



The Silmarillion Film Project

Season 4

Session 4-10: Overarching Storylines
Dragons, Healers, and the Role of Lúthien
March 8, 2019



Announcements

❖ Moots!

- ❖ Sunshine Moot: Orlando, March 23rd
- ❖ Nedermoot: Leiden, April 13th
- ❖ Mythmoot VI: Dragons June 27-30
 - ❖ CFP deadline: March 31st

❖ Current Events!

- ❖ “Tolkien” trailer 2: Friday, March 8, 5:30 PM ET
- ❖ Amazon Map: Sunday, March 10, 9:00 PM ET
- ❖ Anytime Audit Special: Sci Fi, Part 1! Until 3/22



Announcements

- ❖ Thursday, March 14!
 - ❖ LOTRO Discussion w Corey, Chris Pierson, and Michael Drout: 11 AM ET, [twitch.tv/lotrostream](https://www.twitch.tv/lotrostream)
 - ❖ Thesis Theatre w/ Adam Mattern, C.S. Lewis's Discarded Image and Space Trilogy: 6:00 PM ET
 - ❖ Mythgard Movie Club: Bladerunner 2049: 8:30 PM ET
- ❖ NYC MootUp!
 - ❖ Sunday, March 17, 6:00 PM ET

<https://signumuniversity.org/event/>



Goals for this Session

FINAL Session focused on Overarching Storylines!

- ❖ Creation of Dragons
- ❖ Healers and their role in Elven Society
- ❖ What about Lúthien?

Glaurung



- ❖ Glaurung will be revealed in the final episode of the Season.
- ❖ How long does it take Morgoth to develop dragons? Is there a process with failures? Are dragons beasts with infused evil spirits, or...?
- ❖ Having Gothmog have a conversation with something offscreen would be a way to tease Glaurung's existence in Angband
- ❖ Glaurung will 'escape' and get out early.
 - ❖ What does he want? Maybe he wants to prove himself, show his power, prove that he is ready...?
 - ❖ Why is he released and by whom? Someone who maybe sees Glaurung as a potential competitor for the favor of his master rather than as a potential weapon? *Haerangil*
- ❖ Glaurung is a master manipulator; we should show that. But he is young enough to be less clever than he becomes.



I'm a healer, not a fighter

- ❖ Elven society has a dichotomy between healers and fighters.
- ❖ The majority of women are non-fighters, and the majority of men are fighters, but there is greater cross-over than you would see among mortals.
- ❖ Besan: Grows the wheat, makes the lembas, gives it to people
Melian is besan of Doriath (Always female)
- ❖ Herald: Second in command to a military commander
It would be possible for this role to be filled by a healer (non-fighter)
- ❖ Scholars: Pengolod of Gondolin and...who else?
- ❖ Artists: Maglor (a fighter), Daeron, Lúthien, and...?



Examples

- ❖ Galadriel is a fighter (not a healer)
- ❖ Aredhel is the besan of Gondolin, and she does hunt
- ❖ Idril as a scholar?
- ❖ Maglor's wife is the besan of the Host of Fëanor
 - ❖ Returns grain and lembas to the Host of Fingolfin
- ❖ Curufin's wife as a healer?
 - ❖ Maedhros will need a healer when he's rescued
- ❖ Orodreth as a healer and Finrod's herald
 - ❖ Rather than showing Orodreth as weak/damaged, he can simply...not be a fighter. A perfectly good second-in-command
- ❖ Irimë's daughter as Fingolfin's herald or besan
 - ❖ She can be the sister or mother of Gil-galad
 - ❖ Fingolfin will need people to talk to besides Fingon



Let's not forget about Lúthien!

- She will play a role in the Sindar response to learning of the Kinslaying
 - “Maybe she could be present at a gathering where two characters/factions start arguing. It gets heated, and she starts singing to calm them down. I can imagine her being subtle about it, like she's just doing a performance for entertainment's sake (maybe someone asked her to sing earlier?), but she puts enough calming vibes in that it makes a noticeable difference.” *Eliza*
- She interacts primarily with Daeron; does he try to woo her?
- What is she learning from Melian? Magic? Healing? Ruling?
- Does she interact with Galadriel? How?
- While Lúthien shouldn't be insignificant, we don't want to 'give away' her later exploits by involving her in adventures too early. The potential is there...but we don't want to spoil it.
- “I'd like to invent a Sauron scheme in Beleriand to cause trouble, and have Luthien overturn it while he's away (it's too soon for them to directly meet).” *Amysrevenge*



Questions for Next Time

- Session 4-11: Friday March 29th
- Time to make a new Episode Outline for the Season incorporating the many ideas we've discussed!