

Summer of Polls 2020
Character Interviews
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Kitty: The Summer of Polls has concluded! In general I'd call it a smashing success. Everyone seemed to love the different polls, and this year I included a couple poll since Champions have been requesting it so much. So I thought I'd interview the top five couples who won: Angelique and Evariste from *Fairy Tale Enchantress*, Quinn and Emerys of *Twelve Dancing Princesses* fame, Hazel Medeis and Killian Drake from *Hall of Blood and Mercy*, Kit and Solus Miles from *Second Age of Retha*, and Britt and Merlin from *King Arthur and her Knights*.

Stil: And Gemma and me!

Kitty: You came in 7th, behind Farrin and Rakel. You shouldn't be here.

Stil: I've decided to embrace my lower placing this year.

Kitty: Can't you embrace it elsewhere?

Stil: No! The world deserves to see how adorable Gemma and I are!

Kitty: Fine. We also have Gemma and Stil from *Rumpelstiltskin* here with us as well.

Gemma: I apologize, I tried to dissuade him.

Kitty: Totally not your fault!

Angelique: I'd like to lodge a complaint. Evariste and I aren't a couple.

Kit: Yeah, neither are Solus Miles and I.

Britt: Aren't you two married?

Solus: Something similar. We're Pledged.

Kit: In a *video game*! Not for real! And we're just trying to swindle people into thinking we're a couple because it makes it easier to meet our goal of getting *out* of the video game.

Kitty: Yeah, well, I don't know what to tell you. You won the poll.

Angelique: But why were we even *in* that poll? It seems suspicious.

Kitty: Do the gentlemen feel similarly?

Evariste: Whatever Angelique says.

Solus: I don't understand why Kit is denying the idea so strongly. She pledged an oath to love me.

Kit: By accident!

Emerys: How do you pledge an oath like that by *accident*?

Kit: We both happened to be talking to the Hermit of Love at the same time.

Merlin: And why would you wish to speak to the *Hermit of Love* if you were not, in fact, in love?

Britt: Yeah, sounds like destiny.

Kit: It's a game mechanic! I swear it!

Kitty: Now, then! This *is* an interview, so I figured we could ask a few questions.

Angelique: You never addressed my complaint; Evariste and I are *not* a couple.

Kitty: Quite the contrary. I'm addressing it by ignoring it. Our first question is: if you could switch places with any couple—meaning both you *and* your significant other swapped with the other couple—who would you switch with?

Hazel: I'm guessing it has to be a couple who is here at this interview?

Kitty: Yes.

Angelique: GEMMA AND STIL! I want Gemma and Stil. I said it first so we get to switch—right?

Stil: I didn't know you were that deep of an admirer of craft magic, Angel.

Angelique: Bother your craft magic, I just want to be free to sit around a castle.

Stil: I beg your pardon? We do plenty of things *while* we sit around the castle!

Angelique: That's the point. Do you know how nice it would be to just sew something, or create enchantments all day long from a safe, dry, guarded castle?

Evariste: You have a point, and I agree. We'll swap with Gemma and Stil, please.

Kitty: I didn't mean you'd *actually* swap. Just if you had the chance.

Killian: Why would we switch? We've finally gotten our proverbial kingdoms built and fixed up nicely.

Hazel: Yeah. We went through a lot to get to where we are now. I'm not switching with anyone.

Kit: Can I pick where they are in their timeline? Because then I vote for Britt and Merlin at the end of the series. What do you think Solus?

Solus: If you want.

Kit: No, no, no. You can't make me look like I'm bossy and domineering, you need to have a vote!

Solus: Then I will vote for Britt and Merlin.

Merlin: Of course you'd like to switch! Then you can be like me in all my magic-wielding glory!

Britt: I don't know, Kit. It might be worse than you think, Solus might get Merlin's delusions of grandeur as part of it.

Merlin: *I beg your pardon?*

Quinn: I suppose we could switch with Angelique and Evariste.

Emerys: Why would we do a stupid thing like that? You've spent time with Angelique—she's miserable!

Quinn: Which is why I'd volunteer us to switch for a while—to give them a break.

Angelique: Quinn, you're too good for this world—and for Emerys. If he dies before you, come find me and we can go on a quest for someone really worthy of you.

Emerys: What—Evariste! Control the she-tiger!

Evariste: No.

Emerys: *No?*

Evariste: Quinn's offer has touched my heart. Angelique is right about her.

Emerys: Wha--?? We're best friends, how could you do this to me?

Evariste: I find your fiancée more charming.

Angelique: Yes!

Merlin: You two seem to be slightly...*antagonistic* today.

Angelique: And we will *continue* to be so until our series ends.

Evariste: We vow it.

Killian: I suggest you take all your bitterness and hatred and you use it to push yourself through your day. Let your fury burn so you live to take revenge on life itself.

Angelique: That's wise. I should take notes!

Hazel: No, no you should not. Killian, stop it!

Killian: Why should I? You have encouraged me to try being *helpful* to others.

Hazel: Not this kind of helpful!

Evariste: But it cannot be ignored that his wise words *are* helpful.

Hazel: He's joking. I swear!

Kit: Aren't you going to do anything to stop this, Kitty?

Kitty: Heck no. Angelique and Evariste terrify me.

Angelique: We've been pushed too far.

Evariste: And we've seen things no one should have to see...

Merlin: You're both nuts.

Britt: How about the next question?

Kitty: Fine, if you insist. If you could switch magic—or skill sets—with your significant other, would you?

Gemma: Yes.

Kitty: Really, you would switch, Gemma?

Gemma: For a limited time, yes.

Kitty: Why? Sorry—I'm just surprised you spoke up first.

Stil: It obviously is because I'm so amazing at magic!

Gemma: Because it would be excellent payback.

Kitty: Huh?

Stil: What are you talking about?

Gemma: You have no idea how many times a day he changes his hair and preens over it in a mirror. If we switch that means he won't have his magic so he *can't* stare at himself in the mirror longer than a dowager duchess prepping for a ball.

Stil: Excuse me? You've admitted that I'm awesomely handsome and you find me attractive and charming!

Gemma: Also, if I had his magic I could maybe create some kind of amnesia charm to make him forget about his wretched question game.

Stil: I'll have you know a good many people *like* that game!

Kitty: Are those really the only reasons?

Gemma: Well...

Kitty: Yes?

Gemma: He has been working a lot lately as he casts his magic and prepares items for the inevitable war we're facing. If we swapped I could give him a break.

Angelique: Another woman who is too good for her husband!

Evariste: Yes, far too good for the brat.

Kitty: You two are *really* bitter today.

Kit: I can understand why. It's tough when the fate of so many rests on your shoulders.

Angelique: Yes! Yes—someone who understands!

Kit: And I'll chime in for the question and say I'd love to switch places with Solus, but I would never inflict him with my dancer's horrid attacks and skills. It wouldn't be fair—though I *will* admit I wouldn't mind seeing him in a dancer's outfit. The guy ones are pretty cool, and then I could maybe use his handsome face and ripped muscles to lure more people in for our cause...

Merlin: Aren't you offended by her talk, man?

Solus: No. Kit has always used me for my body.

Kit: I've told you before: DON'T say it like that!

Kitty: Anyone else?

Britt: Nah. I'd rather keep my sword skills than get Merlin's dinky magic.

Merlin: Dinky? *Dinky*?! I brought you back through *time* with my magic arts!

Britt: Yeah, but you refuse to use it now in—

Kitty: That's a spoiler for the series! No spoilers!

Merlin: Naturally! I don't want folk bothering me at all times of the day to display my powerful abilities to the world!

Britt: Who said anything about showing your magic to the world?

Kitty: Hazel and Killian, you two don't want to switch abilities?

Hazel: Nah, I'm good.

Killian: Unlike the majority of your characters, we are content with ourselves and each other.

Merlin: Well *la-dee-da*!

Hazel: We spent a lot of our books learning to come to grips with our true selves—or, in Killian’s case, allowing another person to see his true self. It’s natural we’d want to stick where we are.

Kitty: Okay, then let me see if I have a question you might find a bit more interesting...ah! Here we go! Let’s fall back on an old goodie. If you were stranded on a deserted island with another character couple—from those who are present—who would you choose?

Hazel: It’d have to be Angelique and Evariste.

Angelique: Still not a couple!

Kitty: Why?

Killian: Because they’re the only ones capable of killing the Paragon when he inevitably comes to visit us—deserted island or not—and refuses to shut his mouth.

Hazel: Yeah. And it sounds like they should get a beach vacation.

Kitty: You two wouldn’t be concerned about getting off the island?

Hazel: Nah. I’m fairly certain the Medeis Wizards have planted a tracking device on me. If I’m suddenly whisked off to an abandoned island, they’ll find me.

Killian: Indeed—your *House* wouldn’t rest until you’d be found.

Kitty: Huh.

Killian: And it wouldn’t matter, anyway. I have a satellite phone. I can call in the Drake Family jet.

Hazel: You have a *jet*? When were you going to tell me about that?

Killian: Whenever I could peel your leech-like wizards off you so I could take you somewhere.

Kitty: Anyone else want to chime in?

Kit: Solus and I could crash on the beach with Angelique and Evariste—enjoy some sunshine, relish the *quiet* and no one demanding anything from us...

Angelique: It’d also be more appropriate considering we’re not couples, too. Right, Evariste?

Evariste: A beach sounds like a splendid holiday.

Angelique: Doesn't it? We should go.

Stil: Excellent diversion tactic there, Evariste.

Evariste: Quiet, brat.

Kitty: I think we'll wrap it up before things get any more...heated. A big thank you to everyone who voted in the *Summer of Polls*! I hope you enjoyed it! Angelique, since the *Fairy Tale Enchantress* crew really swept all the polls, do you have anything you want to say?

Angelique: Yes. I was very honored by all the love you showed myself, Pegasus, and Evariste. Thank you. Just don't vote for Evariste and me in the next couple poll, whenever that one is.

Kitty: Thanks again, Champions! Good bye!

Emerys: So who wants to take a bet Angelique *still* hasn't figured out why she and Evariste are here next time there is a couple poll?

Stil: She *can* be stupid about personal relationships.

Merlin: I'm betting Solus will get through to Kit first. He seems more...*driven*.

Britt: Plus, he's already halfway there since they're married or whatever.

Kit: It's called being *Pledged*!

Kitty: Okay, okay, come on guys. That's all, so get lost.

Killian: Why? We're having a wonderful time.

Kitty: Yes, that's why you need to leave. Now scram!

Merlin: So rough!

Kitty: SAY GOOD BYE TO THE CHAMPIONS!

Britt: Goodbye to the Champions!

Hazel: Goodbye to who?

The End