

ARSEN EPISODE 3
"The Fight and the Flight"

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Characters present: Aurelie, Kailen, Narrator, Announcer,
Violetta, Gregor, Shelby, Dominic, Nyx, Draven

ANNOUNCER

Welcome to Arsen, a magical Audio Drama, storytelling experience. Arsen contains swearing, illusions to sexual themes as well as themes of violence. Thank you, and enjoy this episode of Arsen.

AURELIE

Ok. The park is just a short walk from here. I can be there in 5 minutes... I just have to keep my head down. And go..

SFX: MYSTICAL MUSIC/ MAGIC IS HAPPENING

AURELIE

what's going on?

NARRATOR

As Aurelie stood in the parking lot of her hotel she was greeted by a sensation unlike any she had ever experienced. There was a shell around her. A bubble of protection, safety. She couldn't see it or attempt to explain it, but she knew it was there. She made her way through the dark streets of her hometown and at this hour it seemed impossibly quiet, still...frozen. Everything around her stood immobile as if a part of a snapshot. She walked past the ghost like store fronts. The snow in the air hung

still, as if made of stone. The water in the fountain was stopped mid air. She paused to examine it. She moved from side to side trying to find a flaw. Trying to see the strings, wires, anything to explain what was happening before her eyes. Racking her brain for some explanation. There had to be something. But there was nothing. Nothing was moving. Except her. The world had stopped turning. Time stopped all together and yet there Aurelie was, walking through it like magic.

AURELIE

Where's that letter...

AURELIE AND KAILEN

"It will only work for a short amount of time so be quick"

AURELIE

Ok... yeah this is totally fine. I'm just wearing a cloak that stops time. That's a normal Tuesday really.

NARRATOR

The warning was true, as Aurelie stood gawking at the suspended snowflakes, they slowly resumed falling. Inch by inch, miniscule

increments almost but she knew her time was running short. So
she ran.

SFX: RUNNING ON PAVEMENT/ CHASE MUSIC

AURELIE

Almost.. There... Shit. The snow is falling.

SFX: THE SOUND OF A FIRE IGNITING

AURELIE

(Gasping) Oh my god!

GREGOR

Aurelie... Stop running. There's no point. We will catch you.

DRAVEN (menacingly)

Don't be afraid Aurelie.

AURELIE

Leave me alone!

GREGOR

Just stop Aurelie. You'll never out run us.

AURELIE

Shut up!

DRAVEN (seductive)

We aren't going to hurt you, unless you make us.

KAILEN

Aurelie! Hurry! Get to the bridge! I'm here!

AURELIE

Who are..

KAILEN

No time to explain!

GREGOR

It's too late Aurelie! What he wants. HE gets.

DRAVEN

And he would like to meet you.

AURELIE

Stop!

KAILEN

Aurelie look out! Behind you!

NARRATOR

Aurelie ducked her head just in time as a flash of light flew past her and impacted a tree ahead, just missing the figure calling to her from the bridge. The fire's bright green flame illuminated the area just enough that she could see the silhouette of a tall muscular warrior. She didn't dare glance back at her assailants, her feet flew as the bridge came into sight.

AURELIE

Hello! Help me please.

KAILEN

Get to the bridge!

AURELIE

Who are you!

KAILEN

Hide! now!

NARRATOR

Aurelie rushed under the bridge and cradled her head in her hands and felt a rush of wind as the warrior blew past her and toward the assailants.

SHELBY

I've got your back Kailen!

NYX

On your right Shelby!

SHELBY

I see him.

DRAVEN

Resistance is pointless!

SHELBY

You obviously don't know us.

DRAVEN

Too bad I never will.

SFX: FIGHTING WITH SWORDS, GRUNTS FROM BOTH SHELBY AND

DRAVEN

NYX

SHELBY! Here!

NARRATOR

Nyx tosses her sword through the air towards Shelby, just as she catches it she uses it to pierce her opponent.

DRAVEN

(painful noises) you... will regret that.

SHELBY

No, I don't think I will.

SFX: DRAVEN TAKES DEEP PAINFUL BREATHS UNTIL HE DIES.

DOMINIC

I've got the portal. Won't hold for long! Hurry up.

SFX: CLASHING SWORDS.

KAILEN

Unseelie! Leave at once!

GREGOR

You can't hide her forever Fairy Scum!

KAILEN

Watch me!

GREGOR

You are a skilled fighter, But I am stronger.

KAILEN

I haven't even started.

SFX: FIGHTING SOUNDS, GRUNTS FROM THE TWO. A BLOW AND A
GASP IN PAIN FROM GREGOR

GREGOR

(panting) You.. will .. never.. Stop us... we will find ... her...

SFX: A MAGIC SOUND, AS GREGOR DISAPPEARS.

NYX

Shit! HE got away.

SHELBY

I'll go after him. He's wounded, he won't get far.

KAILEN

HE is not our mission.

SFX: WALKING ON PAVEMENT. SHEATHING A SWORD

KAILEN

Good work on the other Shelby. Nyx. Gather what you can.

NYX

On it.

SHELBY

Were they alone?

KAILEN

I'm not sure.

DOMINIC

(struggling to hold a magical portal) Anytime guys.. Really.

KAILEN

Aurelie.

AURELIE

Who the hell are you people! Who the hell were they and What the hell was that! Adn what the hell is wrong with your eyes? WHy are they glowing?!

KAILEN

My name is Kailen Quillwasp, I am a commander of the royal guard of LaFresia. I am your guardian. It is my job to protect you.

These are members of my team. We can exchange proper introductions when we get you to safety.

AURELIE

What is going on here.

KAILEN

Not here milady. We must get to LaFresia. All will be explained there, I promise you. We are too exposed here. There may be more of them nearby.

AURELIE

I'm sorry.. More of what?

KAILEN

Unseelie. I spoke of them in my letter.

AURELIE

What.. the hell is going on.. Oh my god.

KAILEN

Aurelie, breathe please. I will explain everything to you, but
you have to come with me. Please just trust me.

NARRATOR

Kailen reached a reassuring hand out to Aurelie, his fingers
brushed her upper arm, as if that's where it hurt, but just as
his skin met hers he recoiled in pain.

KAILEN

Owww (an exclamation of pain. As if you were just burnt)

AURELIE

Are you ok?

KAILEN

Yes. I'm fine. (inquisitive) Extraordinary. How did you do that?

AURELIE

Do what?

KAILEN

Shield yourself

DOMINIC (strained)

Please... We must... go.

AURELIE

I am not going anywhere with you.

SHELBY

Just let me grab her and we'll be on our way.

AURELIE

Stay away from me!

NYX

Nice going Shelby now you scared her even more.

KAILEN

Nyx, the dust?

NYX

Useless.

KAILEN

Damnit. Arsen was right.

AURELIE

Somebody please explain what the hell is going on here ! Right
now!

SHELBY

Lower your voice right now human or I swear I will give you
something to scream about.

NYX

Real charming.

DOMINIC (strained)

I cannot hold this much longer and I don't believe you all want
to wait until next moonlight to get out of here.

KAILEN

Aurelie please. You can trust me. I worked for your parents.

AURELIE

No... no you didn't. They sold insurance.

SHELBY

I'm losing my patience Kailen.

KAILEN

Damnit Aurelie, we cannot stay here. There could be another
Unseelie any moment.

AURELIE

How do I know I can trust you?!

KAILEN

Please.

VIOLETTA

(a voice in the back of her mind, almost dreamlike)

Trust him my darling. He's a friend. He will protect you.

AURELIE

Did you hear that?

NYX

Hear what?

AURELIE

My mother's voice...

KAILEN

Fairy Bridges are known to hold memories of loved ones. What did
she say?

AURELIE

She said to trust you.

KAILEN

Do you intend to take her advice?

AURELIE

I... Wait. You're bleeding.

KAILEN

Please don't worry. It's nothing..

AURELIE

Are you kidding? This is deep.. I need to stop the bleeding!

NYX

Don't worry about it kid seriously.

DOMINIC

Whoa.. um why is she taking her shirt off?

SFX: TAKING A SHIRT OFF

KAILEN

(Uncomfortable) Um.. What are you doing milady?

AURELIE

I needed something to apply pressure. I still have a tank top on, you don't have to look away. (looks at the wound) You're going to need stitches. I have my medical bag in my hotel room..

We can..

SFX: A MYSTICAL JINGLE LIKE SOUND

KAILEN

There's no need for that.

AURELIE

What are you doing! You're losing a lot of blood you need to let me..

KAILEN

Look.

AURELIE

Where.. Where's the cut? You were just. It was just... How did you?

SHELBY (laughs)

Magic, dear.

KAILEN

I will explain everything.. But we have to go. Now.

AURELIE

Ok... I trust you.

NARRATOR

KAILEN took a large step towards Aurelie and tentatively went to lower his hands onto her shoulders, once he was sure he could touch her without harm he grasped her arms in his hands and pulled her closer.

AURELIE

Whoa.. um. Do you have to be so.. Close?....how do you do that>

KAILEN

Do what?

AURELIE

Your eyes...

KAILEN

What about them?

AURELIE

They're glowing.. Like bright blue. Just like your sword. All
of your eyes.. They are all glowing?

NYX

It's a fairy thing.

DOMINIC

(The struggle is real, almost going to lose concentration)

Now or never people!

KAILEN

Hold on tight Ms. Sharp.

AURELIE

Why?

NARRATOR

Aurelie barely had enough time to wrap her arms around his waist before the bridge began glowing bright blue under his touch. And suddenly the ground beneath them fell away.

SFX: FALLING SOUNDS< MAGICAL MUSIC> KINDA INTENSE, THE SOUND OF
SEVERAL PAIRS OF FAIRY WINGS

AURELIE

Oh my god. Oh my god. Oh my god! I'm going to die.

SHELBY

Ten bucks says She's going to pass out.

NYX

I'll take that action.

KAILEN

Aurelie, open your eyes.. look.

AURELIE

No thanks.

KAILEN

Open your eyes. You're safe.

AURELIE

Oh my god.. We're.. We're flying.

SHELBY

Ding ding ding we have a winner.

NYX

And you owe me ten bucks.

KAILEN

Welcome to LaFresia Aurelie.

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