

Royal betrayal

We are in Stornoc, a kingdom situated in an island near Canada. Connor, a 20 years old knight of the kingdom was sharpened his sword with a stone when a girl entered his bedroom. It was Kate, Connor's girlfriend, who came to tell him that he had to go to the castle. As a matter of fact, the King himself invited Connor to a meeting with the other knights of Stornoc. Connor got up from his bed and left his house kissing Kate. Arrived at destination, he saw that the room was full of men and was surprised to see Mike, his cousin, who was quiet like everyone in this room. « Don't be shy Connor. Sit down. » said the King to Connor.

He sat down and the meeting began.

« Sirs. I have something very important to tell you. I think that you noticed that it's a long time we weren't been attacked. Stornoc has been very quiet since the last assault eight years ago. » the King explained.

- « But it's a good news if the kingdom is peaceful. Where is the problem, My Lord? » a man answered him.

Suddenly, Mike stood up from his chair saying to the King :

« Sorry your Majesty but I really need to leave the meeting. It's very important. May I? »

- « You can but hurry up Mike. » the King gave his permission to Mike who left very rapidly the meeting room.

« What a strange reaction for a meeting! » said a man who was more surprised than the King.

« I'm sorry for this interruption. Let's continue, please. » said the King to everyone.

« Yes I think you are right. According to me, we should prepare for an assault. Something is telling me that we are threatening. » explained a general of the army.

« Don't worry sirs. You know that we have to hear the horn if we are attacked. But there is no sound of horn in the kingdom. We are peaceful. There is no danger and there is no reason to be worried, My Lord. » another knight reassured the King.

« Maybe but... »

Suddenly, a big noise resonated not far the castle.

« What is it? » asked Connor.

That noise interrupted the meeting when a voice rang outside: « We are attacked ! We are attacked! Protect the King! ». Through the balcony, people in the meeting room saw all the scene: many soldiers were killing all the people of the kingdom, even women and children. Of

course, almost all the knights of Stornoc defended them but there were too numerous. Powerless in front of this massacre, the King sent all the members of the meeting in the throne room to protect them. On the way, Kate joined them with other guards who escorted her to the castle.

They entered the throne room with the other. « Here we are safe. You don't have to be afraid. But who organized the assault? » said the King.

Suddenly, stones began to fall from the roof.

« What the... » said the King.

Then the roof began to be destroyed and all the people present in the throne room saw someone they didn't expect to see. The roof was destroyed by two giants who began to take soldiers and threw them away. « We have to go out right now ! » cried Connor.

All of them went toward the way out when Connor noticed something strange behind the throne. He checked what it was and saw stairs leading to the catacombs of the castle. He wanted to warn them but a big part of the roof fell and crushed them and killed all of them. Shocked and powerless in front of this scene, Connor left the throne room by the catacombs. Here, he knew he was safe because no giants had seen him go to the catacombs. But another part of the roof destroyed by the giants fell and blocked the stairs to go out when Connor saw a ladder not far. He climbed it and saw a lot of dead bodies outside. Connor was the only survivor of the assault when he heard a voice saying « Sir, they are all dead. »

- « We won guys. Stornoc is destroyed. Let's leave these wracks. » said Mike to his guards. As a matter of fact, Mike's army killed everyone in the kingdom. Connor was hidden behind a broken wall listening the conversation. Then, Mike's army left the fallen kingdom. After that, Connor wanted to cry seeing these dead bodies but his anger was more powerful than his sadness and walked hoping to find a survivor. But everyone was dead and the kingdom was quiet. So he entered the castle to take his things and leave Stornoc.

Connor walked for three days, very tired when he saw a little hut not far. Then, he fainted near the hut when an old man came to help him. After a while, Connor woke up and saw his savior who said: « I have been waiting for you for a long time young warrior. Please sit down. How do you feel? »

- « I'm fine thank you old man but how do you know me and who are you? » asked Connor very surprised.

- « I'm a soothsayer and I know what happened in Stornoc. Moreover I see a very powerful source of magic in you. »

- « What ? Magic power ? You are kidding me old man. I don't believe you. Magic power is only in fairy tales for children. » said Connor with irony.

- « Stop calling me old man Connor and believe me. Look and draw this symbol with your finger. »

The soothsayer showed him a strange symbol on a paper. Thinking he was right, Connor did what he said when he felt his finger very hot and the old man told him to send the magic with his finger when he saw that he sent a fireball. Then the soothsayer showed him another symbol that Connor drew with his finger when he saw an ice breeze in front of his finger. He was very surprised and the old man said: « You know how to use magic power. Now you are ready for the battle against Mike ». Then, Connor left soothsayer's hut and continued his way with a horse. He knew that his uncle could help him to fight against Mike's army.

He arrived in front of the gate of the kingdom. Two guards were securing the entry and, when they saw Connor, they opened him the gate. Connor dismounted and continued on foot following the way that lead to the castle when he saw his uncle who approached saying: « My dear Connor! My dear nephew! Welcome! How are you, my boy? »

« Uncle Sullivan! It's you? I missed you so much these last years! »

They embraced and went to the castle to discuss. Connor explained him all the situation and asked his uncle for help. He was his last hope to stop Mike. Sullivan knew he had to help his nephew teaching him how to fight against these fantastic creatures because he knew that Mike got many dangerous creatures such as giants in his army.

So Sullivan took his nephew to a big plain when two giants came toward them running. Without hesitation, Connor used his ice magic against once of the giant and killed the other with his fire magic. The two giants died then his uncle showed him a new magic symbol that would be very useful against flying creatures such as dragons. Connor was ready to test his new power when a big dragon approached. He drew the symbol with his finger and sent the magic toward the flying monster that crashed on the ground like a stone. Connor's uncle felt that his nephew was ready for the final battle against Mike's army and gave his army to Connor. However, Connor wanted to ask a question to his uncle: « Why don't you come with me to Mike's kingdom? »

- « Because I'm old and I don't think I will be useful for the battle. You are younger than me and it's your fight, not mine. » explained Sullivan.

After that, they returned to the castle to plan the assault. Connor decided to attack just before the night because this is when the soldiers went to sleep and they would be less numerous outside. Sullivan told to all his troops to prepare themselves for the battle. Arrived at destination, Connor ordered all the men to send the assault and they ran toward Mike's kingdom. They entered the kingdom and began to kill all the enemy knights when more troops came to try to defend their kingdom. Of course, Connor killed the giants first and noticed that Mike's army was powerless. So he decided to go to the throne room to fight his cousin Mike. There, both of them fought with brutality for more than one hour when Connor cut Mike's arm before piercing him with his sword. Even if Connor was breathless, he was happy because he got his revenge. Then he left the throne room to announce their victory and was rather surprised to win so easily against Mike's army. So Connor decided to become the king of Mike's kingdom and named it Stornoc, like his fallen kingdom.