

# Claiming Excalibur

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"So these are your fairy tale friends." Dawn looked the knights over.

Aliana pinched her friend's side. "Remember, they're just people, not mythical creatures...wait until you see the pictures, I think you'll need to see them to believe everything."

Dawn fixed her with a stare. "You're the one who needs pictures to see and believe what's right in front of you. I prefer to trust my eyes."

"Lia! Lacy!" Dawn's voice carried through the echoing hangar. Aliana and Lacy bounced down the plane stairs in a quick dash as Dawn rushed forward to her best friends.

"Incoming!" Aliana ignored Wade's laughing taunt, grabbing her best friend in a crushing hug. Lacy joined her, and the three friends did a hugging, happy-girl dance. Aliana wrapped her arm around her girlfriends' waists. They were like sisters to her.

"D, I can't breathe!" Aliana fake choked as her friend loosened her bear hug.

"That's what you get for being gone so long." Dawn hugged them both again before stepping back. Her green-brown eyes flicked to Aliana's bag as Galahad set it down next to the other luggage. She studied it for a second, looking confused.

She shifted her gaze away from the bag and over to the guys. They were all in jeans, and all but Lancelot and Merlin wore plain T-shirts in various colors, each of them favoring the color that had represented their families back in Camelot. A grin spread across Aliana's face as she pulled out her cell phone. She needed to have a group picture of these drool-worthy guys in America. Her eyes went to the silver cuffs Merlin had given each of them before they'd left London. The cuffs bore the Pendragon crest and matched the one Galahad almost always wore. Arthur had asked his knights to wear them as a sign that they were a part of the Round Table. It had been a moment of pride and joy for the eight brother knights.

"So these are your fairy tale friends." Dawn said.

Aliana pinched Dawn's side in annoyance. She hoped her friend's funny, tough girl attitude would help her deal with all that was coming. "Remember, they're just people, not mythical creatures."

"But that doesn't mean we can't get one or two of your wonderful pictures, right?" Dawn whispered with a sly wiggle of her brows.

"Yeah, buddy!" Lacy echoed eagerly.

"Way ahead of you!" Aliana winked and held up her phone.

"My man. Or rather woman." Dawn winked, her words imitating one of her favorite radio DJs.

"Hey guys!" Lacy shouted.

The knights looked over and Aliana snapped several quick pictures.

Wade moaned. "I can't believe we fell for that."

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