



The next week I went to Dr. Bloodcastle.

He's my dentist and he's my father's dentist and my sister's dentist, too, and I know one other person who went to him: a girl that I went to school with, but who died in a car accident with one of her children. And there are only two reasons that I really ever knew her: the first is because I saw her waiting in Dr. Bloodcastle's office about ten years ago, I came out one time and my face was puffy; and the second is because I sat right behind her in Social Studies and one time I idiotically flicked her bra strap, because it was slightly visible through the back of her t-shirt (and because I had a friend who rated highly the flicking of bra straps) and she jumped up and said something like, "Hey." No one noticed, so she just slunk down in her seat.

So I think about her when I go to Dr. Bloodcastle's. And I also think about her on June 3rd which was her birthday. Hers is one of the only birthdays that I remember on the day that it is happening. Sometimes I see it coming days in advance. I know it's her birthday because I asked the Social Studies teacher. I wanted to apologize to the girl, but I didn't have the guts to tell her right then, so I asked the Social Studies teacher when her birthday was and, unbelievably, he looked it up in his book. But I never got the chance to apologize for flicking her bra strap because we weren't in social studies together any more when June 3rd rolled around. And, on top of it, now she's dead.

I asked Dr. Bloodcastle once if he remembered her and he said she was an amazing person. I asked if she had any other children, and he said he didn't know,

The 3 Best Parts of the Mabinogion are:

Firstly, "I will give you a cauldron with a special property : should a man of yours be killed today, cast him into the cauldron, and by tomorrow he will be good as ever—but he will be without speech."

Then, "He came here from Ireland with Cymeidi Cymeinfoll, his wife; they had escaped from the iron house in Ireland when it was made white-hot around them." (By the way, these two are giants. :P)

The other one is the incident of Branwn's Slap, which was one of three unfortunate slaps on that island.