn on their own while also protecting them. It will be interesting to watch them go back and forth across this line as her training continues. After she storms out of the room, Geralt finds roots, similar to Eskel's, in Ciri's wall, along with the scarf she has kept with her. Almost like something is trying to reach her.

The episode returns to Aretuza, where Yennefer tries to flee. Istredd warns her that she won't make it out alive, but he has a way to help her. It seems that Istredd might, in fact, be the spy Stregobor has been so afraid of. After Istredd heads off, Yennefer has another vision of sorts of the witch from earlier calling to her. It seems like she is just waiting for Yennefer to become desperate enough to agree to her wishes in return for her power.

We jump back to Kaer Morhen, where Coën is helping to train Ciri when Geralt comes to collect her. He wants to know more about this feeling she gets whenever something is coming for her. She explains that it is like a pull. She allows herself to let go of her restraint and see where the feeling takes her and this time, it's the woods. While heading off in the direction of Ciri's feelings, Geralt finally opens up about her mother's power and that Ciri may have the same abilities. Ciri shares that she is starting to trust Geralt now.

It's a sweet moment between surrogate father and daughter until Ciri feels the pull again. She continues down the path until they come face to bark with Eskel's leshy. It seems that this is the creature that has been reaching out to Ciri. And the monster-slaying behinds. Except, before Geralt can slay the leshy, something else does. This terrifyingly giant creature goes head to head with Geralt before setting its sights on Ciri. It almost looks like it is going to get her before Geralt jumps in to save the day.

At Aretuza, Yennefer and the mages lead Cahir to his death. It seems she didn't try and run away after all. Inside the temple, we find the leaders of the northern kingdoms awaiting the show. Vilgefortz gives a heroic speech while the kings discuss how their advisors are becoming less trustworthy. Finally, the time comes for Yennefer to execute Cahir, but instead, she breaks his chains and pulls down the fire pillars to create a blockade so she can escape and save herself.

Redanian Intelligence

Season 2 Episode Number: 12 Season Episode: 4

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Summary:	A guest at Kaer Morhen extends a guiding hand to Ciri — and an in- vitation to Geralt. On the run in Redania, Yennefer seeks safety below ground.



The episode opens as Geralt and Ciri make their way through the training trail. Ciri eventually takes a tumble and is approached by Triss. Ciri is initially reluctant, but Triss gains her trust and heals her cheek before Geralt arrives to greet them. Such a charitable man he is. They return to the keep to find Vesemir, Lambert and Coën are there to greet them. It seems like this isn't the first time Triss has dealt with the group and most likely won't be her last.

We jump to Gors Velen, where the northern army is rounding up Elven people and being downright terrible. We even hear a crier calling out about the Wild Hunt. Yennefer and Cahir find themselves in town. Cahir wants to get to Cintra and bring Yennefer with him. He didn't know that Fringilla is now in charge and has sided with the Elves. While they are arguing among themselves, crows drop wanted posters for both of them. It's clear that neither of them is safe anymore. They decide that Cintra is where they need to head.

Within the palace of King Vizimir, his advisors are trying to remind him to be wary of the people around him. And what people? Well, them, it seems. Dijkstra arrives, kills one of the advisors with his knife and forces the other to drink the poison they were trying to feed the King. Dijkstra seems interested in pushing Vizimir towards attacking Cintra now that it is full of hungry Elves and lacks military force. And something is up with this owl. I feel that it is a certain advisor known to work alongside Dijkstra.

Back at Kaer Morhen, Ciri and the others sit down to dinner. Ciri wants to know where the mushrooms and herbs are and it seems like they tried to keep that a secret. The conversation swaps to how Triss saved Geralt's life in the past. Geralt opens up that he brought Triss to Kaer Morhen to help Ciri try and figure out her powers. I am really enjoying how Ciri and the others have become a family over the last few episodes. One big happy monster-slaying family.

The episode takes us back to Gors Velen, where Cahir and Yennefer nearly get caught before jumping into the sewers. They find two elves, Ba'lian and Dermain, down below. Yennefer manages to get them on their side and they agree to help them find the Sandpiper, the man helping sneak Elves out of the city to Cintra. As they make their way further into the sewer, we get a glimpse at something that doesn't look too friendly. I have a bad feeling about this.

We slip back over to Kaer Morhen, where Geralt and Triss discuss Ciri and her powers. Both seem to be pretty stumped on what is going on and with Ciri not being open about what happened, they are even more in the dark. Geralt does know that she is exhibiting any of the typical indicators of Chaos. She does, however, have some form of foresight. The visions she has been having seemed to be showing her the future in some weird way.

Geralt then shows Triss that terrifying monster they came into contact with the episode before. He seems to think that maybe it was made by a mage. Since it's outlawed, Triss doesn't think so, but who hasn't broken a few rules here and there. Triss sets up a test to check and Geralt opens up about how he feels she has a dark future ahead of her. On their way to bed, Triss tells Geralt about repeating the names of the mages who died at Sodden. He stops her thought which means he still doesn't know that Yennefer is alive and (kinda) well. Triss tries to ask Geralt to spend the night with her, but he politely turns her down and heads for his own bed.

The episode returns to the sewers of Gors Velen, where Yennefer and the others continue towards the Sandpiper. Ba'lian translates Dermain's story about what happened to them. After Nilfgaard took in the Elves, the north saw all Elves as spies. Even if they had nothing to do with the fight going on. As Dermain shares exactly what he plans to do once they reach Cintra, the monster grabs his leg and pulls him under. Ba'lian runs away while Yennefer and Cahir try to save him. They almost lose Yennefer took, but she manages to getaway. However, she does let it out that she can't perform magic anymore.

It seems like Yennefer has finally had her breaking moment. She lets everything that has been stressing her out, including her loss of power and Geralt's wish. Cahir tries to help her understand that she can find a new purpose now, but she doesn't want to hear it. The two continue to argue about the White Flame and Fringilla's true intends when Yennefer spots Ba'lian sneaking into the basement of a pub. Ba'lain claims that Dermain would have done the same and needed to save himself. But Yennefer doesn't think he is worth it.

Another Elf explains that they need to wait down below until the pub empties out and the Sandpiper is done his show. Then he will take them to a boat. Yennefer realizes right away that the Sandpiper is none other than Jaskier himself. No, Toss a Coin to Your Witcher this time. It seems his new song is a bit more heartbreaking. I wonder why.

Back at King Vizimir's palace, Dijkstra is chatting away with the owl and we get the impression that even though we can't hear what its response is, he can. They need to figure out how to get information on what is happening in Cintra and they need the perfect spy. So who do they have in mind? An Elf that they can control is the best option. And they have the perfect one for the job. Dara has finally made his appearance again.

The following day at Kaer Morhen, Ciri arrives at breakfast looking a bit more put together. Lambert jokes about flowers being in her hair and Ciri storms out. Poor girl can't seem to catch a break. Triss rips into the guys, Geralt included, for how they have been acting and storms out herself. At least now Ciri has someone here to stick up for her. At the lab, Geralt arrives with bread and shares that the guys feel bad she didn't finish breakfast. Hope for them yet.

The results come in from Triss' test and the monster isn't mage made. However, Geralt notices something else. Both this creature and the lechy have stellicite that comes from a monolith. Ciri finally opens up that she toppled the one in Cintra when she got away from the black knight. Ciri then has another vision, this time delving into the prophecy about the daughter of Chaos. When she awakes again, Geralt gets her to open up some more. She does and Geralt decides that he needs to see it for himself. He does promise her that he will fix this.

The episode returns to Jaskier as Yennefer pays him a surprise visit. These two, in this moment, are one of my favorite things about season two. I love the way they through insults

back and forth and that hug. It amazes me how open they can be with each other and how they bash poor Geralt. I'd love the trio back together, but these two made my heart happy. Yennefer opens up about how she is in hiding and needs to get to Cintra. He agrees to help her and Cahir ... after they get a bath, of course.

Back at Kaer Morhen, Geralt preps for his trip to Cintra when Triss pops in with his vials. He apologizes for what happened the night before and it is nice to see them be adults about it. Vesemir then pops in and questions how someone who swore he would never go back to Cintra twice now finds himself heading there for the third time. But, Geralt has Ciri to protect now and needs to do what he has to do. Triss lets them know that she can portal Geralt to someone who can help. And it looks like that person is Istredd. Funny how everything comes full circle. Also, it seems like I have something in common with the witcher — motion sickness.

We return to Jaskier, preparing to help the Elves, Yennefer and Cahir aboard the ship. He uses himself as a diversion which is going well until the man starts to nitpick his work. Something about weird timelines, a magical kiss, the lutenist who ends up the warriors and a dragon. Hmm, is it me, or did this man just nitpick season one? A fight breaks out and Cahir and Yennefer argue about what they need to do now. Ba'lain quietly sneaks out and causes his own diversion at the cost of his life.

Back at Kaer Morhen, Vesemir stops by where they left Eskel's body before heading back to the keep. He finds purple flowers growing through the snow next to what looks like blood on the killer trail. He asks Triss about them and we learn that they are feainnewedd, a flower that only grows where Elder blood has been spilled. So, where did Vesemir find this? Everywhere Ciri bled. Vesemir seems to have just found a way to repopulate the witcher family with the help of Ciri.

The episode comes to an end as Jaskier helps get the Elves, Yennefer and Cahir safely on the boat. Yennefer shares that she has lost her magic. And instead of gloating at her, Jaskier actually tries to understand her. He knows the fear of waking up one day to find out the muses have stopped speaking to him. Jaskier doesn't think Chaos is done with her; it never could be. The two say goodbye in the best way possible and Jaskier heads up to the surface. But before he can safely get away, Yennefer overhears his lute getting smashed and his scream. When she gets to the top of the deck, he is gone.

Turn Your Back

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Summary:	As a powerful mage joins the hunt for Ciri, she cuts a deal with Vesemir over his extraordinary discovery. Geralt explores the mystery of the monoliths.



The episode opens as a mysterious woman named Lydia pays a visit to an imprisoned mage named Rience. She wants him to hunt down and find a lost little lion cub, better known as Ciri. Rience isn't interested in working for the White Flame, but it seems that Lydia's boss is someone entirely different. So who else would want Ciri? And why? He seems to take the job and heads out to begin his investigation. It appears that he was at the pub where Jaskier was performing the same night Yennefer was there.

We then see a quick glimpse in Cintra; Istredd is trying to plan out routes for the Elves when Geralt appears in his study. Back in Gors Velen, Yennefer has made her way off the boat in search of Jaskier. But our favorite bard is nowhere to be seen. It seems that Rience has kidnapped him and is trying to get information on where Geralt and Ciri may be. The most surprising thing, though, is that Rience uses fire magic. And if we know anything about that kind — it's bad. Real bad.

We shift back to Cintra, where Geralt and Istredd finally get their introductions out of the way. Geralt tries to explain his theory about the monolith and monsters, which brings a laugh out of Istredd. That is until Geralt drops the head down onto the floor. Nothing like a bloody monster head to get people working together. We flashback to Gors Velen for a moment where Yennefer pays someone to help her get information on if Jaskier ended up in the garrison.

Back again in Cintra, Geralt and Istredd make their way to the monolith only to be stopped by Nilfgaardian soldiers. When they don't listen, Geralt and Istredd knock them out and continue on their path. I understand why Istredd wants to help the elves and being a part of Nilgaard gives him the opportunity to, but this is definitely a case of both sides being bad and choosing the one that isn't the worst at this time.

Back at Kaer Morhen, Ciri continues her training as Triss tries to convince her to come inside. Vesemir tracks Triss down and continues the conversation about Ciri's blood. He sees both Ciri and Tiss' arrival at Kaer Morhen as destiny to help continue the witcher race. Triss doesn't seem to agree but is willing to help if Ciri is okay doing it.

The episode returns to Gors Velen as Yennefer tries to cast a spell to save an Elven girl. When it doesn't work, she continues to hear the witch in her head reminding her that all she needs to do is ask for her power back. The woman she paid earlier returns with no news on Jaskier. But, she does give Yennefer an idea of a place to look — the tavern. And it seems this hunch has paid off. She arrives just before Rience does Jaskier in playing the role of the drunk wife and helps him escape.

Back in Cintra, Geralt and Istredd finally reach the monolith to find that it has, in fact, been toppled over. The fact that something like this has even happened shocks Istredd. If he only could have seen it when it first happened. It really makes one wonder just how much power Ciri has in her. The two decide they need to head down to check it out, which just spells trouble for me.

We shift to Kaer Morhen, where Vesemir is waiting for Ciri. It seems as if he poured something into the drink he offered her, but he doesn't say anything. He does tell her that they are all proud of how far she has come. But she hasn't come far enough to help Geralt in Cintra. Vesemir then gives Ciri another history lesson on witchers, including their creation. He explains that she has the blood needed to save the witcher race. We could all see that Ciri was going to agree to do it, but what shocked me was the idea that she would make Vesemir test it on her first.

Vesemir tries to show her just how terrifying the transformation can be and why he won't take the chance of her dying. But Ciri wants to help. She wants to make up for all of the things she has destroyed. It is easy to see where she is coming from, but does she truly understand what could possibly happen to her in the end? How different she would be? That she could die?

The episode returns to Cintra as Geralt and Istredd investigate the fall site. We get another history lesson on the Conjunction and Istredd's theory about how the monoliths are conduit points. While Istredd could possibly be right, Geralt doesn't seem to think it makes any sense. Guess we have to wait and see who is right in the end. We shift back to Kaer Morhen, where Ciri donates a vial of her blood to Vesemir and the cause. Once done, she asks Vesemir for some time to prepare herself for her transformation. This sends Triss over the edge and she heads off to find Ciri.

In Gors Velen, Yennefer and Jaskier are still on the run. Jaskier warns Yennefer that the mage is after Geralt, but he isn't sure why. He tries to get her to portal or send a message, but Yennefer reminds him that she can't do that. Poor Jaskier isn't the damsel in distress anymore. They go off running again and head their separate ways as the woman Yennefer hired earlier calls her over to hide in her business. But, it was a lie and she turns Yennefer over to the guard.

We shift back to Kaer Morhen where Triss confronts Ciri. She doesn't understand why she is doing this, but Ciri is tired of being lost and lied to. Triss convinces Ciri to try a different way of uncovering the secrets lying within her mind. They dive into Ciri's mind and we see glimpses of her past, including her parents, grandmother and even Dara. But something seems off and as they delve deeper, Triss realizes that Ciri's mom and the others can see her. The world changes around them as Ciri continues further into her mind. Ciri starts to hear voices calling out to her, asking her what she is. Then, they shift out of the keep and into a forest.

The following few scenes flip back and forth between Geralt and Istredd in Cintra and Ciri and Triss. As Ciri and Triss uncover more, it seems to be affecting what is left of the monolith. Almost like it is directly connected to Ciri itself. Istredd explains to Geralt that he believes they are like gateways and are speaking to the other spheres that moved away after the conjunction happened. Istredd also shares that Yennefer is alive and (kinda) well. In Ciri's mind, we see the elven warrior from the story we heard in the first episode.

But this story seems to have a genuine connection with Ciri. As the Elven warrior strangles Triss, she warns Ciri that she is going to bring about the end of the world. We even get to see the Wraiths of Mörhogg riding through the sky. Triss pleads with Ciri to do something, which prompts her to call out to Geralt. This is heard throughout Kaer Morhen and even where Geralt and Istredd are in Cintra. It causes the monolith to activate and the two watch as pieces of stellacite go flying.

Back at Kaer Morhen, the trance is broken and Triss loses it, refusing to let Ciri near her. She just keeps repeating how Ciri will be the one to destroy them all. In Cintra, Geralt realizes that another monster is coming and watches as it flies off. Istredd tries to question Geralt on who the girl was or why this is even happening, but he doesn't have time to answer those questions. He needs a portal and he needs it now. And you know he means business if he will put up with motion sickness for the second time in a few hours.

The episode returns to Kaer Morhen, where Ciri tells Vesemir she is ready to take the serum. He manages to get everything prepared and just before he is about the inject her with it, Geralt returns. The two argue over allowing her to become a true witcher. But Ciri wants to bury the past by doing this and Geralt knows that isn't how it works. That this won't magically make everything better. He takes Ciri and the two leave Kaer Morhen without a word to Vesemir.

Back at Cintra, Istredd begins to look into the bloodlines of Ciri and try to understand exactly what is going on. On the boat there, we see Cahir have a nightmare of the monolith falling before awaking just outside of the city. I wonder if he is connected to it since he was there or is just having a nightmare. In the center of Cintra, Fringilla and Franchesca discuss what is happening in the port cities that have been smuggling the Elves. The two head down to the docks to greet the newcomers and Fringilla comes face to face with Cahir again. It seems maybe Yennefer was right about Fringilla being a political machine.

We shift to Gors Velen, where Jaskier is looking for Yennefer again. He spots locked away inside one of the buildings. While Yennefer is sitting inside, she can hear the calls of the witch and finally gives in and recites the incantation and is transported to the hut while the guard picks up Jaskier for peeping. At the hut, Yennefer learns exactly what she needs to do in order to get her power back. She just has to take Ciri to a shattered door outside of Cintra. And on these words the episode comes to a close.

Dear Friend...

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Summary:	(Sigismund Dijkstra) A close friend is lost — and another found — as Geralt helps Ciri learn more about her power. Cahir warns Fringilla to focus on their primary mission.



The episode opens as Geralt and Ciri head away from Kaer Morhen with Roach in tow. Ciri doesn't think that Geralt has been paying attention, but it seems like he has been doing that this entire time. But that still isn't enough for Ciri. She wants to do something, but Geralt just wants to make sure she is breathing. It seems that Geralt is also on the hunt for something and he thinks heading out into the water is going to draw it out. And he would be right. He is the monster hunter, after all.

The monster goes after Geralt for a bit before turning its eyes on Ciri. Roach manages to throw her off before the chernobog can get her, but he gets hurt. Geralt sends her running just as the episode shifts to Kaer Morhen. Vesemir struggles with what happened and both he and Triss realize that they have been fools. While they are in the lab, Rience shows up and attacks them, most likely looking for Geralt and Ciri. Vesemir faces off against him but struggles to hold his own. Just as Triss frees herself from the flames, Rience disappears.

Back out in the forest, Geralt and Ciri say goodbye to Roach before heading off to find the chernobog. Geralt sends Ciri to the rock before downing one of his vials. He tells her to stand her ground and not be worried. Just as the monster veers towards Ciri, Geralt jumps out and cuts it down.

The episode shifts to Cintra, where Fringilla and Franchesca are walking through the fountains where Franchesca is bringing flowers back to life. Franchesca realizes that things have been different with Cahir around and that Fringilla should realize that her people see her as their savior. Not Cahir and not the White Flame. Cahir arrives and reminds Fringilla of their true mission and that the girl (most likely Ciri) was last seen outside of Sodden. He just so happens to say this as Dara walks by. Seems like his spying is working out for him. We shift back to Geralt and Ciri, who are making their way through the forest. Ciri explains that this time, the pull she felt also made her believe that this monster didn't want to hurt her. She also opens up about what happened to the men who tried to turn her over to the Nilfgaard army from last season. Ciri is clearly upset that she killed four people, but Geralt laughs it off and reminds her that she has some catching up to do.

They finally arrive at Nenneke's Temple, where Geralt went as a child to learn witcher signs. Because yes, Geralt was once a child. If you watched The Witcher: Nightmare of the Wolf, you would know this too. Nenneke welcomes them both to the Temple and sits down with Ciri to get her started on controlling her chaos. Ciri asks if this is similar to the "daughter of chaos" which Nenneke tells her is knowledge that has been lost to time. She is worried that Ciri isn't ready to handle this, but it seems that Ciri isn't going to hide anymore.

Nenneke sees quite a lot of Geralt in Ciri and even tells her to ask him about a particular incident that almost brought her office down. It seems like young Geralt was causing quite a bit of trouble. Jarre eventually arrives and takes Ciri to start her training. Nenneke uses this time to check in with Geralt and remind him that he is pretty much screwed at this point. Ciri is a tinderbox that the world wants their hands-on and he is just one witcher. Nenneke offers him the advice to find what is missing in Ciri to help balance out her world. But what might that be exactly?

The episode shifts back to Cintra as Filavandrel pays a visit to Franchesca. Even he can feel that things have changed seen Cahir arrived. And I think he puts it pretty clear when he describes it as vulnerable. Everything they have secured up until now could fall apart if Cahir wished it so. But really, all Filavandrel wants is to do exactly what Franchesca needs him to do at this moment. And she needs him to be there for her and the baby.

Back at Kaer Morhen, Triss and the witchers have a heated moment over what happened to Vesemir. Lambert tries to poke some fun at Triss by accusing her "kind" of being the issue. But this guy clearly isn't a member of the Brotherhood. As she heads back to check on Vesemir, Coën makes a comment about the guy leaving empty-handed. Or did he snatch something before he left?

We flash to Rience as he meets with Lydia and has the witcher mutigan with him. Lydia wants it, but he doesn't give it up. However, he does want a meeting with her employer, who has yet to be named. Lydia thinks she can arrange this, but would rather he continue figuring out how he is going to get Ciri. It seems like he knows that he needs to head to the Temple, but Lydia knows he is going to need some help getting out of there.

The episode shifts to Istredd, paying a visit to Codringher & Fenn Consultation and Legal Services. Inside he finds a room full of books. Don't let tinderbox Ciri near that place. Istredd is looking for information from Codringer and Fenn on what Geralt, Ciri and the monolith.

Back at Nenneke's Temple, Ciri and Jarre reach the orbuculum though neither knows exactly what they are supposed to do with it. Poor Jarre seems to be quite flustered by Ciri but is still able to keep an eye around the Temple. He manages to stop Yennefer from getting too close to Ciri. Yennefer heads off in a different direction, checking doors as she finds them until she happens to wander into a particular room. Of course, Geralt thinks it is Ciri walking in the door. Nope — it's Yennefer.

Their reunion is cut short when Ciri does find her way into the room. Introduce the most awkward child kidnapping ever to happen. Who knew the only way Yennefer could get her power back was to kidnap her exes child surprise? Will knowing that Ciri is his change things? Or will Yennefer's need for power trump her feelings for him?

Back in Cintra, Cahir pays a visit to training grounds. It seems that not everyone is a fan of the Elves joining the ranks of the Nilfgaard army. Filavandrel is helping to train Dara when Cahir steps in for a proper demonstration. Cahir goes a bit overboard and throws out an insult that gets under Filavandrel's skin. Luckily he is called away at the exact moment because Franchesca has gone into labor earlier!

We shift back to Nenneke's Temple, where Ciri, Geralt and Yennefer chat over tea and snacks. Everyone has questions for Yennefer including how she survived Sodden and if she is at the Temple to hide from the Brotherhood. She manages to answer the questions without providing too much information or the fact that she can't use her magic. Ciri decides it is time for her to head to bed and leaves the two of them alone to chat longer.

We slip back over to Cintra where Franchesca gives birth to their daughter. She doesn't look

to have survived at first, but Fringilla is able to warm the baby enough to get her lungs working. The new family celebrates alongside the rest of the Elves in Cintra that a new full-blooded Elf has finally been born. This fulfills one of the promises the witch made. Now we just need to wait and see if the other two manage to pan out.

The episode shifts back to Nenneke's Temple, where she is lighting candles for late-night arrivals when she finds Ciri wandering the halls. Ciri helps light candles in honor of those she has lost including her friends and family. Ciri is still struggling with the fact that her family wasn't forthcoming about who or what she is. Nenneke gives Ciri some healthy advice about how to view her family's choices but doesn't explain how to use the orbuculum.

Back in Cintra while Franchesca and Filavanderal are celebrating the birth of their daughter, Cahir shares some more serious news with Fringilla. The White Flame has written and will be arriving in Cintra. He is also worried that now that the Elves know they can repopulate without the help of Nilfgaard, what will keep them loyal?

We find ourselves back with Yennefer and Geralt who are discussing their time apart. How they hurt each other and did they think about each other. She also shares the information about Jaskier and the fire mage who is after them. Geralt knows right away that he is looking for Ciri. Geralt finally calls Yennefer out on her heart rate and that she is hiding something. He asks her why she is really there and she does share that she has a wound. Just not exactly what kind of wound it is. Or that she already knows how she can heal it. Geralt wishes her the best and goes off to find Ciri.

At Codringher & Fenn Consultation and Legal Services, Istredd and the others are continuing to dive into Ciri's family bloodline. They aren't sure exactly what is going on, but we really love Fenn's sarcasm. More of that, please. Istredd shares that he did find a gene that keeps appearing but isn't sure exactly what it means. They finally figure out exactly what has been happening. Within Ciri's bloodline, the Elves have been building a weapon. And it seems like Dara in Cintra is piecing things together as well.

The episode shifts back to Nenneke's Temple just as Rience and his thugs arrive. Geralt goes toe to toe with them while Yennefer takes Ciri and hides. Not so much monster-hunting, but let the fight begin! Geralt can hold his own, even without his sword. But what he doesn't realize is that Yennefer wants Ciri just as much as these guys. As Rience tries to melt the door they are hiding behind, Yennefer helps Ciri cast her first spell — a portal.

Geralt watches Yennefer and Ciri pass through the portal to who knows where. We then see Triss inform Vesemir that the witcher mutigan is missing. In the final moments, we watch as Istredd, Codringher and Fenn uncover what Ciri truly is. At the same time, Triss returns to Aretuza to inform Tissaia of what she has learned.

Voleth Meir

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	Fabienne Ross (Lydia van Bredevoort), Graham McTavish (Sigismund
	Dijkstra), Jeremy Crawford (Yarpen Zigrin), Ania Marson (Voleth Meir),
	Ed Birch (King Vizimir of Redania), Antony Byrne (General Hake), John
	Macdonald (Prison Guard), Liz Carr (Fenn)
Summary:	Geralt turns to a humble bard for help, Yennefer realizes just how
	special Ciri is, and tensions rise on the eve of Emperor Emhyr's visit
	to Cintra.



The episode picks up during the aftermath of Rience's attack on Nenneke's temple. Geralt and Nenneke chat about how he might not be the right one to help Ciri with her powers and whether Yennefer's intentions are good. After Nenneke heals Geralt's wound, he grabs his weapons and jumps through a portal for the third time in a few days heading off after Ciri.

We flip to Yennefer and Ciri. It turns out she protaled them to the home that took her in at the end of season one. Ciri

initially thinks that the family must have fled after the Battle of Sodden, but it turns out that Rience was there instead. Another jab at Ciri's heart and the belief that only death follows her. Knowing that Nilfgaard is the only group of people who know that Ciri is alive, it is understandable whys he would think the fire mage is with them.

Yennefer is right about one thing here that Geralt is tough enough to hold his own. I love Yennefer, but I can't help but be mad at her at this moment. She uses Ciri's fear and rage to manipulate her into going to Cintra. Ciri even tries to convince Yennefer to let her go alone for fear of what might happen to her. I hope we see some kind of redemption for what Yennefer is doing. Maybe they make it to Cintra and she changes her mind? Or is Yennefer's hunger for power going to lead to something terrible?

The episode shifts us to Aretuza for a brief moment where Tissaia and Vilgefortz are having a morning chat. They have taken over as an authority in the tower which brings on a whole new level of responsibility. I was expecting her to open up about Triss' message from the end of the last episode, but instead, she just tells him that Dijkstra is paying a visit to the tower.

We then jump to Cintra, where Fringilla, Cahir and Heck discuss the current situation in Cintra and the possibility of a Redanian spy. At the beginning of this season, Fringilla found herself as the authority and leader of the Nilfgaard forces within Cintra, but the return of Cahir has definitely shaken things up. It's clear that Heck doesn't see her in charge anymore and I wonder what will happen. The Elves are loyal to her for saving them, not to Nilfgaard. Speaking of spies. I worry more and more for Dara every day.

The episode shifts to Gors Velen and our favorite bard Jaskier. He is still in prison after the incident with Yennefer and it turns out he has a few new mouse friends. And Geralt has come to free him. Best friends together again. I'm happy that Jaskier at least got a moment to let some stress out. I hope that the two can at least have a better chat than this in the end. But, Ciri needs their help, so no time to waste.

Speaking of Ciri and Yennefer. The two are on horseback heading straight to Cintra. During a short moment to take the strain off the horses, Ciri opens up about how she is afraid of what they might be doing to Geralt. She even refers to him as a father. Yennefer even opens up (slightly) about her relationship with him and Ciri sees it as love. And she is most likely right, but we still can't discount that Yennefer might believe that those feelings are all born of his wish from season one.

We slip back over to Cintra, where Dara and Fringilla visit new parents Franchesca and Filavandrel. Dara, of course, sneaks out before the real conversation begins, but I bet he is close by. It turns out that the Elves have had a change of heart after the birth of their daughter. They don't want to fight in someone else's war, knowing that they can repopulate independently. But, Fringilla isn't about to let them go. She is the reason their daughter is alive and believes that they owe her their lives. Fringilla even reminds Franchesca of the bond they formed in the witch's hut, but that doesn't seem to sway her into changing her mind.

The episode takes us to Aretuza, where Dijkstra is informing them of the birth of the Elven baby. Tissaia wants to know why he is here to gossip and stir up Stregobor and Artorius. But instead of really answering, he remarks how Triss has returned to Aretuza. This is where it gets interesting. Tissaia claims that she fell ill in Temeria and returned home to heal. But she wasn't there, which means that Tissaia is hiding things from the others, even Vilgefortz.

In another town, Rience meets with Lydia after his failed attempt at kidnapping Ciri. He doesn't seem pleased that he isn't given the chance to meet with her boss — again. Rience realizes that Lydia must not have as much sway as she has let on and decides to hand over the witcher mutigen he swiped from Kaer Morhen. Maybe that will be enough to get her master to pay a visit. Lydia can't resist trying to figure out what it is, but I get the impression her test doesn't go as well as she was hoping. Of course, we will have to wait and see what happens next.

We jump back over to Geralt and Jaskier. Jaskier needs a bath and finally gets one while Geralt questions him on what Yennefer was doing in Oxenfurt. Of course, she saved his life and even opens up about how she was on the run and lost her magic. Poor Jaskier thinks that she played him by lying about her magic since she magically disappeared, but Geralt realizes that what she was saying is the incantation for the Deathless Mother, better known as Voleth Meir. The witch in the woods the first witchers were hired to imprison.

While Geralt is giving his lesson on witcher to history, an ax whips past Jaskier right into the man's shirt. That ax, of course, belongs to the dwarf warrior Yarpen Zigrin from last season. Yarpen wants Geralt to join his ranks, but Geralt just needs a horse. He also refuses to tell Yarpen what he is up to, which leads Yarpen to immediately believe it is a secret mission. Our type too friend. Our type too. Without Geralt's permission, he rallies up the boys for this new adventure.

The episode shifts back to Ciri and Yennefer, who find that a broken bridge blocks their path to Cintra. It's too far to find another place to cross, so Yennefer uses this as a teaching lesson for Ciri. At first, it seems like nothing is happening, but we see the bridge start to rebuild itself after a few moments. However, it looks like Ciri is really pushing herself and when she fails, she loses her temper. This causes her magic to teleport them and the horses to the other side of the river.

At Aretuza, Triss and Tissaia meet up and chat about Ciri and the others. Things are going well until Vilgefortz comes rushing in and demanding answers. It seems that Tissaia opened up about what Triss was up to and what she learned during her time at Kaer Morhen to him after their meeting with Dijkstra. The wrong choice since now Triss doesn't seem to trust Tissaia with keeping secrets. And why is he so interested in what is going on? Is it just ending the war? And why is he yelling at Tissaia like that? Someone get this man snickers.

Elsewhere in the tower, Fringilla pays a visit to her uncle Artorius. It seems like she needs

a way out of Nilfgaard after not convincing Franchesca and Filavandrel to continue forcing the Elves to fight for them. She mimics what Franchesca said about blood bonds to her uncle as a way to get him to help her. Artorius apologizes for what happened all those years ago and agrees to let her come back. But, she will have to apologize and plead her case to the others. So what will Fringilla do?

The episode returns to Cintra, where Dara is talking to the owl again. He is worried about what is going on around them and that what he is doing is causing the deaths of other Elves. It turns out that he, too, has had a change of heart about spying and just wants to keep the Elven hope alive along with his people. I hope that this choice doesn't result in his death from either side.

Elsewhere, Cahir and the others are having dinner while chatting about Fringilla. Hake clearly isn't happy about her being in charge ever and even hopes that The White Flame will pull a Queen of Hearts on her. Cahir, however, still feels like everyone needs to be on the same side and turning against Fringilla might not be the answer. And then, bam, our girl shows back up. She poisoned the mead with nightshade to cause the others to freeze in place while she gets a bit of anger out. It seems like her chat with her uncle reminded her how she needs to take her power.

Within the palace of King Vizimir, we see him chat with Dijkstra and the owl. He doesn't seem too angry about Dara's choice to no longer remain as a spy, but that still doesn't mean he is safe. Dijkstra believes that they have enough information and that if they can get ahold of Ciri, Redania will be the strongest country on the Continent. But Areztuza might be a wild card in this situation. Vizimir doesn't seem pleased with all the bad news, but when destabilizing the Continent, the bad news is good news. Also, I would like to point out that when Vizimir mentioned Aretuza, that owl's head spun around like it was almost shocked to hear of it.

The episode takes us back to Geralt, Jaskier and his new group of men as they head towards Cintra. Geralt and Jaskier discuss why Geralt claimed his child surprise and if doing that has changed him. We even get an apology! But what is more important at this moment is how they feel about Yennefer. Geralt is angry and even says that if she hurt Ciri, then he will kill her. But Jaskier has a point. When people are backed into a corner, they say and do stupid things. Maybe Yennefer needs saving just as much as Ciri does.

We shift over to Ciri and Yennefer just as they arrive at the outskirts of Cintra near the monolith. It seems like Yennefer is starting to realize just how powerful Ciri might actually be. However, Ciri feels like, in her case, the Choas within her controls her until how other mages control it. We start to hear the Deathless Mother call out to Yennefer about how close they are to reaching her destiny. As Yennefer and Ciri begin to make their way on foot, Ciri reaches out and touches Yennefer.

This causes the two to connect in a way and Ciri learns about Yennefer's true intentions. Of course, Ciri isn't going to trust her. She even believes the Yennefer led Rience to them at Nenneke's temple. And no matter what Yennefer tries to say, it doesn't change the fact that she openly admits to lying about Geralt being at Cintra. Ciri's angry seems to trigger another rush of magic which tears the land between her and Yennefer apart and continues right up to the Cintra wall, alerting the guards they are there.

Yennefer tries to hold them back, but they reach Ciri, who doesn't go down without a fight. Thankfully, Geralt and the others arrive just in time to save them. Geralt tells Jaskier and Yarpen to take Ciri to Kaer Morhen while he plans on going to deal with the monster. Surprisingly Ciri agrees to this. Maybe she has had enough excitement for one day? While Yennefer repeats the incantation for the Deathless Mother, we see someone sneak into Franchesca's room and kill the Elven infant.

Yennefer and Geralt arrive outside the hut, but it seems that the Deathless Mother has consumed enough pain and desperation to leave it. And as the episode comes to a close, we see that the Deathless Mother has her eyes set on controlling Ciri.

Family

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	Pierreson (Istredd), Mimi Ndiweni (Fringilla Vigo), Anna Shaffer (Triss
	Merigold), Mecia Simson (Francesca Findabair), Kim Bodnia (Vesemir),
	Paul Bullion (Lambert), Yasen Atour (Coën), Basil Eidenbernz (Eskel)
Guest Stars:	Tom Canton (Filavandrel), Wilson Mbomio (Dara), Aisha Fabienne
	Ross (Lydia van Bredevoort), Graham McTavish (Sigismund Dijkstra),
	Shaun Dooley (King Foltest of Temeria), Adam Levy (Mousesack), Jodhi
	May (Queen Calanthe), Bart Edwards (Emhyr), Nathanial Jacobs (Ev-
	erard), Jota Castellano (Gwain), Chuey Okoye (Merek), Gaia Mondadori
	(Pavetta), Kaine Zajaz (Gage), Sonny Ashbourne Serkis (Martin), Lizzie
	Clarke (Redanian Mother), Shannon Murray (Nurse), Sam Hazeldine
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	(Eredin), Luke Cy (King Ethain of Cidaris), Rebecca Hanssen (Queen
	Meve of Lyria), Edward Rowe (King Henselt of Kaedwen), E. Richard
	Tirado (King Demavend of Aedirn), Liz Carr (Fenn), Robert Ryan (Dis-
	tinguished Lord)
Summary:	Geralt faces off with a demon targeting his nearest and dearest while
	the most powerful players on the Continent ramp up their pursuit of
	Ciri.



The episode opens with what has to be a dream for Ciri. Mousesack is rushing her to get ready for a ball, but Ciri knows that something isn't right. Still, she continues to follow Mousesack, but when she exits her room, she is transported to Kaer Morhen and we spot the dagger used by the first witcher in his battle against the Deathless Mother. We then shift out of Ciri's dream to Geralt and Yennefer as they rush towards Kaer Morhen.

As they arrive in the courtyard outside Kaer Morhen, Yennefer tries to defend her

actions. She explains to Geralt just how Voleth Meir works by finding the gaping hole in your heart and digging into it. Geralt sees Yennefer's actions as traitorous and we can't blame him. Ciri is his to protect. Yennefer opens up about how she couldn't sacrifice Ciri. How, after losing the chaos, she had this void. A void that Ciri filled in the short time they were together. But Geralt doesn't seem to care.

Inside, Ciri is still wandering the halls, but it appears that Voleth Meir is now in control as she kills one of the switches. Is this what the Deathless Mother had in store all along? To control Ciri in order to kill the witchers who locked her away in the hut? One by one, she kills the other witchers until Geralt finds her in Vesemir's room. Voleth Meir tries to act like Ciri and claims to have seen the Deathless Mother in the halls. She claims to have screamed, but Geralt realizes that the scream would have wakened Vesemir and caused damage like before. He doesn't try and play along with her game and just straight-up asks Voleth Meir what she wants. This gets him a dagger to the face and Voleth Meir/Ciri runoff.

Vesemir wakes Lambert and Coën, who seem to be some of the last remaining witchers left alive within Kaer Morhen. Lambert is confused about how Ciri was able to kill them, but it's pretty clear this isn't Ciri. Voleth Meir is hiding within the body of the girl. They aren't sure what she is even capable of and Vesemir tells them to grab all the elixir they have and stay on guard.

Geralt realizes that Vesemir means to kill Ciri in order to eliminate Voleth Meir just like they had to do with Eskell. But Geralt knows that Ciri is stronger than this and can survive. He just needs to lure Voleth Meir out of Ciri's body and then they can deal with the demon. I can understand what Vesemir is going through. The witchers are his children and he is willing to do everything to protect them and get revenge. But, it is nice to see that he isn't letting that rage guide all of his decisions and is willing to work with Geralt on this.

It still seems like Geralt isn't ready to talk with Yennefer just yet, but he isn't sending her away. She heads off to wake up Jaskier, which is great because I was starting to get worried that Voleth Meir might have done something to him on their way to Kaer Morhen. She gets him up to date on what has been going on and, of course, Jaskier is a bit reluctant to help out Yennefer. But, the good bard knows when it's time to get to work.

The episode shifts to Cintra, where Dara seems to have opened up to Franchesca and Filavandrel about why Dijkstra sent him in the wake of their daughter's death. Filavandrel believes it is because of Ciri, but Franchesca believes that Redania targeted them because they are Elves and not just because they sided with Fringilla and Nilfgaard. Losing a child (in any manner) is extremely emotional and I worry what Franchesca is going through might cause her to make some rash decisions.

Back at Kaer Morhen, Yennefer is prepping a spell with items within the lab to separate Voleth Meir from Ciri. I was hoping that Yennefer wouldn't just sit around and let Geralt fix her mistake. And here she is, making a potion to help save Ciri from the mess she started. And I'm thankful that Jaskier seems to at least want to help her help Geralt. He isn't ignoring her, at least.

We spot Ciri/Voleth Meir in the great hall and we learn that Voleth Meir is keeping Ciri trapped within a dream. Here, we see her come face to face with her grandmother Queen Calanthe. This doesn't feel like any old dream, though and I imagine it is tied to Ciri's last happy memories from Cintra before its fall. It is also pretty clear that Ciri seems to understand that this isn't real but might not know how to break out of it.

Fringilla meets with Cahir in present-day Cintra to warn him about Franchesca and Filavandrel's departure north. This really messes with her whole plan to look like a good leader in front of The White Flame. I was almost starting to like Cahir until this moment. He is giving us the impression that he is the one behind the murder of the Elven infant and is going to make it look like Fringilla planned it all along to make the Elves stay and fight by their side. Is this really what Fringilla wanted? Or is this how Cahir will keep her in control?

The episode returns to Kaer Morhen, where the witchers (thankfully more than just Vesemir, Lambert and Coën) prepare to face off against Voleth Meir. They head off in search of her and Geralt finds her within the great hall. The rest of the witches arrive and Geralt tries to bargain his life for Ciri's. But it looks like Voleth Meir isn't interested in that trade. Of course, this is when Jaskier pops in and realizes that everyone is a bit busy at the moment. Voleth Meir uses this distraction to scream and cause the tree to tear apart and we find a baby monolith inside. Just know that Vesemir's reaction at this moment is our reaction.

Voleth Meir continues to scream, which causes the monolith the shatter like before. The shards take a few of the witches out before Voleth Meir creates a portal and invites two basilisks into Kaer Morhen. Geralt swears to Ciri that he is going to save her and the real monster-hunting begins. Vesesmir and another witcher create a field to block Voleth Meir and Geralt together. He tries to get her to name her price, but Voleth Meir isn't willing to let go of Ciri now that she knows her power.

The two go toe to toe as Geralt tries to get into Ciri's head. We can hear him within her dreams, but it isn't clear if he is getting through to her. Elsewhere in the hall, poor Jaskier is trying to get the jasper to Geralt, but he isn't really listening at the moment. Vesemir and the other witcher eventually drop their shields in order to help the others, leaving Geralt and Voleth Meir alone. We can't help but feel bad for Vesemir during all of this. He is just trying to protect his children and sees killing Ciri as the only way of getting rid of Voleth Meir.

Geralt tries to break through to Ciri and within her dream world, we see her try and get more information out of Mousesack about her bloodline. She starts to hear Geralt in her mind and the people around her begin to shift into horrifying creatures. Voleth Meir seems to regain control of Ciri by bringing her parents into the dream. I wonder if this is enough to keep Ciri in check?

The episode quickly shifts to Redania, where Franchesca gets her revenge while the others are helping to Elves escape.

Back at Kaer Morhen, Voleth Meir summons another much larger monster through the portal to deal with Geralt. He makes quick work of it but not before Vesemir can stab Ciri/Voleth Meir. But it doesn't seem like it causes much damage. Geralt realizes that the way to save Ciri is... the power of hope? Friendship? Moving past their hatred? Okay, a little cliche, but it works. He convinces everyone to stand down and reaches out to Ciri again.

Within her dream, Ciri reconnects with her mother and father. We start to hear Geralt and the others' voices battling against each other within her dream. But it doesn't seem like that is enough since Voleth Meir doesn't have a new home to go to. This is where Yennefer steps up to right her wrongs and decides that she is going to be the new vessel for Voleth Meir. I can understand why Ciri is trying to hold onto the past, but with Geralt's help, she is able to let go and Voleth Meir is ejected from her body into Yennefer's.

Now that Ciri is free, Geralt is ready to get her working again. The idea is to send Voleth Meir through the monolith to another dimension. She opens the portal intending to send just Voleth Meir through, but it seems she, Yennefer and Geralt get pushed in as well. On the other side, Voleth Meir disappears from Yennefer while the Wraiths of Mörhogg ride towards them, calling out to Ciri to join their hunt. Before they reach them, however, Ciri transports them back to Kaer Morhen.

I can only imagine what is going through Ciri's head right now, but it seems like Geralt plans on keeping her busy, so she doesn't have to think about it. We also see that Yennefer has her magic back too. I understand why Geralt doesn't want to stick around Kaer Morhen with Ciri. It is clear that she is destined for something and more powerful than anyone could have ever thought and if people knew where she was, they wouldn't think twice about bringing the fight there. After everything Kaer Morhen has been through, it doesn't need this too.

Over the following few scenes in "Family," we see how the Continent is preparing to deal with the Ciri situation. Tissaia informs the northern leaders that she is still alive and that if Redania gets her, it will give them the only claim to Cintra. They decide to place a bounty on her head along with anyone protecting her. Elsewhere, Rience and Lydia (who doesn't look well after trying to test the witcher mutigen) meet with their boss and plan on swooping in to find Ciri while the kingdoms are at war.

We then see Franchesca and the Elves deciding whether to return to Nilfgaard or go a different path until Istredd is found sneaking around their troops. It seems he brings news to them about Ciri being Hen Ikeir, the one that can save the Elves. This seems to give Franchesca and the others a purpose to try and find her. And, of course, the owl sounds we hear belong to Dijkstra's friend who brings this news back to him. And we finally get to see the human form of Philippa. Is this what he had planned all along? And what does he want with Jaskier?

Back at Kaer Morhen, Geralt and Yennefer finally have a moment to chat. He doesn't forgive her for her actions, but it seems like he is willing to put that aside for now. She agrees to train Ciri and hopefully, the two will be able to find it in themselves to start over. Outside, they sit with Ciri and we learn why Voleth Meir really wanted Ciri. She was her ticket home. But what Geralt doesn't get is why Nilfgaard wanted Ciri before anyone knew what she was capable of? Geralt poses this question to Ciri, but we don't hear her answer.

Instead, the episode takes us to Cintra, where Cahir and Fringilla welcome The White Flame. They share how together, they plotted to kill the Elven baby to force the Elves' hand. But it seems like he knows they are lying because he actually planned it. Why? To find his own daughter. In the final moments of season two, we learn that The White Flame is actually Ciri's father as he has Cahir and Fringilla taken away.

Season Three

Shaerrawedd

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Guest Stars:	Lars Mikkelsen (Stregobor), Robbie Amell (Gallatin), Jeremy Crawford (Yarpen), Sam Woolf (Rience), Ed Birch (King Vizimir), George Wigzell (Prood), Kaine Zajaz (Gage), Sean Cernow (Veldhoek), Beau Holland (Vespula), Sunny Patel (The Professor), Tracy-Ann Oberman (Queen Hedwig), Jóhannes Haukur Jóhannesson (Crach An Craite), Steven Pereira (Lowborn)
Summary:	Geralt, Yennefer and Ciri journey to the far reaches of the Continent in search of a safe haven. King Vizimir puts his charming younger brother to use.



The episode opens with Geralt getting into a bloody, Matrix-style fight with a group of men searching for Ciri on Rience's behalf. Naturally, he slays (literally and figuratively) them. Afterward, we see Geralt, Yennefer and Ciri riding across a stunning expanse of land to find sanctuary from the countless factions that want Ciri. While staying at an inn, Yennefer pens several letters to Geralt as part of her "Yennefer Is Sorry" Tour. Unfortunately, Geralt leaves her on "read."

Meanwhile, Yen trains Ciri to harness her magic. So far, things aren't running smoothly. Ciri boasts potential, to be sure, but little skill in capitalizing on it. Suddenly, Geralt spots an enemy inching closer to their location. Our trio leaves just in time as said enemy arrives. Enraged that Ciri slipped through their fingers again, the group burns the inn. After almost coming face-to-face with more antagonists, Geralt, Yen and Ciri seek shelter from an old friend — Yarpen. While staying with Yarpen, Geralt softens his hardened edges around Yennefer.

The trio even has a string of family dinners together. Their new home looks like it's straight from The Shire. I dig it. Yen and Ciri enjoy ice skating before the latter tries her hand at water magic. Unfortunately, Ciri's grasp on water magic is akin to her grasp on earth and air magic: nonexistent. Yarpen returns with supplies. He mentions how the Squirrels are at it again. Thankfully, they didn't attack his convoy. Yarpen wonders aloud if Geralt and Yen are forking again before he urges Ciri to attend the Belleteyn Festival. Ciri tries to persuade Geralt and Yen to let her go. Nobody has attempted to search for her for months, after all. Girls just wanna have fun! Next, we see two monster handlers (one of them an elf) feeding some deadly creatures. Rience arrives and claims he needs the jackapace to search for a girl with elven blood. He uncorks the bottle containing an irresistible scent, causing the jackapace to go wild in its prison. Meanwhile, Francesca reunites with Filavandrel and Gage. Francesca orders Gage to take his fighters to Maribor, while Filavandrel must take his to Caed Dhu. They must find Ciri. She's their only hope in finding Dol Blathanna.

When some of their own arrive severely injured and dead, Gallatin stands up to Francesca, protesting her leadership direction. Their people are dying over a girl. Francesca questions his loyalty, but Gallatin only cares about food and shelter. He urges her to keep the elves alive. Then, we see King Vizimir sitting with Dijkstra and Philippa during a feast. Vizimir complains about Dijkstra not upholding his end of the bargain. He was promised Ciri as a wife. The conversation turns to the blasted Squirrels and Francesca.

Vizimir essentially fires Dijkstra, his spymaster who cannot find one girl, and installs his replacement: his brother, Radovid. After the feast, Dijkstra and Philippa contemplate their next move. Dijkstra suggests they play "boulder, parchment, dagger" to determine which moves first. However, Philippa's not about that life. They can keep an eye on Radovid, distract him if need be, and carry out their mission unimpeded. Philippa claims when she returns; she'll be the one giving orders.

Later, Ciri dresses in a beautiful blue for the Belleteyn Festival. Yen stuns in a familiar black gown with a matching eye mask. Geralt compliments her despite his anger toward her. While at the festival, Ciri dances with the locals, and Geralt and Yen reminisce about all the times they had sex over the decades. Ciri is in the worst disguise ever. Her ice-blonde hair is on display for all to see — not even tucked under a hood. She ditches her mask so her face is wholly exposed. It's only a matter of time before someone else who's looking for her finds her. Lo and behold...

As our trio wanders through a maze, Ciri is attacked by the jackapace unleashed courtesy of Rience. Ciri tries to use her magic on it but fails. Thankfully, Yennefer lends a helping hand in that department. Geralt swoops in, all hero-like, and slays the monster. Now, it's time to leave again. The following day, Geralt, Yen and Ciri tell Yarpen about their plan to lure Rience. Veldhoek is the only monster handler in the Continent reckless enough to cage a jackapace. Rience undoubtedly used the bit of Ciri's blood he had on hand to set the jackapace after her.

So, the plan is to have Yarpen complain loudly about hosting Ciri in his convoy to Aedirn (Hagge, to be exact). Veldhoek overhears this conversation. He'll pass on that info to Rience. Geralt and Yen plan to travel behind the caravan at a distance so as not to be spotted. They'll have someone they trust accompany Ciri. And that someone is... Jaskier. Jaskier's currently getting the boot from his lover of the week. Philippa and Radovid find him and order him to make good on his end of the bargain by delivering Ciri to King Vizimir.

Radovid informs Jaskier that Redania's pretty dang sweet as far as kingdoms go. Ciri could go to worse places. Jaskier's ex-lover tries to toss out his lute, to his shock. That's his real baby. Philippa threatens Jaskier before departing. Then, Yarpen arrives to tell Jaskier Geralt wants him to perform a favor. That favor? Escort Ciri to Hagge. Jaskier believes he's the bait, but Ciri reminds him she serves that role. Our caravan stops at the ruins of Shaerrawedd for the night. Geralt and Yen tell Ciri the story of Aelirenn, an elf who led her forces against the humans spilling onto her land. Of course, her sacrifice is well-known. Nobody crafts a statue for someone who remained neutral in the face of conflict.

Meanwhile, Gallatin and his fighters successfully overthrow a human caravan and raid it of its supplies. He hands out food to the elves. Francesca, Filavandrel and Gage arrive. Francesca reveals their forces must unite for the common good. She now sees Gallatin's side of things. They'll work in tandem, on equal footing, and put their heads together to formulate their next move. Ciri delivers an impassioned speech to Geralt and Yennefer about her role in the grand scheme of things. She's part-elf and part-human. Perhaps it's her destiny, all of their destinies, to unite the Continent. Geralt embraces her, claiming he believes in her but doubts the world. After he hears the arrival of Rience, he and Yen leave Ciri to attract the mage alone.

Surely enough, Rience arrives with reinforcements. Ciri puts the skills Geralt taught her to good use by engaging them in combat. Yarpen enters the fray with his forces, while Yen and Geralt join the fight to protect Ciri. Yen manages to ward off Rience's fire attacks. Suddenly, Francesca and the elves charge into the battle to seize Ciri for themselves. That's when Ciri spots Dara beside Gallatin. Yennefer holds open the portal Rience leaps through so Geralt can follow

him.

Geralt manages to evade Rience's flames. The pair duke it out. Meanwhile, an arrow pierces Jaskier's shoulder, so Ciri pulls him away to safety. Yen struggles to keep the portal open for Geralt to return. Francesca screams when Gage is killed amid the battle. Filavandrel prevents her from running to him. Geralt forgoes killing Rience and breaks his wrists before running through the portal back to Shaerrawedd. Noticing Ciri is missing, Geralt starts battling his foes. It's a fun long take featuring our fave witcher killing enemies left and right. Well, at least it looks like one continuous shot.

Geralt and Yen reunite with Ciri and Jaskier. Yarpen thanks Jaskier for assisting his caravan in the fight. Geralt thanks Jaskier as well and insists he'll survive. His lute, however, wasn't so lucky. That night, Geralt decides to part ways with Yen and Ciri. Yen will take Ciri to Aretuza to train. She surmises that someone is pulling Rience's strings, someone much stronger, so they must prepare for the fight ahead. Meanwhile, Geralt will seek out Rience to finish him off.

Francesca cradles Gage in her arms and sings an emotional tune. Filavandrel orders Gallatin to let her grieve in peace. He finds Dara nursing his wounded hand. Dara claims that death follows Ciri wherever she goes. Gallatin departs to search for a friend. Geralt bids farewell to his ladies. He promises Yen he'll think of her. They'll reunite someday. Cavill and Chalotra boast electrifying chemistry. Jaskier meets with Philippa and Radovid and takes them up on their offer. He'll bring Ciri to Redania, but they must do something for him first: kill Rience.

Geralt reads another letter from Yen, stating that she and Ciri already miss him. He finally responds to Yen, revealing that he understands real fear for the first time. He wants to be a family with her and Ciri. Geralt believes he will inevitably trust her again. We see Tissaia with her pupils at Aretuza while Stregobor watches from afar.

Someone fixes Rience's broken wrists, and he's giddy to see he can still unleash hellfire. Finally, we see Emhyr var Emreis, Ciri's father, burning portraits, including one of Pavetta, Ciri's late mother. However, he keeps the painting of baby Ciri, cradling it in his arms. The game is afoot.

Unbound

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	Mimi Ndiweni (Fringilla Vigo), Anna Shaffer (Triss Merigold), Royce
	Pierreson (Istredd), Wilson Mbomio (Dara), Mahesh Jadu (Vilgefortz of
	Roggeveen), Tom Canton (Filavandrel), Mecia Simson (Francesca Find-
	abair), Graham McTavish (Sigismund Dijkstra), Cassie Clare (Philippa
	Eilhart), Hugh Skinner (Prince Radovid), Bart Edwards (Emhyr)
Guest Stars:	Lars Mikkelsen (Stregobor), Robbie Amell (Gallatin), Therica Wilson-
	Read (Sabrina), Terence Maynard (Artorius), Safiyya Ingar (Keira Metz),
	Sam Woolf (Rience), Ed Birch (King Vizimir), Simon Callow (Co-
	dringher), Liz Carr (Fenn), Frances Pooley (Teryn), Cal Watson (Eva),
	Jim Sturgeon (Aplegatt), Tracy-Ann Oberman (Queen Hedwig), Tilly
	Marsan (Nissa), Madeleine Day (Elizabet), Faye Derham (Aoife), Freddie
	Stabb (Mardale), Jules Melvin (Innkeeper), Annette Hannah (Dwarven
	Child), Shaun Yusuf McKee (Prisoner), Darrell Davy (Guard 1), Bruno
	Matay (Guard 2), Jonathan Ball (Reveller 1), Paul Ricketts (Reveller 2),
	Simon Phillips (Bandit)
Summary:	A shocking discovery awaits Geralt after he obtains information on
	Rience. Ciri's sense of justice causes problems. Jaskier performs for a
	royal fan.



The episode opens with Aplegatt, King Vizimir's man, chatting with a bartender in a tavern where they've conducted regular executions for weeks. They spot Yennefer passing on a letter to someone. Said letter is bound for Tissaia at Aretuza. Yennefer hopes Tissaia will welcome her and Ciri with open arms. Ciri stands outside the tavern. She spots Aplegatt, who strikes up a friendly chat. Suddenly, Ciri is plagued with a vision of Aplegatt meeting his demise. She tells him he's going to get shot by an arrow. Yen quickly steps

in, claiming Ciri was kicked in the head by a horse. She drags Ciri away.

Meanwhile, Geralt walks through town while holding a monster's heart. Jaskier accompanies him, lute strapped to his back. The pair stops in front of a door with a lion's head door knocker. A metal spike shoots out from the lion's mouth. Geralt tosses the monster's heart onto said spike. Codringher opens the door to find Geralt and Jaskier. He somehow knew it was Geralt before opening the door. Next, Emhyr var Emreis tests his reworked sword. He talks to the wordsmith, a bearded woman, about his time on the battlefield. Emhyr has his eyes set on becoming Emperor of the Continent. He hopes he can commission the swordsmith to craft him a weapon worthy of her talents. This episode is all about respecting the blue-collar working folk as it should be. Then, we see Fringilla sitting in the wine cellar of the White Flame himself, aka Emhyr. She has shackles on her wrists. Fringilla must taste test Emhyr's wine to ensure it's not poisoned. Geralt, Jaskier and Codringher unite with Fenn and her adorable kitty to talk about all things Rience. Geralt needs to know who Rience answers to. Fenn claims he doesn't have enough coin for that information. He offers a throwing star to Codringher. If he strikes Geralt's head, then it's game over. However, if Codringher misses, he and Fenn must tell Geralt what they know about Rience's boss.

Codringher misses on purpose. Fenn reluctantly reveals that one sorcerer has his pupils executing dirty business all over the Continent. They don't know the sorcerer's name, but they do know he resides in Vuilpanne near the old scarlet ammonite mines. Geralt and Jaskier prepare to depart, having all the info they need for their next move. Fenn's remark, however, stops Geralt in his tracks. She knows who Ciri is. That's when he learns that Istredd is one of their clients. Fun! Jaskier tries to persuade Geralt to brainstorm a more permanent solution for Ciri's safety while en route to Redania. You see, he's got that deal with Philippa and Vizimir, but Geralt doesn't know that.

Geralt intends to travel to Vuilpanne alone. He vows to reunite with Jaskier after his mission. Meanwhile, Yen and Ciri have a girls' shopping trip. They meet with Keira Metz, Yennefer's old friend from Aretuza. She opens portals for her customers. Yen reveals they need one for Aretuza. Then, a man barges in with a child in chains. Ciri sees the kid's future — he's marked for death and will die should he cross that portal's threshold. Ciri removes his chains and urges him to run. Before the man can harm Ciri, Yen snaps his neck. Knowing who he was, Keira makes a beeline through a portal to get out of dodge before sh*t hits the fan.

At Aretuza, Triss tells Tissaia that she wants to search for a missing initiate, Nissa. Tissaia finds the Brotherhood — Sabrina, Vilgefortz, Stregobor, and Artorius — meeting without her. Triss joins her before looking for Nissa. The Brotherhood discusses how the kings lost faith in them because they knew the elves were a problem but did nothing about it. It's high time they unite the kings of the Continent before it's too late. They demand Tissaia return Triss to Foltest's court so they can move past this rough patch.

Tissaia orders the group to disperse since she's in the middle of instructing her pupils. She broaches the subject of returning to Temeria to Triss, but she rejects the idea. She wishes to stay at Aretuza and help guide the girls. While in Nissa's quarters, Triss finds what appears to be a streak of blood behind a chair. Meanwhile, Philippa whips Dijkstra like the bad little boy he is. It's his kink. She asks for something in return — she wants him to chat with Radovid about keeping King Vizimir in check. Dijkstra insists he can do it himself. He's been overseeing the king for decades. However, Radovid has a knack for political games. He might be good at it.

Speaking of, Jaskier finds Radovid throwing a party in Redania. He wants information on Rience's boss so Radovid and Philippa can eradicate the Rience problem. But Radovid wants Jaskier to bust out the lute and entertain his guests with a song (or two). Maybe sign a few CDs. The works. Geralt arrives at Vuilpanne. He knows in his heart of hearts that it's a trap. Even after Geralt drinks his Witcher potion, he still has a sinking feeling that the detectives led him to a trap.

Later, Yen and Ciri lead their horses through the dark forest. Yen expresses her disappointment in Ciri regarding her actions. Sometimes, restraint is best. Ciri wonders why she even has these visions if she can't do anything about them. Yennefer wonders if she and Geralt should've trained Ciri to exercise caution and use common sense in perilous situations. She reveals they're taking a detour to Aretuza by making a pitstop. She and Ciri turn their horses around.

Cahir is not having a good night. For starters, he's getting the snot kicked out of him. He even envisions Ciri calling him "Nilfgaardian scum" before spewing blood from her mouth. Thankfully, his old pal Gallatin swoops in to save the day, killing the men who attacked Cahir. Gallatin helps Cahir bury their bodies. While Cahir is still loyal to Emhyr, the latter has him doing grunt work out in the sticks as punishment. Cahir wonders if Francesca has done anything to earn Gallatin's loyalty. Gallatin believes it might be time to overthrow Franscesa. Her leadership methods are ineffective. Chasing after Ciri won't solve their problems.

Cahir encourages Gallatin to take control. Embyr and Nilfgaard will support him. I love a good uprising. Meanwhile, Fringilla gets progressively drunker as she tests the White Flame's wine. She chats with one man about her time at Aretuza and how she was a powerful mage. Oh, how the mighty have fallen. Then, said man ostensibly keels over. The guards prepare to throw his

body out. In Redania, Jaskier's song penetrates Radovid's heart. It speaks to his soul. Before Jaskier departs, Radovid vows to look into Rience and his boss. The show is clearly setting up Jaskier and Radovid as a romantic pair.

Next, Geralt encounters some creepy horror sh*t while inside Vuilpanne. He sees three heads attached to what looks like bloody tentacles. They order Geralt to leave them alone. Then, he frees a blonde girl who kinda resembles Ciri. Suddenly, a giant, headless creature comprised of multiple bodies, arms and legs attacks Geralt. It's like something out of my nightmares. After successfully slaughtering the beast (and killing the heads), Geralt rescues the girl. Meanwhile, Fringilla escapes the castle by hiding in one of the body bags thrown outside. Smart woman.

Later, King Vizimir regales his court with countless stories while Radovid tells Philippa and Dijkstra about what he learned from Jaskier. Perhaps Philippa should visit Codringher and Fenn. Philippa departs, leaving Radovid and Dijkstra alone. Radovid suggests that everyone in the room is hiding something, his brother included. Vizimir met with Nilfgaard the night before. We see Aplegatt almost die by arrow, but not in the way Ciri envisioned. He's safe for now.

Rience barges into Codringher and Fenn's home, demanding to know why they met our titular monster hunter. They reveal they told Geralt where to find Rience's boss but withheld his identity. Rience grabs their sweet kitty, nonverbally threatening to set it on fire. He orders them to tell him everything. Then, we see Rience leave their house with their cat while the building blazes behind him. Philippa, who witnessed the incident in owl form, flies through his portal after him.

Meanwhile, Vilgefortz and Tissaia chat about Yennefer in their quarters. Tissaia received Yen's letter and knows she's on her way to Aretuza. Of course, Yen's presence will cause conflict among the Brotherhood. Vilgefortz claims he's willing to let bygones be bygones. After all, he and Yen share common traits. For one, they both love Tissaia. Aw. The pair smooch. Tissaia plans to meet Yen at Gors Velen to ensure there's no funny business.

Then, Yennefer shows Ciri where she used to live, although the house is no longer there. Yen tells Ciri that she wasn't born perfect. She had to work hard to cultivate the life she now has. She's not even sure they'll be welcomed at Aretuza, but they must try.

Geralt takes the girl to a stream, where she rests. He grabs water for her. When she wakes, she panics. However, upon learning she's safe, she quickly recognizes Geralt. She claims her name is Ciri. Well, she's credited as Teryn. Fake Ciri is here!

Reunion

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Guest Stars:	Robbie Amell (Gallatin), Therica Wilson-Read (Sabrina), Rochelle Rose (Margarita), Sam Woolf (Rience), Ed Birch (King Vizimir), Frances Poo- ley (Teryn), Cal Watson (Eva), Catherine McCormack (Anika), Dempsey Bovell (Otto), Aisha Fabienne Ross (Lydia Van Bredovoort), Beau Holland (Vespula), Christelle Elwin (Mistle), Sam Hazeldine (Eredin), Stuart Thompson (Fabio), Giuseppe Lentini (Giancardi), Martyn El- lis (Barker), Nickcolia King-N'Da (Knight), Kate Winter (Nilfgaardian Palace Worker)
Summary:	Geralt seeks magical help from a family friend as Ciri and Yennefer clash over plans for the future. Philippa and Dijkstra scheme to get Vizimir in line.



The episode opens with Vespula listening (well, pretending to, at least) to Jaskier dissecting everything Radovid told him. Like, obsessively. Vespula points out that Jasky 100 percent has a crush on Radovid. Methinks part of it is because Radovid stroked his ego by claiming Jaskier can "see" people. Jaskier denies the crush, claiming he merely wants to keep Geralt safe and take Rience out of the equation. Before he and Vespula can get it on (again), Geralt, "the family goat," knocks on his door.

Geralt introduces Jaskier to "Ciri", who's in a trance-like state. She has a few lucid moments, but most of the time, she rants incoherently. They take "Ciri" to a family friend — a druid named Anika, who lives with someone Geralt helped, a werewolf named Otto. Anika confirms that "Ciri" is under a magical enchantment, which is pretty potent. She gives "Ciri" an elixir to help. Geralt learns from Anika that his mother, Visenna, passed away the year before. That's how she met Otto: while mourning for Visenna. Geralt appears to be temporarily in shock but recovers quickly.

Meanwhile, Yennefer and Ciri visit the Giancardi Bank. Yen reunites with Giancardi, who we learn was saved by Yen at one point. Yennefer gives Ciri money and urges her to buy something nice while she carries out a task. Giancardi assigns Fabio as her escort around the village. In Redania, Dijkstra and Philippa ask King Vizimir questions about his clandestine meeting with the Nilfgaardian envoy. Vizimir claims that when Nilfgaard seizes control of the North, they'll leave Redania alone. Dijkstra doesn't think it's a good idea to negotiate with them, especially without his counsel. Radovid watches the interaction with mild amusement. After Vizimir puts Dijkstra in his place, Dijkstra and Philippa brainstorm their next moves while Radovid eavesdrops. Philippa wonders if it might be time to make Queen Hedwig, Vizimir's wife, "useful" to them. She also encourages Dijkstra to utilize Radovid to keep Vizimir in line. Of course, Dijkstra would rather claw out his eyes than work with Radovid.

Next, Yen meets with Tissaia in one of the spacious vaults at Giancardi Bank. Yen accuses Tissaia of learning that Ciri was live and sharing the news, hoping to curry favor with the Northern kings. However, the kings still loathe the Brotherhood, and Ciri is nowhere to be found. Tissaia reminds Yen of how the Brotherhood and the kings feel about her. Yen reveals she wants Ciri to train at Aretuza. Yes, war is on the horizon, but she might lead them out of it with her extraordinary gifts. Tissaia is hesitant to hide a wanted princess at Aretuza. Tissaia notes how Yennefer finally became a mother. Her love for Ciri is evident.

Then, Ciri munches on an overabundance of doughnuts (although there's no such thing as too many doughnuts) while Fabio tries to get folks to open bank accounts... unsuccessfully. Istredd waits for his contact to deliver the magical items he needs. She deposits said items; however, one thing is missing: the monolith book. Condringher and Fenn told him it was buried in a Xin'trean cavern. Istredd's contact informs him that the book was sent to Aretuza by order of the emperor himself. All hail the White Flame.

Speaking of, Cahir introduces Gallatin to Emhyr. They're all going to chat about Gallatin taking charge and deposing Francesca. Then, the elves can work alongside Nilfgaard successfully. Emhyr takes a shine to Gallatin instantly. After the latter departs, the emperor questions whether Cahir arranged this meeting to get back into his good graces more quickly. Well, it worked. Emhyr asks Cahir if he's ready to come home.

Meanwhile, Geralt and Jaskier wait for the elixir to work its magic on fake Ciri. Geralt learns about Jaskier's deal with Dijkstra and Philippa. He's not mad. Jaskier reveals he's been tasked with bringing Ciri to Redania. He agrees with them — she'd be much safer there. However, Gerald knows Ciri well. She won't enjoy being locked away in a castle and forced to pump out royal babies. An idea strikes Geralt during their conversation. He wakes fake Ciri and asks her about "the source" she keeps rattling about. What source? Who is it? Anika urges Geralt to exercise caution as he could disrupt the elixir's efficacy.

Fake Ciri wakes and tells the group her real name is Teryn. Suddenly, Teryn morphs into someone else — someone darker. She's possessed. This dark force claims that they're Ciri's destiny. Teryn recites the opening of Ithlinne's Prophecy. Then, she sends a magical blast in Geralt, Jaskier, Otto and Anika's direction. Otto starts turning into a werewolf because Teryn removed the amulet Geralt gave him, which prevents transformation. Geralt tries to subdue Otto while Jaskier attempts to wrestle the amulet away from Teryn. He tosses it to Geralt, who presses it quickly against Otto's chest to stop the transformation. Jaskier also quiets Teryn by feeding her more of the elixir.

Meanwhile, Ciri and Fabio listen to a barker who introduces his audience to a basilisk — or so he thinks. Ciri points out that he has a young wyvern in a cage. The barker, annoyed with Ciri, tries to swipe at her with his cane. Rude. Suddenly, he falls into the cage, releasing the wyvern. It circles above the crowd. Ciri tries to contain the creature by throwing a blanket over it. She reaches for her knife but notices it's missing. That's thanks to Mistle, a member of a teenage gang called The Rats. Mistle tosses the knife at Ciri. When the wyvern leaps onto Ciri, she stabs it with her knife. However, she passes the victory off to a local knight.

After the incident, Ciri parts ways with Fabio. Mistle reappears with Ciri's money, which she also stole, but refuses to give it up. Ciri holds the talisman Yen gave her and says the spell that'll reunite them. However, Yen's nowhere to be found. Suddenly, Ciri runs into Margarita, one of the administrators at Aretuza, and Sabrina. Margarita mistakes Ciri for a rogue pupil, while Ciri believes she's being kidnapped. Yennefer and Tissaia appear, and Yen explains who Ciri is.

Later, Ciri watches while Yennefer, Tissaia, Margarita and Sabrina lounge around a bathhouse while giggling like schoolgirls. They demand Ciri fetch them more wine. She talks back to them, forcing Yen to pull her aside and give her a stern talking-to. She explains it's imperative that Ciri play nice so they can seek refuge at Aretuza. It's an emotional argument with gut-wrenching, layered performances from Chalotra and Allan. Yen reminds Ciri that she's not Geralt before storming out. Then, we see Geralt sitting with Anika, who's recovering from Teryn's attack. Anika reveals how Visenna died — she was brutally attacked by a villager who thought she was an elf. Geralt launches into a monologue about his childhood with his mother. Tears streak his face as he recalls what it was like and how she simply left him one day. He asks Anika if Teryn can stay with her while he decides how best to help her.

Yennefer brainstorms about how to unite the mages. They must present a cohesive front before bringing the kings of the Continent together. Then, it hits her: they should host a conclave of mages at Aretuza. Everyone loves a good conclave. Meanwhile, Ciri tries to summon Geralt this time. She fought with Mommy, so it's time to appeal to Daddy. In Redania, Radovid delivers a package to King Vizimir containing Queen Hedwig's head. Vizimir starts sobbing while Dijkstra comforts him.

After Vizimir departs, Dijkstra turns on Radovid, putting the king's younger brother in his place. If you've watched Preacher, you know how terrifying Graham McTavish can be. Radovid suspects that Dijkstra and Philippa had the queen beheaded, which is true. All the more reason why Dijkstra believes he should stay quiet. He could be next.

Philippa and Eva have mind-blowing sex. Afterward, we learn that Eva took off the queen's head at Philippa's behest. The woman Eva spotted, the emperor's emissary, didn't move her mouth. Philippa wonders if said emissary was using telepathy. Eva remarks that her portal was dark and black, like Rience's. That's when the lightbulb switches on — the mage backing Rience works for Nilfgaard.

Next, we see Rience talking to Lydia. He rants about how he only agreed to take this job because he thought she was working for Nilfgaard. She reminds him that her alliance with Emhyr is merely a means to an end. Rience touches Lydia's face, and the illusion she maintains falls away briefly. We see her real mangled visage. Rience orders Lydia to ensure Emhyr keeps him in the loop if he's to go along with the master plan.

Filavandrel orders Francesca to get some rest after he watches her tend to the elves. They're still recovering from the battle at Shaerrawedd. Cahir visits Gallatin in his quarters. Gallatin talks about how they would've been best buddies when they were younger. Suddenly, Cahir stabs Gallatin in the neck. Gallatin dies in Cahir's arms. Cahir tearfully explains that it has to be this way. Who says that? Ciri rides her galloping horse through the woods. She's pursued by the Wild Hunt, with Eredin calling out to her. Before they catch her, though, Geralt appears. He shoots magical blasts at them, causing them to disperse. Geralt and Ciri embrace. That's when Ciri spots a bit of smoking metal and chainmail. "They were real," she says, stunned.

The Invitation

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Summary:	(Seamus), Lucas Aurelio (Antony) Yennefer pitches a bold idea to the Brotherhood, Geralt strikes a dan- gerous deal with a ferryman, and Triss digs into the mystery of the missing novices.

The episode opens with Cahir having nightmares about Ciri. He hears her calling him "Nilfgaardian scum" before Emhyr wakes him. He thanks Cahir for doing his bidding the night before. You know, for killing Gallatin in cold blood. Apparently, friendships mean little compared to exercising loyalty to emperors. Emhyr has a mission for Cahir: he must meet with Francesca. We don't get the specifics, though. Someone's back in the White Flame's good graces!

Meanwhile, Yennefer delivers a pro-

posal to the Brotherhood. The audience includes Tissaia, Stregobor, Vilgefortz, Triss, Margarita, Sabrina and Artorius. Stregobor and Artorius are reluctant to hear Yen's proposal, especially given her complicated history with the Brotherhood. Yen believes they must unite as mages to unite the Northern kings against the Nilfgaard threat. How will they do that, you ask? A ball and a conclave. Nothing stirs up trust quite like an opulent ball.

Everyone outvotes Artorius and Stregobor, who insists Yen's presence is "like a fungus." Geralt and Ciri prepare to journey to Aretuza, much to the latter's dismay. She explains why she doesn't want to go there. The women are catty, and they like to imbibe. Oh, and she said some unsavory things to Yennefer. Yen will most certainly forgive her, though. Tissaia urges Yen to relax. The council is pro-conclave, so she can stop groveling. The pair talk about Vilgefortz's beautiful gift to Tissaia. Ah, love. Triss informs Tissaia that more novices have gone missing. She tells her about the blood she found in Elisabet's quarters. Tissaia insists it's nothing. Perhaps they should invest in less clumsy pupils.

Triss reunites with Istredd in the library. He's searching for the Book of Monoliths. He's also there to attend the conclave. Triss voices her concerns regarding the missing novices and how Tissaia doesn't take it seriously. Triss wonders if the girls were abducted. Istredd recounts his time traveling with the Scoia'tael (the Squirrels). He watched them perpetuate the same violent cycle that victimized them. The book he needs offers the key to traveling between the spheres. His objective was to whisk the elves away to safety far from the Continent.

However, someone at Aretuza already has the book. What if they wish to banish the elves permanently? Questions, questions, questions. Meanwhile, Jaskier reunites with Geralt and Ciri. The three prepare to board a boat bound for Aretuza. But the ferryman refuses to leave the port because there's a deadly creature terrorizing the waters. Ciri wants to put her training from Geralt to good use. That spurs our titular witcher to offer the ferryman a deal: if they kill the monster, that grants them free passage. The ferryman heartily accepts.

While on the boat, Jaskier's rival Valdo Marx boards said boat with his troupe. Valdo and Jaskier face off. It's giving Glee vibes. Admittedly, it's a tad cringy and feels out of place in this series. Ciri is merely happy to have entertainment during the long voyage. Meanwhile, Vilgefortz asks Yen what her intentions truly are. Does she have any hidden motives? He doesn't want Tissaia to get hurt, after all.

Later, Dijkstra orders Aplegatt to obtain something important from the Navy commander. Philippa informs Dijkstra that Rience is a mystery in Nilfgaard, too. However, her informant is reliable. All communications go through Lydia (or, as Philippa puts it, "the woman without a voice). The goal is to crash the conclave and bring this information to the Brotherhood. Well, more like interrupting the proceedings to place blame.

Then, Jaskier and Valdo verbally spar on the boat. You know, bard stuff and whatnot. Geralt asks Ciri the real reason she's struggling to use her magic. They also talk about Ciri accepting her birthright and becoming a queen. Yen crashes the funeral for Queen Hedwig, wherein King Vizimir tearfully delivers a eulogy that quickly morphs into a vow for vengeance. Yen invites Philippa to attend the conclave. Upon hearing Yen's intrusion, Vizimir orders his subjects to find ways to attack Nilfgaard for killing his queen. Next, he demands Dijkstra, Philippa and Radovid attend the conclave at Aretuza.

Geralt tells Ciri about what he found at Vuilpanne. He reveals that someone was experimenting on young women and girls, molding them into becoming Ciri. Teryn, the sole survivor, believes she is Ciri. Suddenly, an aeschna leaps onto the boat. Ciri and Geralt tag-team to kill it, with Ciri delivering the final blow by stabbing it through its head. Teamwork makes the dream work. Meanwhile, Yen walks through the portal back to Aretuza. However, she inexplicably arrives on a cliffside. She sees Geralt, who claims Ciri is missing. They must find her.

Suddenly, Geralt attacks Yen. She wards him off and kills him before landing in Aretuza. Of course, that wasn't really Geralt, but an illusion. Someone tried to kill her. Triss and Sabrina sit with Yen and listen to her story. Triss tends to her wound. She mentions the missing novices and the trio wonders if these incidents are connected. Triss urges Yen not to bring Ciri to Aretuza for her safety. After Yen departs, Triss looks at her fingers, which touched Yen's face. She notices they're covered with Stellacite powder.

Fringilla parties it up after escaping Nilfgaard. She's alive! I'm glad someone is having fun in this episode. She overhears the barkeep and a patron talk about the impending war and the increased violence in the Continent. She continues asking for more ale. It takes her using her powers to get their attention.

Later, Yen reunites with Geralt, Ciri and Jaskier. Ciri apologizes for what she said to Yen and for leaving her. Yen accepts and offers her apology in turn. Jaskier and Ciri watch from afar while Geralt and Yen talk. Jaskier proceeds to make up what they're saying. Ciri gets in on the fun. Suddenly, Geralt and Yen kiss.

Jaskier has been tasked with being Ciri's nanny for the night while Geralt and Yen attend the mage ball. Jaskier and Ciri play cards. When she falls asleep, he hears a noise outside. Ever the intrepid explorer, our bard arms himself with his lute and ventures out to attack the interloper head-on. However, he finds Radovid in a shed nearby. Radovid plays Jaskier's song for him. He admits he's glad he met Jaskier amid the mess. Naturally, Jaskier is won over by Radovid's charms. The two kiss.

Next, Cahir approaches Francesca and Filavandrel. He offers an alliance with Nilfgaard and the emperor. He informs them of Gallatin's attempt to overthrow Francesca. Thus, he eliminated the threat. Cahir ensures they can all work together for the greater good despite wanting Ciri for different reasons. The elves will have protection. Francesca accepts Nilfgaard's terms. Then, poor Aplegatt gets an arrow to the throat while en route to the Navy commander. It's just as Ciri envisioned.

Triss informs Istredd about Yennefer getting attacked. She also muses whether the Book of Monoliths has Stellacite dust on it. Perhaps they can conduct a locator spell to find it. So, Istredd and Triss join hands to perform said spell. They see flashes of what appears to be a door. Geralt and Yen suspect Stregobor is behind all the madness. He's experimenting on young girls. He attacked Yen. They don't realize that Lydia (and, in turn, Emhyr) is pulling Rience's strings. They must collect proof that Stregobor is the culprit before indicting him.

Later, we see Geralt and Yen, Triss and Istredd, Philippa and Dijkstra, and Tissaia and Vilgefortz prepare for the pre-conclave ball. Everyone looks hot as hell. These costumes are envyinducing. They all attend the shindig with different motivations: Geralt and Yen hope to catch Stregobor. Triss and Istredd are endeavoring to discover who took the Book of Monoliths. Philippa and Dijkstra want to present what they know about Rience and Nilfgaard so they can point fingers at the Brotherhood. Lastly, Tissaia and Vilgefortz hope everything goes off without a hitch. Save the drama for your mama.

The Art of the Illusion

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Guest Stars:	Lars Mikkelsen (Stregobor), Therica Wilson-Read (Sabrina), Rochelle Rose (Margarita), Terence Maynard (Artorius), Safiyya Ingar (Keira Metz), Aisha Fabienne Ross (Lydia Van Bredevoort), Nathan Armark- wei Laryea (Valdo Marx), Poppy Almond (Bianca), Michalina Olszan- ska (Marti), Philip Philmar (Gerhart), Ryan Hayes (Artaud Terranova), Harvey Quinn (Radcliffe), Mirko Zamperla (Detmold), Daniel Kilkenny (Drithelm), Thomas Billings (Marquard), Bernhard Fuchs (Fercart of Cidaris), Andy Pilgrim (Carduin), Eric Nolan (Dorregaray), Bernardo Santos (Mage)
Summary:	Yennefer and Geralt step out arm in arm and dressed to kill at a lavish ball, but all is not as it seems during a night of revelry and revelations.



The episode opens with Yennefer and Geralt, disrobing for the evening. That ball made for a night to remember, even if we haven't seen a second of it yet. The wine they imbibed contained an aphrodisiac, so it's time to get frisky. They kiss. Now, we flashback to the start of the ball, with Geralt and Yen entering the room like the fashionable, hot couple they are. Yen gives Geralt the lowdown regarding who's who. Margarita, Sabrina, Keira Metz, Artaud Terranova, Artorius and Vilgefortz. And, of course,

Geralt knows Stregobor and Tissaia.

Sabrina tries to pull a telepathic trick on Geralt when he first meets her. Yen orders her to play nice. Yen chats with Tissaia and Vilgefortz about the night's proceedings. She spots Istredd as he walks past her. Philippa attempts to strike up a conversation with the always garrulous Geralt. Dijkstra urges Philippa to let the menfolk talk for a spell. Then, we return to the bedroom after the ball. Yen and Geralt just had sex. He regales her with the story of his chat with Dijkstra. He wants Geralt to side with him. But, to put it more plainly, he wants our titular witcher to hand over Ciri. This garners a resounding "no" from Geralt.

Afterward, Geralt watches while Istredd and Yen talk. Vilgefortz reminds Geralt that Istredd was Yen's first love. First loves are hard to forget. Next, it's time to dance. Yennefer informs Geralt that it's not optional. He looks like me any time I have to partake in a coordinated dance

— terrified. Firstly, Geralt dances with Lydia. He has no clue she can't talk, so he assumes she's being rude when she doesn't respond to his question. Then, he moves on to a particularly handsy and inebriated mage while Yen chats with Artorius about the upcoming conclave. He's still wary of trusting her, but he's trying to keep an open mind.

Then, Geralt dances with Istredd, and Yen interacts with Keira, who's still sour about Yen decapitating one of her patrons. Geralt reunites with Triss, who asks about Ciri. Geralt reassures her that Ciri is safe. After the dance, Geralt and Istredd get into an altercation over Yen. It evolves into a physical fight, much to the delight of the attendees. However, Artaud's penchant for drinking a little too much wins out when he trips. The crowd ignores the fighting men in favor of laughing at Artaud.

Next, we're back in the bedroom post-coitus. Geralt reveals he doesn't want this night to end. He's afraid of what tomorrow's conclave will bring. Yen reassures him that she's not going anywhere. At the ball, Tissaia and Vilgefortz toast to the evening and recognize Yennefer's efforts in organizing the ball and conclave. We return to the start of the evening, with Geralt chatting with Philippa. Philippa informs him about the wine being spiked with an aphrodisiac and the caviar being an illusion. You can't trust what you see...

Philippa puts sex on the table, but Geralt wordlessly rejects her. He only has eyes for his Yennefer. Philippa pulls Yen away for a chat after giving Tissaia, her former BFF, a brusque greeting. Geralt runs into Stregobor, who's being an ass. Geralt threatens to make Stregobor pay for his crimes. Streggy insists he's saving the Continent by ridding it of deadly monsters. He shares that in common with Geralt. Meanwhile, Istredd and Triss impress the importance of finding the Book of Monoliths to Yen. They know Stregobor has it.

Additionally, Triss and Istredd know where Stregobor is hiding the book. Now they can catch him in the act. During the dance, Yen reveals her plan to Geralt. He'll distract the crowd while she searches Stregobor's office for the book. Artaud will also provide some distraction. The signal will be "truce." When Istredd approaches Geralt to apologize, Geralt urges him to follow his lead. That's when they stage the fight. While in Stregobor's office, Yen discovers his fancy vault (we saw the door when Triss and Istredd performed the locator spell in episode four). After opening it, she finds personal belongings from the missing novices and a list of said novices, including Teryn.

Stregobor, alerted that someone was tampering with his stuff, catches Yen searching his vault. Geralt is hot on Streggy's heels. That's when everyone else arrives: Tissaia, Vilgefortz, Artorius, Triss and Istredd. Yen explains how Stregobor is the culprit behind the missing novices, those sadistic experiments on them to morph them into Ciri and the deadly portal attack on her. Istredd pulls the Book of Monoliths out of Streggy's vault. It's an ancient elven tome containing knowledge from before the Conjunction of the Spheres. It tells readers how the human and elf spheres collided. Oh, and how humans could dispose of the elves.

Stregobor denies the accusations even though some things he says feel Nazi-esque. He would've been pro-Aryan if he were a real person. Tissaia decides to hold him until after the conclave so they can have a proper trial. Artorius escorts Stregobor out of his office. The gang celebrates on the dance floor with the toasts. Then, Geralt tells Yen he loves her for the first time. Aww. They seal it with a steamy kiss.

Later, we see Yen and Geralt in the bath. She reveals her conversation with Philippa was quite strange. It was almost as if she wanted Yen to side with her. We flashback to her chat with Philippa at the ball. They spot Lydia before them, prompting Philippa to express pity on the silent woman. She's merely in love, and it's eating away at her. Philippa explains how she and Tissaia had a falling out. She tried to persuade Tissaia not to participate in the First Northern War and not to ally with Vilgefortz. Philippa believes the mages should've let the Continent sort itself out. She thinks the Brotherhood has no place in the future of the Continent.

Philippa asserts she and Yen are the same — they aren't afraid to break the rules. They don't fear power. Yen is done with this conversation, though, and heads over to Istredd. The following morning, we see Geralt and Yen preparing for the conclave. She tells Geralt about Lydia, revealing what he saw of her face is an illusion. She can only communicate telepathically. Geralt divulges his conversation with Vilgefortz at the ball.

Vilgefortz shows Geralt his favorite painting: The First Landing. He insists they have more in common than Geralt realizes. Vilgefortz reveals he was an orphan that had a challenging life. He didn't fit the labels of mage, human, druid, etc., so he chose to become a sorcerer. Vilgefortz

tells Geralt he changed when he met Tissaia. He wagers that Geralt is a different man because of Yen's love, too.

He reveals Yen's presence at Aretuza can only strengthen the Brotherhood. They could use Geralt on their side. What if he trained there? It's time for our fave monster hunter to forgo neutrality and pick a side. Geralt insists on adapting to the world around him — "responding to events." Vilgefortz believes enemies will perpetually surround him if Geralt doesn't pick a side. Next, Yen looks at Tissaia's bracelet that she dropped. The gift from Vilgefortz. Geralt examines it, noting that scarlet ammonite is mined in West Redania. That's where Geralt found Teryn and the other girls.

Yen realizes the corrupt portal took her to the location of The First Landing, aka Vilgefortz's favorite painting. Geralt reveals that Lydia has earrings of the same material: scarlet ammonite. Yen believes Vilgefortz gave Tissaia the bracelet and Lydia the earrings. That's what Philippa was talking about. Lydia's in love with Vilgefortz.

Our lovebirds conclude that Stregobor isn't the culprit, but Vilgefortz is. Yen tries to locate Tissaia with a spell to ensure her safety; however, Geralt insists they don't have time. Yen stays put, though, and urges Geralt to "make sure her path is clear." Geralt exits the bedroom, sword in hand and ready for battle. He hears distant screams. Someone else says, "Secure the Great Hall!" and, "Go! Put a man there!" Sh*t is going down. Suddenly, Dijkstra appears, holding a blade to Geralt's throat. He warned him to pick a side.

Everybody Has a Plan 'til They Get Punched in the Face

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Summary:	Andy Pilgrim (Carduin), Eric Nolan (Dorregaray), Michael J. Brown (Elf) Betrayal and bloodshed rock the conclave when the hunt for Ciri comes to a head. As sides are chosen and enemies unmasked, nothing will ever be the same.



The episode opens with Dijkstra threatening Geralt to join him or die. It's Redania or bust, right? Geralt agrees to accompany Dijkstra. He even leaves his sword behind. Yennefer mutters a quick spell to search for Ciri. She ventures outside her quarters to find Geralt's sword. Then, she escapes through a secret door in the wall while the Aretuza guards, who are Pro-Redania, search for her. Yen psychically reaches out to Ciri and urges her to run.

Meanwhile, Radovid leaves a sleeping Jaskier to hunt for Ciri. He sneaks into her quarters to find she's MIA. Jaskier confronts Radovid, claiming he only slept with him to get to Ciri. Radovid's feelings for Jaskier aren't real. Radovid believes Ciri would be better off in Redania. He also insists his feelings for Jaskier are true. He apologizes before departing.

Next, Dijkstra takes Geralt to what looks like a holding cell for Aretuza's mages — the traitors. Sabrina and Keira appear to be Team Redania, while they have Vilgefortz, the real threat, in chains. Dimeritium shackles repress the mages' magic. Yen encounters Lydia, who tries to kill her. Thankfully, Triss saves the day, entrapping Lydia. Before they leave, Yen appears to kill Lydia.

Tissaia barges into the room where Dijkstra and Philippa keep the "traitors." Dijkstra claims they won't restrain Tissaia out of respect for her. She's the most powerful mage there. The Redanians blame Vilgefortz, claiming he aligns himself with Nilfgaard, but Tissaia doesn't believe them. Geralt, who sits in the corner, refuses to get involved in Brotherhood politics. Same, bro. Same. He spots a fog lingering over the waters. He suspects said fog is magic used to conceal the ships sailing toward them. We see an army of cloaked figures reach for weapons as they make a beeline for Aretuza.

Next, Tissaia frees the bound mages. A fight breaks out between the Redanians and the mages as Dijkstra flees. Geralt follows him. Tissaia finds Vilgefortz in the dance hall, where everyone was enjoying themselves mere hours before. He finally reveals his hand to her. So, who's the cloaked army heading toward them? Why, it's the Scoia'tael, of course. They'll burn down Aretuza in the name of the White Flame, aka Emhyr var Emreis of Nilfgaard. Oh, and Vilgy never loved her. He merely used Tissaia for her resources. He now has no use for her. Cold. My girl was too blinded by Vilgy's hotness to see his deceit.

Vilgefortz removes Aretuza's magical barriers to give the Scoia'tael access. They're led by Francesca. They stand before Tissaia and order her to step aside. Suddenly, the mages appear behind Tissaia, including Artorius and Margarita. All the mages flex their magical muscles as Tissaia puts up a force field to protect them. Unfortunately, the Scoia'tael's archers send arrows with dimeritium tips through said force field. The arrows take out a few mages. Francesca orders Cahir to bring her Ciri.

Meanwhile, Yen finds Ciri outside the castle, safe and sound. She urges Ciri to run away with her. Geralt will find them, as he always does. During the battle, Tissaia kills Filavandrel as the latter jumps in front of Francesca to protect her. Filavandrel literally explodes into bloody bits. Artorius tries to take out Francesca. However, Fringilla steps out of the shadows and murders her uncle before he can act.

Suddenly, Francesca sets her sights on the fiery ring above the hall. She sends it crashing to the ground, catching everything on fire. I like how we see the ring come down through Francesca's eyes.

Later, Ciri and Yen encounter Rience, who tries to set them on fire. There's lots of fire. Ciri retaliates, cutting off two of his fingers. Yen spots Geralt behind Rience and tosses his sword to him. Then, Geralt delivers the final blow — he decapitates Rience.

At Aretuza, Tissaia walks around in shock as the mages fight for their lives against the Scoia'tael. Istredd makes his grand entrance. He and Triss tend to one elder mage who's having a heart attack. Sabrina and Keira, who initially defected, beg Tissaia to let them fight for Aretuza now. They didn't know Vilgefortz would try to destroy Aretuza by way of the Scoia'tael. She silently allows them to join the good side again.

Suddenly, Triss takes an arrow to the shoulder. Istredd pulls it out and urges her to remain calm. He needs her to stay on this plane. She encourages him to search for the Book of Monoliths that was in Stregobor's vault (placed there by Vilgefortz). Tissaia walks onto the balcony and calls up Alzur's Thunder, a last resort. Yen senses what she's doing and understands the gravity of it. Ciri pushes Yen to return to Aretuza to support Tissaia. She vows to return to Ciri and Geralt. Before departing, Yen kisses Ciri and calls her "my daughter."

Meanwhile, we see Alzur's Thunder in action as Tissaia controls the killer lightning bolts. They eradicate their targets instantly. Istredd wanders into Vilgefortz's quarters to retrieve the book. Unfortunately, Vilgy catches him in the act. Then, he sends Istredd through a portal. To where? We don't know. Buh-bye for now. Earlier in the episode, Geralt broke Dijkstra's leg and arm. He sits there in immense pain. Philippa saves him from the brink of death in her owl form. Next, she helps Dijkstra walk out of Aretuza, leaving behind the bloody battle they helped start.

Outside the castle, Ciri and Geralt run into Cahir. Ciri tells Geralt she wants to kill Cahir for what he did to her family. This is vengeance. She tries to fight him while pushing him toward the cliffside. However, Cahir doesn't want to fight her. Instead, he apologizes for what he did in Cintra. He will lay down his life for her now. Before Ciri can act, some soldiers appear, and they spot her. Cahir urges her to flee while he fights them off.

Then, we see Tissaia losing strength as she strikes her enemies with Alzur's Thunder. Her hair is now white. Yen marches onto the battlefield, deftly deflecting Francesca's attacks. Suddenly, Stregobor appears to save the day. He's using fire magic. He orders everyone to flee the scene as he prepares to lay down his life for Aretuza. Meanwhile, Geralt and Ciri find a boat they can use to escape. However, he senses something is amiss. Knowing what it is, he urges Ciri to leave without him. Ciri makes a beeline for Tor Lara.

Geralt confronts Vilgefortz. Vilgefortz still tries to get Geralt on his side as he prepares to fight him. Vilgy talks too much. Not a fan of villains who yammer. He's Pro-Nilfgaard, blah, blah, blah. He and Geralt battle it out. Ciri is now inside Tor Lara, while Stregobor unleashes a seemingly fatal fiery blast that engulfs whoever's left on the battlefield.

Back to Vilgy and Geralt — Geralt gets his ass handed to him. Vilgefortz stabs him a handful of times and destroys his sword before leaving him to die. Then, Vilgy follows Ciri into Tor Lara. He calls out to her, asking her to be his pupil. She tries to speak to Benavent's portal at the top of Tor Lara. Ciri wants to understand it. She raises her hand as if to launch a spell. Vilgefortz orders her to stand down, claiming she's not strong enough to harness this power. Suddenly, a powerful blast knocks Vilgefortz back. Tor Lara explodes.

Meanwhile, Geralt floats in the water as his wounds bleed out. Thankfully, Triss finds him. She's very good at finding folks in the nick of time. Francesca, Fringilla and what's left of the Scoia'tael are outside Aretuza while contemplating their next move. Francesca desperately wants to locate Ciri. Yennefer embraces Tissaia as they watch Aretuza go up in flames alongside the other mages. Tor Lara continues to crumble from the explosion. It all looks pretty damn bleak for the mages.

Out of the Fire, Into the Frying Pan

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Guest Stars:	Meng'er Zhang (Milva), Jodhi May (Calanthe), Gaia Mondadori
	(Pavetta), Hiftu Quasem (Falka), Lorna Brown (Eithné), Nicholas
	Karimi (Skomlik), Andrew Lee Potts (Remiz), Diany Samba-Bandza
	(Dryad Warrior)
Summary:	Haunted by faces from the past, Ciri endures the ultimate test of sur-
	vival on a desperate journey under the harshest of conditions.



The episode opens with Ciri landing in the Korath desert from the portal in Tor Lara. Meanwhile, Jaskier walks through Aretuza post-battle. It's seen better days. He finds Radovid chilling in a room. Apparently, he was looking for his guards. Radovid fills Jaskier in on what's happened. You know, Vilgefortz conspired with Nilfgaard. It's suspected that Emhyr var Emreis, aka Ciri's papa, took the Continent by surprise, starting a second war. Jaskier offers to help Radovid escape

Aretuza by having him stay with some

friends. Radovid wants Jasky to accompany him on this journey. However, our Bard must find his family. Radovid suggests Jaskier start with Geralt because he's unsure if Ciri survived the Tor Lara explosion. Next, Jaskier reunites with Yennefer, who reveals she searched the rubble of Tor Lara and didn't locate Ciri. Oh, and Triss took Geralt to Brokilon to heal because he might be dying.

Speaking of Brokilon, Eithné and her dryads tend to Geralt. Milva reveals that Geralt is dying, so they must act fast. Geralt weakly urges the dryads to let him die, but Eithné is having none of it. They'll save him. Ciri wakes in the desert, alone and afraid. She holds the talisman Yen gave her and whispers a spell to whisk her home. Unfortunately, it doesn't work. But behind her, we see a cloaked figure in the distance. Is it a mirage? Discovering where she is, Ciri charts a path out of the desert and hopefully to a place with food and water. She starts walking.

Next, Ciri wakes up after falling asleep under the sun. Her face is peppered with burn marks and blisters. Ciri pulls out a small jar and applies a salve to her burns. Then, she begins licking its contents for sustenance. She drops the jar before continuing on her journey. As the night sky dazzles with stars, Ciri sings a song to herself. She's inundated with images of Geralt and Yen and their brief time as a true family. She falls to her knees and sobs. Once the sun rises the following day, Ciri fashions a makeshift scarf out of part of her vest. At one point, Ciri spots what looks like a puddle of water. However, she runs her hands through a gooey substance, giving way to a sand monster bursting through the surface. Thankfully, a unicorn saves her. Yen had told her about their existence, but Ciri didn't believe her. Ciri tries to pet the unicorn. He has personal boundaries, though, and there's nothing wrong with that.

Then, Ciri finds a lizard and her nest. She tries eating one of its eggs, slurping it up like a smoothie. Yum. She hallucinates her mother, Pavetta, who embraces her. However, their conversation turns toxic when Pavetta claims Ciri is "too much" for her loved ones. Talk about an unsupportive mother. She calls Ciri a "heavy weight to bear." Ciri retaliates, telling the spirit of her mom that she wanted to get on that boat with Pavetta. Pavetta disappears. After that, Ciri relocates the lizard and takes a bite out of it.

Next, Ciri sees visions of Vilgefortz taking down Geralt and Lydia choking Yennefer. She winds up sitting in front of the cloaked figure that has been lingering on the edge of our periphery. We've seen this figure pop up a few times thus far. This person can relate to Ciri as a princess. She claims she tried to change things, but the system failed her. The enigmatic figure reveals that Ciri might think she has the power to implement change; however, so many women before her felt the same. Cloaked Lady (CL) is mysterious and cryptic, like any good Ghost of Christmas Past/Present/Future.

Later, Ciri wakes up in the desert with her unicorn buddy looming above her. He leads her to water, which she eagerly drinks. It invigorates her. Then, Ciri hallucinates another figure from her life — Calanthe. The dead Cintra queen taunts Ciri like her daughter did. Calanthe asks Ciri what she's done to prepare for the coming war. Ciri bites back at her grandmother's taunting, reminding Calanthe that she was in charge when Cintra was razed to the ground.

In another fit of rage, Ciri punches the rock next to her after Calanthe disappears. She reunites with Cloaked Lady, who finally reveals her identity: Falka, the Redanian princess who led a rebellion before burning at the stake. Ciri encounters a vicious creature that emerges from the sands the following morning. Thankfully, she incorporates her physical training from Geralt and kills the monster by striking it repeatedly in the head with a rock. Unfortunately, the unicorn becomes collateral damage, suffering a nasty wound.

Ciri applies a bandage to the injury before helping the unicorn to its feet. That evening, Ciri slowly removes the bandage. Now, the wound is infected. Her unicorn pal might die. Ugh, this is par for the course in hard fantasy — the cute horsie always dies. Falka returns and encourages Ciri to harness the fire she started to heal the unicorn. Ciri recalls what Yen told her about the repercussions of practicing fire magic. Falka's like, "F*ck that. Save your horned horsie!" Ciri holds her hand above the flames. She absorbs some fire through her palm. Then, she applies that to the unicorn's wound, which heals instantly. The unicorn flees, though.

Falka urges Ciri to cut loose anyone scared of who she is and what she can do. She pushes Ciri to embrace the fire. Become one with it. We see the flames consume her bodily. Could we get Dark Ciri here? However, upon envisioning the deaths of Geralt, Yennefer and Jaskier, Ciri has a change of heart. Sure, the fire feels good, and having this ability feels natural, like breathing. But she doesn't want to lose her loved ones. She claims she doesn't want this power anymore.

Then, Ciri wakes up to see a few men standing above her. They recognize her and decide to take her captive. Uh-oh. This can't be how her soul-searching journey ends.

Meanwhile, Jaskier asks the dryads to let him enter Brokilon so he can be by Geralt's side. Initially, the dryads hesitate to grant him entry until he starts singing in Elven. Milva allows him access. He finds Geralt convalescing, but he looks like he might be on death's door. Jaskier informs him about Ciri and how she's en route to Nilfgaard.

The Cost of Chaos

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Summary:	After the fateful events at Aretuza, Geralt and Yennefer struggle to pick
	up the pieces and reunite their family as war comes to the Continent.



The episode opens with Milva hunting for grouse in Brokilon. Upon successfully catching one, she tries to get Geralt to eat. However, Geralt is stubborn as all get-out, so he refuses. Milva confronts Eithné about it. Why is it so important to save him? Eithné reminds her that she wasn't exactly in the best place when Brokilon took her in. Plus, Milva owes a debt. Then, Jaskier sits with Geralt as the dryads attempt to use their special water to treat Geralt's wounds. Unfortunately, it doesn't work. After all, he's a mutant,

not a human.

Geralt says, "F*ck it," and hobbles out of bed with a walking stick. Milva knocks it out of his hand, sending him groundward. He's clearly not in fighting shape. How can he save Ciri if he's not at full strength? The humor in this scene doesn't work for me. It feels forced. Anyway, Yennefer is doing her best to search for Ciri outside Brokilon. She asks Crach an Craite for any updates regarding her location. He only knows she's bound for Nilfgaard. Crach an Craite believes that if Ciri becomes Pro-Nilfgaard, he and his crew must support her. Yen surmises it's all Vilgefortz's doing.

Later, Yen, Tissaia, Rita, Triss, Sabrina and Keira arrive at Vuilpanne, the castle where Geralt found Teryn. They're looking for Ciri. Philippa is already there. They don't find Ciri, but they

discover the grotesque creature Geralt fought, a composite of Aretuza novices — the ones missing courtesy of Vilgefortz. Tissaia claims they can reverse the spell if they all work together. After casting it, we see three girls on the ground instead of the monster.

While departing, Philippa and Tissaia have it out. Philippa accuses Tissaia of being blinded by Vilgefortz's charms, while Tissaia believes that Philippa's move to disarm the Brotherhood was to impress King Vizimir and step outside Dijkstra's shadow. Side note: white hair suits Tissaia. Yen defuses the situation by reminding the mages of their mission: to protect the Continent from chaos. They must rebuild Aretuza. Meanwhile, Fringilla and Francesca arrive in Nilfgaard to reunite with the emperor. They present a proposition to Emhyr var Emreis.

The army should seize control of Xin'trea's ports and the Yaruga — a critical supply chain of Temeria. Fringilla wants to serve as Imperial Governor of Xin'trea, as someone with Nilf-gaard's best interests at heart, with Francesca and the elves finally getting a place to call home. Francesca hopes to take the Scoia'tael there, too. Emhyr only allows Francesca to take the sick and elderly, aka those who cannot fight, and disown the Scoia'tael. He needs them to fight for him. Francesca rejects that, claiming he views her army as dispensable. He gives her an ultimatum: either save some of her people, or they all die.

Next, Dijkstra reunites with King Vizimir, who's posing for a painting. According to the king, the Thanedd coup was a disaster, and there's a good chance Dijkstra and Philippa left his brother to die. Vizimir reveals that someone must pay and makes it clear he plans to kill Philippa. Uh-oh. Meanwhile, Geralt tries to train while healing in Brokilon, but Milva reminds him to rest. While Milva seems content with staying put, Geralt says he's not. She tells him it's not that she's scared to leave; she's merely terrified of what she'll do to those who hurt her.

Milva asks Geralt about Renfri's brooch. He explains it belonged to someone he killed (Renfri), and it serves as a reminder. He keeps it with him always. At Aretuza, Yen checks in with Tissaia. She feels awful that Vilgefortz and his crew attacked Aretuza on her watch. Tissaia beats herself up for falling for his ruse. Yennefer gives her mentor a pep talk. She's Tissaia Flippin' de Vries. She's a badass! Triss pops in to reveal they're starting the funeral for the novices they found at Vuilpanne. Tissaia encourages Yen to go and says she'll be behind her. As Yen joins the procession, we see Tissaia write a letter to her. Oh, no.

Suddenly, Yen feels a sharp pain, like a signal alerting her to something wrong. Yen runs into Tissaia's office to find her on the ground in a pool of her blood. Tissaia is gone. Yennefer sobs over her body. This is so heartbreaking. RIP, Tissaia. You deserved better. Later, Yen heads to Brokilon to see Geralt. They reunite. She tells him about Tissaia's death. She also confesses that she couldn't find Ciri. They embrace. He vows to get her back so they can be together as a family. Yen makes Geralt promise her that they'll see each other again before using magic to heal his wounds. Well ... she might not see this version of Geralt again.

Meanwhile, Radovid returns to Redania, much to Vizimir's delight. He asks his brother if he's free to leave the castle. Someone out there needs him. Vizimir grants him permission. Radovid credits Philippa with him leaving the Thanedd coup alive. She claims she has a grand plan to remedy the egregious error that was said coup. Vizzy just needs to trust her.

Dijkstra enters Philippa's quarters, seemingly to kill her. However, he hands her his blade and orders her to take his life. Relieved, Philippa reveals she's glad she can trust him. Oh, and he shouldn't worry about the whole Vizimir thing — she's got a foolproof plan in place to protect them both.

Next, Fringilla and Francesca have a heart-to-heart. Francesca reveals she's going to take Emhyr's deal. Fringilla urges her to reconsider. Then, she drops a bombshell: Emhyr was the one who killed Francesca's baby. Francesca can't believe Fringilla knew all this time and didn't utter a word. Fringilla confesses she was trying to get in Emhyr's good graces, so she told him about Francesca's child. Francesca vows to make Emhyr and Fringilla pay. Well, there goes that alliance.

Then, we see Eva slice Vizimir's throat. Dijkstra and Philippa emerge after it's done. Clearly, that was Philippa's grand plan. Radovid arrives, horrified and grief-stricken at the sight. Philippa seizes the opportunity to crown Radovid the next King of Redania. Everyone chants, "Long live the King!" while bowing before Radovid. It looks like he won't be reuniting with Jaskier after all. Meanwhile, at Aretuza, Yen and the mages continue their cleanup while contemplating their next move. No more tears will be shed. It's time for action. Yen believes they need to ensure this doesn't happen again.

Later, Dara chats with Jaskier about his association with Ciri. He also reveals why he left the Scoia'tael and prefers the company at Brokilon. He didn't like the Scoia'tael swearing fealty to Nilfgaard. Dara asks Geralt to pass on a message to Ciri: He forgives her and is sorry, too. After their chat with Dara, Geralt and Jaskier make an elixir that's a twist on Vesemir's. Geralt downs it before resuming his training. Once again, Milva kicks his ass.

In Nilfgaard, Emperor Emhyr, Vilgefortz and the court welcome Ciri home with open arms. Vilgefortz is missing some of his face courtesy of the Tor Lara explosion. Good. When Ciri stands before Emhyr, we see it's not actually Ciri but Teryn, the girl Geralt rescued who thought she was Ciri for a spell. Speaking of Ciri, our girl is tied up with Kayleigh, a member of The Rats, in a tavern, no thanks to their captors. They plan to bring her to Emhyr in Nilfgaard.

Suddenly, the other Rats appear to rescue Kayleigh. There's Mistle, Giselher, Iskra, Asse and Reef. If you recall, we met Mistle in an earlier Season 3 episode. The Rats are a Geso gang of criminals. Anyway, they kick Ciri's captors' asses. However, one of them grabs her, holding a blade to her throat. Once the rest of this man's buddies are dead, Mistle allows the man to fight for his life. She tosses a sword to Ciri. Ciri and this man battle it out, with our girl delivering the killing blow.

Later, Geralt and Jaskier are at a toll area as they attempt to enter Nilfgaard. While they don't have their papers, Geralt offers Renfri's brooch as payment, which the guard accepts. However, Geralt notices the guard rejects the family behind him. Said guard rips a stuffed animal from the child's hands, too. Naturally, our witcher won't stand for injustice. While Geralt battles this guard and some soldiers, Yen writes a letter to him — her "friend." As for Geralt's fight, only a handful of soldiers remain.

Suddenly, Milva swiftly kills them with her arrows from quite a distance. Geralt catches the only remaining guard, who treated that family like sh*t, and orders him to tell Emhyr that our witcher is coming for him. He's going to get Ciri back. After delivering that threat, Geralt returns the stuffed animal to the family. Now officially part of the team, Milva tags along with Geralt and Jaskier. Someone's getting more screen time in Season 4! I like Meng'er Zhang, so this is good. As the trio grabs horses for departure, we see Renfri's brooch on the ground. Geralt doesn't go back for it.

Back at that tavern, Ciri stands in shock after killing that man. The Rats are unsure of what to do with her as they steal what they can. Well, they know she's highborn and can wield a sword. Mistle asks Ciri for her name. Ciri merely says, "Falka."

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0102 (Nonim)
Jo Rolison 1
0308 (Dryad 1)
Rochelle Rose
0303 (Margarita); 0304 (Margarita); 0305 (Margarita);
0306 (Margarita); 0308 (Margarita)
Aisha Fabienne Ross7
0205 (Lydia van Bredevoort); 0206 (Lydia van Bre-
devoort); 0207 (Lydia van Bredevoort); 0208
(Lydia van Bredevoort); 0303 (Lydia Van Bre-
dovoort); 0305 (Lydia Van Bredevoort); 0306
(Lydia Van Bredevoort)
Edward Rowe1
0208 (King Henselt of Kaedwen)
Tristan Ruggeri1
0108 (Young Geralt)
Robert Ryan
0201 (Nilfgaard Soldier); 0208 (Distinguished Lord)

S

0203 (King Henselt of Kaedwen)
Bernardo Santos
0202 (Northern Soldier); 0305 (Mage)
Sonny Ashbourne Serkis
0101 (Martin); 0208 (Martin)
Amit Shah
0102 (Torque)
Lucy Sheen 1
0206 (Nilfgaard Nurse)
Josette Simon
0104 (Eithne); 0105 (Eithne)
Ella-Rae Smith
0107 (Fola)
Kembe Sorel1
0107 (Hegor's Friend 2)
Philippe Spall1
0105 (Hemet)
Alexander Squires1
0205 (Young Geralt)
Freddie Stabb 1
0302 (Mardale)
Eper Stinner1
0102 (Novice #1)
Jim Sturgeon2
0302 (Aplegatt); 0304 (Aplegatt)
Balázs Szitás 1
0102 (Drunk Guy)
Alexandra Szucs 1
0101 (Isadora)

Т

Colette Tchantcho
0106 (Véa) Ross Telfer1
0104 (Draig Bon Dhu)
Stuart Thompson 1
<mark>0303</mark> (Fabio)
Jason Thorpe1
0103 (Lord Ostrit)
Gudmundur Thorvaldsson 1
0103 (Remus)
E. Richard Tirado2
0203 (King Demavend of Aedirn); 0208 (King De-
mavend of Aedirn)
Nóra Trokán2
0104 (Dryad General); 0105 (Dryad General)
Roland Tzafetás1
0108 (Black Box Mage)

V

Eliza Varga 1 0102 (Doralis)
Veronika Varga
0101 (Cintra Upper Class Woman)
Balázs Veres
0101 (Nilfgaardian Soldier / Citran Knight); 0104
(Nilfgaardian Soldier / Citran Servant); 0105
(Nilfgaardian Soldier); 0107 (Nilfgaardian Sol-
dier); 0108 (Nilfgaardian Soldier)

W

Steve Wall
0106 (Boholt)
Cal Watson 4
0302 (Eva); 0303 (Eva); 0304 (Eva); 0308 (Eva)
Anneke Weerts 1
0105 (Gatherer Dryad)

Josh Weller
0304 (Boris)
Richard van Weyden 1
0105 (Giant Bald Guard)
Kristóf Widder1
0101 (Nilfgaardian Officer)
Ben Wiggins 1
0105 (The Adonis)
George Wigzell1
0301 (Prood)
Therica Wilson-Read10
0102 (Sabrina); 0103 (Sabrina); 0108 (Sabrina); 0203
(Sabrina); 0302 (Sabrina); 0303 (Sabrina); 0304
(Sabrina); 0305 (Sabrina); 0306 (Sabrina); 0308
(Sabrina)
Kate Winter1
0303 (Nilfgaardian Palace Worker)
Jack Wolfe 1
0108 (Nadbor)
Sam Woolf 4
0301 (Rience); 0302 (Rience); 0303 (Rience); 0306
(Rience)
Becky Wright 1
0103 (Striga (voice))
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Scott Alexander Young	 	•••	1
0103 (Innkeeper / Rural Inn)			

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Kaine Zajaz6
0202 (Gage); 0203 (Gage); 0205 (Gage); 0206 (Gage);
0208 (Gage); 0301 (Gage)
Adam Zambryzcki1
0104 (Mage)
Mirko Zamperla
0305 (Detmold); 0306 (Detmold)
Meng'er Zhang
0307 (Milva); 0308 (Milva)