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<Text: Prose Brut>

<fol. 5v><line 10>Whanne þis myschaunce was befallē þe
 peple of þe land were ful of sorow and
 driven Brut out of þe land and he wente fro
 þenne³ in-to grece ¶ and þere he fond vij m. ¹ men~ And
 þat were of þe lynage and kynrede of Troie þat
 were come of gret blood and were vnder þe thral
 dom and bondage of kyng Pandrase of Grece
 for þe deth of Achille³ þat was betraid and y
 slayn at Troie ¶ Þis Brut was a wonder fair
 man and a strong and a worthi and whanne
 kyng Pandrase herde telle of his worthynesse
 he made him duelle with him . and was with
 him wonder prive and welbeloued ¶ And so on a
 tyme thay of Troie complayned to Brut of the
 bondage and thraldom þat þay were ynne &
 so excitid and stirid Brut þat he of þair dis
 tresse hadde gret pite and sorow and þorough
 <fol. 6r>his wisdom and manhood assemblid all þe peple of
 Troie and faught with þe kyng Pandrase and
 him discomfited and took and put him in-to prison~
 and thanne it was ordeyned and acorded among
 thaym þat Brut sholde wedde Jnnogen kyng
 Pandrases dou³ter and his heir and so he dede
 and hadde with hir meny shippis stuffid with
 vitail and with moche tresour of gold and sil
 ver ¶ Þanne sailled he fro thenne³ and cam þe
 iij^{de} . day in-to an yle callid loegece and þerynne
 he fond an old cite all iwasted and desert and ney
 ther man womman~ ne child ne othir creature
 duellyng þerynne ¶ And in þe myddil of þat

Cite he fond an old temple and þerynne was
 a goddesse callid Diane and to her Brut made
 his sacrifi3e . for she was wont to yeue ansuer
 of what thyng þat eny man~ praide her-of
 and nameli vnto þaym þat her honourid with
 sacrifi3e . þanne wente Brut to þat ymage
 and þus to her he saide ¶ Diane noble goddesse
 lady þat all þyng hast in thy myght and
 in thi power wyndis watris wodis feldis
 and alle thyngis of þe worlde and alle maner
 bestis that þerynne be to you .J . make my pray
 er þat ye me counsel and telle where and in
 what place J shall haue a couenable duellyng
 <fol. 6v>for me and for my peple and there J shall make in
 honour of you a wel fair temple wherynne ye
 shal euermore be honourid ¶ whanne he hadde
 thus maad his praier Diane ansuerde in~ þis
 manere ¶ Brut *quod* she go euene forth thi way
 ouer þe se westward toward Fraunce and þere
 thou shalt fynde an yle þat is callid Albion and
 þat yle is compassed all aboute with þe se and
 no+man may come þerynne but be watir and it
 is desert saue a fewe geauntes and þat lond is
 ordeyned for the and thi peple **How Coryne
 mette with Brut and becam his man and how
 kyng Goffar was discomfitid**

Whanne Brut hadde herd þis ansuer of
 Diane þe goddesse he saillid forth . xx.
 daies and more . and beside a coste of þe se as
 he sailled he fond . CCC . men of þe lynage and
 kynrede of Troie and þair souereyn and maister
 was callid Coryne ¶ and þis Coryne becam Bru
 tis man and to him dede feaute and homage &
 þanne þay sailled forth fro thenney til þay
 cam in-to Gascoigne and þere thay arryued
 in þe hauene of liegers and þere abood viij .
 daie3 ¶ Thanne cam tidyngis to kyng Goffar
 þat was lord of þat lond how þat moche peple
 of a straunge nacion were arryued in his

<fol. 7r>lond withoute his leve in þe hauene of liegers
 Wherefore þe kyng was wonder wroth and ordey
 ned a power to drive þaym out but kyng Goffar
 was discomfitid and he and all his peple fledde
 in-to Fraunce to seche help and socour ¶ And þat
 tyme regned in Fraunce xij kynge³ wherof xj as
 semblid a gret power to fi³te with kyng Goffar
 ayens Brut and goffar~ duelde in Fraunce half A
 yeer and more and in þe mene-tyme Brut destroide
 al þe lond of gascoyne. ¶ Þo cam kyng Goffar fro
 Fraunce and xj kynge³ with him and broughte
 xx m^l. men and faught with Brut but Brutt
 þorough help of his cosyn Turyne and of Coryne
 hadde þe victory and in þis bataille Turyn Brutes
 cosyn was slayn and was enterid in a Castell þ^t
 now is callid Towris in Turyne þe whiche Brut
 leet make þere aftirward as Omere þe grete clerc
 berith wnesse **how Brut londid at Totneys in**
Deueneshire in þe yle of Albion and of þe wrast
lyng betuene Coryne and gogmagog
 BBut aftir þis sailled fro thenne³ and þe
 v . day aftir he arryued in þe hauene of
Totneys in þe yle of Albioun and þere he fonde
 neither man womman ne childe but only ge
 auntis and þay duellid in hilles and in Caves
 ¶ Whanne Brut saw þe lond fair to his ple
 <fol. 7v>saunce he was glad and assemblid vpon a day al his
 peple to make a solem sacrifici³e and a gret feste
 in honour and reuerence of Diane þe goddessse
 ¶ And as thay were at mete þer cam yn sodenly
 vpon thaym xxx geaunte³ and kilde xxx of
 Brutis men but Brut and his mayne slovven
 thaym alle saue on that was Maister of thaym^m
 þat me callid gogmagog þat was lenger and
 strengre thanne eny of þe othir geauntis and
 Brut kepte hym alive for he wolde se him wrastle
 with Coryne for Coryne was of more lengthe
 and strengthe thanne eny of Brutis men ¶ Co
 ryne and gogmagog wrastlid togedir~ so longe

til þe geaunt brak ij. ribbis in Coryne3 side
 ¶ Þo was Coryne sore aggreued and took þe ge
 aunt in his arme3 and cast him down vpon A
 Rok so þat he brak all in-to pece3 wherfore the
 place is callid yit in-to this day þe sawt of
 gogmagog ¶ Thanne yaf Brut all þat cuntre
 vnto Coryne and he callid it Cornewaille *after*
 his name and his men~ he callid Cornewaille3
 and so it is callid in-to þis day **hovv Brut ma
 de london~ and callid this lond Britayne and of
 his . iij . sones and of his deth**

Aftir this Brut made þe Cite of london~
 and callid it newe troie in mynde and
 <fol. 8r>Remembraunce of olde troie . fro whenne3 his lynage
 was y-come and callid þis lond Britayne and his
 men britons . and he gat on his wif Innogen . iij .
 sones ¶ þe firste was callid locryne . ¶ þe secunde
Albanact ¶ and . þe iij . Camber And whanne
 Brut sholde die he yaf to his firste sone locryne
 al þe lond of Britayne þe whiche he callid
loegers ¶ To his secunde sone albanact he yaff
 þe cuntre þat novv is callid Scotland þe whi
 che he callid albanie aftir his name ¶ To his
 iij^{de} sone Camber he yaf þe cuntre of walis and
 þat he callid Cambria ¶ and whanne Brutt
 hadde regned . xx . yeer he deide and was buried
 at Newe troie ¶ Not longe aftir hit be-fill þ^t
 þe kyng of huneland callid humber arryued
 with a gret power in Albanye and wolde haue
 conquerid þe land and warrid vp-on Albanact
 and him kilde in bataille ¶ Whanne Albanact
 was slayn þe peple of þe land fledde to loryne+his
 brothir þat was kyng of Britayne for help and
 socour and anon locryne and his brothir Camber
 assemblid þair peple and mette with kyng hum
 ber beside a River and droof hym in-to þe water
 and þerynne he was drounde aftir whom the
 said River is callid humber in-to this day becavse
 þat þe kyng humber was thereynne y-dround

<fol. 8v>Whanne þis was ydo Looryne wente to serche
 kyng humbers shippe³ and in thaym he fond
 of gold and siluer grt plente and a fair damy
 sel þat was kyng humbers doughter~ þat was
 callid Estrilde ¶ And whanne locryne saw her
 so fair he wolde haue weddid hir but he durste
 not for Coryne for he hadde maad feith and pro
 mys to wedde Coryne³ dou³tir~ and so he dede þat
 was callid Guendolene nathele³ he held prive
 ly Estrilde to his paramour and gat on her A
 dou³tir callid habrenn ¶ Sone aftir Coryne deide
 and anon as he was ded locryne forsook guendo
 lene Coryne³ doughtir and weddid Estrild and
 made her quene ¶ Þo was guendolene wonder
 wroth and ordeyned a gret power out of Corne
 waille to be vengid on hir husbond locryne and
 faught with him and him kilde in bataille þe
 v. yr of his regne ¶ Þanne guendolene leet
 take Estrilde and habren her dou³tir~ and bond
 handes and ft and cast thaym in-to a River and
 þerynne þay were y-drounde wherfore guendo
 lene commaunded þat þe River sholde be callid ha
 bren
 aftir Estrildis dou³tir for as+moche as her
 husbond locryne hadde gote her~ þe whiche Ri
 ver is now callid Severne but þe walssh men
 calle yt habren in-to this day ¶ aftir þis guen^{dolene}
 <fol. 9r>regned xv yeer ¶ and whanne Maddan hir sone þat
 locryne hadde gote on hir was xx^{ti} yeer of age . she leet
 croune him kyng and held her-self content with
 Cornewaille all her lif-tyme **of kyng Maddan
 and of Memprice and Mawlyn his sones**
 WHanne Maddan hadde regned . xx . yeer~ in
 pee³ he deide and was buried at new troie
 ¶ And he hadde . ij. sone³ wherof on was callid Mem
 price and þat opir Mawlyn and thise . ij . brethe
 ryn aftir þair fader deth striven for þe lond for Mem
 price because he was elder wolde haue had all þe
 lond but Mawlyn wolde not suffre him and so þay

took a day of trete and of acorde ¶ And at þat day

Mem

price leet sle his brothir þorou³ tresoun and þanne
 he held all þe land and regned and becam a cursid
 man and a wickid and so lecherous þat he forsook
 his wiff and vsid þe synne of sodomye ¶ Wher
 fore sone aftirward god took of him vengeaunce
 ¶ For on a day as he wente in a wode on huntynge
 he loste alle his men~ and wente alone vp . and
 doun cryyng aftir þaymm and þere cam wolvis
 and him deuourid whanne he hadde regned xxiiij
 yr **Of kyng Ebrane þat was Memprice sone**
how he conquerid Fraunce and gat xx sones and

xxiiij. dou³tri³

Ebrane regned aftir his fa

der Memprice . lxx . yeer a strong man~

<fol. 9v>and a myghty and he conquerid al Fraunce and gat

þere so+moche gold and siluer þat whanne he cam

hoom agayn in-to þis land he made an noble Cite

and callid it Ebrac aftir his name þat now is

callid york ¶ and he made also þe toun of Edyn

burgh ¶ Þis kyng Ebrac hadde . xx sone³ and

xxiiij . doughtris gotten on dyuers wommen

¶ Þe sone³ were callid þus as ye shall here

¶ Brut Greuesheld . Margand . Seisill . Morgh

with . Flengham . Bladud . Jakyn . Kymbar . Ro

celyn . Spadogh . Godeherll . Thorumay . Eldaugh .

Jorkanhut . haibor . ketynn . Rother . kayer and as

sarath . And þe doughtris were callid . in þis

wise ¶ Elgyne Innogen . Oghdas . Guenbran

Guardiche . Augurel . Guenthold Tannustell

Gorthon Michel Medhann . Maylour . Ondour~

Cambredaun . Ragann . Ruthely . Neest . Phen

hem . Skadud . Gladis . herberyn . Abalaghe &

Blandann . ¶ Þise were þe name³ of þe xxiiij

doughtris . and þe bretheryn becam gode kny³tes

and worthi in dyuers cuntree³

Brut grenesheld þe firste sone of Ebranc

regned aftir his fader . xxx . yeer and

wel and nobly gouerned þe land and þan
 ne he deide and was buried at york
 Aftir Brut grenesheld regned his sone
 <fol. 10r>Leill . xij yeer and he made þe toun of Caerleyl and
 callid it so aftir his name and þanne he deide and
 was buried at Caerleyll
 RVthundibras regned aftir leill his fader
 and he made þe cite of Cauntirbury and þe
 cite of wynchestre and he regned xij yeer and
 lith at Wynchestre
 Bladud regned aftir ruthudibras his fader
 and þis Bladud was a gret nygromancer
 and he made þe toun of Bathe and made þerynne
 þe hote Bath and he regned xxj yeer and deide
 and lith at newe troie **Of kyng leyr and off**
þe ansuer of his . iij . doughtris
 Leyr regned aftir his fader Bladud and
 þis leyr made þe toun of leycestre and he
 hadde iij doughtris ¶ þe firste was callid gono
 rille ¶ Þe secunde Regan ¶ Þe . iij. Cordeille and
 þis Cordeille was fairest and best of condicions
 ¶ Þe kyng þair fader becam an old man and
 wolde marie his doughtris er he deide. but first
 he thou3te to assaie which of þaym loued him
 best for she sholde be best married ¶ and he axed
 of his firste dou3tir how moche she loued hym
 and she ansuerd and saide bettir thanne her owen
 lif certis saide her fader þat is a gret loue ¶ Þo
 axed he of þe secunde doughtir how moche she
 <fol. 10v>loued hym and she saide passyng alle othir creatu
 ris . J . may no+more axe saide her fader ¶ þanne ax
 ed he of his iij^{de} doughtir~ how moche she loued
 him . Certis fader saide she my sustris haue glosid
 you with flatelyng worde3 . but J loue you as mo
 che as me oweth to loue my fader and for þe cer
 taynte of loue as+moche as ye be worth so+moche
 shal ye be beloued ¶ Þe kyng her fader was wroth
 with her and saide she sholde nevir haue good of
 hym but his othir dou3tris he married worthily

on-to þe kyng of Scotland and anothir to þe erll
 of Cornewaille and aftir þair fader deth thay
 sholde departe þe Reme betuene thaym ¶ Cordeill
 þe yongest Doughter hadde no part of þe land
 but for her beaute and gode condicions she was
 married to þe kyng of Fraunce **how kyng leyr**
was drive out of his lond and how cordeyll his
yongest doughter helpt hym in his nede &c~
 Thus it befill aftirward þat þe ij . eldiste .
 doughtris wolde not abide til leyr þair~
 fader were ded but warrid on him while3 he
 livid and took from hym hoolly þe Reme and
 ordeyned þat on of thaym sholde haue kyng
 leyr to sojourne all his lif-tyme with xl kny3tes
 and thair squyers . and so þe kyng of scotland
 hadde him to sojourne in þe same wise and
 <fol. 11r>er half yr were y-past his dou3tir was so wery of
 him þat her husbonde and she made kyng leyr voi
 de half his seruauntes ¶ Thanne made he moche
 sorou and wente in-to Cornewaille to Regan his
 othir thoughtir and þere he duelde with . xxx^{ti}
 kny3tis and squiers . and er . xij . monethis wer~
 past thay compellid him to put away alle his
 men save . v. ¶ Þo retourned leyr with moche
 sorou vnto his firste Doughtir and she saide he
 sholde but on knyght haue yf he wolde abide
 þere ¶ Þanne began leyr . to wepe and with
 gret lamentacioun as a+man despeirid he wente
 in-to Fraunce to his yongest dou3tir and tolde
 hir in-to what mysery and wrecchidnesse he was
 falle and how her sustris hadde him serued
 and þere he was receyued aftir his astat and
 worship ¶ And withynne short tyme þe kyng
 of Fraunce her husbonde ordeyned a gret power
 and cam in-to þis land restorid leyr vnto his
 kyngdom and dignite and leir livid aftirward
 iij. yr and thanne he deide and was buried at
 leycestre **how Morgan and Cunedage that**
were Cordeille3 sustris sones warrid vpon hir

and put hir in-to prisoun

Whanne leyr was ded . Cordeille his dou³ter
 held þe land . v . yeer and in þe menety_{me}
 <fol. 11v>deide her lord þe kyng of Fraunce ¶ An thanne cam
Morgan and Cunedage that were Cordeilles sustri³
 sone³ and hadde scorn and indignacion for+to be suget
 and obedient to a wommann and warrid on hir and
 took hir and put hir in-to prisoun and þerynne she
 deide for sorou and thanne Morgan and Cunedage
 departid þe lond betuene thaymm and held it . xij .
 yeer ¶ And whanne xij . yeer were y-past þer+be
 gan betuene thaym a grt debaat so þat ech of
 thaym warrid vpon othir for Morgan wolde ha
 ue had all þe lond and brou³t an ost ayens his broþer
 but he was slayn and thanne regned Cunedage
 xxxiij . yeer . and deide and lith at newe Troye **of**

Reynold that was Cunedages sone

Reynold þe sone of Cunedage regned aftir
 his fader a wise knyght and an hardy &
 welbeloued ¶ And in his tyme it raynde blood
 iij daie³ and iij nyghtis and sone aftir cam gret
 deth of peple and þis Reynold regned . xxij yer~
 and deide and lith at york **of Gorbodian and of**

his ij . sones

Aftir this Reynold regned
 Gorbodian his sone pesibly . xv . yeer and
 thanne he deide and lith at york / And this gorbodian
 hadde ij sone³ þat on was callid Ferreux . and þat
 othir Porreux and thay warrid togedir for þe
 land for Ferreux wolde had all þe lond but his .
 <fol. 12r>brothir wolde not suffre him ¶ This Ferreux hadde
 a fel herte and thoughte thorough treson to sle his
 brothir but whanne his brothir it perceyued he
 wente prively in-to Fraunce and there abood with
 þe kyng . and sone aftir he cam agayn with . an
 ost of peple and faught with his brothir . but
 he was first slayn as it happid ¶ Whanne þair
 moder wiste þat Porreux was ded she made mo
 che sorow for she loued him best and thoughte



to be vengid . and cam priveli with her maidens
be ny3te to her sone Ferreux as he slepte and þere
she kilde him and kutte his body in-to smale pe
cys **how . iiij . kyngis regned pesibly in Britayne**
Whanne thise ij . bretheryn were ded in this
wise withoute heiris þer was greet de
baat and warre among þe peple who sholde .