

Reunion (A "Forever Knight" Story)

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1 EXT: KNIGHT'S WAREHOUSE - GARAGE (DAY 1: 4:00AM)

The Caddy pulls into the garage.

CUT TO:

2 INT: KNIGHT'S WAREHOUSE (LIVING ROOM)

FOCUS on elevator door. It can be heard coming up. It stops and the door opens. KNIGHT enters the room and sees a woman standing there. He lets the door close.

#### DEBORAH

Hello Nicholas. It's been a while.

She flies over and lands in front of him.

KNIGHT

How'd you know...

She kisses him.

DEBORAH

I ran into Merlin in New York last week. I asked about you, and he told me you were here.

She wraps her arms around his neck.

DEBORAH I hope you don't mind me...

She kisses his neck.

DEBORAH letting myself in?

KNIGHT No, I don't mind. It's just...

DEBORAH It's just what, Nicholas?

She looks him in eye. He returns the stare.

DEBORAH Aren't you glad to see me? He grabs her and passionately kisses her. After a few seconds, he releases her and kisses her neck.

KNIGHT Of course I am. You know that.

DEBORAH Oh, Nick. I've missed you so much.

KNIGHT I've missed you too. What's it been? 20 years?

#### DEBORAH

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She flies to top of stairs, opens her arms, and invites him up.

#### DEBORAH

Come Nick. Let's be together like we used to be.

He looks up at her and flies up. He lands in front of her and kisses her. He embraces her, sweeps her up, and takes her into the bedroom.

#### CONTINUE TO:

### 3 INT: BEDROOM

He lays her on the bed and then joins her. She rolls over and starts kissing his neck while undoing his shirt. Once his shirt is open, they roll again. He removes his shirt, then removes hers while kissing her neck & throat.

## DEBORAH

Oh, Nick.

He looks at her. Their eyes have changed. They kiss. He releases her and goes for her throat. His tongue goes up her throat and his fangs show. She nuzzles his neck, and he plunges his fangs into hers. She responds by plunging hers into his.

JUMP TO:

4 INT 27TH PRECINCT (10:30PM)

KNIGHT enters. SCHANKE is at his desk reading a file. KNIGHT sits at his desk.

KNIGHT Whatcha reading?

SCHANKE Just going over last night's slaying.

KNIGHT

Frankie Conner?

SCHANKE nods.

KNIGHT

Find anything new?

SCHANKE

No. You turn up anything at the plant?

KNIGHT

Nothing.

NATALIE walks over with a file in her hands.

NATALIE Got another one for you, guys.

## SCHANKE

What?

NATALIE drops the file on KNIGHT's desk.

### NATALIE

Andrew Clark. He was killed around 9:00 pm tonight. Same MO as last night's slaying.

KNIGHT Great. Just what this city needs. Another serial killer.

SCHANKE The press is gonna have a field day when they find out. 3.

## KNIGHT

If they find out.

KNIGHT picks up phone and calls NORMA.

### KNIGHT

Norma, Nick. Do me a favor? Run the MO on the Conner case through the computer and see if it matches any outstandings.

Momentary pause.

## KNIGHT

Thanks.

KNIGHT hangs up the phone.

## JUMP TO:

5 INT: THE RAVEN (11:00PM)

DEBORAH enters and sees JANETTE. She goes over to her.

## DEBORAH

Janette?

## JANETTE

Oui.

JANETTE turns around.

JANETTE

Deborah!

JANETTE gives her a hug.

DEBORAH

Nice club.

JANETTE Thanks. Can I get you something to drink?

DEBORAH

Sure. Thanks.

JANETTE motions her bartender to bring the bottle over and another glass.

JANETTE How long are you in town for?

#### DEBORAH

Not sure yet.

The bartender approaches the table, puts a glass in front of DEBORAH and fills it up. He then re-fills JANETTE's glass and places the bottle on the table and walks away. JANETTE and DEBORAH each take a drink from their glass.

#### JANETTE

So, where are you staying?

## DEBORAH

Nick's.

JANETTE looks at her with a raised eyebrow.

### JANETTE

Nick's?

### DEBORAH

Yep.

JANETTE I thought you two had a major fight 50 years ago and...

DEBORAH We did. We made up 25 years ago.

DEBORAH smiles. JANETTE just looks at her.

JUMP TO:

6 INT: 27TH PRECINCT (11:30PM)

NORMA walks over to KNIGHT and hands him a print-out.

NORMA Here's that information you wanted, Nick. 5.

KNIGHT flashes her a smile as he takes the print-out from her.

KNIGHT

Thanks Norma.

NORMA exits. KNIGHT reads the print-out.

#### SCHANKE

Well? Anything?

### KNIGHT

Yeh. There was a set of similar cases in LA in 1990, Vegas in '91, Dallas in '92, and last month in...

KNIGHT is surprised by the name of the next city and pauses.

## SCHANKE

Knight?

KNIGHT

New York.

#### SCHANKE

Any suspects?

### KNIGHT

No. None.

SCHANKE You alright? You look like you just seen a ghost! What...

KNIGHT

Nothing. I'm fine.

KNIGHT stares at the report.

JUMP TO:

## 7 EXT: ALLEYWAY (DAY 2: 12:00AM)

A woman is walking down an alleyway. She is grabbed from behind by a vampire. The vampire plunges its fangs into the woman's neck and drains her body of blood. The vampire then reaches into the pocket of its coat, removes a knife, and slashes the woman's throat, destroying the fang marks. As the vampire is

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putting the knife back into its pocket, the focus is on its hand. Which has a very old and Gothic looking ring on the index finger. The vampire drops the woman's body and flies off. We never see its face, or whether it is a male or female.

JUMP TO:

#### 8 INT: 27TH PRECINCT (12:30AM)

KNIGHT and SCHANKE are at their desks. STONETREE comes over to them and hands KNIGHT a piece of paper. KNIGHT looks at it. It's an address.

KNIGHT

What's this?

STONETREE The location of body #3.

KNIGHT and SCHANKE rise and head out.

JUMP TO:

## 9 INT: KNIGHT'S WAREHOUSE - LIVING ROOM (2:00AM)

KNIGHT enters. DEBORAH is asleep on the couch. KNIGHT goes over and kisses her forehead. She awakens and pulls him down on top of her on the couch. She wraps her arms around his neck and kisses him.

CAMERA zooms in on the index finger of her right hand. It's the ring.

They're in a passionate embrace when the elevator door opens, and NATALIE enters. NATALIE sees them and stops.

### NATALIE

Oops. Sorry.

She turns to exit. KNIGHT breaks the embrace and gets up.

#### KNIGHT

Nat, wait.

NATALIE stops. KNIGHT goes to her. DEBORAH wonders who this mortal woman is to KNIGHT.

#### KNIGHT

Nat, I'd like you to meet Deborah. She's an... old friend.

DEBORAH rises from the couch, her eyebrow arched.

## DEBORAH

Friend? I...

KNIGHT Deborah, this is Dr. Natalie Lambert.

DEBORAH is intrigued.

## DEBORAH

Nice to meet you doctor.

NATALIE gives her a smile. The phone rings. KNIGHT answers it.

## KNIGHT

Hello?
 (beat)
Yeh Schank, what is it?
 (beat)
Now?
 (beat)
Okay, okay. I'll be right there. Bye.

KNIGHT hangs up the phone and looks at DEBORAH.

## KNIGHT

Gotta go.

KNIGHT looks at NATALIE.

KNIGHT Schank thinks he's on to something.

## NATALIE

But Nick, the sun will...

DEBORAH raises an eyebrow realizing that this mortal know what Nick is.

# KNIGHT

... be up in four hours. This won't take that long. Play nice til I get back.

KNIGHT heads to the elevator.

KNIGHT

Bye.

NATALIE / DEBORAH

Bye.

KNIGHT exits. DEBORAH sits back down on couch. NATALIE heads for a chair.

NATALIE

So, how long have you known Nick?

DEBORAH

75 years.

NATALIE sits.

NATALIE

75 years?

DEBORAH

Yep.

(beat) Can I ask you something?

NATALIE

Ahhhh, sure.

DEBORAH How long have you been in love with him?

NATALIE gives her a look of surprise.

NATALIE

What!

DEBORAH Don't try to deny it. It's written all over you.

NATALIE wishes she could find someplace to hide. Deciding that the best place would be at home, she rises.

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NATALIE Gee, is it that late already? I really should get going. Nice meeting you. Bye.

NATALIE heads for the elevator door.

#### DEBORAH

Bye.

NATALIE exits.

DEBORAH Was it something I said?

JUMP TO:

10 EXT: ALLEYWAY (10:30PM)

The vampire strikes again. Only this time the ring falls off. CAMERA pans to the ring as it falls to the ground.

JUMP TO:

11 EXT: ALLEYWAY (11:50PM)

KNIGHT and SCHANKE arrive on the scene. KNIGHT spots the ring on the ground and recognizes it as DEBORAH's. SCHANKE has his back to KNIGHT. KNIGHT pockets the ring and flies off.

SCHANKE

Kni...

SCHANKE turns around only to find that KNIGHT is nowhere to be found.

SCHANKE Knight? Nick? (beat) Jeez, I hate it when he does that!

JUMP TO:

12 INT: KNIGHT'S - LIVING ROOM (DAY 3: 3:30AM)

KNIGHT enters. DEBORAH is standing by the window, looking out.

## KNIGHT

Why?

DEBORAH turns to him.

## DEBORAH

Why what?

KNIGHT Why are you doing this?

DEBORAH walks over to him.

DEBORAH Doing what? What are you...

KNIGHT takes the ring out of his pocket and shows it to her.

KNIGHT I found this, tonight, at a crime scene. Recognize it?

#### DEBORAH

Nick, I...

KNIGHT grabs her right arm, and her hand comes up. He notices she still has the ring on her finger. He is confused. He releases her and heads to the couch.

### KNIGHT

I'm sorry. I...

DEBORAH Would you please tell me what you're talking about?

KNIGHT sits on the couch and DEBORAH joins him. KNIGHT stares at the ring.

KNIGHT

I'm sorry. (beat) When I found this ring at the scene, I thought...

DEBORAH You thought that I'd...

#### KNIGHT

Yeh.

DEBORAH Nick, I think you've been playing in your mortal world too long.

She takes his head in her hand and kisses him for about 5 seconds, then releases him. She gets up off the couch and flies upstairs.

KNIGHT looks up at her and joins her.

JUMP TO:

13 INT: KNIGHT'S WAREHOUSE - LIVING ROOM (6:00PM)

KNIGHT is listening to his phone messages and playing with the ring. One message is from SCHANKE.

SCHANKE (VO) Hey Knight, where the hell did you fly off to last night? Never mind. I don't want to know. You've been in such a strange mood lately. (beat) I did some more digging on those cases Norma turned up. I'll probably have something for you by the time get in, Hasta La Bye-bye.

The sound of the phone hanging up is heard as DEBORAH flies down and grabs KNIGHT from behind and kisses his neck.

JUMP TO:

14 INT: THE RAVEN (7:30PM)

KNIGHT descends the stairs and goes over to JANETTE.

JANETTE

Nicola!

JANETTE kisses him. KNIGHT takes the ring out of his pocket and places it on the table.

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KNIGHT What do you know about this ring?

JANETTE It looks like Deborah's.

KNIGHT That's what I thought. But she still has hers.

JANETTE Where'd you get it?

KNIGHT I found it at a crime scene.

JANETTE

Oh.

JUMP TO:

15 INT: 27TH PRECINCT (7:45PM)

DEBORAH enters looking for KNIGHT. She goes to the front desk and hears SCHANKE talking to NORMA. She recognizes his voice as the one on KNIGHT's answering machine message. She goes over to him.

DEBORAH Excuse me, can you tell me where I might find Nicholas.

SCHANKE turns to her and has no idea who she is looking for.

SCHANKE

Nicholas?

DEBORAH

Detective Knight.

SCHANKE's curious as to who this woman is, and what her connection to KNIGHT is.

SCHANKE He hasn't come in yet. Can I give him a message? 13.

Now it is DEBORAH's turn to be surprised. KNIGHT left the warehouse over an hour ago.

DEBORAH No, never mind. It was nothing important. I'll see him when he gets home tonight.

DEBORAH turns to leave.

SCHANKE (VO) (thought) Did she say home?

SCHANKE stops her.

### SCHANKE

Wait.

She turns back to face him.

SCHANKE I don't think we've met. I'm Detective Don Schanke. His partner.

DEBORAH I'm Deborah. His... girlfriend.

SCHANKE's surprised. Did she say girlfriend? That could explain KNIGHT's weird behaviour lately. But why keep her a secret?

SCHANKE (raise eyebrow) Girlfriend? I didn't know Knight had a girlfriend.

## DEBORAH

We've known each other for... forever. It's been a kind of on-again-off-again relationship.

#### SCHANKE

Oh.

DEBORAH Nice meeting you Don. Gotta fly. Bye.

#### SCHANKE

Bye.

DEBORAH exits and SCHANKE watches her exit.

#### SCHANKE

Jeez Knight. How many women you got? Natalie. Janette. And now Deborah? You better watch out. You're playing with fire, partner.

JUMP TO:

16 INT: THE RAVEN (8:00PM)

KNIGHT and JANETTE are still talking.

### JANETTE

The only person I ever saw with a ring like this, was Deborah.

KNIGHT Same. If you hear anything...

#### JANETTE

I'll call.

KNIGHT kisses her and leaves. JANETTE watches him leave. She gets up from the table and notices that he forgot the ring. She picks it up and looks at it more closely. This time she notices a few symbols on the outside and inside of the band that she didn't notice before. She recalls a story that LaCroix told her centuries ago.

FADE TO:

17 FLASHBACK -- INT: LIVING ROOM - PARIS 1225

LACROIX is sitting at a table playing a game of chess with himself and drinking a goblet of blood. JANETTE enters and sits on the couch. LACROIX senses that something heavy is on her mind. He looks up from the board.

LACROIX What's puzzling you, Janette?

## JANETTE

If I asked you a question, would you answer it?

LACROIX gets up from board and goes to her, goblet in hand.

## LACROIX

If I knew the answer, my child.

LACROIX sits beside her on the couch.

## JANETTE

I heard some of the others talking tonight about a coven ring. What's a coven ring?

LACROIX gets a strange look on his face, as if that was the last thing in the world he wanted to discuss.

## LACROIX

Remember I told you how, not so long ago, we grouped together like families and were called covens?

#### JANETTE

Yes.

## LACROIX

Well, the head of each coven had a ring. Each ring was different, no two alike. The ring was passed from old leader to new leader.

(beat; take drink)

In the beginning, the leaders decided they needed something to make them stand apart from the rest of the coven. leaders decided they'd send The someone to approach a local jewel smith and ask him to make, what would later be referred to as coven rings. The local jeweler, who was also a master of black magic, accepted the task. Knowing that the rings would be worn by vampires, he inscribed on both the inside and outside of the ring, a curse.

## JANETTE

A curse? What sort of curse?

### LACROIX

"If the bearer of this ring, should for any reason, lose or misplace it, for a period of more than 24 hours, the bearer shall be consumed with fire."

## JANETTE

Oh.

#### LACROIX

After the covens disbanded, the current leaders kept the rings and started a new tradition. The ring would be passed from bearer to the 1st person they brought over.

#### JANETTE

But wouldn't the curse kill the previous owner?

#### LACROIX

No. You see the curse clearly stated lost or misplaced. Since the ring was given away, it was neither lost nor misplaced.

#### JANETTE

I see.

LACROIX Does that answer your question?

#### JANETTE

Yes. It does.

#### LACROIX

Good.

LACROIX rises from couch, taking a drink from his goblet as he does. He returns to his chess board. JANETTE rises from the couch and exits the room.

FADE TO:

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18 INT: THE RAVEN (8:15PM)

JANETTE realizes the ring in her hand is a coven ring. She picks up the ring and exits.

JUMP TO:

19 INT: 27TH PRECINCT (9:00PM)

SCHANKE and KNIGHT are sitting at their desks. SCHANKE hands KNIGHT three photographs.

SCHANKE A surveillance camera from a nearby jewelry shop in New York managed to get these shots.

PICTURE 1: A hand pulling a knife out of a pocket. The ring is not clearly visible, but KNIGHT can make it out.

PICTURE 2: Knife slashing victim's throat.

PICTURE 3: A not so clear shot of a woman as she passes by a streetlamp. KNIGHT thinks it kind of resembles DEBORAH.

KNIGHT stares at picture.

SCHANKE Knight? Knight, you listening?

KNIGHT What? Oh yeh. I heard you. Is there a way we can get this third pic...

SCHANKE The lab is working on it as we speak.

A man approaches them carrying an envelope.

MAN I'm looking for a Detective Schanke?

SCHANKE

You found him.

The MAN hands SCHANKE the envelope.

MAN

The lab asked me to give you this.

SCHANKE takes the envelope.

## SCHANKE

Thanks.

The MAN exits.

SCHANKE

Well, shall we see who our mystery woman is?

SCHANKE opens the envelope and takes out the picture. He looks at it and recognizes the woman.

## SCHANKE

Ah, Knight?

#### KNIGHT

Yeh.

SCHANKE I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but how well do you know your new girlfriend?

#### KNIGHT

My what?

SCHANKE shows KNIGHT the picture.

SCHANKE This is the woman you've been seeing, isn't it?

KNIGHT has no idea how SCHANKE knows about DEBORAH, but, yes, the woman in the picture is her. KNIGHT gets up and heads out.

SCHANKE Knight? KNIGHT! (beat) I guess it is. Too bad. She seemed like a nice enough woman. (beat) Guess it's back to just two now. KNIGHT's phone rings.

SCHANKE

Great.

SCHANKE answers KNIGHT's phone.

#### SCHANKE

Homicide.

## NATALIE (VO)

Where's Nick?

SCHANKE How the hell should I know. I'm just his partner not his moth...

## NATALIE (VO)

What happened?

SCHANKE I showed him a picture of a suspect and... he flew out here.

NATALIE (VO) Oh. I'll try him ...

SCHANKE Ah, Natalie, I wouldn't do that.

NATALIE (VO)

Why not?

SCHANKE wonders if he should tell her.

### SCHANKE

The picture was of his new... girlfriend.

## NATALIE (VO)

Girlfriend? You mean Deborah?

SCHANKE raises an eyebrow, surprised that NATALIE knows of her.

## SCHANKE

You know her?

NATALIE (VO) Not really. Ah, look, I gotta go. Bye.

NATALIE hangs up.

### SCHANKE

Natalie? Nat ....

SCHANKE hangs up.

JUMP TO:

## 20 INT: KNIGHT'S WAREHOUSE (10:15PM)

KNIGHT opens the door expecting to find DEBORAH there, but instead he finds JANETTE, leaning on the piano.

KNIGHT Janette? Where's Deborah?

### JANETTE

I don't know.

KNIGHT What are you doing here?

JANETTE opens her hand and shows him the ring.

JANETTE

To return this. You left it at the club.

### KNIGHT

The ring.

KNIGHT takes the ring from her.

JANETTE It's not just any ring, Nicola. It's one of the coven rings.

KNIGHT A Coven Ring! Oh my God!

KNIGHT looks at clock. It reads 10:16 pm.

## JANETTE

What?

KNIGHT The Curse. Remember?

JANETTE

Yes. That's why I...

KNIGHT Last night's slaying was at 10:30. I only have 14 minutes to find her.

JANETTE Wait, this killer you're looking for is...

## KNIGHT

Yes.

JANETTE What will you do if you find her?

### KNIGHT

I'll worry about that when I find her. Do me a favour and stay here in case she returns.

JANETTE Of course, Nicola. Good luck.

JANETTE kisses him, then he flies out the window. JANETTE goes to the couch and sits down.

JUMP TO:

21 EXT: ALLEYWAY (10:27PM)

DEBORAH is about to attack a woman when KNIGHT lands in the alley.

KNIGHT

Deborah, no!!!

DEBORAH releases the woman, who runs off.

DEBORAH

Nicholas. What are...

KNIGHT

You lied to me.

KNIGHT slowly advances toward her.

DEBORAH Lied? About what?

KNIGHT holds up the ring.

KNIGHT Which one is the real one, Deb?

DEBORAH Why? What difference does...

KNIGHT If this one, is the real one, then I'd say you have about three minutes left to live.

#### DEBORAH

What?

KNIGHT The curse, Deborah. Remember?

DEBORAH

Curse? What... (beat) Give me the ring Nicholas.

DEBORAH runs into his arms.

DEBORAH

Please!!

KNIGHT

Why?

DEBORAH wraps her arms around him.

DEBORAH Give me the ring my love.

# KNIGHT Deborah, in case you've forgotten, I'm

a cop. It's my job to stop you.

## DEBORAH

You're also one of us, Nicholas. Who are you more true to? US or THEM?

She kisses his neck and tries to seduce him in the alley while also trying to get the ring out of his hand. She almost has it when he pushes her away.

The force knocks the ring from his grasp, and it falls to the ground and rolls down a sewer.

A siren can be heard in the background. The siren stops at the far end of the alley, behind KNIGHT.

KNIGHT I'm sorry, Deborah.

## DEBORAH

Nick, please! I...

She starts to smoke. KNIGHT releases her and backs away.

DEBORAH Nicholas, Help me! Niiiiick!

She screams his name as she bursts into flames. (Note: The grate on the sewer the ring fell into starts to shake. KNIGHT doesn't notice. After a few moments it stops shaking and smoke starts coming out of it. The smoke is from the ring that has just destroyed itself.)

PAN TO:

22 FAR END OF ALLEY

SCHANKE gets out of car and says line as he is running to KNIGHT.

SCHANKE

Oh my God!!

CONTINUE TO:

23 ALLEY (KNIGHT'S LOCATION)

SCHANKE Knight, what the hell happened?

KNIGHT is just watching the fire, which burns out as quick as it started.

#### SCHANKE

Knight?

KNIGHT walks over to spot where she was standing and kneels beside her ashes. SCHANKE just stands and stares at KNIGHT. KNIGHT removes a plastic bag from his pocket and places her ashes into it. SCHANKE walks over to KNIGHT.

SCHANKE Nick, you alright?

KNIGHT Yeh. I'll be fine.

SCHANKE You sure? You don't...

KNIGHT I said I'll be fine!!!

KNIGHT gets up and walks off. SCHANKE goes after him. Neither notice the smoke coming from the sewer, which lasts only for a few more moments then stops.)

SCHANKE Okay, okay. No need to bite my head off. You mind telling me just what the hell happened back there!!

KNIGHT turns to him with a sad look in his eyes.

KNIGHT Maybe one day. But not now.

SCHANKE looks back down the alley. KNIGHT flies off.

SCHANKE I'm real sorry Knight. I know... SCHANKE turns back around, and notices KNIGHT is gone. Again.

SCHANKE Knight? KNIGHT!!!!

JUMP TO:

24 EXT: HARBOUR (DAY 4: 3:45AM)

KNIGHT and JANETTE are standing by the water. KNIGHT takes the plastic bag out of his pocket and scatters DEBORAH's ashes to the wind. JANETTE sees the far away look in KNIGHT's eyes.

JANETTE You really loved her, didn't you?

KNIGHT I thought I did. Once. Now, I'm not sure.

JANETTE Would you have given her the ring, to save her life, if it...

KNIGHT I don't know, Janette. I don't know.

KNIGHT and JANETTE walk back to the caddy arm-in-arm.

FADE OUT.