

John

To be poisoned by a monk at Swinstead Abbey is not what John expected when he sent an army under Philip the Bastard to France, in response to its support for John's rebellious nephew, Arthur. Nor perhaps had the Pope expected this death on excommunicating John. Arthur is captured. John's order for his execution is disobeyed, but Arthur, attempting to escape, falls to his death. Some nobles, suspecting John of the death desert him for France, but, on learning that the French king will have them executed on the defeat of John, return their allegiance to him. Magna Carta isn't mentioned.