

1 INT. NEKROSS SHIP. FLIGHT DECK - DAY 2 1

CONTINUOUS FROM PREVIOUS - TOM and URSULA stare in horror at the NEKROSS KING, attended by GUARDS. LEXI and VARG look on.

URSULA  
What - what is it, Tom?

TOM  
Bad news. Very bad news.

LEXI  
Did you not hear my father? Bow!

VARG  
Consider yourselves privileged. It is not our father's custom to grant audience with his herd.

TOM  
I know you're not from around here. You must have the guide book upside down. We're human, not cattle.

Ursula does her best to look powerful and magnificent.

URSULA  
And I might be old. But I'm no cow. I am Ursula, of the Magical Line of Crowe, and I will smite thee with Magic.

Ursula bangs her cane on the floor. Aims it at the King -

URSULA (CONT'D)  
Maa-kraak-dah!

FX SHOT: MAGICAL ENERGY flies from the cane at the King.

FX SHOT: Profile of The King- the Magic isn't hitting him. It slows then is gently absorbed.

And the Nekross King licks his lips. And laughs.

NEKROSS KING  
Delicious!

TOM  
It didn't work! What happened?

URSULA  
I - I don't know.

Furious, Ursula swings the cane towards Varg!

URSULA (CONT'D)  
Maa-kraak-dah!

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FX SHOT: Fires MAGICAL ENERGY at Varg.

FX SHOT: The Magic slows before it hits Varg and is gently absorbed.

VARG  
Earth Magic tastes good!

URSULA  
No!

And she turns on Lexi.

TOM  
Gran! No! That's your third spell!

URSULA  
Maa-kraak-dah!

FX SHOT: Ursula fires at Lexi.

FX SHOT: Again the Magic slows and is gently absorbed by Lexi.

LEXI  
Again, wizard! Feed me again!

TOM  
They're feeding on it! They're feeding on Magic!

URSULA  
Then we're powerless. Magic is all we've got. We're defenceless!

Tom comforts her. Despite his own misgivings.

TOM  
It's all right, Gran. You're with me. I'll look after you.

NEKROSS KING  
Your Magic is strong, old woman. And it makes us stronger.

VARG  
We have travelled the cosmos for Magic. From the Fighting Snakes Nebula to the Black Eye of the Phantom Galaxy.

TOM  
Feeding on wizards?

VARG  
On all Magic.

VARG (CONT' D)

Every star in the sky where there was once Magic, now burns dimmer.

NEKROSS KING

We have fed on it all.

URSULA

You mean there's no Magic left? Not anywhere in the universe?

NEKROSS KING

Only on Earth. And now we shall feast on that.

TOM

No. Feast on this!

Tom does a drop-kick with his ball - straight at the King.

TOM (CONT' D)

Run, Gran!

The ball hits the King- he bellows indignantly as the Nekross rush to his aid.

LEXI

Father!

VARG

Human vermin! You have assaulted the Might of Nekron!

Alarms blare and lights flash as Tom and Ursula make their escape.

CUT TO:

2 INT. NEKROSS SHIP. CORRIDORS - CONTINUOUS - DAY 2 2

TOM and URSULA run for their lives.

URSULA

Which way?

TOM

The way we came! Come on!

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3 INT. NEKROSS SHIP. FLIGHT DECK - DAY 2 3

As the GUARDS gather protectively around the KING-

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NEKROSS KING  
After them!

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4 INT. NEKROSS SHIP. ARRIVAL CHAMBER - DAY 2 4  
TOM and URSULA rush into the chamber.

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TOM

We were on the dark side of the moon.

BENNY

That is so awesome!

But Tom is breaking inside. And angry.

TOM

No it's not! What are you talking about? They've still got my Gran!

BENNY

I'm sorry.

TOM

It doesn't end here. I'm going back. I'm going to save her!... If she's still alive.

And Tom is out of the gym. And Benny runs after him.

BENNY

Wait! Wait for me!

CUT TO:

6 EXT. PARK - DAY 2

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BENNY running after TOM - with no real chance of catching up. Tom's just finishing a call on his mobile.

BENNY

Tom! Tom wait! You need me!

Tom stops - waiting for panting Benny to catch up.

TOM

I don't need you. I can't get hold of my dad. I need to get home. I need you to forget about everything you've seen.

BENNY

And you're going to take them on, yeah? The aliens?

TOM

Yeah.

BENNY

Wands against ray guns? Not sure how that's going to work out.

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TOM  
This is about Magic. That means  
it's down to me. It's my  
responsibility. Just go home, okay?

BENNY  
What? I just saw an alien, I just  
saw one of our teachers taken over  
by aliens. Your Gran got abducted  
by aliens. Oh yes, and you turn out  
to be a magician -

TOM  
Wizard.

BENNY  
And you want me to go home? But  
this is so WOW!

Tom is serious, sober.

TOM  
Well if you think this is all one  
big laugh, you're definitely not  
coming with me.

BENNY  
You can't leave me behind. These  
are aliens, Tom. That's not hocus-  
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URSULA  
Well, as you can see, I'm well past  
my sell-by date.



Lexi pushes her into a cell. Frightened, Ursula sees them go. A movement in the darkness in the cell opposite startles her.

URSULA (CONT'D)  
Who's there?

ROBERT emerges from the shadows.

ROBERT  
Blessed be the Source.

URSULA  
Blessed be the Source. You're a wizard, too?

ROBERT  
For now. Until they drain every drop of Magic out of me. And half my life with it.

Robert can barely control his emotion.

ROBERT (CONT'D)  
Look what they did to my son.

And ROBERT is joined by his son, now OLD MARK.

URSULA  
Your "son"? I don't understand.

Old Mark (and he looks much, much older than Ursula) regards her with rheumy eyes, his face pinched and wrinkled.

OLD MARK  
I'm only twelve.

Robert puts an arm around his son.

ROBERT  
Help us.

Ursula is heartbroken.

URSULA

TOM

You don't tell anyone. Understand?  
Not about the aliens. Not about the  
Magic.

BENNY

What would aliens with the  
technology to travel light years  
want with magic?

TOM

They feed on it.

Benny absorbs for a second.

BENNY

Yeah. That makes sense.

TOM

It does?

BENNY

Whatever you call "Magic", it's an  
energy. Organisms live on energy,  
whether they get it from food, like  
us, or the sun, like plants. You  
see - science. It's clever.

TOM

Yeah, and so is Magic.

Tom takes out the Ring of Healing.

TOM (CONT'D)

Some wizard lost this when the  
Nekross took him. It's enchanted  
with his Magic. So there's a  
connection, like an invisible cord.

BENNY

Or a phone line! If he's on the  
Nekross ship, you can use it to  
trace him - and your Gran.

TOM

And to get me back on their ship.

BENNY

So you know how to do that?

TOM

No. But I can find out. In there.

He nods towards the toilet door. Benny checks - it's a loo.

BENNY

The toilet?

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TOM

Yeah. And once you "scientists" thought the world was flat and the sun revolved around the Earth. Got those wrong big time, didn't you? Well maybe Magic is going to be another big surprise.

Benny takes that like a slap.

BENNY

So where are we going, anyway?

TOM

Gran's Chamber of Mysteries. It's

BENNY  
Got to admit, it's pretty cool. So  
how come you've never been here?

TOM  
Dad says I'm not responsible. Well,  
I'm responsible for leaving my Gran  
on that spaceship. So here I am.

As Tom finds a photograph of his mum.

BENNY  
Who's that?

TOM  
My mum. She died.

BENNY  
Sorry.

TOM  
Yeah. Sometimes Magic isn't all  
it's cracked up to be.

He puts the photograph aside and discovers a huge volume on  
the table - esoteric symbols; heavy iron clasps.

BENNY  
Let me guess - a book of spells.

TOM  
It's the Wisdom of Crowe. If  
there's a way to link the ring and  
the wizard that enchanted it, the  
spell will be in here.

Tom hesitates -

BENNY  
So what's the problem?

TOM  
I told you, I'm not supposed to be  
here. I'm a wizard, but I'm not  
trained.

BENNY  
It's just a book. Open it.

And Tom opens the book.

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Will it work? By the jaws of a  
Jabbermaul, of course it will work.

Tom gives Moon the Phoenix Ash pot and he unscrews...

BENNY  
(quiet, to Tom)  
What exactly is he?

TOM



MOON

Now, you'll be holding the ring in  
the wisher wood smoke. Both of you.  
The Passing-ways will open and take  
you to the wizard who be enchanting  
it.

BENNY and TOM do as they're told.

PRAC smoke curls around Tom and Benny.

BENNY

So, this is a matter transporter?

MOON

What'll be a matter transporter?

BENNY

Something that transports matter.

TOM

It's not a matter transporter, it's  
a Passing Charm.

BENNY

No it's a matter transporter.

TOM

All right, so if you're so clever  
can you build a matter transporter?

BENNY

No. Science isn't that advanced.

TOM

So this is Magic. It's a Passing  
Charm.

MOON

Ssshhh! The charm will be working.  
Look!

FX SHOT: An image of the Nekross Ship on the dark side of the  
moon fills the scrying mirror.

TOM

It's the Nekross ship! It's a real  
flying saucer!

BENNY

On the far side of the Moon. Cool.  
(then to Moon)  
You are sure this spell of yours  
will get us there and back again,  
aren't you?

MOON

The getting there - of course, of course! ... The getting back? That - that'll be for you to divine.

Benny looks at Tom. Doubtful.

BENNY

And when do you get your three spells again?

TOM

Not until sunrise tomorrow.

BENNY

This better not be a one-way trip.

As MICHAEL enters the Chamber.

MICHAEL

Tom!

TOM

Dad!

FX SHOT: Smoke builds around Tom and Benny and they disappear in a flash of light.

Furious Michael lunges for Mop©Ywnmg©!)p©©na -

MICHAEL

There are no such things as aliens!  
Tell me the truth, or you're going  
to wish you never got off your  
toadstool!

But Moon's eyes have fallen on the scrying mirror.

MOON

No! By the warts of Galeshmei!! The  
enchantment will have failed!

In the scrying mirror - the Burnt Hill Stone Circle.

CUT TO:

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EXT. BURNT HILL STONE CIRCLE - DAY 2

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TOM and BENNY open their eyes - at the centre of the circle.

BENNY

This looks sort of familiar. And  
nothing like a spa)p©Ywsm©!)p©c:w mg©!cb0c©YwSmg©!)p©Ywtm©0©

TOM  
We got bounced.

BENNY  
Bounced?

TOM  
Magic doesn't work against the  
Nekross. Maybe it doesn't work  
against their ship, either.

BENNY  
So we got bounced? Here?

TOM  
Maybe this is the last place on  
Earth the ship came. Maybe this is  
as close as the spell could get us.

BENNY  
Okay, so this wizard lost that ring  
here, what was he doing? Casting  
spells?

TOM  
Raising the power of the stones.

Benny is getting inspired -

BENNY  
So that's what brought the aliens?  
What if we did the same? Brought  
the Nekross to us, like a trap.

Tom shakes his head, sad and frustrated.

TOM  
Even if I knew how, I'm out of  
spells 'til the next sunrise.

CUT TO:

19 INT. THE CHAMBER OF MYSTERIES - CONTINUOUS - DAY 2 19

MOON is watching in the mirror - and suddenly excited.

MOON  
But I can! I'll be raising their  
power from here! I'll be talking  
with the stones! Yes! Yes!

CUT TO:





MOON  
Pillars of Stone, Ancients among  
Ancients, be hearing me! The  
Guardian of the Chamber of Crowe!  
Heed my commands, be giving up your  
Power.

CUT TO:

23 INT. NEKROSS SHIP. FLIGHT DECK - DAY 2 23

URSULA is brought to the EXTRACTOR by NEKROSS GUARDS under VARG's watch. The NEKROSS KING licks his lips.

NEKROSS KING  
Place her in the extractor.

VARG  
As the King commands, so it is  
done.

And Ursula is forced into the machine.

URSULA  
I hope I give you heartburn!

VARG  
Extract the Magic -

ALARMS start going off. And LEXI is there -

LEXI  
Cease, brother! My Father, we have  
detected a significant energy surge  
at Target Zone Veta.

NEKROSS KING  
Dinner may have to wait.  
(to Lexi)  
Engage the plasma drive. Take me to  
Earth!

CUT TO:

24 EXT. SPACE. EARTH/THE MOON - DAY 2 24

FX SHOT: The Nekross ship streaks towards Earth.

CUT TO:

25 EXT. BURNT HILL STONE CIRCLE - DAY 2 25

FX SHOT: A storm of magical energy around TOM and BENNY.

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Tom jabs a finger at the sky -



TOM  
Up there - look!

FX SHOT: In the sky - the ship coming...

BENNY  
Oh boy. A flying saucer!

CUT TO:

TOM

Dad!

Dazed but thankful, MICHAEL jumps out of the car - grabs TOM.

MICHAEL

You're okay! I was going out of my head!

TOM

Gran's been kidnapped!

MICHAEL

Randal Moon told me...

And his eyes find the big chamber window.

FX SHOT: Earth receding in space.

MICHAEL (CONT'D)

... by aliens! This is amazing!

As the door opens - VARG and ARMED NEKROSS GUARDS.

VARG

So, the halfling returns - just in time for dinner!

CUT TO:

30 INT. NEKROSS SHIP. FLIGHT DECK - DAY 2

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VARG and GUARDS bring TOM, BENNY and MICHAEL to face the NEKROSS KING. LEXI has URSULA in the inactive extractor.

TOM

Gran! What have they done to you?

NEKROSS KING

Nothing. Yet.

TOM

Let her go!

Varg pulls a gun on Tom as he runs towards Ursula.

VARG

Stay back, wizard.

Tom holds his ground.

BENNY

Hey, let's all take it easy.

As Michael takes a step towards the King.

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MI CHAEL  
Why are you here? What do you want?

LEXI  
We have seen in your fictions how  
some aliens come to your planet for  
slaves. Some for water, or power.  
Or simply to destroy. But we have  
come for Magic.

URSULA  
They feed off wizards!

NEKROSS KING  
Off all Magic. And now we are here.  
Where most of it is lost and  
forgotten.

VARG  
Humans deny Magic even exists.  
So its loss will go unnoticed.  
The Nekross shall feast!

The Nekross King looks at Ursula. Licks his fat lips.

NEKROSS KING  
Extract the Magic!

LEXI  
As the King Commands. So it is  
done.

Lexi moves to close the capsule on Ursula.

MI CHAEL  
Ursula!

He makes a move - the Nekross Guards turn their guns on him.

TOM  
No! You'll kill her!

NEKROSS KING  
I shall feast on her!

Defiant Tom takes a step towards the King.

TOM  
Let her go! I'm warning you!

The King laughs.

NEKROSS KING  
And you will be next, halfling!

And Michael moves up alongside his son, defiant.

MICHAEL  
No-one threatens my family!

NEKROSS KING  
You give warning to me? You do not  
even have Magic.

And Michael pulls the brimstone egg from his pocket.

MICHAEL  
No, but I've got an Egg of  
Brimstone.

Tom gets it. Edges towards the Extractor.

VARG  
An egg? You threaten the Nekross  
with an egg?

Michael throws the egg gently in the air and catches it.

MICHAEL  
That's right.

He looks to Tom.

TOM  
Benny cover your eyes! Throw it,  
Dad! Now!

And Michael throws the egg at the floor -

A raging, blinding PRAC white light - like white fire bursts  
out of the egg.

The Nekross cry out, temporarily blinded -

As Tom releases Ursula. She's dazed but okay.

MICHAEL  
Come on! Run!

And they're out of there.

CUT TO:

31 INT. NEKROSS SHIP. CORRIDORS - CONTINUOUS - DAY 2 31

The doors slide shut on the flight deck -

TOM  
This way!

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URSULA  
Wait! There are other wizards here-  
we can't leave them!

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CUT TO:

32 INT. NEKROSS SHIP. DETENTION CELL - DAY 2 32

TOM, BENNY, MICHAEL and URSULA burst in and see ROBERT and OLD MARK.

ROBERT  
What's happening?

URSULA  
The warrior wizards aren't all gone  
after all! Meet my grandson!

CUT TO:

33 INT. NEKROSS SHIP. FLIGHT DECK - DAY 2 33

The brimstone has burned out. The Nekross are recovering.

NEKROSS KING  
Get them!

VARG  
Deactivate the teleport!

And VARG, LEXI and the GUARDS are out of there.

34 INT. NEKROSS SHIP. ARRIVAL CHAMBER - DAY 2 34

MICHAEL leads TOM, BENNY, URSULA, ROBERT and OLD MARK into the chamber. The door closes behind them. Michael takes in a panel beside the door. He grabs Ursula's cane from her, smashes the panel with it, then hands it back to her. The panel PRAC sparks.

MICHAEL  
Maybe that'll hold them for a  
while.

BENNY  
Perhaps. But what now?

Tom makes for the matter transporter.

TOM  
This got me back before.

Tom tries the lever. Nothing.

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BENNY  
Only then maybe they'd left it on?

Tom is lost.

TOM  
You're Science. That was the deal.  
You figure it out!

BENNY  
It's alien technology. And it's a  
matter transporter. You get this  
wrong and your molecules get  
sprayed from here to Alpha  
Centauri. Never thought I'd say  
this, but the only way we're going  
to get off this ship is with a shed-  
load of Magic.

TOM  
And we've used up all our spells.

CUT TO:

35      INT. NEKROSS SHIP. CORRIDOR. - CONTINUOUS - DAY 2      35

VARG, LEXI and the GUARDS reach the door to the arrival chamber. The door isn't working. Furious Varg hammers on it.

VARG  
Wizards! I have no taste for your  
Magic now!

CUT TO:

INT. NEKROSS SHIP. ARRIVAL CHAMBER - CONTINUOUS - DAY 2

A PRAC spot of burning in the door.

URSULA  
They're going to get in.

ROBERT  
We're trapped.

OLD MARK hugs ROBERT tightly.

OLD MARK  
Dad, I'm frightened.

BENNY  
There must be something we can do.

TOM  
Not without Magic. I'm sorry,  
Benny. But I told you not to come.

The Nekross are cutting through the door.

Michael's eyes are stinging with tears.

MICHAEL  
You came back for your Gran. Your  
mum would've been proud of you,  
Tom. And so am I.

Ursula kisses Tom's cheek, looks him in the eye.

URSULA  
There was one last warrior wizard  
of the Crowe bloodline, after all.

TOM  
It wasn't enough. I'm sorry.

And a tiny sliver of sunlight falls across Benny's face.

And he looks. Realization on his face. New hope.

BENNY  
Look!

TOM  
It's no good, Benny. There's  
nothing we can do.

But there's more sunlight spreading across Benny's face.

BENNY

And it's a glorious, wonderful, heart-stopping, huge moment.

FX SHOT: The SUN rising over the curvature of the Earth.

Wonderful golden sunlight bursting from behind Earth.

They are bathed in sunlight.

A wonderful magical moment.

TOM

It can't be!

MICHAEL

The ship is orbiting the Earth,  
travelling towards a new day.

BENNY

Science brings you - a sunrise!

URSULA

But it's only five in the  
afternoon!

BENNY

We've moved round the Earth towards  
a new dawn.

And we can see Tom and Ursula growing stronger with  
replenished Magic. Ursula straightens up, strong, ag!)p©Ywnmg!)p©Ywdm



Benny looks at him. Big moment. Friend?

And the Nekross are almost through the door.

TOM (CONT'D)  
Now get in the car!

CUT TO:

39 INT. NEKROSS SHIP. CORRIDOR. - CONTINUOUS - DAY 2 39

VARG has cut through the door.

VARG  
Prepare to die, wizards!

And he raises his foot to kick in the door -

CUT TO:

40 INT. NEKROSS SHIP. ARRIVAL CHAMBER/MICHAEL'S 4X4 - 40  
CONTINUOUS -DAY 2

They are all in the car. MICHAEL at the wheel, URSULA beside him, BENNY, TOM, ROBERT and OLD MARK in the back.

TOM  
Gran, give me your hand. You've got  
to help me with this!

Ursula, brimming with pride gives him her hand.

URSULA  
You can do it, Thomas. Concentrate!  
Feel the Magic!

Tom - deg©!)p©YwTmg©!)p©Ywhm(wimg©!)p©Yc:w mg©!)p©Ywkm©! r!)p©Ywkm©! r!)

No!

VARG

NEKROSS KING  
This is just the beginning. I will  
have their Magic. The Nekross shall  
feast!

CUT TO:

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EXT. BURNT HILL STONE CIRCLE - DAY 2

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The 4x4 standing at the centre of the circle. Smoking.  
BENNY staggers out, taking it all in. Joyful. Amazed.

BENNY  
We made it! We actually made it!

TOM joins him.

TOM  
Still think Magic is all Hogwarts?

ROBERT and OLD MARK get out of the car. URSULA and MICHAEL  
get out too.

OLD MARK  
Was that sick, or what?

ROBERT looks at his son, taken aback - to Ursula and Michael.

ROBERT  
Kids. Where do they learn all this  
slang?

Smiling sadly, he puts his arm around his ancient son. The  
others watch, touched. As Tom digs out the Ring of Healing.

TOM  
Maybe this will help.

Robert is tearful as he takes it. Looks at Old Mark.

ROBERT  
Thank you. It's my ring of healing,  
maybe it will.

Old Mark's eyes are wet with tears.

OLD MARK  
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