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### <Tranche 1>

<fol. 2r>wherefore suster my concel is that this nyght whanne howre hosbondis ben abedde . alle we wyth on ascut cutten here throtes and thanne we mowe be in pees of ham . and bettere we mowe do this thyng ; vndir howre fadres power . thanne ellis wher . and anon alle the ladyes consentede and *gran* tede vnto this conceyl . ¶ An whanne night was comyn the lordis and the ladies wente to bedde . and anon as here lordes were a-slepe . the cutten alle here hosbondis throtes . and so thei slowen hem alle . ¶ Whanne that dyoclician the kyng here fadyr herde of this thyng . he becomte hugeliche wroth aʒens his dowtres ; and anon wolde hem alle haue brent . but alle the bawnes . and lordis of syrrie conceilde nowth so for to donn swych sternes to his howne dowtres ; but onliche schwlde voyde the lande of hem for euere more so that thei neuere scholde come aʒen~ . and so he dede . ¶ And anon dioclician~ that was here fadir anon comaundede ham to gon in-to schipp and dilyuerede to hem vitayllis for als aʒer . and whenne this was donn alle the sustren wente in-to schipp and sayle forth in-to þ<sup>e</sup> see . and betok alle here frendes to Appolyn . that was here god . ¶ And so longe they sailede in the see til atte laste they comen and aryueden in an yle that was al wyldernesse . ¶ And whanne dame Albyne was come to that land and alle hure sustres . this albyne wente first out of the schipp . and saide to hure othir sustres . for as moche quod he . as y am the eldeste sustir of al this . companye and first this lande haue takyn and for as moche as my name is Albyne y wele that this lond be cal Albyon~ . aftir myn owne name . and anon alle here sustres hire grauntede wyth a good wille . ¶ Sho wente owt alle the sustres of þ<sup>e</sup> schipp . and toke the land Albyon~ as hire sustir called hit . and there thei wente vp and down~ and found non othir mann ne womman~ ne child but wylde bestis of diuers kyndes . ¶ And whanne here vitayll were dispendid and hem failede . thei fedde hem with herbes and fruites in sesoun~

of the 3er . and so thei leuedyn~ as they best myghtenn . and aftir that they tokyn flesch of diuerse bestes . and bicomenn~ wondir fatte . and so thei disiredyn mannes companie . and mannes kynde that hem failde . and for hete they woxen wondir corrigious of kynde . so þ<sup>t</sup> thei disiredenn~ more mannys companye than any othir solace or myrthe . ¶ When the deuyll that parteynede and wente by dyuerse cuntrees and no<ill><3 letters></ill> body of the eyre and lykingges natures . schad of menn and come in-to the lond of Albyon~ and lay be thoo wymmen~ and schadde the þ<sup>e</sup> natures <fol. 2v>vp-on hem ; and they conceyuede and aftyrward thei broutyn forth growittes of the weche on me callede Gogmagog~ . and anothis Laugherigann . and so thei were nemnyd by dyuerse name and in this maner thei comyn forth & were born~ orrible gyaunnt<sup>3</sup> in Albyon~ . and thei dwellede in caues and in hellis . at here wylle and hadde the lond of Albyon~ as ham lykede . vnto þ<sup>e</sup> tyme that Brut aryuede and come to sotenesse þat was in the yle of Albyon~ . and there this Brut conqueryde and stonnsitede these Gyaunt<sup>3</sup> abo ue-sayd . Her+endith the prolog of Albyon~ . that þo was an yle . and herknet now how Brut was getyn . and how he slow ferst his modir and aftirward his fadir . and how he conquerede Albyon that aftir he nempnede hit Brytayne aftir his howne name . that now is callid Engeland aftir the name of Engist of Saxoyne . <lat>Capitulo primo</lat>

JN the noble Citee of grete Troye there was a noble knyght and a+myghty and a+man of gret power . that me callede Eneas . and whanne þ<sup>e</sup> Citee of Troye was lost and distroyed thorw hem of greek this Eneas wyth al his mayne fledde thennes and com in-to lumbardye that tho was lord and gouernowr of that land a+kyng that me callide Latyn~ And anothis kyng tho was that men callede Tutocelyn þat strongliche werrede vp on this kyng~ Latyn . that of tymes dede hym moche sorwe and harme . ¶ And whanne this Latynn herde that Eneas was come . he vndirfong~ hym wyth mochil honowr . and hym wythelde . for as muche as he had herde of hym and wyste wel that he was a noble knyght and a worpy of body and of his dedis . ¶ This Eneas hylp kyng Latyn~ in his werr~ and shortly for to telle so wel and so worthily he dede . that he slow Turocelyn~ and discounfitede and al his peple . ¶ And whanne al this was don~ . kyng Latyn~ 3af al that land . that was Turocelynes and 3af hit to Eneas in mariage wyth Lauiane his dowtyr the moste fair creature that eny mann wiste . and so they loueden~ to-gedere in io3e and myrthe al here lyues tyme . ¶ Hyt befel thus þat Eneas deide a<sup>s</sup> god wolde . and whanne that he was dede Asquanius his sone that come wyth hym fram Troye vndirfeng~ the land . and hulde hit al his lyue

tyme . ¶ And aftir he weddede a wyf . and vp-on here he be-gatt a  
 sone that me callede Sylueyn . And this Sylueyn whanne he cowde  
 sum resoun~ of man vnwytyng~ . his fadir . and a3ens his wille . aqueyn  
 tede with a damysele that was cosyn to Lauiane that was kyng~  
Latynes doughter . the quene that was Eneas wyf . and broughe the

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<fol. 83r>3et Merlyn .<sup>[seide]</sup> that ther~ schulde come A+peple out of the north west durynge  
 the regne of the forsaide Dragoun~ þat schulde be ladde by an helle  
grehounde þat schulde þe Dragoun~ croune kyng þat aftirwarde  
 schulde flee our the see for drede of Dragoun~ withoute comynge a3en  
 And that was prouede bi sire Johnn Baillol that kyng Edwarde made  
 forto ben kyng of Scotland . that falsliche aros .<sup>[a3ens]</sup> hym ; and aftir he fledde  
 in-to his owne landes of Fraunce and neuere come a3en in-to Scot  
 lande for drede of kyng Edwarde . ¶ And seide Merlyn þat þe peple  
 þat schulde lede the forsaide grehounde schulde ben faderles vnto  
a certeyne tyme . and he saide soth for the peple of Scotlande gret  
 liche were disseside sithe þat ser<sup>e</sup> Johnn Baillol here kyng fley fro  
 Scotlande . ¶ And saide Merlyn þat the sunne schulde be-come in  
 his tyme as reed as any bloode . in to-kenyng of gret mortalite of deþ  
 of peple ; and that was wel knowen . whanne the scottes were slayn~  
 ¶ And sithe seide merlyn þat thilk Dragoun~ schulde norsche a fox .  
 þat schulde mene grete werre a3ens hym that schulde . in his tyme  
 nought ben endid / And .<sup>[bat]</sup> semede wel be Robert the Brus . that kyng  
Edwarde norsche in his chambre / that sethe .<sup>[he]</sup> scale away . and  
 menede grete werre a3ens hym . wich were was nought endid  
 in his tyme ¶ And aftirward Merlyn tolde þat this Dragoun~ schul  
 de ben holde the beste body of the worlde ; and he saide soth . for  
 the goode kyng Edwarde . was the worthieste knyght of all the  
 worlde in his tyme . ¶ And .<sup>[3et]</sup> saide Merlyn þat the Dragoun~ schulde  
 deye in the marche of a-nother lande . and that his lande schulde  
 belonge wyth-oute any gode kepere . and that men schulde wepe  
 for his deth fram the yle of schepeye vnto the yle of Marcelle  
 wherefore allas schulde be here comune songe amonge peple fader  
les in the lande wastede . and that prophecie was knowe ouer all ful wel .  
 For the goode kyng Edwarde deyde att Burgh vp Sandes . þat is vp  
 on the marche of Scotlande . wherfore the englische men were gretli  
 che descunfitede and vngouernede in Northumberland . For encheson~

that kyng Edwardis sone sette be þe scottes no+fors for the reaute  
 of Peres of Sanastonn . werefore Allas was the songe thoroughoute  
 all Engelande for defawte of a goode warde . fram the Jle of schipeþe vn  
 to the . jle . of Marcille . þe peple made moche sorwe for goode kyng  
 Edwardis deth . for they . wende þat the goode kyng Edwardes schulde  
 <fol. 83v>schulde haue gon*n* in-to the holy londe for that was holiche his  
 purpos . vppon hoos sowle god of blis haue mercy ¶ **Off kyng**

**Edward þat was kyng Edwardes . ye .** <lat></lat>

ANd aftir this kyng Edwardes regnede Edward his sone  
 that was ybore in Carnarfan~ and þis Edward wente in  
 to Fraunce . and spoused Isabel the kynges dowghter of Fraunce  
 þe xxv . day of Januer . att þe chirche of oure lady att Boloynes . in  
 the 3er of oure lord . M<sup>i</sup> . CCC . vij . ¶ And the . xx . day of Feuerer the  
 nexte 3er that come aftir he was crounede solempliche att West  
 mynstre of the erchebisschop Robert of Wynchelsee of caunterbery  
 and there was so gret prece of peple that *ser<sup>e</sup>* John Bakwelle was  
 dede and mordred . ¶ And anon as the goode kyng Edward .  
 was dede . *ser<sup>e</sup>* . Edward his sone kyng of Engelande sente after  
 Peres of Ganastoun~ in-to Gascoigne and so moche louede hym  
 þat he callede hym his broþer . and anon aftir he 3aif hym the lord .  
 schipe of Walyng-forde / and hit was nought longe aftir þat he  
 ne 3aif hym the erldom of Cornewaile a3ens alle the lordes wil  
 le of the reaume . ¶ And tho broughte he *ser<sup>e</sup>* Walter of Langeton  
 bisschop of chestre in-to prisoun in-to þe tour~ of Londone . wyth . ij .  
 knaues a-lone hym to serue . for enchesoun~ the kyng was wroth  
 with hym for cause þat *ser<sup>e</sup>* Walter made complaynt vppon hym to  
 his fadir wherefore he was putte in-to prisoun~ in the tyme of  
 Troilbastoun~ . ¶ And the forsaide Pieres of Ganastoun~ made so  
 grete maistries . þat he wente in-to the kyngis tresone in the Abbay  
 of Westmynstr~ . and nome the table of goolde wiþ þe crestlis of y<sup>e</sup>  
 same and manye opere riche gewelis þat sum tyme were the no  
 ble kyng Arthur and toke ham to Amarchaunt þat he callede Ay  
 merþ of ffristonibande . for he schulde bere hem ouir the see into  
 Gascoygne . and thei come neuere a3en aftir . wherefore hit was a gret  
 loste into this lande . ¶ And whanne þis Pieres was so richely  
 avauncede . he become so proude . and so stoute wher~of alle the  
 grete lordes of the reaume hadde hym in despite . for his grete be  
 rynges . wherefore *ser<sup>e</sup>* Henry the Lacy erl of Nichole . and *ser<sup>e</sup>* . Guy .  
 erl of Warwik the wiche goode lordes . the goode kyng Edward



chargede þat Peres of Ganaston schulde nought come in-to Enge  
londe for to brynge his sone in-to ryot . ¶ And alle the lordes of Enge  
<fol. 84r>londe assemblede att a certeyn day att the freris *prechoures* att London~  
and speken of dissonour that the kyng dede to his reame and to  
his croune and so they assen<ill><3-4 letters></ill> alle bothe erlis and barounes &  
comunes þat þe forsaide Piers of Ganaston~ schulde ben exilde