



# The Silmarillion Film Project

Season 4

Session 4-02: Season Overview

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# Announcements

- MagnoliaMoot (Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>)
  - CFP deadline: today



# Overarching Themes

- Our good guys have to learn that they are stronger together, but unlike Season 1 where the themes focused on creative collaboration and unity in diversity, now we are dealing with issues of forgiveness and working past grievances.
- Our villains have to thwart this, sowing division and isolating their enemies.



# Episode 1 Suggestions

- Begin with a slight time skip from the season finale. The Noldor are already established on opposite sides of Lake Mithrim, with much tension.
- The primary storyline should be meeting Círdan; the tension of the opposing Noldor camps is the backdrop for that.
- Fingolfin reforges Ringil
- Fingon rescues Maedhros



## Suggested Episode Overview

1. First Contact - Introduce the conflicts for the Season – Sindar/Noldor, intra-Noldor
2. Diplomacy - Angrod meets Thingol, Caranthir embarrasses himself
3. New High King – Maedhros cedes his claim and Fingolfin is crowned High King
4. Beleriand and its Realms – Galadriel becomes Melian's pupil in Doriath; Eöl hates his new neighbors
5. Mereth Aderthad
6. Rumors - The truth of the rebellion of the Noldor comes out in bits and pieces
7. The Ban - Thingol responds to news of the Kinslaying by banning Noldor language (and jewels)



## Suggested Episode Overview (Continued)

8. Dagor Aglareb - Orcs are no more use here
9. Dreams from Ulmo – Turgon and Finrod are given a mission
10. Petty Dwarves – The dwarf/petty dwarf conflict in the east and the west
11. (Re)-building – The building of Nargothrond and Gondolin as metaphors for healing the division between the Sindar and the Noldor
12. The Secret City – Turgon moves his people to Gondolin
13. Dragons – Glaurung attacks!



## Storylines: Villains

- Morgoth will create clouds of darkness to block out the Sun
- Thorondor's involvement in Maedhros' rescue will concern him greatly
- The Second Children have awakened – Morgoth goes, then sends Sauron to corrupt them
- Capture elves, enthrall, and release them
- Dagor Aglareb (Morgoth or Gothmog?)
- Make Dragons
- Glaurung escapes!



## Storylines: Kinslaying Reveal

- The audience knows about this, but the Sindar do not
- Galadriel and Angrod are involved in telling the main parts, but are there other rumors floating around?
- The Noldor obviously have to lie by omission to avoid mentioning the kinslaying; at what point do the Sindar become suspicious?
- Do Círdan or Celeborn figure anything out before Thingol?





## Storylines: Lúthien

- She remains in Doriath throughout the Season; does not attend Feast?
- She meets the children of Finarfin, her kin
- Her relationship with Thingol and Melian explored a bit
- Does Daeron try to court her?
- It is \*essential\* that we work her into the Doriath plot; she is not just singing and brushing her hair waiting around for Beren over the next two seasons!



## Storylines: Eöl

- 'Of Beleriand and its Realms' seen from his perspective; he hates his new neighbors
- He interacts with Telchar, who mistrusts his swords
- We need to see him in Nan Elmoth
- Backstory? Do we know or care why he is in Beleriand now?
- Do we want him early in the season (hatred of sunlight) or later in the season (to prepare for season 5)?
- Plays into the 'isolation is negative' message!
- Suggestion: Show him already established in Nan Elmoth, and reveal his history as needed. Perhaps even an Eöl-centric episode?



## Storylines: Galadriel

- Meets Celeborn; instant connection, but they both shy away from the implications
- She reveals the death of her mother Earwen (but not the Kinslaying) to him at the Feast. He may tell her of Cuiviénen and the Hunter
- They admit/declare their love to one another around the time the Kinslaying is revealed.
- They marry between the Dagor Aglareb and the Season Finale



# Character Introductions

**Eöl** – reintroduced from early Season 2

**Glorfindel** – introduced in Nevrast

**Ecthelion** – introduced in Nevrast

**Zirak** – introduce in Nargothrond

**Adult Idril** – introduce at the Feast?

**Eldalotë** – Aegnor's wife

**Some Sinda lady** – Orodreth's wife (perhaps name her Meril?)

**A petty dwarf?** - will we name them? Or will be seeing them strictly from the outside dwarvish/elvish perspective?

**Glaurung**

**Annael** – the Sindar who move into Hithlum



# Questions for Next Time

- Session 4-03: Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>
- We will be talking about the Season 4 Frame!
  - Who is the teller?
  - What is the plot and scope of the frame?