*Excalibur* (film version of Sir Thomas Malory’s novel *Morte d’Arthur,* which was a compilation of all the known stories about Arthur and his knights).

England is at war (the powerful Uther and the Duke of Cornwall against each other). They make a truce, but Uther wants to have the Duke’s wife Ygraine for himself…so they’re back at war after a day.

Uther asks Merlin to help him sleep with Ygraine—Merlin agrees to make him look like the Duke so he can sleep with her, if Uther will give the child that results to Merlin, which Uther agrees to.

The Duke is killed in battle while Uther is sleeping with Ygraine…Morgan/Morgana the daughter of Ygraine and the Duke, has the “second sight and sees her father’s death…so she knows the man with her mother isn’t her father.

Ygraine learns that her husband was dead when she was sleeping with a man she thought was her husband, and is understandably worried.

Uther marries Ygraine, she gives birth to Arthur, and Merlin comes to claim the child.

Uther pursues but is ambushed and sinks his sword into a stone; a sword which can only be pulled by the rightful king, Uther’s heir Arthur.

In original legend, the sword is NOT Excalibur, just Uther’s sword, and Excalibur is gifted to Arthur after a moment of humility by the Lady of the Lake (a faeire).

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Here we see the young Arthur at a tournament on Easter Sunday (commemorating Christ’s resurrection and new life).

A contest develops at the tournament to draw Uther’s sword from the stone to find the rightful king.

Sir Kay (Ector’s son and Arthur’s adopted brother) needs a sword for the tournament, and Arthur can’t find one—so pulls the sword in the stone to give to Kay.

This is Arthur’s first act of humility--Arthur draws the sword from the stone for his brother Kay, not for his own glory.

The one knight that sided with Arthur, Leon de Grance, is under siege, and so Arthur gathers his family and any loyal men and offers them knighthood in exchange for serving their king…and they go to rescue Leon de Grance and his pretty daughter Guenivere.

During the battle, Uriens refuses to kneel to Arthur because he’s not a knight, and Arthur agrees with his enemy, hands his sword over to Uriens and asks him to knight him.

Uriens recognizes this must be the rightful king after all, and kneels to him, breaking the fight.

Watch for the 3rd act of humility.