



# The Boy Who'd Be King

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## Chapter 1: The Boy from the Forest

Long ago in England, there was a boy named Arthur. He lived in a small village near the forest. Every day, he woke up early, helped the old blacksmith, and read books about brave heroes. Arthur used to spend hours by the river, dreaming about adventures.

He didn't know his parents. An old man named Merlin looked after him. Merlin was not just a guardian — he was a wise teacher who believed in Stoic philosophy. He often told Arthur,

“You cannot control the world, but you can control yourself.”

## **Chapter 2: A Sword in the Stone**

One cold morning, Arthur and his friends went to the town square. There was a sword in a stone. The sign said:

“Whoever pulls this sword will be the next king of England.”

The strong men of the town tried and failed. Arthur was curious. He walked quietly to the stone and pulled. The sword came out easily. The crowd was silent. Merlin smiled.

“You are the chosen one,” he said.

## **Chapter 3: A King Must Learn**

Arthur was surprised. He was just a boy! He used to feed chickens, not lead people.

Merlin said, “To be a great king, you must learn wisdom, patience, and control.”

Every day, Arthur studied. He used to make quick decisions, but now he learned to think first.

He will lead with justice.

He will listen before speaking.

He will remember that a king serves the people — not himself.

## **Chapter 4: Trials of the Heart**

Many nobles didn't trust a boy king. Some wanted to fight.

But Arthur didn't get angry. He remembered Merlin's words:

“We suffer more in imagination than in reality.”

So he kept calm. He spoke kindly.  
Slowly, the people began to follow  
him — not because he was strong,  
but because he was wise.

## **Chapter 5: The Future King**

Arthur will become a legend.  
He will build a round table where  
all people are equal.  
He will rule with honor, not fear.

But most importantly, Arthur will  
remember what Merlin taught him:

“True power is not in the sword — it  
is in your heart, your mind, and  
your choices.”

Grammar Focus:

Past habits (used to):

- Arthur used to dream by the river.
- He used to make quick decisions.

Future tense:

- He will lead with justice.
- Arthur will become a great king.

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