Competition

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INT. ROOM - DAY

THE BISHOP(60's) sits on a throne.

A WARRIOR(20's) approaches him and kisses his ring. The bishop nods.

BISHOP

The witch is in the nearby woods. End her!

The warrior sighs.

WARRIOR

I fought hard to deserve this honor, but now I...I...

The bishop suddenly gets on his feet. He glares at the warrior.

The warrior kisses his hand.

BISHOP

Evil must be routed now, lest it will destroy us all!

The bishop walks around the warrior. He backs off a bit.

BISHOP (CONT'D)

The corruption of these devil worshipers must not spread!

WARRIOR

I...I know that, but isn't this
taking one's life?

The warrior's gestures reveal panic.

WARRIOR (CONT'D)

And taking one's life would not please the Lord!

The bishop approaches the warrior.

BISHOP

Dare you presume, mere soldier, to know more about the Lord than I, who am His bishop?

The warrior shivers.

BISHOP (CONT'D)

I was studying the ways of our Lord when you were but a child barely able to even speak!

The warrior kneels in front of the bishop.

He then gets on his feet and walks to the door.

WARRIOR

Forgive my insolence!

The warrior leaves.

The bishop gets back on his throne.

EXT. WOODS - CONTINUOUS

Two young mages patrol.

The warrior charges into battle.

He swings his blade over and over again until the first one falls to his combat skills.

The second mage flees to cover.

The warrior pulls out a crossbow. He gets into search mode.

The warrior walks for a while.

The mage appears.

The warrior unleashes two arrows. The mage hits the ground. Dead.

The warrior approaches a cave. He enters it.

INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

THE WITCH(20's) sits on the ground.

The warrior approaches, blade ready. The witch smiles.

THE WITCH

Before you end me, watch!

The witch waives her hands creating a globe of energy.

The warrior approaches. It reveals an image of the bishop.

INT. ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The bishop opens a dark leathered book. He mumbles something.

Short bursts of flames aplear. The book swings open by itself.

The bishop firmly grabs it.

The bishop chants something and shakes very, very rapidly.

He continues his incantation.

The bishop's eyes turn fully red.

INT. CAVE - CONTINUOUS

The magical globe dispels.

The knight lays low his blade.

WARRIOR

This is...he is evil!

The witch nods.

WARRIOR (CONT'D)

But...why?

THE WITCH

He just wants to finish off his competition.

The witch approaches the knight. She gently touches him.

His wounds now heal.

WARRIOR

You! I was so...blind.

The witch nods.

THE WITCH

Nice way to deal with one's competition!

The knight takes a seat next to the witch.

He throws away the blade. The witch smiles.

The witch makes the fire lit by itself. They gaze into it.

FADE TO BLACK.