

## **INN BETWEEN**

*Bonus Episode: What are the odds?*

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### INTRO (0:00)

HANNAH Hi, everyone! Hannah here.

A quick note about this episode and season 3:

You're about to meet Sergeant Teric Knowles. Knowles is a member of the guard, which makes them, to some extent, a fantasy cop.

I could say here that, when I wrote this, I never meant to make a political statement, but there is no art free of politics. I could say that, in the fiction, this group was not made to protect the interests of a particular racial group, but it was made by nobility to protect the interests of nobility, and that's not better.

What I can say is this: it was always the plan, and still is the plan, to address law, accountability and power in Knowles' storyline. It will be touched on in season 3 and, God willing and the creek don't rise, explored more fully in season 4.

This is not an excuse, just a head's up. I would never ask you to stop thinking critically about Inn Between.

Thank you for listening. Let's go!

AUDIO (0:50): BACKGROUND NOISES OF A WIDE OPEN SPACE, MUFFLED PEOPLE SPEAKING AND THUDS AS IF BY METAL OBJECTS.

TRAVER I'm telling you, this... new captain is just going to be more of the same.

VIRA Oh, come now, Traver. How bad can he be?

TRAVER Bet you five gold he's terrible.

VIRA I'll take that bet.

KNOWLES What's going on here?

VIRA *(fumbling)*

Oh, uh. Nothing, Sergeant.

TRAVER No, it's okay, Vira. Knowles doesn't mind betting.

*(conspiring)*

They know *all* the odds.

KNOWLES Oh, are we gambling? Without me?

*(excited)*

What are we betting on?

VIRA We were just talking about the new captain.

TRAVER Maybe you can shed some light here. Have you... heard anything about him?

KNOWLES *(yes)*

I've heard a thing or two. Huddle up, guards! I'll let you in on this.

*(pause for drama)*

His name is Lord Sterling Whitetower. Highborn, on the younger side and, if the word I have is correct, *awfully* stuck up.

He used to be a paladin, *but* then was kicked out because he thought he could break the rules of conduct! Denies the whole

thing, even convinces King Broderick, may he rest in peace, to recommend his reinstatement. The order says *no*, of course, because they have a little something called moral fiber.

TRAVER *(dully)*

Sounds like a real delight.

KNOWLES Doesn't he just? The only reason he's been appointed captain is because he managed to find Dame Aveline, which, while impressive, doesn't exactly speak to his qualifications of command, does it?

TRAVER *(clicks tongue)* No, it does not.

VIRA C'mon, now. He can't be worse than Captain Brindle.

TRAVER *(laughing, dry)*

Of course not. No one was worse than Captain Brindle.

KNOWLES Oh, is that what the bet was? That won't do, that's too subjective. You have to be specific.

VIRA *(will miss those five gold)*

What do you mean?

KNOWLES Well, for example, our Lord Whitetower is heroic, but can't seem to follow simple rules like "don't mess around with a married woman," which tells me he thinks he's above the law.

A safer bet would be that our new captain is found to be corrupt in the first six months.

*(satisfied)*

There's a bet you can collect on.

VIRA Alright. I see.

TRAVER Still optimistic about your chances Vira?

VIRA I mean, not anymore.

KNOWLES (*chuckles*)

I do have that effect on people.

SOUND (3:03): FOOTSTEPS COMING CLOSER.

STERLING Excuse me?

KNOWLES (*disinterested*)

Yes, my lord?

STERLING I'm looking for the officer on duty. Someone called... Teric Knowles?

KNOWLES Ah, you've found them, my lord, that's me.

(*flatly*)

How can I help you?

STERLING I'm Sterling Whitetower. Eh... *Captain* Sterling Whitetower.

KNOWLES Captain--- Very pleased to meet you, sir. You'll be wanting to see your office I'm sure?

STERLING Actually, if possible, I'd prefer to address the guards. As many as we can manage at one time.

KNOWLES Oh, well, we're between shifts right now. Two thirds of us are here.

STERLING Splendid. How do you recommend I get their attention?

KNOWLES (*shouting to the rest of the room*)

Hey, shut your gobs! The new captain wants to say something!

AUDIO (3:50): ROOM QUIETS DOWN. BACKGROUND NOISES STOP.

KNOWLES (*at a normal volume*)

Sir.

STERLING Thank you.

*(clears throat)*

My name is Sterling Whitetower. I'm sure I'll meet you all individually later, but for now I'd just like to say this:

Your duty is to protect the people under your care, whether by word or sword or... with your very lives! My duty is the same, but I have the additional task of looking after each of you, ensuring that you can protect people in every way I know how.

I promise you that I will take this duty seriously and enact it to my utmost ability, as long as I have the honor of being your captain.

Thank you for your attention. You may go about your business.

AUDIO (4:39): BACKGROUND NOISES SLOWLY PICK UP.

STERLING I'll be addressing the next shift as well, as soon as they get back. But I'd like to see my office.

KNOWLES Right there, sir. That door.

STERLING Ah, good. Will you please come by in fifteen minutes? I have questions for you.

KNOWLES *(a little more respectfully)*

Yes, sir.

STERLING Thank you.

SOUND (4:57): FOOTSTEPS GOING AWAY.

KNOWLES Hm.

VIRA Well... you can certainly tell he's highborn.

TRAVER Doesn't strike me as a fun-loving sort.

VIRA No, he does not.

KNOWLES I like him.

TRAVER What?

KNOWLES Is a person not allowed to change their mind?

*(sucks in breath)*

I'll bet you five gold he replaces all the rusty armor we've got in the first month.

VIRA *(incredulous)*

Oh, that doesn't seem likely.

TRAVER We've had that armor for years! There's no way.

KNOWLES So you're taking me up on it?

VIRA Yeah, I'll take that bet!

TRAVER Let's be honest, it's kind of a longshot.

KNOWLES Maybe so... but I like those odds.

AUDIO (5:39): BACKGROUND NOISES FADE AND STOP.

AUDIO (5:41): THEME SONG STARTS.

OUTRO (5:45):

HANNAH This bonus episode "What Are the Odds?" was written and directed by Hannah Wright with assistant director William Wright. The show is produced and edited by Katherine Ayers.

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Thanks for listening!

AUDIO (6:20): THEME SONG CONTINUES, MUSIC SPIKES THEN FADES.

AUDIO (6:55): MUSIC ENDS.

EPISODE ENDS.