

THE ROYAL HOUSE

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This series is set in its own universe, ruled by a monarchy with no real government or democracy. This is a modern universe with modern technology reflecting similar technological advancements to that of the 80's or 90's.

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FADE IN:

EXT. THE ROYAL CASTLE - DAY

The royal castle is a big a prestigious castle, home to the King or Queen of The Grand Royal House and the land. They rule over New Jerrek, the capital and home to The Royal Castle.

Hundreds of people are pushing the gates surrounding the royal castle, yelling and screaming. The Infantry of the Royal House, surrounds the gates stopping the riots from escalating. The Royal Infantry is the military, made up of men wearing a black and silver uniform with body protection. The infantry pushed back at the people trying to riot.

KING HAGEN VII
(OS)
Anger.

CUT TO:

EXT. NEW JERREK STREETS - NIGHT

People are fighting on the streets, causing riots. Men are throwing bottles blazed in flames at one another, with other men fist fighting in the streets. Blood fills the streets with one man in a balaclava moving to a wall covered in blood from the riots. He begins to spray paint the wall with letters. The letter spell out "The Real Republic".

KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D - OS)
Division.

CUT TO:

EXT. DESTROYED BUILDING - DAY

A large building that is clearly a posh building that was a high establishment. Surrounding the building is a number of the Royal Infantry, who are investigating and guarding the crime scene. A news reporter stands outside the destroyed building.

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NEWS REPORTER

This is the scene of one of the few Grand Royal House schools, exclusive to young royals and important people. Once a Royal establishment for the education of young people, now bricks and rubble. Another attack from the self names Real Republic leaves many injured and some young children dead.

KING HAGEN VII
(OS)
Hatred.

CUT TO:

INT. THE REPUBLIC HOUSE/ MEETING ROOM - DUSK

The Republic House is the headquarters of the elected members of The Republic of the Royal House. The Republic of the Royal House is an elected committee of ordinary people to voice the issues of men and women to the Grand Royal House. The Royal House founded the Republic to quieten riots and division between the Royals and their subjects.

In the Republic House meeting room there is a long table with chairs around it usually filled with members of the Republic of the Royal House. Currently only the Head of the Republic, and the Deputy head sit in this room.

NIKOLAJ (55), is the elected head of the Republic and a well loved figure amongst the people. EDVIN (34), is Nikolajs deputy and thought of as Nikolajs obvious successor. The two of them sit across from each other, clearly concerned.

EDVIN

You know how this will look to the Royal House don't you?

Nikolaj responds angrily.

NIKOLAJ
How will it look?

EDVIN

The threat to the school was made to us. You chose not to relay that to the Royal House, or Royal infantry.

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NIKOLAJ

Because it was an idle threat. Or so we all thought. I say again, we. You relayed as much information to the Royal House as I did.

EDVIN

How do we proceed.

NIKOLAJ

The Grand Royal House, can never know.

KING HAGEN VII

(OS)

Secrets.

CUT TO:

INT. HOTEL ROOM - NIGHT

Two men are lying naked in bed clearly having an affair. One of those men is smoking a cigarette, that man is PRINCE EINAR. Prince Einar (35), is third in line to the thrown. Einar, whilst not having come out yet, is heavily rumoured as gay to the point where its almost a fact. For this reason the Royal House as disowned Einar.

KING HAGEN VII

(CONT'D - OS)

Some less secretive than others.

CUT BACK TO:

EXT. THE ROYAL CASTLE - DAY

The riots outside the Royal Castle continue.

KING HAGEN VII

(CONT'D - OS)

These are but a few of the issues that have plagued this land. My land. My kingdom. My Grand Royal House.

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EXT. THE ROYAL CASTLE - NIGHT

The riots have stopped, all that surrounds the castle is the occasional passing car and the Royal Infantry guarding it.

KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D - OS)

The riots simmer as the people return to their positions amongst there mundane, average lives. Now the castle sits in the night lit by the silver of the Infantry of the Royal House. The castle sits in the centre of the lands capital New Jerrek. Named by the great King Hagen, meaning King forever. Named so appropriately as I, King Hagen the Seventh currently sit on the thrown.

INT. THE PRINCES CASTLE/ BEDROOM - NIGHT

The Princes Castle is the Royal House for the heir to the throne. The bedroom is large, the size of a normal house alone. The bedroom is covered head to toe in gold, with jewellery, paintings and expensive items. The bed is larger then a normal king sized bed.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII (42), is the heir to the throne. He stands in front of his mirror wearing his uniform. His uniform is white and gold and covered with medals.

His wife PRINCESS COMPANION SIV sits in bed. Princess Companion SIV (39), is the Princess Companion. Companion is the title given to any man or women who marries a Royal member, or member or a Royal House.

Princess Siv, gets up to stand behind Prince Hagen. She puts one hand on his arm and the other on his shoulder. The two of them look at themselves in the mirror.

KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D - OS)

My first born son, Prince Hagen the eighth, will soon be King Hagen the ninth, continuing the legacy of King Hagen. King forever.

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EXT. THE VICE CASTLE - NIGHT

The Vice Castle is the home of the Royal Vice and sits at the centre of New Ragna. The title of the person who is the right hand man of the King or Queen, the main assistant. The Royal Infantry guard it.

KING HAGEN VII

(CONT'D - OS)

The Vice Castle sits at the centre of New Ragna. Named by King Hagen for the advice given from the Royal Vice.

INT. THE VICE CASTLE/ OFFICE - NIGHT

RANGVALD (67), is the Royal Vice. Rangvald is sitting at his desk in his office writing on papers. Rangvald is wearing glasses and a jumper over a smart shirt as he reads and writes.

KING HAGEN VII

(CONT'D - OS)

The Vice Castle, home to the Royal Vice. The most important man that isn't the King or heir.

The man with all the answers for the King. The king is only as strong as his right hand man.

Rangvald has a single gold medal over his right chest, a medal given to the Royal Vice. He grabs a cloth and wipes over his medal clearly proud of his position as the Royal Vice.

KING HAGEN VII

(CONT'D - OS)

Rangvald has always been my loyal Vice. I couldn't have ruled without him. And nor will King Hagen the ninth be able to rule without the greatest Royal Vice the land has ever seen.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE ROYAL BANK - DAY

The Royal Bank is a large castle like building, with gold trimmings and guarded by the Royal Infantry. The Royal Bank is the headquarters of the Bank of the Royal House.

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KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D - OS)

The Royal Bank sits at the centre of New Lasse.
Named as the city of laurels. Filled with the
awards and riches of the Grand Royal House.

INT. THE ROYAL BANK/ MONEY PRINTING ROOM - DAY

Machines in a large room are printing hundreds of bank notes with the face of King Hagen VIII.

KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D - OS)

The Bank of the Royal House manages and controls the lands finance, and more importantly, the finances of the Grand Royal House

INT. THE ROYAL BANK/ FINANCE DIRECTOR OFFICE - DAY

The Royal Finance Director is the person in charge of the Royal Bank. This title currently belongs to PRINCESS AGNETE. Princess Agnete (40) is King Hagen VIII second child. Princess Agnete is using a small eye magnifying glass to examine a coin with the face of King Hagen I, and King Hagen VIII.

KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D - OS)

This makes the job of The Royal Finance Director the upmost importance. And thus it has been bestowed on my smartest and favourite daughter Princess Agnete.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE ROYAL BARRACKS - DAWN

The Royal Barracks are the military base for the Royal Infantry. The Royal Barracks is similar to a large stadium, almost reflecting a gladiator arena. The barracks has a gun range with people shooting and people sparring with each other, brutally fighting. It also has small huts that are used for planning as well as a main board room, to plan major attacks and wars.

At the end of the barracks is a tall tower overlooking the entire barracks, known as "The Sword". This is the post of the Royal General. A title held by PRINCE MAGNUS. Prince Magnus (33), is the forth youngest child and the youngest boy. Prince Magnus is standing on "The Sword".

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KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D - OS)

The Royal Barracks sit at the centre of New Holger. Named the island of spears, after the great battles won by the King Hagen.

Prince Magnus is looking over two people sparring. The two people begin to fight even harder with blood flying in between the two of them.

KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D - OS)

The Infantry of the Royal House protects the the Grand Royal House from all that should come to harm it. This means the Royal General must be strong and ruthless. A fitting role for Prince Magnus.

The two people fighting become more and more brutal ending with one of them on the ground and the other on top of him beating him to death. Prince Magnus looks over them laughing.

KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D - OS)

Prince Hagen and his heirs may stand upon the sword that. Overlooks the barracks for years to come. They will be loyal protectors to the House for generations.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE ROYAL GALLERY - DAY

The Royal Gallery is the base of the Arts of the Royal House. The Royal Arts, are the head of the creative for the Royal House. In charge of the arts such as the writing for speeches, the way the Royal House communicates with its people, such as press conferences and different media sectors. The Royal Gallery is a large castle like building made entirely out of glass. The Royal Infantry guard it.

KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D - OS)

The Royal Gallery sits at the centre of New Asta, named for its divine beauty. The Royal Gallery is the home of the Arts of the Royal House. The Royal Arts may seem unimportant, but they are the voice of the Royal House, the means of communication between us and the ordinary.

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INT. THE ROYAL GALLERY/ ART DIRECTOR OFFICE - DAY

The Royal Art Director is the head of the Royal Arts. The current Royal Art Director is the Princess Companion Siv, the wife of Prince Hagen VIII. Princess Companion Siv is sitting in her office with a team of people around her. One person rolls out a painting, with her examining it closely. Everyone in the room is talking over each other.

PRINCESS COMPANION SIV
A Royal fake I'm afraid.

The painting is rolled up and taken away. Everyone continues to talk amongst themselves. Princess Companion Siv yells out.

PRINCESS COMPANION SIV
Someone bring me the Royal press release for
the King now.

Someone brings Princess Companion Siv the press release, which is a paper filled with writing. She examines it closely, highlighting certain points.

KING HAGEN VII
(OS)

At the head of the Royal Arts is the Royal Art Director, a title often given to a Royal Companion, or a member of a noble house. The Princess Companion, and future Queen Companion, Siv suits this role well.

CUT TO:

EXT. THE REPUBLIC HOUSE - DAY

The Republic House is a large boring building with pillars around it. No-one guards this building.

KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D - OS)

Finally, the Republic House. Seated at the centre of New Folke meaning of the people. The city of the ordinary. The city of the average. The city of the people of my land.

INT. THE REPUBLIC HOUSE/ MEETING ROOM - DAY

The meeting room is filled with members of the Republic House. Everyone around the table are wearing suits and ferociously debating with one another.

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KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D - OS)

The head of the Republic holds no real power,
they are the spokesmen of the ordinary,
average people of this land. They don't hold
a seat at the Royal Council, and under the
Royal Hagen Regime they never will. They are
merely a pacifier to the ordinary, average
people of this land that choose to cry.

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL/ PRIVATE HOSPITAL ROOM - NIGHT

King Hagen VII is revealed to be in a hospital bed clearly sick. He is sat up in bed holding a book titled "The History of King Hagens Royal Land". The book is thick with a map of the country on it. The book is old and weathered.

Sitting on the side of the bed is a young boy. The young boy is PRINCE HAGEN IX (11), the son of Prince Hagen VIII, and King Hagen VII grandson.

King Hagen VII shuts the book and looks to his grandson. The King uncontrollably coughs blood into a tissue before turning back to his grandson.

KING HAGEN VII
Sorry my boy. Why do you think I'm telling
you all this?

PRINCE HAGEN IX
Because I'm going to be King one day.

KING HAGEN VII
One day soon. I'm dying boy. And your father Prince Hagen the eighth isn't young. You must know all this because you aren't just a future King. You're a future King Hagen, and you must continue to Hagen dynasty.

Prince Hagen IX looks down slightly.

KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D)
Look up boy.

Prince Hagen IX immediately looks up. The King begins to talk stern with his grandson.

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KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D)

You are eleven years old, you are no longer a child. You have never been a child. You have always been a Prince and soon, very soon, you will be a King. You must rule over this land with power and fury. Because people will try to take it from you.

PRINCE HAGEN IX
Who's trying to take it.

The King waits a moment before replying, looking his grandson in the eyes.

KING HAGEN VII
Everyone.

CUT TO:

EXT. PONTUSLAND AIRPORT - DAWN

Pontusland is a the land across the sea from The Kingsland. Pontusland is independent of Kingsland and therefore not technically ruled by the Grand Royal House.

A plane has arrived from Kingsland, surrounded by press and people cheering for who's inside. A man steps out in a nice suit causing everyone to cheer. This man is AKSEL (44), a descendant of King Hagen I who many view has a claim to the Royal House to be King.

Aksel walks down the stairs from the plane smiling and waving at the cheering crowds. Aksel stops at the bottom of the stairs with press flooding in front of him. With microphones in his face, Aksel makes a statement.

AKSEL

I've just returned from my trip to the Kingsland. The land filled with disarray and' division. The people of Kingsland are not happy. I cant help but compare it to its neighbours across the sea, to this great land off the sea, to Pontusland. Pontusland is full hope and happiness.

I'm happy to be back at Pontusland, I only hope that someday Kingsland can achieve the happiness and the freedom of Pontusland.

One of the reports pushes forward to ask a question.

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REPORTER

Do you know what they've been calling you since
your trip away sir.

AKSEL

I try not to listen too much to the noise.

REPORTER

The uncrowned King.

The crowd of people around Aksel then begin to chant. The crowd chant in unison, "King forever", continually. Aksel looks around triumphantly before walking through the reporters to his car driven by a chauffeur. His car is clearly very expensive and posh. As he walks to his car the crowd still chants "King forever", he then gets in the back of his car. The car drives off.

CUT TO:

INT. AKSELS MANSION/ COUNCIL ROOM - DAY

In Aksels mansion he has a council room set up for invited guests. In this room he has a large table with five seats. Four of those seats are on either side of the table with one seat, Aksels seat, sitting at the head of the table. The room is filled with gold and a paintings of people with gold frames around the room. Behind Aksel at the head of the table is a painting of a woman. This woman is his mother, someone King Hagen had an affair with.

The closest two seats to Aksel sits, on his right, his wife and companion KARINA (27), and to his left, his Vice, TRYGVE (44). Trygve is has been his best friend since birth and his most trusted man.

The seat next to Karina is filled by MARNA (34), his secretary, and PREBEN (37), the navy commander of Pontusland. Aksel has assembled these people for a meeting.

AKSEL

The uncrowned King. That's what they're calling me. The uncrowned queen is what they called the person behind me.

Aksel turns his chair slightly to look at the painting of the woman behind him.

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AKSEL
(CONT'D)

My great, great, great, great and so on,
grandmother. The woman that gave birth
to the grand King Hagen's true first born.
My great, great, great and so on, grandfather.
He was not titled the uncrowned King however.

Aksel turns back around to face everyone.

AKSEL
(CONT'D)
He was titled a bastard. And from then my
family has been banished and neglected
and forgotten, to Pontusland.

Aksel becomes more intense slamming the table before starting his next sentence.

AKSEL
(CONT'D)
Well no more shall I be banished or neglected.
And I will no longer be forgotten, I will
be remembered. Remembered as the man, the
uncrowned King, to take back what is mine.

Aksel slams his fist on the table one more time after finishing his sentence. Aksel uses a more calm tone now.

AKSEL
(CONT'D)
I will take back what is owed. I will take
back the Grand Royal House. For no longer
shall it be the Grand Hagen House. It shall
be the Grand Aksel House.

Trygve and Preben both clap in agreement with Aksel.

TRYGVE
Hear, hear.

PREBEN
Hear, hear.

Trygve looks towards Aksel.

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TRYGVE

I have been beside you for many years. Your closest friend since young. And I will be your closest ally as you take back the Royal House.

Aksel gives a look of approval towards Trygve.

AKSEL

And for these reasons, I shall name you my Royal Vice.

Preben turns the attention of Aksel towards him by speaking.

PREBEN

Pontusland's navy will be at your disposal for any battle that might come of the uncrowned King.

AKSEL

And to show my gratitude, you and the Navy will become, the Royal Navy, you my Royal General.

Aksel turns to look at Marna, his secretary.

AKSEL

(CONT'D)

And Marna, you are no longer my secretary. But my Royal secretary.

Marna smiles and nods back at Aksel. Aksel turns towards his wife Karina and puts his hand on her cheek.

AKSEL

(CONT'D)

And my dearest Karina. My loyal wife, weather it be to my last breath, I will make sure the world knows you as the Queen companion. As my Queen companion.

Aksel turns his attention back to the whole table. Aksel stands up promoting the whole table to stand up.

AKSEL

(CONT'D)

This is my Royal Council. My Royal House. The Royal House of Aksel.

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Everyone around the table take turns bowing their heads, starting with the Vice Trygve.

TRYGVE
King forever.

Next Preben bows his head.

TRYGVE
King forever.

Next Marna bows her head.

MARNA
King forever.

Karina doesn't bow her head, but instead puts her hand on Aksels cheek.

KARINA
My king forever.

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL/ PRIVATE WAITING ROOM - NIGHT

Sitting outside King Hagen VII waiting room is Prince Hagen VIII, and Princess Companion Siv. King Hagen is wearing his full uniform that he was putting on in the mirror. Siv is wearing a black dress.

PRINCESS COMPANION SIV
He's been talking to him for ages.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII
You know how my father likes to monologue.

PRINCESS COMPANION SIV
I don't like him putting so much pressure on
our boy.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII
And you don't pressure him?

PRINCESS COMPANION SIV
It's different and you know it.

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PRINCE HAGEN VIII

My boy will be King. A King Hagen. He should
learn from a great one.

PRINCESS COMPANION SIV

And you won't be a great King Hagen?

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

That remains to be seen.

Princess Agnete the Royal Finance Director, walks into the private waiting room wearing a black dress. Prince Hagen VIII and Siv stand up to greet her, the two of them hugging her.

PRINCESS AGNETE

Why are we waiting outside.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

He wants to talk to my son.

PRINCESS AGNETE

To the future King.

PRINCESS COMPANION SIV

Anyone would think my husband is dead.

Princess Agnete sits down next to Siv and Hagen VIII, and lights a cigarette.

PRINCESS AGNETE

Oh come on, father has told my dear brother
everything. He's just trying to make sure his
legacy truly lives on.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

Not everything.

Prince Hagen VIII grabs the cigarette from Agnete, making Siv annoyed.

PRINCESS COMPANION SIV

Seriously?

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

I'm stressed.

He hands the cigarette back to Agnete.

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PRINCESS AGNETE

What do you mean not everything?

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

Said there was one thing I must learn.

PRINCESS AGNETE

What?

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

You know how he likes to talk in riddles.

PRINCESS COMPANION SIV

He should use his final months alive to relax.

PRINCESS AGNETE

Relax? This is the most stressful days for any King. To make sure his family and his legacy will remain in tact.

PRINCESS COMPANION SIV

No one would challenge a King Hagen.

PRINCESS AGNETE

No one would challenge King Hagen the seventh.

The same may not be said about King Hagen the eighth.

This is the first time Hagen VIII has heard his name with the King title out loud. This makes him look towards his sister with a slight nervousness.

The next person to arrive, is Prince Einar with PRINCESS ELLINOR. Princess Ellinor (28), is the youngest child of King Hagen VII, she is close with Prince Einar and much less close with her other siblings.

Prince Einar is wearing a black suit, not his uniform, with no medals. Princess Ellinor is wearing a black dress.

The two of them sit down in a set of chairs away from their other siblings.

Prince Hagen VIII looks over at Prince Einar with a look of disgust. He shakes his head and looks away from them. Hagen VIII, murmurs to his wife and Princess Agnet.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

It's embarrassing. A so called member of the Royal House, sitting in there in a cheap suit.

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Prince Einar over hears Hagen VIII murmuring.

PRINCE EINAR
I would happily wear my uniform if it and
my medals, weren't taken with it.

PRINCESS AGNET
And why do you think they were taken?

Prince Einar gives a sarcastic response, mimicking the way to
greet a royal, bowing his head.

PRINCE EINAR
Please enlighten me with your royal
wisdom your Royal Princess, the Royal
Financial Director.

PRINCESS AGNET
Because you're a queer.

Prince Hagen VIII, quietens Agnet not wanting her to speak too
loud as if it's a secret.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII
Agnet.

PRINCESS AGNET
Princess Agnet. Everyone knows anyway.
You cant deny it as much as father.

PRINCESS ELLINOR
Let's just try to be here for father.

PRINCESS AGNET
She has a voice does she?

Einar is quick to defend Ellinor.

PRINCE EINAR
Is there anyone you don't hate?

PRINCESS AGNET
None of your lot.

PRINCE EINAR
My lot?

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PRINCESS AGNET
As I said qu-

Agnet is interrupted by the door to the Kings private room opening. The Royal Vice, Rangvald steps outside the door with Prince Hagen IX beside him. As Hagen IX enters waiting room everyone stands up. Einar stands up slowly and reluctantly. Hagen IX goes straight to his mother Siv.

PRINCESS COMPANION SIV
Come on my little prince, lets get home.

They walk away and Einar sits down with everyone else remaining standing.

RANGVALD
The King would like to speak to the Prince.

PRINCESS ELLINOR
Which one?

RANGVALD
The Prince.

Einar has a slight smile at Rangvald saying that. An annoyed smile. Prince Hagen VIII walks into the Kings private room, Rangvald following behind.

INT. HOSPITAL/ PRIVATE HOSPITAL ROOM - NIGHT

Prince Hagen VIII and Rangvald enter the Kings hospital room. Prince Hagen VIII stands by the bed, with Rangvald stopping at the door after it shuts, standing by it almost as a guard.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII
Father.

The King is sitting clearly sick on his bed. He turns to look at Hagen VIII with a stern expression.

KING HAGEN VII
King Hagen the seventh.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII
Sorry. King Hagen the seventh.

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KING HAGEN VII

You can no longer except insubordination. You will be a King, the King, a King Hagen the eighth. I have taught you everything to be a King.

Hagen VIII is quick to prove his father right.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

I must rule with iron fist. I must rule with no remorse. I must rule with no mercy. I must rule with the intentions to further my name, the Hagen name, at any cost. Above all else I have to protect my name and my family.

KING HAGEN VII

Close.

Prince Hagen VIII looks at him confused.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

Close?

KING HAGEN VII

Above all else protect your name. Then your family.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

Is this not the same thing.

The king is quick to answer.

KING HAGEN VII

No. There is something that you must teach the future King Hagen the ninth. Something I didn't have to teach you. Something about your heir.

Hagen VIII looks concerned and slightly scared.

KING HAGEN VII

(CONT'D)

You were lucky with your first born, but your son may not be so lucky.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

I don't understand.

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KING HAGEN VII

In order to continue the Hagen legacy your first born must be a boy. Eight Kings in a row was no accident.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

What are you telling me?

KING HAGEN VII

There has been a secret within the Hagen House you need not know until now.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

What secret?

KING HAGEN VII

It's thought the Great King Hagen killed up to five daughters before his first born son. I myself killed three daughters before you were born.

Hagen VIII is stunned not knowing what to say.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

What?

KING HAGEN VII

In order to maintain the Hagen legacy, the first born can not be a female. This can not be left to chance. Should your sons first born be a daughter, it must be killed.

Prince Hagen VIII is distraught, shocked at this news.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

A baby. I must kill a baby. You killed three.

The King is quick to silence his son, yelling at him.

KING HAGEN VII

And I'd kill three more. You must do it and you shall do it. And the day will come that you must relay this secret to your son and no one else.

Hagen VIII is quietened by his father yelling and focused on listening to his father. The King returns to a quiet but stern tone.

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KING HAGEN VII
(CONT'D)

The Hagen legacy must continue. And you will
make sure of this yes?

Hagen VIII looks his father in the eyes.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII
Yes father.

EXT. HOSPITAL ENTRANCE - NIGHT

The hospital entrance is flooded with reporters and press. The only thing stopping them from entering is members of the Royal Infantry. The press suddenly erupt at the arrival of ISABELLA. Isabella (27), is the Grand Royal House, Royal Secretary. She is well loved amongst the press and the people of Kingsland. She's wearing a bright yellow dress. Someone in the crowd hands the Royal Secretary, Isabella, a bouquet of flowers. Isabella smiles at the person.

ISABELLA
Thank you.

INT. HOSPITAL/ PRIVATE WAITING ROOM - NIGHT

Isabella walks into the waiting room with everyone looking up at her. Einar and Ellinor just look at her. Agnete and Siv, who returned to the waiting room, look annoyed at her.

PRINCESS COMPANION SIV
Oh for goodness sake.

PRINCESS AGNETE
A bouquet of flowers.

ISABELLA
Someone handed my them. I thought I might
give them to the King.

PRINCESS AGNETE
No I think not.

The Royal Vice exits the Kings private room and stands outside the door talking to everyone.

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RANGVALD

The King would like to see all his children
and the Princess Companion Siv.

Everyone stands up to enter the hospital room with Einar at the end of the line. Everyone enters the private room except for Einar who Rangvald stands in front of to stop entering.

RANGVALD

All of his children. He no longer considers
you his son.

PRINCE EINAR

At least I'm here, where's Magnus. What kind of
son is he?

RANGVALD

Prince Magnus, the Royal General is defending
this House. You tarnish it.

PRINCE EINAR

You know your getting old as well. I look
forward to your son being the Vice. I
certainly enjoy his company.

Rangvald is taken back by these comments and becomes annoyed at Einar.

RANGVALD

How dare you. My son would never dirty
himself with such business.

PRINCE EINAR

I wouldn't be so sure.

The two of them stare at each other, tension rising.
Eventually Einar smiles and walks away. Before exiting Einar stops at the door.

PRINCE EINAR

(CONT'D)

I'm sick of being hated for my love.

Rangvald looks disgusted by this comment. Einar exits.

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EXT. THE ROYAL SVANTE STAGE - DAY

The Royal Svante Stage is the stage used by the Royal House and the Republic for press conferences. The stage has a main stage and a lower step in front for the Republic to give press conferences. The back of the stage is a purple curtain. The stage is set outside the Royal Castle.

Nikolaj is standing on the smaller stage with a stand with microphones in front of him. Behind Nikolaj is Edvin his deputy. Nikolaj is currently doing a press conference.

REPORTER

How will you respond to the Real Republic?

NIKOLAJ

We wont negotiate with terrorist. All we can do is continue to investigate the terrorist group in order to dismantle it.

REPORTER

But what about the attack on the school?

NIKOLAJ

We're investigating it.

Everyone is angered by that answer booing and yelling at Nikolaj.

Edvin steps just behind Nikolaj and whispers in his ear.

EDVIN

I think we should end it there sir.

Nikolaj nods promoting Edvin to step back.

NIKOLAJ

We must end the Republic press conference there. But beginning shortly is the Grand Royal House press conference, being led by the Royal Prince Hagen the eighth.

The crowd boo Nikolaj as he exits the stage with Edvin. On the main, higher stage, the Royals enter the stage to trumpets being played. Leading them is Hagen VIII, with Princess Agnete and Princess Ellinor behind both of them. They each have their own stand with microphones, with Hagen VIII in the middle and his sisters either side of them.

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PRINCE HAGEN VIII

I will start this press conference by saying whilst the King is currently fallen under ill health, he still remains strong in defence of Kingsland and its people. At this moment in time the Kings health is stable. Questions?

REPORTER 2

Where's your brothers Prince Magnus and Prince Einar?

PRINCE HAGEN VIII

Prince Magnus is committed to defending our land and is thus remaining at the Royal Barracks to keep Kingsland safe and protected. Einar is-

Princess Agnet interrupts.

PRINCE AGNET

Einar is where are father King Hagen the seventh put him, and where he belongs. Stripped of his medals and uniform.

REPORTER 3

Princess Ellinor along with Prince Einar you find yourself with no honorary titles.

PRINCESS ELLINOR

Yes well-

Agnet doesn't let Ellinor answer.

PRINCESS AGNET

Is that a question or a statement.

REPORTER 3

I'm just wondering her thoughts on why her position is so low in the Royal House.

The Royal Vice, Rangvald, steps onto the stage from behind the curtain and whispers in Prince Hagen VIII ear. This causes everyone to silence and try to listen to Rangvald.

PRINCESS AGNET

That comes with being the youngest.

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Agnet, realising everyone is silent, turns her attention to Rangvald whispering to Hagen VIII. Rangvald steps away from Hagen VIII who rushes off of the stage. Rangvald then walks to Agnet to whisper into her ear, she then rushes off the stage and finally Rangvald whispers to Ellinor who rushes off of the stage.

EXT. NEW JERREK STREETS/ CARS - DAY

Hagen VIII, Agnet and Ellinor are in individual cars being driven to the hospital.

CUT TO:

INT. HOSPITAL/ PRIVATE WAITING ROOM - DAY

Hagen rushes into the waiting room with Agnet and Ellinor following behind. Rangvald follows behind all of them shortly after that. They enter the room to see Royal Secretary Isabella and Princess Companion Siv crying. Prince Hagen VIII rushes into the Kings hospital room. The two Princesses try to follow behind but Rangvald stops them, following in by himself.

INT. HOSPITAL/ PRIVATE HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

The King is dead. His dead body sits on the bed. Hagen VIII walks slowly towards the King. He kneels on the ground bowing his head whilst holding his fathers hand. Rangvald stands by the door again. Prince Hagen VIII becomes emotional shedding a tear.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII
King forever.

INT. HOSPITAL/ PRIVATE WAITING ROOM - DAY

Prince Einar enters the waiting room to everyone crying. Einar hugs Ellinor trying to comfort her.

EXT. THE ROYAL BARRACKS - DAY

A black flag with gold letters is rolled down "the sword", the tall tower. The letters are "TGRH" for the Grand Royal House. Standing on top of the sword is Prince Magnus who's in tears, devastated to hear the news of his father passing.

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INT. HOSPITAL/ PRIVATE HOSPITAL ROOM - DAY

Hagen VIII stands up from his fathers dead body and stops crying, whining away his tears. He faces Rangvald.

PRINCE HAGEN VIII
What now?

Rangvald steps forward and bows his head.

RANGVALD
All hail King Hagen the eighth, King forever.

INT. HOSPITAL/ PRIVATE WAITING ROOM - DAY

The now King Hagen VIII exits the former Kings room. Everyone is now sitting and crying. They see the new King and all stand. Only Einar remains seated. Everyone bows their heads. The new King looks emotional but is trying to hide it and look like a strong king.

PRINCESS AGNET
King forever.

PRINCESS COMPANION SIV
King forever.

ISABELLA
King forever.

The new King looks at Einar who is still sitting. Reluctantly Einar stands and bows his head.

PRINCE EINAR
King forever.

CUT TO:

INT. THE ROYAL CASTLE/ OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL ROOM - DAWN

Isabella is about to enter the council room when she's stopped by Einar.

ISABELLA
Should you be this close to the council room?
Should you be in the Royal Castle?

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PRINCE EINAR
I've been doing things I shouldn't for a
long time.

Isabella smiles at him saying that.

ISABELLA
That's true.

PRINCE EINAR
I want a favour.

ISABELLA
I can't make any promises.

PRINCE EINAR
Whenever the funeral planning begins.

ISABELLA
Yes?

PRINCE EINAR
I'd like my uniform, I'd like to walk with the
coffin.

Isabella has a look of sadness feeling its unlikely she can do
this for Einar.

ISABELLA
I'm sorry Einar.

PRINCE EINAR
Your not gonna try?

ISABELLA
No I'll try, I always do. I'm just sorry, for
everything. You should still have your
uniform, your medals.

PRINCE EINAR
I think you're one of the few people that think that.

ISABELLA
Maybe in this castle. But not in the Kingsland.

PRINCE EINAR
You think?

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ISABELLA
Have hope.

Isabella walks into the council room.

INT. THE ROYAL CASTLE/ COUNCIL ROOM - DAWN

In the council room is a long table with six seats. A seat for the King, the Royal Vice, The Royal General, The Royal Finance Director, The Royal Art Director and the Royal Secretary. At the head of the table is the King Hagen VIII, on his left is Rangvald, on his right is Princess Agnet. Next to Rangvald is Prince Magnus. Next to Agnet is Princess Companion Siv the Royal Art Director. And at the end of the table next to Siv is the Royal Secretary, Isabella.

KING HAGEN VIII
My fathers chair is one I both dreaded and hoped I
would sit in one day.

RANGVALD
Your chair sir.

KING HAGEN VIII
My chair. The only order of business today is
the statement.

RANGVALD
Only order of business? Might I add your
coronation to that order.

KING HAGEN VIII
No. I'll think about that after we plan
the funeral.

RANGVALD
My King, in my experience an early coronation
is always wise. It settles the people and lets
any enemies to the house know you are strong.

KING HAGEN VIII
Right you are. Still I would like the funeral to
come first.

RANGVALD
As tradition dictates. However, we should have
it planned and ready for immediately after the
funeral.

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KING HAGEN VIII
Of course. Now onto the official statement
from the Royal House regarding the death
of my father the King.

Siv hands the King a piece of paper. The King begins to read from it.

KING HAGEN VIII
(CONT'D)
The statement is as follows.

CUT TO:

EXT. NEWSPAPER STAND - DAY

Newspapers fill the stand with pictures of the late King, reading the headline "The King Is Dead".

KING HAGEN VIII
(OS)
It is with the greatest sorrow we must announce
the death of King Hagen the seventh.

CUT TO:

EXT. NEW JERREK STREETS - DAY

The streets are filled with some people celebrating the death of the former King. Throwing bottled lit with fire in the air and cars driving recklessly through the streets throwing bottles out of the window. Some people are bowing there heads, some even crying.

KING HAGEN VIII
(OS)
King Hagen the seventh ruled for a glorious
and prosperous forty seven years that saw
Kingsland live in peace and happiness.

CUT TO:

INT. HOTEL ROOM - DAWN

Prince Einar is in a hotel room bed again, half naked with another man. He smokes a cigarette again, this time reading the newspaper announcing the death of the former King and his father.

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KING HAGEN VIII
(CONT'D - OS)

His reign is one that may never be seen again
I can only attempt to reach his levels as
King of this land and all lands.

CUT BACK TO:

INT. THE ROYAL CASTLE/ COUNCIL ROOM - DAWN

King Hagen VIII has a tear in his eye as he delivers the last line.

KING HAGEN VIII
(CONT'D)
King Hagen the seventh, King forever.

CUT TO:

INT. THE REPUBLIC HOUSE/ MEETING ROOM - DAY

The meeting room is once again filled with members of the Republic, each chair of the meeting room filled with someone in a suit.

NIKOLAJ
The King, as rumoured, is dead.

The members of the Republic immediately cheers, making Edvin shake his head in disapproval. Nikolaj calms everyone down.

NIKOLAJ
(CONT'D)
Listen please, listen. The most important thing now is that we continue our investigations into the Real Republic.

RANDOM MEMBER
So called Real Republic.

Everyone cheers this before Nikolaj calms people down again.

NIKOLAJ
Yes exactly. With the funeral and a coronation, the big events in Kingsland is happening one by one. We must make sure they're protected.

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RANDOM MEMBER

Why should we have to protect them?

Everyone cheers again. Nikolaj has to calm them down once more.

NIKOLAJ

Because we are for the people. How can we speak for the people if we can't control them.

The people of this land are causing anarchy. Riots everyday and new attacks from the Real Republic. If we can't take pride in protecting the people we are meant to speak for, then what can we?

Everyone goes silent. Everyone silently nods their heads in agreement.

CUT TO:

INT. THE ROYAL CASTLE/ MAIN ROOM - DAY

The main room is a large living room with a tv, and sofas. It has gold throughout the room and paintings on the wall. Sitting on the sofas is King Hagen VIII, with Siv next to him and Agnet next to Siv. Rangvald is standing behind the sofa. Ellinor is sitting on an arm chair by herself. Prince Einar is standing over everyone.

KING HAGEN VIII

The funeral is planned and everyone has their places. I will not change a single element of the funeral. It was planned by the Royal Vice, Rangvald himself.

Einar interrupts clearly angered, yelling.

PRINCE EINAR

Oh so you're the reason I can't properly honour my father.

Rangvald yells back.

RANGVALD

Your father? Your father? He didn't consider you a son.

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The two of them begin arguing, yelling at each other.

PRINCE EINAR

No matter how hard you try Rangvald, you'll never be a true member of this family. Not by blood. The bastard in Pontus has a better claim to the House than you'll ever have.

RANGVALD

I know my place in this Royal House. This was made very clear to me by your father. As was his feelings that you were no longer his son, due to your dirty temptations.

PRINCE EINAR

Dirty temptations? Is that what were calling the gay sex me and your son have?

Rangvald is shocked by Einar saying this.

RANGVALD

I beg your pardon.

The King interjects to stop this arguing before it becomes more messy.

KING HAGEN VIII

Stop this at once. The funeral is final. Rangvald planned the funeral for you to not walk with the rest of the family behind the coffin, and to not wear your uniform or medals. And I agree with him. You will be the only child not with the coffin. And Prince Magnus who has chosen to respect father from the front of the Royal Infantry.

Princess Ellinor suddenly interrupts.

PRINCESS ELLINOR

And me.

PRINCESS AGNET

What?

Ellinor stands up and stands with Einar.

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PRINCESS ELLINOR
 I will not walk with my family if they are
 willing to neglect one of our own. I will
 walk with Einar behind all of you.

PRINCESS AGNET
 She really has found a voice.

KING HAGEN VIII
 Fine. Neither of you two will walk with the
 coffin.

Einar and Ellinor begin to walk a way before they're stopped by the King speaking.

KING HAGEN VIII
 (CONT'D)
 Me and Princess Agnet always were fathers
 favourites.

Einar smiled begrudgingly and exits with Elinor.

CUT TO:

INT. THE ROYAL CHURCH - DAY

The church is large with a back row going round the circumference of the church. And smaller rows near the front on the right and left towards the priest and the coffin. The back row is filled with people in suits, including the members of the Republic. The closer rows are for family and close friends. This is all the members of the Royal House such as the Vice and Financial Director, etc. As well as the close family. With the King sitting in the front row with Princess Agnet and his wife Siv. Einar and Ellinor are sitting at the back of the smaller rows.

The priest is standing with a microphone and stand in front of him and the coffin to his left.

PRIEST
 Celebrating the King Hagen the seventh, is
 easy considering all the good he did for this
 land. All the good as our father, our king.

EXT. PLANE IN THE SKY - DAY

A plane is circling around the funeral ominously.

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PRIEST

(CONT'D - OS)

The late King ruled so lovingly and passionately
 that he felt as though he was all our fathers.
 Our father, our King.

EXT. COFFIN WALK OUTSIDE CHURCH - DAY

The coffin is being walked out of the church and through the streets into a hearse. People are behind metal gates guarded by the Royal Infantry. Directly behind the coffin is the King Hagen VIII, Princess Agnet and Princess Companion Siv. Behind them is Prince Hagen IX, the Kings son, walking alone. Even further behind them is Prince Einar and Prince Agnet. Behind them is the Royal Vice Rangvald. A number of people in royal Infantry uniform follow behind. The Royal Infantry walk in front of the coffin being led by Prince Magnus.

PRIEST

(CONT'D - OS)

The seventh of his name and a great holder
 of the Hagen name. A name that carries a
 legacy in this land that holds us strong and
 honours are history. Our father, our King.

EXT. PLANE IN THE SKY - DAY

PRIEST

(CONT'D - OS)

A king that kept us safe, kept us protected,
 from all that might try and harm the land.
 Our father, our King.

EXT. COFFIN WALK OUTSIDE CHURCH - DAY

The coffin is continued to be walked towards the hearse

PRIEST

(CONT'D - OS)

I feel even today, beyond this land and in the holy land, he
 protects us from all that wishes harm upon us. Our father, our
 King

EXT. PLANE IN SKY - DAY

The plane continues to fly over the funeral. The plane is getting closer to the funeral and lower. Magnus walking in the infantry notices the plane and turns to look at the coffin.

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The plane lowers even further and drops bombs over the funeral. The bombs land over the coffin and hit the King, his wife Siv and the Princess Agnet.

PRIEST
(CONT'D - OS)
Our father, our King, King forever.

As the smoke clears it reveals the dead bodies of the King, his wife Siv and Princess Agnet. All three of them are dead. Riots start over the funeral.

The royal infantry rush the Royal Vice, Einar, Ellinor and Isabella away from the explosion and the funeral. They are accompanied back into the church.

CUT TO:

EXT. ALLEYWAY - DAY

Prince Hagen IX has run away from the explosion and riots that followed it. The young child runs into a nearby alleyway scared for his life.

Someone in a balaclava is spray painting the alleyway wall with the writing "the Real Republic". The man spots Prince Hagen IX and pulls out a knife. He begins to walk towards the scared Prince before he's shot down. Hagen IX turns to see a man in a Royal Infantry uniform holding a gun. This man is VILHELM. Vilhelm (39) is a senior member of the Royal Infantry and a friend of Prince Magnus.

VILHELM
Come with my boy.

PRINCE HAGEN IX
I need to find my family.

VILHELM
You need to hide boy. They'll all come for you now.

Vilhelm sees more rioters coming his way. He puts a scarf around the boy's face and puts him over his shoulder carrying him away.

CUT TO:

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INT. THE ROYAL CHURCH - DAY

Einar, Ellinor, Isabella and the Royal Vice are all standing in the church coughing with dirt and blood over their faces. Einar looks over to Rangvald.

PRINCE EINAR
Say it.

RANGVALD
Excuse me?

PRINCE EINAR
Say it.

RANGVALD
There has just been-

Prince Einar interrupts.

PRINCE EINAR
You saw their bodies same as me.

Einar yells.

PRINCE EINAR
(CONT'D)
Now say it.

Rangvald answers reluctantly, giving in.

RANGVALD
King Einar.

They stare at each other as Rangvald hesitates before speaking again.

RANGVALD
(CONT'D)
King forever.

FADE OUT: