

MOUNT AND BLADE: SCOUTING

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INT. PORZIANO'S TENT - DAY

PORZIANO is standing in his tent. The camera pans across his armor stand and him. PORZIANO exits the tent and takes a moment to look across his vast encampment. He then goes into the meeting tent.

INT. MEETING TENT - DAY

ERGOND is standing with his hands on the map table leaning over it. He looks up when PORZIANO enters.

PORZIANO

Remind me, Ergond the Engineer, why I made you my chief and only strategist for this extremely important mission.

ERGOND

Because my tactics skill is 10, just like my engineering. Why'd you think I cost so much?

PORZIANO

Well I sure hope you know what you're doing, because I'm putting an awful lot of trust in you. But it doesn't matter how high your tactic skill is, we're going to need some recon on this castle. A simple map I bought from some random peasant who assured me it was accurate is all well and good, but we need information on troop placement. Lisette!

LISETTE enters the tent.

LISETTE

Yes sir?

PORZIANO

I need some recon on the castle. Take your best scout and get it.

LISETTE

Yes sir. And where would that recon be, exactly?

Porziano turns around.

PORZIANO

Around the castle, where else?

LISETTE

Oh, so you meant you wanted me to
make the recon. I thought you
wanted a document or map retrieved.

PORZIANO

Dismissed.

LISETTE leaves. PORZIANO turns back to ERGOND.

PORZIANO (CONT'D)

I need to start choosing my
companions better.

ERGOND

Maybe if you looked someplace other
than taverns you'd have more
success.

END ACT 1

ACT 2

EXT. ENCAMPMENT - DAY

LISETTE is talking to EDWARD.

LISETTE

All right, listen up, our great and powerful and fearless leader-

EDWARD

I'm pretty sure he's out of earshot.

LISETTE

Oh, right. Mr. Personality told me to take my best scout to do some recon on the castle.

EDWARD

But I'm your only scout.

LISETTE

Yeah, I hope Porziano doesn't find out that I spent all the money he gave me to recruit scouts on ale.

EDWARD

Wait, he gave you money? Where's my cut?

LISETTE

Like I said, I spent all of it. But I'm sure after we scout the castle there'll be a reward.

EDWARD

There better be. And you're not going to buy ale with it this time.

LISETTE

You can't tell me what to do with my share.

END ACT 2

ACT 3

EXT. WOODS - DAY

LISETTE and EDWARD are walking scouting around the castle.

EDWARD

So what exactly are we supposed to be scouting anyway?

LISETTE

Uh, not sure.

EDWARD stops walking as does LISETTE.

EDWARD

What do you mean you're not sure? Didn't Porziano tell you what we were supposed to do?

LISETTE

No, he just said he wanted recon on the castle and to take my best man. Then he dismissed me before I could think to ask any clarifying questions.

EDWARD

Well then what do we do?

LISETTE

Let me think.

EDWARD

How about we just wait here for a while and then return with a made up report.

LISETTE

No! I have a reputation to uphold.

EDWARD

If you want to maintain your current reputation then a tavern is the best place for that.

LISETTE

Here's what we'll do: we'll walk around near the castle for a bit, try not to get spotted and see if we can find anything interesting or useful.

EDWARD
I still like my idea.

LISETTE
Well too bad, because I'm in
charge.

EDWARD
Yes yes, you've made that
abundantly clear in the brief time
since your promotion.

LISETTE
I started in this rank.

EDWARD
Well I wouldn't know that because
you recruited me last week. But you
have made it abundantly clear since
then.

LISETTE
Whatever, it doesn't matter. Let's
go.

LISETTE and EDWARD continue walking through the woods.

END ACT 3

ACT 4

EXT. WOODS - LATER

LISETTE and EDWARD are still walking through the woods.
EDWARD looks at LISETTE.

EDWARD
Hey, do you know where we are?

LISETTE
What do you mean?

EDWARD
Like, where's the castle we're
supposed to be scouting? I lost
sight of it an hour ago and haven't
seen it since.

LISETTE stops and EDWARD follows suit. LISETTE looks around.

LISETTE
Oh shoot, you're right.

EDWARD
Yeah. Did you not notice? And if
not, how?

LISETTE
I was focusing on scouting.

EDWARD
I feel like that doesn't actually
answer my question.

LISETTE
Which way were we headed when you
lost sight of the castle?

EDWARD
Uh,
(EDWARD thinks for a
moment)
away from it.

LISETTE
Which way away?

EDWARD holds up his left fist.

EDWARD
Okay, if this is the castle, we
went like this.

EDWARD moves his right fist away from his left.

LISETTE
Okay, let's just remain calm,
there's no need to panic.

EDWARD
I'm not panicking.

LISETTE
There's no reason to panic!

EDWARD
I'm not panicking.

LISETTE
Stop panicking!

EDWARD
I'm not.

LISETTE hyperventilates for a bit. She stops and takes a few deep breaths.

EDWARD (CONT'D)
You all right now?

LISETTE
Yeah. I know what to do now.

EDWARD
Turn around and walk back in as
straight a line as we can and hope
that we make it back and don't end
up lost and wandering in these
woods forever?

LISETTE
Yeah.

EDWARD
Oh. I was hoping you had a better
plan.

LISETTE
Maybe one day you too will make
General.

EDWARD
You're a Captain.

LISETTE
That too.

The two begin to walk back the way they came. LISETTE glances up. LISETTE and EDWARD stop walking.

LISETTE (CONT'D)

Wait, do you see that?

EDWARD looks up where LISETTE is looking.

EDWARD

What?

LISETTE

Up in that tree.

EDWARD

I don't see anything.

LISETTE

Why, have you gone blind?

EDWARD

There's no need to be snarky.

LISETTE

I outrank you, I can be snarky if I want. There's a paper up in that tree.

EDWARD

What of it?

LISETTE

Climb up and get it.

EDWARD

For what purpose?

LISETTE

It might be important.

EDWARD

Really. You really think that there's a piece of paper in that tree that has some bearing on our current mission when we've wandered miles away from where we're supposed to be scouting.

LISETTE says nothing.

EDWARD (CONT'D)

Fine.

EDWARD climbs the tree and retrieves the paper. He then climbs back down.

LISETTE
Well, what is it?

EDWARD studies the paper.

LISETTE (CONT'D)
Well?

EDWARD sighs.

EDWARD
It's a map of the castle.

LISETTE
Hah! Vindication!

EDWARD
And here I was hoping I'd get your rank because you bungled the mission.

LISETTE
Well you'll just have to wait a bit longer. Now let's get back to camp.

EDWARD
If you can find it.

EDWARD grins.

END ACT 4

ACT 5

INT. MEETING TENT - LATER

PORZIANO and ERGOND are leaning over the table studying the map.

ERGOND

So when do you think Lisette will be back?

LISETTE enters.

LISETTE

I've completed my mission!

PORZIANO

As soon as you say that.
(Porziano turns around)
Welcome back. I assume all went well?

LISETTE

Well enough. Wait, have you two been standing here this entire time?

PORZIANO and ERGOND answer simultaneously.

PORZIANO

No.

ERGOND

Yes.

Beat.

LISETTE

We found this map of the castle.

LISETTE hands the map to PORZIANO and he takes it.

PORZIANO

But we already have a map of the castle that I bought from a random vagrant.

ERGOND

I thought you said it was a peasant.

PORZIANO places the new map next to the old.

PORZIANO

Which one is the real map?

PORZIANO and ERGOND look at both maps. They then simultaneously point to the new one.

PORZIANO (CONT'D)

This one.

ERGOND

This one.

END ACT 4