

INT. KING'S PALACE (STAIRS TO BURIAL VAULTS)-NIGHT .
Darkness. A door opens and two figures appear silhouetted against the light outside. In the half-light we can see some stone steps descending toward us...

MERLIN

Are you sure we should be doing this?

GAIUS

You're not scared, are you?

MERLIN

No, I love old crypts. (a beat) I wouldn't be seen dead anywhere else.

Suddenly, the door they came through slams closed and the room is thrown into darkness.

MERLIN

What was that?

GAIUS

Must've been a gust of wind. A beat. They can't see and are unable to move.

GAIUS

We should've brought a torch.

MERLIN casts a spell...

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Leochtora.

....a flame flares - a flambeau on the wall lights itself. MERLIN takes it off the wall.

GAIUS

Handy!

MERLIN

Yes.

GAIUS

Except it means you'll have to go first.

MERLIN frowns, then reluctantly takes the lead.