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Three centuries ago, English magic faded, as the Ladies of the Lake left the mortal realm. Three years ago, the revival of English magic failed. The magician who tried it vanished, the magic they worked fell apart. Maybe it was never real. But you know better. English magic has been reawakened, and you have access to it.

Timeline:

- 1811: *the revival fails, the magician vanishes.*
- 1814: *Now. In April, Napoleon admits defeat and is banished to Elba.*
- 1815: *In March, Napoleon escapes Elba and begins the Hundred Days, culminating in June at Waterloo.*
- 1816: *The Year without a Summer.*

In-setting theories no one can agree on

Magic left England because the Ladies of the Lake took it. They took it because:

- *It was dying and needed care in distant Avalon, like Arthur.*
- *Henry was a jerk to one of them personally.*
- *Anne Boleyn was a powerful changeling and they were protecting it from her.*
- *The long relationship between monastic mysticism and the Ladies meant that Henry's feud with and destruction of the monasteries led to retaliation.*
- *They lost a bet with a fairy and had to retreat from the mortal realm.*

Magic is returning because:

- *The king is mad, and that opens the gates between England and Fairy.*
- *Fairies suddenly need things from the mortal realm again in their own political games.*
- *The magicians of the revival didn't fail, but their spell caused them to disappear and unworked their other spells.*
- *Wellington actually is the rex quondam, rexque futurus and this is Britain's hour of need, and the Ladies are obliged to return.*
- *Merlin has gotten free?*

Back in Arthurian times, when Nineve imprisoned Merlin, it was the last blow in a battle for control and stewardship of English magic. The Ladies of the Lake managed it from then on. Myrddin Wyllt was an agent of chaos and half-demon and could not be trusted! The almost-fairy Ladies of the Lake could be.

The Fairy

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Agenda:

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