

The Eternal Kingdom: Adventures of Rauthaz

a medieval fantasy tv pilot

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SERIES LOGLINE

While masquerading as a renowned knight, a bored peasant must find the scattered soul of a princess before a demon destroys the kingdom.

EPISODE LOGLINE

Disguised as a renowned knight, a bored peasant wrestles dangerous relationships while evading exposure, which would lead to his execution

(loosely inspired by the video game series: Hydlide)

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OPENING STAFF ROLL

EXT. HYTHERIA KINGDOM, DAY

IN RAPID SUCCESSION

- Wide Shot of medieval fantasy realm: Kingdom of Hytheria.
- Fauna roam peacefully among nature and sparse ruins of futuristic technology.
- Fauna hear THUMPING sounds at the exterior of Hytheria Castle walls.

EXT. HYTHERIA CASTLE, EVENING

Shadows loom over the castle. Wind and flags fall still.
Trebuchets catapult flaming boulders at the castle doors.
An invading army screams war cries and swarms the castle.
The Invaders storm the castle. Castle Guards scramble weapons and armor.
RAUTHAZ(20); a knight in regal red armor and riding a white horse, majestically rampages through armies untouched.

RAUTHAZ

Do not fear men, for Rauthaz is here!

Guards give a rallying cry.
Rauthaz slays countless invaders.
A BEEFY INVADER swings a mace at a Guard; knocking him to the ground.
The Beefy Invader rams Rauthaz and throws him off his horse.
Rauthaz jumps up and plunges his sword into the Invader.
Rauthaz kicks up a mace and throws it at a distant invader.
Rauthaz pulls the injured Guard over his shoulder and passes him to another Guard.

RAUTHAZ (CONT'D)

This battle is ours, men! CHARGE!

The castle soldiers rush the invaders.

EXT. VILLAGE FARM, MORNING

JIM(20); A Peasant in ragged clothes, steps out of his home and stretches wide and loudly.

JIM
 (manically stretching)
 Mmmmm-Monday, In good ol' Woodford
 village!

An old man passing with a donkey kicks manure on him.

TOM(20); Brother of Jim, ragged clothes, and apron, strides past ill.

TOM
 (groans, yawns)
 You smell like pig.

Jim wipes manure off his face and kicks open a barn door dramatically.

JIM
 Pig gets a better night's sleep
 than bottleache.

Tom sways ill to a barrel and vomits in it.

INT. BARN - DAY

Jim dumps food into a pig trough. Pigs attack the trough

JIM
 (loudly stretching)
 Good morning you lumps of meat!

The fattest pig pushes through the crowd and hoards the food.

JIM (CONT'D)
 Bon Appetit. I'm eating you next,
 fatty.

The pig kicks the ground disapprovingly.

Jim steps outside.

EXT. BARN

He lugs hay stacks off a wagon and tosses them into the barn.

WILBUR(60); a drunkard, runs past Jim.

JIM
 Wilbur! What did we talk about?

Jim runs in front of Wilbur and they stand staring.

Tom leans sick over the side of the barn

TOM
 (groans)
 Wilbur...get outta here! Git!

WILBUR
 I don't wanna start nothin'!

Wilbur runs past Jim into the barn. Jim looks towards Tom.

JIM
 D'you want to this time?

Tom stares annoyed at Jim.

JIM (CONT'D)
 Right, Bottleache didn't get enough
 sleep last night.

Jim grabs a broom and chases Wilbur.

INT. BARN

Jim swats at Wilbur like a bug. Wilbur dodges.

JIM
 Wilbur!

WILBUR
 I don't wanna start nothin'!

Wilbur scurries away from Jim.

WILBUR (CONT'D)
 Come on, this isn't fair!

JIM
 (taunting)
 neither is stealing from our supply

Wilbur dives into a haystack and disappears.

Jim pokes at haystacks.

Jim turns quickly to nearly hit Tom. Broom at neck

TOM
 (ill)
 You can't run the tavern alone,
 brother.

JIM
 Clearly, neither can you

Tom rolls his eyes. He points at Wilbur climbing the beams.
 Jim climbs the barn wall after him.

INT. BARN SUPPORT BEAMS, CEILING

He balances on the wooden beams. Wilbur shakily balances.

JIM
 Wilbur, you're cornered. Are you...

WILBUR
 Tom...I won and I get to have more!

Jim looks down at Tom annoyed.

TOM
 I...I didn't think he'd win! I shut
 his tab off!

Jim rubs his face irritated

JIM
 (sighs heavily)
 Ya know...Wilbur, let's honor
 whatever game you won. But to get
 more, you have to knock me down.

INT. BARN FLOOR

TOM
 (groans)
 Oh, not again.

INTERCUT

WILBUR
 But...I don't know how tah fight!

JIM
 The battle for boos is about to
 take place!

(MORE)

JIM (CONT'D)
Two men, bound by chance, the
battle of our lives for cup of
fresh beer.

INTERCUT

Wilbur slips over the edge and falls on hay next to Tom.

TOM
Huh, soft landing.

JIM
Well, that's disappointing.

Jim jumps down.

INT. BARN FLOOR

WILBUR
This man's insane!

The Wilbur runs out of Jim's barn.

JIM
Gugh, What a shame.

Tom glares at him.

JIM (CONT'D)
What, do I have somethin' on my
face?

Jim opens a secret floor door under a haystack.

JIM (CONT'D)
It's not like I hurt him or
anything.

TOM
You were gonna hurt him.

INT. BREWERY STORAGE

JIM
How's the supply at the Tavern?

TOM (O.S.)
We're running low.

JIM
 We refilled just yesterday! How
 much did you give that drunk?!

Jim grabs a barrel and swings it over his shoulder. Tom
 mutters gibberish from above.

JIM (CONT'D)
 Our supply is running thin...I'm so
 tired of this.

INT. BARN

Jim closes the floor hatch and kicks hay and dirt over it.

JIM
 Tom...Tom where d'ya go?!

EXT. BARN

Jim pushes through the barn door with a beer barrel over his
 shoulder.

JIM
 Tom...Brother. Where you at?!

EXT. CEMETARY

Jim passes past two headstones side by side.

JIM
 (mockingly)
 He's pro'lly run off to the tavern.
MAkIn mE dO tHe HeAvY lAbOr!

BEGIN RAPID SUCCESSION

EXT. DIRT ROAD

Jim walks a monotonous dirt road past annoying villagers. He
 ignores all of them, grinds his teeth through it

PEASANT FARMER 1
 Good morning Jim!

PEASANT FARMER 2
 Morning Jim!

PEASANT FARMER 3
 It's a bright day, Jim!

PEASANT FARMER 4
You workin' hard work, Jim?

PEASANT FARMER 5
It's a great day, Jim!

PEASANT FARMER 6
Looking forward to the day, Jim!

PEASANT FARMER 7
You heading to the tavern? I love
that place!

PEASANT FARMER 8
Hiya Jim!

END RAPID SUCCESSION

EXT. VILLAGE CROSSROADS

Jim reaches a bustling crossroads.

Across the street is Jim's Tavern, he trudges towards it.

INT. TAVERN/INN

Tom is at the bar, cleaning wooden cups. Travelers yawn and meander about the Inn.

Jim slams the beer barrel on the floor next to the bar.

JIM
Can you cut back on the free
drinks? Our inheritance supply is
almost gone.

TOM
I don't mind if we put in the work
to make more...

JIM
(interrupts)
Well, I do.

Jim steps to the back and fills a cup of beer.

JIM (CONT'D)
I want something more...

TOM

You wanna be a wanderin' merchant
...or a king...or a travelin'
bard... or a knight, it's always
changing, but that's too bad cause
no pig farmer is gonna have any
kind of adventure beyond our
tavern.

JIM

The life of a knight would be real
nice. Better than this rear end of
the kingdom

TOM

You can barely swing a broom
around.

Jim pauses to admire his reflection in his cup.

JIM

If only I were born in the castle.

Tom heavily sighs

TOM

Work hard, play hard, and
drink hard, but never dream.
Dreamers are for children,
and we don't have the luxury
to dream of magic and
dragons.

JIM (CONT'D)

...play hard, and drink hard,
but never dream. Dreamers are
for children, and we don't
have the luxury to dream of
magic and dragons.

Jim takes another drink.

TOM (CONT'D)

(nostalgic)

Father's words' always brings us
back to Earth

Loud noises of peasants yelling outside.

JIM

What's got the villagers riled up?

EXT. VILLAGE COURTYARD, NOON

Rauthaz is drunk on the side of the road annoying passersby.

RAUTHAZ

(drunk)

Women! Booze! Inns!

(MORE)

RAUTHAZ (CONT'D)
I need it...I am your lord and I
demand it all! Now give it!

Peasant passersby ignore Rauthaz.

RAUTHAZ (CONT'D)
(slurred speech)
"I am a trained knight!!
(*swigs beer*)
I am Rauthaz! I'm a royal guardian,
knighted by *THE* Princess of
Hytheria, Princess Ann! I demand
your respect!

Rauthaz points at a Peasant.

RAUTHAZ (CONT'D)
You, offer me lodging, and bath!

PEASANT 4
Piss off!

Rauthaz grabs the shirt of a passerby. They kick him off

PEASANT 5
Oi! Get off meh!

INTERCUT

Jim looks at the knight menacingly.

JIM
(to himself)
Huh, he kinda looks like me.

TOM
What about it?

INTERCUT

RAUTHAZ
You!!! You...you...peasant!

INTERCUT

JIM
Tom, I have an idea

TOM
I don't like the sound of that...

Jim leaves the tavern.

TOM (CONT'D)
 (exacerbated)
 What's he doin' now?

EXT. VILLAGE COURTYARD

Jim steps out to the courtyard. Rauthaz points at him.

RAUTHAZ
 Perform your service to the crown!

Jim leans in uncomfortably close and inspects Rauthaz's face.
 They share a striking resemblance

Rauthaz tries to stand but falls backward.

RAUTHAZ (CONT'D)
 Take me to lodging!

Jim kneels at the knight theatrically.

JIM:
 (sarcastically)
 Oh royal subject, I would be most
 honored to assist you in lodging.

Jim stands and Rauthaz passes out.

JIM (CONT'D)
 Huh...he looks exactly like me.

Jim leans Rauthaz over his shoulder and trudges back.

INT. TAVERN/INN

Jim drags Rauthaz through the tavern.

JIM
 Hey Tom, I brought in a weary
 traveler.

TOM
 Jim...What...
 (pauses, sighs)
 Just take him upstairs.

INT. TAVERN ROOM

Jim drops Rauthaz on the floor. He wakes up

JIM
 (heaves)
 You're...heavy.

RAUTHAZ:
 (slurred)
 Is this a joke?! This place is a
 pigsty!

JIM
 It sure is.

RAUTHAZ:
 How dare thee! Insolent peasant.
 I'll have your head!

Jim punches the top of his helmet and knocks him out.

BRIEF TIME SKIP

Tom enters the room as Jim is mid-change into Rauthaz's
 clothes.

JIM
 (dramatic scream)
 AHHH! I'm getting dressed!

Jim throws Rauthaz's helmet at Tom.

TOM
 Devil's hind, Jim! What're you
 doing?!

JIM
 Okay, look. See this knight? He
 looks *exactly* like me.

Jim gestures at Rauthaz on the floor.

TOM
 (exasperated)
 I don't follow.

JIM
 (heavy sigh)
 Tom...He looks exactly like me, and
 he's drunk out of his wits! This is
 an opportunity!

TOM
 For what?!

JIM
 To be a knight!

TOM
I oft' wonder if you have a death
wish!

Tom picks up the helmet and reads the inside.

INT. TAVERN MAIN ROOM

TOM (O.S.)
(muffled)
Rauthaz?! Do you intend to rob the
most famous knight of the land?!

Travelers hear Tom through the ceiling.

INT. TAVERN ROOM

Jim glances at Rauthaz.

JIM
Rauthaz? I wonder what that means?
Sounds powerful.

Jim kneels in front of Rauthaz.

JIM (CONT'D)
You look just like me...just, a lot
more brawn.

TOM
I...I want to disown you. Father
would be course with you.

JIM
How do you disown your brother?

Jim examines his muscles; skinny in comparison to Jim's.

Tom leans against the wall and rubs his face

JIM (CONT'D)
If I had his muscles then we would
be practically twins!

TOM
Yes, you're a doppelganger. Very
rare, now please take that off.

He looks back at the armor.

JIM
Hmm, I'm gonna try somethin'.

Jim looks at the armor and tries to put them on.

JIM (CONT'D)
How do you do this?!

TOM
This is pathetic

Jim hops on one foot attempting to don the armor.

JIM
Gah, curse the blacksmith! How do you do this?! Tom, help me out.

Tom ignores as he dons the armor and admires himself

JIM (CONT'D)
What do you think, Tom?

Jim plays with the sword and spins it around.

TOM
Please, take this off. I bet this knight won't recall anything, and we get to keep our heads!

JIM
It's chance that brought us here! I could have a life worth living!

Jim strokes Rauthaz's hair.

TOM
Oh...please stop.

JIM
Who would blame me for taking up such a valor of an opportunity?! This is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Rauthaz slowly wakes up.

RAUTHAZ
(groans)
Where...where am I?

Jim holds a stance ready to attack. Tom shakes his head.

JIM
Uh...Ahem...
(nervously)
...What's your name sir?

Tom looks terrified, frozen in place.

RAUTHAZ
 ...I...don't know.

Jim holds back his laughter and visually exerts excitement.

Tom and Jim lift Rauthaz onto the bed.

RAUTHAZ (CONT'D)
 How'd I get here? Who are you?

Tom looks towards Jim who prances down the hall.

TOM
 (heavy sigh)
 Well...You're my brother...Jim.

Rauthaz stares confused at Jim's annoyed glare.

EXT. TAVERN HALL

Jim dramatically swings the tavern doors open.

JIM
 (rolling r's)
 I...am the Great Knight: Rauthaz!

Jim picks up Rauthaz's sword and raises it to the ceiling.

OLD MAN PEASANT
 Hi, Jim, nice outfit!

EXT. VALLEY, AFTERNOON

Jim trudges over grassy hills sweating.

JIM
 Gah. It's so...hot.

Jim falls and rolls down a hill and lands on his face. He groans. Sweat drips from his face.

JIM (CONT'D)
 How do knights wear such armor all day, especially in this heat?!
 (mutter)
 Pro'lly why they have such large muscles.

Jim hears music over the hill. He lifts his head to find a jester singing with a hurdy-gurdy. His head falls.

JESTER

♪In the valley green, where shadows
dance, I ride upon my steed, a
jester's prance. With jests and
jibes, my wagon roll, filled with
fields of gold, from travelers I
stole.♪

JESTER(20's); a large, broad-shouldered, pale woman in a
jester outfit, stops next to Jim and looks over.

The Jester pokes a stick at Jim.

JESTER (CONT'D)

Hey. You awake?

JIM

...So hot.

The Jester flicks her hair.

JESTER

(flattered)

Oh...thanks.

Jim groans.

JESTER (CONT'D)

So...Knight. Do you need a ride to
the castle?

JIM

(sighs)

Yeah.

JESTER

(mutters)

Opportunity.

JESTER (CONT'D)

(clapping)

Okay, Knight, where ya headed?

JIM

To the castle...

JESTER

If I take you to the castle, you
have to get me past the guards. You
do that, and I...

JIM

Deal.

JESTER
Wait...really? No pushback?

Jim groans again.

JESTER (CONT'D)
Huh, sweet, that was easy. UP AND
OVER!

EXT. JESTER'S WAGON

Jester swings Jim over her shoulder and slams him into the wagon.

JIM
(sighs)
OW! How?!

The jester sticks her tongue out.

She signals the horse to move.

JESTER
So, sir Knight, what're you called?

JIM
J...Rauthaz.

JESTER
You're one weak knight. Their standards must have plummeted recently. Could be a Knight!

JIM
No

JESTER
Your muscles look like one of a farmer's, not a knight's.

JIM
I break stereotypes. I thought Jesters worked for the king...and were men.

JESTER
Eh, I also like to break down stereotypes. Also, for a free ride, you have to defend me.

JIM
Right...yeah, I can do that. From what though?

Awkward silence. Jim reads a scroll from a box.

JIM (CONT'D)
 (heavy sighs)
 What do people call you?

JESTER
 Call me Jester!

JIM
 Are you serious?!

Jester ignores him and starts singing with her hurdy-gurdy.

JESTER
 ♪Ho ho, the jester's song,
 Merry and bright, all day long.
 With a laugh and a smile, we'll
 journey far, In this horse-drawn
 wagon, beneath the mid-day star.♪

EXT. METAL RUINS, EVENING

Sunsets over the land. Jim leans against the motorcycle ruins.

Jester starts a fire.

JIM
 What's with all these metal ruins?

JESTER
 Dunno, they just kinda appear. Some
 scrapers make some good Coin

JIM
 Some of them have wheels.

JESTER
 I bet they're magic steeds from
 another world!

The sunset falls, entering the night.

JIM
 Magic is for fantasies, and only
 children have the time for those.

JESTER
 Harsh, but I don't mind. I'm a
 dreamer and that's what makes me...
 me!

JIM
 (quoting)
*Work hard, play hard, and drink
 hard, but never dream. Dreamers are
 for children, and we don't have the
 luxury to dream of magic and
 dragons.*

JESTER
 You wound me with your dull words.
 This calls for song!

JIM
 I'd rather you didn't

Jim shimmies down to sleep

JESTER
 You...uh...You goin' to sleep?

MONTAGE

EXT. VALLEY, EVE

Jim and Jester ride past the ruins.

JESTER (V.O.)
 ♪But fear not, my friends, we'll
 leave our mark. For in every
 valley, and over every hill,♪

Jim bounces uncomfortably in the wagon on a cobblestone road.

JESTER (V.O.) (CONT'D)
 ♪We'll spread joy and laughter,
 after counting my coin, with a
 jester's sleight of hand, I'll go
 far!♪

Jim hunches over the wagon

JESTER (V.O.) (CONT'D)
 ♪Ho ho, the jester's song, Merry
 and Bright, all day long.
 With a laugh and a smile, we'll
 journey far, In this horse-drawn
 wagon, beneath the mid-day...or
 evening star.♪

Hytherian Castle looms in the distance. Jester presses on.

EXT. RIVER BRIDGE, DAY

Jester and Jim arrive at river bridge.

Jim shimmies off the wagon and walks alongside the wagon.

A snoozing TROLL wakes up and stops them.

TROLL
(yawning)
Stop...s...pay the toll!

JIM
(anxious)
Uh...I'm...a...I'm a knight!

The troll towers over Jim

JIM (CONT'D)
And...you're big.

TROLL
Pay toll, or no pass!

Jester nudges at Jim

JESTER
Well, go on! You're a knight, you
have money!

Jim scans his pockets and pulls out a small pouch.

TROLL
10G!

JIM
Oof...I seem to be just a tad bit
short.

The Troll inspects Jim closely.

TROLL
You look...familiar.

JIM
(nervous)
Oh, well, of course! I'm the famous
knight...uh...

Jim looks at Jester dumfounded

JESTER
(mouthing)
Give him your name!

JIM
 Uh...Rauthaz! I'm Rauthaz, the
 famous knight of the land!

TROLL
 You're Rauthaz...

JIM
 Yes, I am indeed! And we would like
 to pass so we can resupply!

Troll swings his club high and screams.

TROLL
 You slayed my fa'der!

JIM
 Oh, dear...

Jim rolls out of Troll's downward club attack. CRASH.

Jester holds her mouth to hide her laugh.

TROLL
 I will kill you!

Troll swings at Jim, but he dodges

JIM
 What if I lied and said I was
 someone else?!

TROLL
 Uh...

Troll stops to think.

TROLL (CONT'D)
 You look like him, so you are him!
 And now you die!

Jester watches from her Wagon

JESTER
 I like his logic.

Troll swings at Jim again. He screams and dodges!

JIM
 Let's work this out!

TROLL
 No! No working out! Only kill!

THIEF 2

Eek, I hope there's at least something left.

Jim runs behind Troll and shanks Troll's Achille's Heel. Troll yelps.

JESTER

Oo. That's...gotta hurt

Jim scales Troll's back and swings on his neck, grasping it,

TROLL

Get off me!

JIM

Time to sleep!

TROLL

NO!

Jim tightens his grip and Troll falls unconscious.

Troll falls backward.

JIM

Oh no...no No NO!

Troll lands on Jim, his eyes fall weary, seeing Jester hovering over him.

EXT. RIVER BRIDGE - EVENING

Jim wakes up sore. He feels around his body.

JIM

Oh no...no no NO!

Jim spins around for his sword to find nothing.

JIM (CONT'D)

Where'd it go?!

Jim kicks the bridge wall angrily. He bounces on one foot in pain and trips.

Troll wakes and sits up

TROLL

Ugh...My head hurts...my neck hurts...

JIM
Oh...Hi, sir Troll.

TROLL
(growls)
Kill...Kill Rauthaz, avenge fa'der

Troll stands up, only to fall flat on his face.

TROLL (CONT'D)
Foot...Can't feel foot!

JIM
I'm gonna leave you here...Good
luck!

Jim runs away from the bridge troll

TROLL
Curse you, Rauthaz!

EXT. HILL, NIGHT

Jim runs over a hill to find a village in the distance.

JIM
(panting)
Where did Jester go anyway? She was
pro'lly the one who robbed me.

Jim stands in place heaving.

JIM (CONT'D)
(heaving)
Ok...Alright. A place to stay.

Jim stands and strides down the hill dramatically.

EXT. VILLAGE, NIGHT

Jim strides through the Village. Locals offer dirty looks.

VILLAGER 1
(murmuring)
Who let the pompous cat in?

VILLAGER 2
(murmuring)
Does the bridge troll do anything
useful?

Jim reaches the tavern doors. A sign above says: KNIGHT'S TAVERN.

JIM
Well, don't I feel special.

He stops to read a wanted poster on an adjacent wall with Jester's Face on it. 1,000G BOUNTY

Jim feels for his pockets and finds nothing

JIM (CONT'D)
Oh, No...

Jim slams his hands on the ground.

JIM (CONT'D)
She took my sword and my money. It was Rauthaz's anyway...Wait, NO! I'm Rauthaz! Devil's Hind! Curse her!

KNIGHT WILLIAM(24); unshaven face and disheveled armor, steps out of the tavern and spots Jim.

WILLIAM
RAUTHAZ?!

JIM
Huh...wat? Who's there?

William runs up and bear-hugs Rauthaz.

WILLIAM
Rauthaz, It's you! You're okay!

JIM
Uh, yes, kind of.

WILLIAM
We have much to talk to talk about!

William grabs Jim's arm and swings him in the tavern behind.

INT. KNIGHT'S TAVERN

Inside, the tavern is full of knights and soldiers laughing, drinking, gambling, and talking.

William bursts through the doors with Jim.

KNIGHT WILLIAM
RAUTHAZ IS ALIVE! HE'S RETURNED!

The knights and soldiers in the room jump and cheer.

They surround him cheering and inundating him with questions.

SOLDIER 1

Did you find out about the
craters?!

SOLDIER 2

Our crops are dying!

KNIGHT OWEN(22); under-slept with ragged clothes and busted
armor, pushes through the crowd

KNIGHT OWEN

Rauthaz! Veralys is making his
rounds throughout the kingdom
again, please tell us you found
something!

SOLDIER 3

My family is struggling with small
rations. We need to eat!

JIM

Uh...well. I can assure you...

KNIGHT WILLIAM

Why were you gone for so long?!

SOLDIER 4

Their hoards are endless!

KNIGHT WILLIAM

We needed you, Rauthaz!

KNIGHT GAVIN(22); also ragged, pushes Owen out of the way.

KNIGHT GAVIN

Rauthaz! I knew you'd make it! I
just knew it!

SOLDIER 5

Did you cull their numbers?!

JIM

If we could all calm down...

Jim's head spins.

JIM (CONT'D)

How bad is it here?!

EVERYONE
Rauthaz, Rauthaz, RAUTHAZ,
RAUTHAZ!?

GENERAL ANDREW(49); brawn muscles and draped regal armor,
steps into hall.

GENERAL ANDREW
RAUTHAZ!!!

The knights and soldiers all stop and salute General Andrew.

GENERAL ANDREW (CONT'D)
Soldiers, mind your business!
Knights, over here!

Gavin, Owen, William, and Jim follow General Andrew

INT. KNIGHT'S TAVERN CORNER

The three knights and Jim circle around a table in the corner
with General Andrew.

A dirty map spilled with alcohol sits on the table.

GENERAL ANDREW
Rauthaz, in the month you have been
missing, Veralys made rounds
throughout the kingdom; purging our
fields and leaving behind craters.

KNIGHT OWEN
(complaining)
My armor is covered in blood from
those demons.

KNIGHT WILLIAM
(complaining)
I'm tired of leading hungry men.

KNIGHT GAVIN
If we give up now, maybe Veralys
will give us pity, and stop burning
our crops

GENERAL ANDREW
SHUT UP!

KNIGHT GAVIN
Yes sir!

KNIGHT WILLIAM
Right, sir!

KNIGHT OWEN
Uh-huh...yeah.

The trio sit awkwardly and sip their drinks. General Andrew stares at Jim.

Jim looks behind him and sees BALIN(40); a dwarf with ruffled hair and shirtless. He watches Jim closely

GENERAL
(growling)
Well?! Answer me! Where've you
been?!

JIM
(intimidated)
Oh! Haha...ahem. I didn't hear a
question...?

Gavin coughs. General Andrews slams his cup into Jim's head.

GENERAL ANDREW
If you don't tell me where you've
been this past month, I'll hang you
for desertion!

JIM
I...don't remember.

The three knights look dumbfounded at Jim. General Andrew starts fuming.

JIM (CONT'D)
The last thing I remember is that I
woke up in Woodford Village!
Hehehe...

INT. KNIGHTS TAVERN - MAIN ROOM

GENERAL ANDREW (O.S.)
(booming)
WOODFORD VILLAGE?!

The soldiers look towards the General, sipping nervously.

INT. KNIGHT'S TAVERN CORNER

GENERAL ANDREW
That's several leagues off the
route! What were you doing there?!

JIM
I woke up with the worst
bottleache, I can't remember!

General Andrew fumes further. Jim looks back at Balin again.

JIM (CONT'D)
A weird dwarf is staring at us...

KNIGHT WILLIAM
(ignores)
General! It's possible that he
really doesn't remember!

KNIGHT OWEN
YEAH! I heard from some of the
peasants that the craters must have
some dark magic about them!

KNIGHT GAVIN
It must be black magic!

Jim turns to see Balin gone

GENERAL
Idiots! Do you hear yourselves?
Black magic...PAH!

JIM
(sneering)
Ya know I do recall something about
some dark magic liquid...but my
mind is still fuzzy.

KNIGHT OWEN
We should investigate this at once!

KNIGHT WILLIAM
We'll bring a platoon of soldiers!

KNIGHT GAVIN
And use them to test for dark
magic!

Gavin, Owen, and William disperse hastily.

KNIGHT WILLIAM (O.S.)
Soldiers, we have a quest! Fall
out!

SOLDIERS (O.S.)
Sir, yes Sir!

Jim and General Andrews stare at each other uncomfortably.

KNIGHT GAVIN (O.S.)
And we need volunteer pigs to test
for black magic!

JIM
So...will you have me follow them?

GENERAL ANDREW
No. You'll report to the princess,
immediately.

Jim holds his finger to his face dramatically, then rubs his head.

JIM
I can't quite remember where to
go...and why am I reporting to her?

General Andrews stands, towering over Jim.

GENERAL ANDREW
If one of the knights returns and
proves this dark magic a farce,
I'll have your head on a pike.

Jim whimpers and tiptoes away.

EXT. KNIGHTS TAVERN - DAY

Jim stretches outside loudly

JIM
(elongated words)
That was way too close.
(pauses)
General Andrews says the Castle is
this way.

Jim looks up to see a Castle Tower piercing the sky.

JIM (CONT'D)
Yup...Pro'lly that way.

Jim strides on, but is interrupted by whistling women from a local STEW; a *medieval bathhouse*.

MABEL(20's); a small brunette woman in provocative linens whistles at Jim.

MABEL
(whistling)
Rauthaz! Over here!

He looks over to find provocative women at a Stew.

FREYA(40); brawn, wears nothing but an apron, and swoons Jim.

FREYA
Rauthaz! It's been so long! Come
over here!

JIM
(flustered)
Oh, he...hello!

FREYA
Sheepish Rauthaz?! That's new.

MABEL
(giggling)
Oh, adorable. Rauthaz, you must be
weary from your travels.

Jim shuffles towards them.

JIM
Uh...uh-huh...yeah!
(muttering)
Oh...this seems like a sin. But
what haven't I done that isn't a
sin? Gah, just stay in character!

FREYA
What are you muttering about?!

INT. STEW

Jim is dropped into a tub in the center of an empty room.

JIM
(flustered)
This is...really awkward.

MABEL
(giggling)
Dunno why, you're used to showing
your parts for the world to see.

JIM
...oh. hehehe.

MABEL
'Bet you don't remember my name.

JIM
Of course, I do...Tiffany...

Freya laughs; Mabel lifts his arm.

MABEL
 (mutters)
 ...Mabel...

JIM
 Oh, right, I remember now. That was
 my next guess, cause your brown
 hair screams Mabel.

MABEL
 (sneers)
 I don't see any bumps, bruises,
 scars, marks, or anything on your
 body!

Freya lifts Jim's arms high

FREYA
 Your muscles have gone flaccid,
 you're shorter, and your hair's
 darker!

JIM
 I...don't know what to
 say...maybe...magic?

Mabel and Freya look at Jim, then laugh hysterically.

JIM (CONT'D)
 Well, I'm a bit lost for memory ...

Mabel kicks Jim's tub and he falls to the ground. He screams.

MABEL
 I bet he's an imposter.

FREYA
 He must've killed the original
 Rauthaz to escape his dull life.

Jim stands

JIM
 No, I'm Rauthaz!

MABEL
 You look like him and have his
 voice, but you are not Rauthaz.

JIM
 You cross a line. I am a knight!

Freya kicks him down.

FREYA

Interloper. We've seen all his
glory and you ain't it.

MABEL

I wonder how much money we would
get from exposing an interloper

Jim lunges at Mabel and they roll on the floor fighting.

FREYA

Fighting the littler one. You're
playing dirty, interloper.

Jim runs out of the room.

MABEL

(melodramatic)
He tried to rape me!

Freya chases after him.

Jim runs down the stairs naked past bathing villagers.

Jim picks up a plate and covers his privates.

EXT. STEW

Jim jumps outside and towards the Knights Tavern.

JIM

Help! Knights, soldiers, someone!

A soldier jumps out of the Knight's Tavern, sword drawn.

SOLDIER

Lord Rauthaz?! You're exposed!

JIM

Those women, over there! They tried
to kill me while I was in the tub!

SOLDIER

Savages! I'll paint the road in
their blood in your honor!

The soldier chases the women. Jim strides behind.

Freya turns and runs back towards the Stew.

FREYA

(distant)
Mabel, escape plan!

MABEL
 AHHH! OKAY!

The two women disappear. The soldier kicks through the Stew.

INT. STEW

Jim follows the soldier up the stairs.

INT. STEW UPSTAIRS

They re-enter the solo bathing room. The tub overturned and Jim's clothes spewed about.

Jim gathers his clothes, gets dressed, and tosses the plate.

SOLDIER
 Their gone sir!

JIM
 Pff. When they're seen again, make sure that they're apprehended.

SOLDIER
 Yes sir!

Jim leans over the window and looks towards the tower.

JIM
 (self-realization)
 Huh...I just gave my first orders.
 I'm getting better at this.

INT. SPIRAL STAIRS, NIGHT

Jim stops at a door at the spiral tower top. He heaves.

JIM
 Does this woman walk this on the regular?
 (coughs)
 Curse this skinny, hopeless damsel.

PRINCESS ANN(18); a tall woman with long blonde hair, regal lingerie, and an emerald necklace, kicks the door in front of Jim.

Jim is launched into the wall.

PRINCESS ANN
 WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN RAUTHAZ?!

Jim falls backward as a shoe hits his forehead.

PRINCESS ANN (CONT'D)
You were gone a month! hOw Am i
SupPOseD tO sLeEP aT niGHt?!

JIM:
Umcome again?

PRINCESS ANN
"DON'T PLAY STUPID!!!!!"

The princess grabs Jim's neck and throws him on the bed.

FADE TO BLACK

Unsolicited cries from Jim as Ann rattles him in her bed.
It's implied it's involuntary intercourse by the princess.

INT. PRINCESS'S TOWER, DAWN

Jim wakes naked in Ann's bed. Anne, still sleeping, wearing nothing but her emerald necklace and covered by sheets.

Jim grabs a red robe and walks to the window.

Jim stares at the view of the sprawling hills outside.

JIM
(muttering)
I thought the Noble Rauthaz was
just a guardian?!

JIM (CONT'D)
(muttering)
Princess Ann and Rauthaz were
having an affair?! Am I having an
affair?! Is it rape cause I didn't
want it?! But I stole his identity
so it is my fault?!

Jim opens the wardrobe. Male clothes mixed with Ann's.

JIM (CONT'D)
'Course it's red, everything's red.

Damaged armor and weapons sit in a dusty corner. Ann wakes.

PRINCESS ANN
(yawning)
That was reckless leaving us
behind, even for you.

JIM
 (muttering)
 Perhaps something did happen to
 Rauthaz.

PRINCESS ANN
 Reckless. You should have brought a
 guard to do this at least.

JIM
 Do you suggest I'm reckless always?

PRINCESS ANNE
 Shut up, what'd you care? Your ego
 is more important than me.

Princess Ann fidgets with her emerald necklace angrily

PRINCESS ANN
 Devil's Hind! You make me feel like
 an object.

JIM
 (muttering)
 What did I get myself into...

Greenlight envelops the room. Ann passes out and Jim is
 brought to his knees by magic.

MORGRIM(30); black cloaked Druid floating out the window,
 uses dark magic to strip Ann's soul.

JIM (CONT'D)
 Princess Ann!

Jim shakily picks up a helmet and throws it at Morgrim.

JIM (CONT'D)
 Eat this!!!

The helmet hits Morgrim, window explodes. Jim is launched
 back.

Ann's spirit splits into 4 fairies

Morgrim disappears as VERALYS; a gothic demon, perches on the
 rubble of the window and bares his fangs.

Three of the four fairies scatter. Jim tries to catch them.

JIM (CONT'D)
 Devil's Hind, NO!

Jim trips and falls on his face.

EXT. PRINCESS TOWER

Three of the fairies scatter across the kingdom.

INT. PRINCESS TOWER

One fairy stays and circles around Jim.

GREEN FAIRY
Rauthaz, get up!

Jim scrambles for a sword and points it at Veralys.

JIM
Ok...demon lord...You're goin'
dow... you're big.

Veralys laughs maniacally, towering over Jim.

VERALYS
You're tiny...

JIM
(squeals)
Demon of little words...ok.

Jim shakily points the sword at Veralys.

GREEN FAIRY
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! STAB HIM!!!

JIM
(war cry)
DIE!!!

Jim rushes Veralys, but trips and drops the sword.

Veralys lifts Jim by his hair. He sniffs him and gags,
tossing him out the window.

GREEN FAIRY
RAUTHAZ!!!

VERALYS
Pathetic excuse for a knight

Green Fairy soars past Veralys out the window.

EXT. PRINCESS' TOWER**SLOW MOTION**

Green Fairy dives towards Jim freefalling unconscious.

END PILOT

SERIES SYNOPSIS

Jim searches the four fairy fragments of Anne's spirit and protects the kingdom from Veralys and a mysterious Druid.

Green Fairy - *envy and greed*; Assists Jim on the adventure

Orange Fairy - *lust*; Captive by Bee Keeper Queen in woods.

Blue Fairy - *melancholic*; hides with a depressed Vampire.

Red Fairy - *passionate*; Captive by Wizard Twins and a dragon.

Throughout the journey, Jim studies metal ruins, including a mysterious motorcycle, foreshadowing futuristic technology.

CLIMACTIC BATTLE

Jim confronts Veralys at the castle and restores Anne. When the Druid attempts to re-capture her spirit, they flee on a motorcycle across a magical bridge to a futuristic kingdom.

During their retreat, Jim and Anne's hearts are magically linked; keeping them close, or else their hearts crush.

MYSTERY OF THE ETERNAL KINGDOM

The kingdom of Hytheria has been in a time lock for centuries, while its neighboring kingdoms flourished in technological innovation.

Jim and Anne must settle their differences to lift their curse, return home, and defeat the Druid and Veralys.