

## INN BETWEEN

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### **INTRO (00:00):**

HANNAH Hi, everyone, Hannah and Tessa here to thank a couple of our new patrons.

TESSA Yes, hello. We would like to thank Alice Alexandra the Sorcerer and Lezlie the Bard for their support. Thank you so very much.

HANNAH How did you know their go-to D&D classes?

TESSA Classes? W...I just assumed that, because they became patrons on the same day, they were friends, journeying together on a fantastical quest. Or something.

HANNAH Hm, maybe so. If you'd like to join them on a fantastical quest of supporting the show, go to [patreon.com/thegoblinshead](https://patreon.com/thegoblinshead).

TESSA And now, let's go to the Inn.

### **RECAP (00:38):**

AUDIO (00:39): INN BETWEEN THEME PLAYS IN THE BACKGROUND.

TESSA Previously on Inn Between...

CASTOR How much farther to Belling?

TODE Not long now, just a bit more forest to pass through.

KNOWLES Here's a neat little city.

ROSIE How nice to be in civilized company again.

CASTOR What do you mean “civilized”?

AUDIO (01:35): INN BETWEEN THEME FADES AWAY.

AUDIO (01:38): BACKGROUND SOUNDS OF TAVERN

CASTOR You’re telling me that you had no formal education to speak of?

KNOWLES Unless a couple years’ worth of local grammar school counts? No. Why does that surprise you?

CASTOR I... I don’t know. I just... Education is important to dwarves, that’s all. It’s a matter of law. And... hardly anyone slips through the cracks, so I’ve... never *met* someone—

ROSIE You’ve lived among humans for... a while, right? You probably actually have.

CASTOR Huh. I’ve... honestly never considered it.

KNOWLES I turned out alright, even so.

CASTOR I’ll say you did!

*(in awe)*

Your mathematical ability alone...

KNOWLES Oh, that didn’t come from my education. I learned all that myself.

CASTOR *Really?*

ZARA Intelligence and education are uncorrelated, Castor.

CASTOR Well... sure, of course. I do know that, it’s... just...

ZARA *(spiteful)*

Hard to act like it?

ROSIE You ever notice how the longer you spend being *educated*, the less you know?

ZARA (*snort*)

TODE Why go to pursue more education, then?

ZARA Because... universities, Circles of wizardry, academia, it's the purest form of power in this plane of existence. Nowhere else on Earth has all that knowledge in one place.

TODE Interesting.

KNOWLES Don't suppose they have any school out in the woods.

TODE Not as you would think of it. I'll be honest... I never saw the point.

ROSIE Are you in *favor* of education or not, then, Zara?

ZARA I'm in favor of *learning*. Academia as it currently stands, however, is a crumbling tower from a bygone era.

ROSIE Hm.

KNOWLES That's poetic.

CASTOR (*confused*)

But... you attended a wizard circle.

ZARA I was kicked *out* of a wizard circle.

ROSIE It's okay. Schooling is overrated, you didn't miss much.

KNOWLES What? Does a thief have much schooling?

ROSIE I can't speak for *all* thieves, but...

KNOWLES (*playful*)

Oh, are we secretly refined and highfalutin?

ROSIE (*small gasp*)

Bite your tongue, sergeant, how *dare* you?

KNOWLES *(laughs)*

ROSIE But, yes. I had a full education. All through my childhood up until I was grown.

TODE *(puzzled)*

All through? When did you have time to be young?

ROSIE A question I was constantly asking, Tode.

KNOWLES Well, well.

SFX (03:55): DOOR OPENS.

RAIST *(with a standard American accent)*

*(showboating tone)*

Ladies and gentlemen and others! You are in the presence of the three newest masters of the Circle of the Brackish Water!

WIZARDS *(whooping and hollering)*

ZARA *(sarcastic)*

Oh... great.

RAIST Innkeep, drinks for the new masters! And keep 'em coming!

CASTOR *(a little amazed)*

Master wizards!

ROSIE Speaking of education...

KNOWLES Castor, you seem the type. You ever go out for any wizard circles?

CASTOR Me?

*(laugh)*

Oh, no. No. No. I mean I... I thought about it, but it's... awfully expensive and... my family and I weren't really in a position to *pay* for that kind of thing.

ZARA *(dryly)*

Ultimately, most of the time, education comes back to money.

RAIST My fellow masters, who among mortals can match us for magical mayhem?

WIZARD 1 *(with a British accent)*

Not a soul, Raist!

RAIST *(emphatically)*

Not a soul!

ZARA *(groans)*

RAIST And who among mages knows what we know?

WIZARD 2 *(standard American accent with slight speech impediment)*

*(forcefully)*

Nobody!

RAIST Not! A! One!

KNOWLES Bit high on themselves, aren't they?

ROSIE You *met* many wizards?

KNOWLES The Court Wizard seemed alright to me.

ZARA *He's* not a master.

RAIST Who can meet us?

WIZARD 1 No one!

RAIST Who can challenge us?

WIZARD 2 No one!

RAIST Who can defeat us?

WIZARDS No one!

SFX (05:19): CHAIR SCOOTTS.

CASTOR (*worried*)

Uh... Zara?

ZARA No one. Not a soul. Really?

CASTOR (*whispers*)

Shouldn't we stop her?

KNOWLES (*amused*)

Certainly not.

ROSIE This should be good!

KNOWLES Anyone got popcorn?

TODE I have berries!

ZARA I've had about enough of you *blowhards* for one day.

RAIST Ho ho! What are *you* supposed to be?

ZARA (*with fake cheer*)

A challenger! But I'm surprised you can see me past your own massive egos.

WIZARDS Oooh.

RAIST So, you think you can take on *three* master wizards in the Circle of the Brackish Water?

ZARA        (*condescending*)

I've never heard of the Blackish Water. Are you a new Circle? Still taking amateurs?

RAIST       (*annoyed*)

It's *Brackish*, first of all, like salt. And secondly–

ZARA        Oh, salt. Wouldn't know anything about that.

RAIST       And *secondly*, who, exactly, do you think you are?

ZARA        I'm nobody. Problem is, neither are you, and yet here you are, *swanning around* like the word "master" means a *single thing*.

RAIST       (*affronted*)

*Excuse me?*

ZARA        You and your *pretty wands* are welcome to *shut up*. Or leave.

RAIST       Well, and who's gonna make us?

              (*derisive*)

              You?

ZARA        You know?

SFX (06:33): THE SOUND OF ZARA'S MAGIC, A CRACKLE AND WHOOSH OF FIRE.

ZARA        I rather think I will.

RAIST       (*smugly*)

Well, we've got ourselves a sorcerer! Watch out, my fellow masters! If she loses control, the whole *place* will go up!

ZARA        I don't *lose* control.

RAIST All sorcerers lose control eventually. It's just a matter of time. Isn't that right, friends?

KNOWLES Uh oh.

ROSIE (*worriedly*)

How are her odds?

KNOWLES Not good.

ROSIE Say when.

RAIST Look at her, she's trembling!

WIZARD 1 Due to burst, more like!

ZARA (*forcefully, angry*)

Shut. Up.

WIZARD 2 Look out, she's gonna blow!

ZARA You think you know so much. Why don't you put your magic where your *mouth* is?

RAIST If that's what you want, demonspawn. Fellow masters?

KNOWLES *When.*

SFX (07:22): MAGICAL WHOOSH OF THE WIZARDS, SHARP, HIGH NOISE AS IF BY CRYSTAL.

SFX (07:24): KNIFE IS THROWN AND HITTING TARGET.

SFX (07:25): WAND AND KNIFE FALLING TO THE FLOOR WITH A CLING.

RAIST Ow!

ROSIE Next time I'll aim a little *lower* than your wand.

WIZARD 1 This doesn't concern you, drow.

KNOWLES You know, maybe you're right, but if you three are gonna gang up on one person in what I can only presume is some kind of academic power trip, then you'll excuse us if we feel the need to even the odds.

TESSA What in blazes...? There will be no magical battles inside this inn, so help me! And you three, I've had quite enough of your gloating.

RAIST Excuse me, Innkeep—

TESSA (*firmly*)

You are excused!

RAIST (*scoff*)

I see excellence in wizardry is not welcome here. Come on.

WIZARD 2 But Raist—

RAIST (*strongly*)

Come on, I said!

SFX (08:04): DOOR CREAKS OPEN AND SHUT.

SFX (08:09): CHAIR SCOOT OVER AS TODE RISES.

TODE (*pleasant*)

If you would all excuse me a moment.

CASTOR Where are *you* going?

TODE Outdoors.

SFX (08:16): DOOR CREAKS OPEN.

SFX (08:22): CHAIR SCOOT AS ZARA SETTLES.

ZARA I didn't *need* your help.

KNOWLES (*disbelieving*)

Zara, are you trying to tell me that you could take on *three* master wizards alone?

AUDIO (08:31): PAUSE.

ZARA (low)

I just wanted them to shut up.

ROSIE You did that, at least.

CASTOR Were you really going to fight them?

ZARA Yes. Still would.

CASTOR (flatly)

You would die.

ZARA I'd take a couple of them with me first.

KNOWLES That would be a waste.

ROSIE Can we split your hundred gold? You know, if you died because you charged into mage battles headfirst?

ZARA (amused, almost like a laugh)

Hm.

CASTOR Why do you *hate* them so much?

ZARA (slowly)

Before I was with the Circle of Greenish Fire, my education most closely mirrored Knowles. And no matter how hard I worked...

(tired, almost defeated chuckle)

...no matter *how* good I was, no matter that I paid for my tuition in *full* with coin earned by my own hand...

(darkly)

They never let me forget it.

AUDIO (09:29): A THOUGHTFUL PAUSE.

KNOWLES I see why it's so easy for you to be angry.

SFX (09:32): DOOR CREAKS OPEN AND SHUT.

SFX (09:36): CHAIR SCOOT AS TODE SITS.

TODE *(cheerfully)*

Hello, everyone!

CASTOR *(miffed)*

Where have you been?

TODE Outdoors! Strangest thing!

ROSIE Do tell.

TODE Those wizards had such lovely robes! It's a shame that they're entirely infested with fleas!

ROSIE Fleas?

TODE The itching should start presently.

ZARA *(snorts)*

CASTOR Are... you okay?

ZARA *(laughs, quietly at first before growing louder)*

*(continues laughing)*

*(and laughs some more)*

ROSIE Tode. Tode, you broke her.

ZARA *(chuckles)*

Fleas.

KNOWLES (*amused*)

You probably shouldn't have done that.

TODE You cannot prove anything, guard.

ROSIE That's the spirit!

SFX (10:18): CHAIR SCOOTTS.

ZARA I'm getting drinks. Anyone *not* want a drink?

CASTOR You're buying?

ZARA Speak now, before I change my mind.

ROSIE Hey, can you get my knife too? It's right over—

ZARA (*distantly*)

Get it yourself.

ROSIE Ugh, fine.

SFX (10:32): CHAIR SCOOTTS.

ROSIE (*fades away*)

Anyone want a wand or...?

AUDIO (10:34): BACKGROUND SOUNDS OF TAVERN FADE AWAY.

### **OUTRO (10:35):**

AUDIO (10:35): INN BETWEEN THEME PLAYS IN THE BACKGROUND.

TESSA Next time, on Inn Between...

KNOWLES We're what? Three days out from Belling?

TODE And the world grows strange as we get closer.

ZARA Strange *how*?

ROSIE (*nervously*)

This is just a fact-finding mission, right?

### **CREDITS (10:51):**

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Thanks for listening!

**AUDIO (11:50): MUSIC ENDS.**

**POST-CREDITS (11:52):**

AUDIO (11:53): TAVERN SOUNDS.

RAIST        This establishment is non-inclusive and discriminatory!

WIZARD 1    It ought to be shut down!

WIZARD 2    I am personally inconvenienced!

TESSA        (*flatly*)

Yes, your life is so hard as a master wizard, I'm sure. Don't you have somewhere else to be annoying?

AUDIO (12:12): BACKGROUND SOUNDS OF TAVERN FADE AWAY.

EPISODE ENDS.