

TRANSITION WITH A SINGLE STEADY DRUM BEAT TO...

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4 INT. PHARAOH'S PALACE

LOW DRUM ROLLS, THEN STOPS WITH A CYMBAL CRASH.

## Side 3

START >>>

040 **MERNEPTAH**

Akhmed? He stirred - I saw him -  
Didn't he stir?

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No response.

MAGICIAN 1

(softly)

I did not see it.

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041 MAGICIAN 1 (CONT'D)

We - we have tried everything,  
Great One.

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042 **MERNEPTAH**

Again! Try your magic again! I  
command you.

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043 MAGICIAN 2

We cannot bring your son back to  
life.

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Bithiah steps into the room, unobserved.

SOFT FOOTSTEPS AS SHE ENTERS.

044 **MERNEPTAH**

I am Pharaoh. I demand you use your  
dark arts and raise my son from  
this sleep.

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045 MAGICIAN 1

We cannot -

046 **MERNEPTAH**

I am PHARAOH -

047 BITHIAH

(gentle)

What does that mean, Merneptah?

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048 **MERNEPTAH**

(startled)

Bithiah! What right have you to  
question me?

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(MORE)

**MERNEPTAH** (CONT'D)

(returning to his chant  
like rant)

I am Pharaoh, ruler of Egypt. I  
bring order and life. I cause the  
Nile to flood, making Egypt fertile  
and rich -

049 BITHIAH

And the Hebrew God caused the Nile  
to turn to blood.

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050 **MERNEPTAH**

(raw)

I am a living god!

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RESTLESS MUSIC UNDERSCORE STARTS.

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051 **MERNEPTAH** (CONT'D)

I am the son of Ra, the sun god.

052 BITHIAH

Yet Egypt was left in darkness at  
His command.

053 **MERNEPTAH**

I. Am. Pharaoh.

054 BITHIAH

A ruler without an heir.

055 **MERNEPTAH**

(breaking)

Akhmed - Akhmed. I will bring him  
back to life. I will...

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056 BITHIAH

Oh, brother... You do not rule over  
life and death.

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057 **MERNEPTAH**

Bithiah -

058 BITHIAH

Their God has conquered you.

Beat.

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059 BITHIAH (CONT'D)

Farewell, brother.

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BITHIAH TURNS ON HER HEEL AND LEAVES THE THRONE  
ROOM.

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