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<fol. 1r>hom scomfited and kyllid . And kynge leyre hade then
 his lond³ a³eyne in pees . And aftyward died . And
 cordeill his doghter him let enter w^t mycul honour at ley
 cestr~ ¶ **How morgan & condage þat were n. ^{le}veus to Cor**
dell werred vpon hir . And conquered hir and toke
hir wythe strengththe . And put <hole> in prison
 When þat kyng leyre was <hole> Cordeill his ³ongest
 do³ter hild and hade the lond in pees v ³ere and
 in the mene-while dyed hir lord Agampe þat was kyng
 of Fraunce . And aftyr his dethe scho left wedo and þen
 come morg<ill><. ></ill> & Condage y^t were Cordeill sustres sones
 and t<ill><... ></ill>r enuy for as meche as hor aunte schuld haue
 the lond soth . & by-twene hem twey they ordeyned
 a grete power . And opon hir werred gretly . And they
 reste <ill><1 word></ill> tyl thay hade take hir and p<hole> hir vnto þe
 dethe And Morgan & Condage sesed all the lond And
 departed hit by-twene hem . And thei hild hit xii ³ere
 by then there was greue by-twene hom <ill></ill>rete dowte
 So þat thay werred strongly in fere . And eueryche of
 hom dud meche harme to oyer . For Morgan wold
 <ill><2 words></ill> hade all the lond be-³ond humbarr~ y^t Condage
 hild but he <ill><1 word></ill> a³aynes him w^t a grete power
 so þat <ill><1 word></ill> durst not abyde . But fled away
 into Wales . And Condage come a³ayne and sesed
 all the lond into his owne hondes . And hild hit And
 regned aftyr xxxiiij^{ti} ³ere . And tho died he and lyth
 at new Troie ¶ **Howe Reignold y^t was Condage**
son regned aftyr his fadur And in his tyme it reyned
blode iij dayes in tokenyng~ of dethe
 And aftyr this Condage regned Reynold his

son a way <ill><1 word></ill> my3t and a hardy and curteyse
 <fol. 1v>p<ill><...></ill> wele and noble gouerne the lond . And wonder well
 made him be byloued of all maner of folke . And in his
 tyme it reyned blode þat lasted iij dayes as god wol
 And sone aftyr yer come a+grete dethe of the peple f<ill>..</ill>
 osten of the peple w^t-out nombur fo3ten til thay
 were ded . Wherefore no mon my3t hom let tyll almy
 ghty god yer-on tok<hole>cy & pyte . And tho can it to sese
 And this Raynold regned xxij 3ere & died lyth at 3orke

¶ **how Gorbedian that was raynold son regned in
 pees and aftyr he died and lythe at 3orke**

And aftyr this Reynold regned Gobodyan his
 sone in pees and was a gode man . And wele be
 loued of all his peple . And he regned al his lyf
 tyme ry3t wel and worthely xv 3ere . And dyed
 and lythe at 3orke ¶ **How Corbedyan hade tow**
 sones . the <ill>.</ill>one slowe ye tother for to haue the he
 rytage . And ydoyne hor moder kylled þ^t oyer . wher~ ye
 When <ill>.</ill>is Corbedyan~ was ded his ij sones þat
 he hade . by-come stounte & prowde and euer
 werred to-geder for the lond . þat one was called
 Ferrers . And þat other porthes . And þis ferrers .
 wold haue hade all the lond . But his brother
 wold not suffre him . Ferrers hade a violens hert
 and tho3t thru3e treson to sle his brother porthes
 But priuely he went in-to Fraunce . And yer he abode
 w^t the kynges Styward . tyl apon a tyme he com~
 a3ayne and fa3t w^t his brother Ferrers . But ful
 euel hit apped tho for he was slayne first . Whan
 ydoyne hor moder wist þat porthes hir sone
 was ded scho made grete sorow . For be-cause þat
 scho loued him more than þat oyer . And scho tho3t
 him to kyll priuely . And priuely . scho come to hyr
 <fol. 2r>sone And in a ny3t w^t a+knyfe . And yer-w^t scho kut his throte and
 the body also in-to smale peces . Who herd euer of so cursed
 a moder that kylled wyth hir owne hondes hir owne
 sone . And longe tyme aftyr lasted that reproue & schame
 to the moder for be-cause þat for the ton~ sone dethe
 scho morderet the tother . And also for scho loued so

meche more then the tother . And so were bothe ded
 and slayne ¶ How iiij kynges curtesly hild all
 Bretayne and weche were hor names <linefiller>
 Whan these bretheren~ weren~ thus ded þⁱ
 hade left by-hynd nother sone ne doghter
 ne none of the kynrede þat myȝt haue the heritage .
 . And for as meche as the strengest men dryuen~ &
 scomfited the feblest . And toke al hor londes . so
 þat in euery cuntrey þat hade oft-tyme grete werre .
 . But a-monge al oyer thinges yer where a-mongus hom
 in that cuntrey þat ouer-come all other . And thugh
 hor strenghe and myȝt thai toke al hor londes &
 euerche of hom toke a certeyne cuntrey & let cal him
 kynge . And one of hom was called skater . And he
 was kynge of skotlond . And y^t oyer was called dawal
 yerfore he was kynge of loegres . And of al the lond
 þat was lotrus Brutes son~ . the thryd was called
 Rudak . And was kynge of Wales . And the fort .
 was callet Cloten and he was kynge of Cornewa
 yle . But this Cloton~ schuld haue hade all the
 lond w^t reson . For yer was no man y^t was so neghe
 to be ryghtfull heyr as he was . But thai þ^t were
 strongest set lyttil by hom þ^t wer~ of lasse a-state
 and strenghe . And yerfore this Cloton~ hade no more
 lond amongs hom . But Cornewaill ¶ Of kynge
 denobande þ^t was Clotens son~ & how he whan þe lond
 <fol. 2v>This Cloton~ hade a son þ^t was called denobande . that
 aftyr the dethe of his fader be-come a hardy man
 and a fayre and a curteyse . so þat he passed all the ky
 nges of Bretayne of fayrenes & of worthyse . And a
 nonn as he was knyȝt . he wyst well when his fadur
 lyued . þat he was ryȝtfull heyre of all the lond
 and schuld haue hade it by reson . But other kynges
 þat were of more strength than he was . toke
 from hym hys lond and aftyrward this denobande
 ordeyned hym power & conquered all the lond of
 loegers . Aftyrward he wold haue conquered al
 skotlond and wales . And Skater w^t his men com~
 and 3af bataille . And Rudak come a-ȝayne w^t

his walschmen for to help hym . but so hit be
 fell þ^t Rudak was kyllid and skater also . In
 playne bataille . And so denobande hade the vic
 torye and conquered all the lond and well mayn
 teined hit in pees and rest . þat neuer before hit .
 was so wele mayntened ¶ How denobande
 was ye first kynge y^t wered crowne of gold in Bretayn~
 This denobande let do make to him a crowne of
 gold & wered the crowne oponn his hede as
 neuer kynge did before . And he ordeyned a statute
 þ^t hade a mon~ done neuer so mecull harme and he
 my3t come in-to the temple . yer schuld no mon him
 mysdo . but do yer-in saff and pees . And aftyr-ward
 go in-to what cuntrey þ^t hym lyked w^t-out any har
 me . and yf any mon set any hond upon hym he
 schuld lese his lyf . And this denobande made ye
 <fol. 3r>touns of MalmesBury and the ton~ of wyse . And when~
 he hade regned wel and worthely xl 3ere . he died
 and lythe at new troie ¶ **How Bren~ and Belyne
 departyd the lond aftyr the dethe of denobande
 hor fader and of the werr~ by-twene hom** <linefiller>
 And aftyr this denobande was ded his tow
 sonnes þ^t hade departed the lond by-twene
 hom . as hor fadur hade ordeynet Belyn his Eldist son~
 hade all the lond of Bretayne . a this half humbre
 vnto skotland . And for as meche as Belyn hade the
 Bettyr parte Bren~ yer-fore wex wrethe . And wold
 haue hade more of the lond . And Belyn his Brother
 wold graunte him no more . Wherefore stryf & werr~
 rose by-twene hom two . But Bren~ the 3ong~ brother
 hade no strenghe a3aynes Belyn . And yer-fore Bren~
 thru3e counsell of his folke went from thens in-to
 Norway to the kynge Elsyng . And prayed him
 of help & socour . for to conquer~ al the lond vpon his
 Brother Belyn . vpon~ couenant þat he wold haue
 his do3tur to wyf . And the kynge Elsyng hym
 graunted . Belyn anone as his brother was gone
 in-to Norway he sesed in-to his hondes all þe lond
 of Norhumbrelond . And toke all the castells & let

aray hom . And also he lete kepe al the costes of the
 see . þat Bren~ schuld not a-ryve no place in þ^t lond
 but if he were take . the kynge Elsynge let semble a
 grete ost . And deliuered his do3ter to Bren~ . And all
 the peple þat he hade ordeynet . And this damsel Sami
 hade longe loued a kynge þat was called Gulagh
 And to him scho send . And told hir counsell . howe
 þat Bren~ schuld hir haue . And scho to abyde w^t him
 for euermore . And so he schuld hir lese but if þat
 he my3t help hir fro Bren~ . And when Gutlagh herd
 <fol. 3v>this thinge he lay to espye Bren~ w^t as mony shippis as he my3t
 haue . so þ^t the ij fletes met to-gedyr . And lond tyme faghte .
 So þ^t Bren~ and his shippes turned a-3ayne and weron scom
 fite . And kynge Gutlagh toke samy and put hir in-to his
 schip . And Bren~ shamefully fled thenns as a mon discom
 fyte . And Gutlagh wold haue went in-to his owne
 cuntre . but yer come on hym a grete tempest þat lastyde
 v dayes . so þ^t thru3e that tempast he was dryven
 in-to bretayne . wyth iij schippes and no mo . And tho þ^t
 kept the costes of the see toke Gutlagh and samy and al
 his ost . And presented to belyn . And he put hom in-to pri
 son ¶ **How Belyn~ droffe out of this lond kynge Gutla
 ghe of denmarke & samye** <linefiller>

Hit was not longe aftyr þat Bren~ come a-3ayne
 w^t a grete Navey . And send to his Brother Belyn~
 þat he schuld 3eld a3ayne his lond to his wyf and
 to hys folke & his castels and touns also . Or elles he
 wold distrie all his lond . Belyn drad no thing his
 manace . And wold do no thinge aftyr hys sayinge
 Wherefore Bren~ come w^t his folke . And fa3t w^t Belyn
 And ther Bren was discomfite And his folke slayne &
 he hym-selfe fled w^t xij men in-to Fraunce . And this
 Belyn þat was bro. ^[t]ht vnto Bren~ 3ode to 3orke and
 toke counsell what þat he my3t do w^t kynge Gutlagh
 For kynge Gutlagh preferred to be-come his man and
 to hold his lond of him 3eldyng by 3ere a M^l li of
 siluer for euer more . And for sekernes of thys couenant to be
 hold Gutlaghe schuld brynge hym gode ostages And
 to hym schuld do homage and all his . and 3et he schul

swere on a boke þat these couenant³ schuld neuer be broken~
 ne falsed . Belyn~ tho by counsell of his folke graunted
 him his askynge and so Gutlaghe by-come his man . And
 Belyn~ vndurfonged his homage of him . And also ye coue
 naunt³ weren wryten . And on the couenaunt³ kynge
 Gutlaghe toke Samy and his folke and went themns and
 <fol. 4r>come in-to denmarke . And euermore weren~ þe couenant³ hol
 den and tenage paid . tyl the tyme þat haelok was
 kynge of denmarke and also of this lond thru^{3e} his
 wyf þat hight Gyldebourgh . þat he hade spoused for
 scho was ry^{3t} heyre of this lond . This Belyn than
 dwelled in pees and worschipfully him hild amonges
 his barouns and he made iiij ryal ways the Est in-to
 the West þat was callet ~~wat lond þt one is called fesse~~
 watlynge strete . and ij other wayes he made in bossyng
 thru^{3e}-out the lond þt one is called fesse . And þt other
 fossedyke . And he mayntened well his gode lawes
 þat denebande his fader hade made & ordeynet in .
 his tyme ¶ **Howe acorde was made be-twene Bren~**
and Belyn his Brother thru^{3e} Cornewen~ hor moder
 Bren~ þat was belyns Brother hade longe tyme dw
 elled in fraunce . And yer hade he conquered a grete
 lordschip thru^{3e} mariage . for he hade weddet the
 dukes do³ter of Burgoyne þat was ry^{3t} heyre of þe lond .
 And this Bren~ hade ordeyned a grete power or frensheme~
 And come for to fy^{3t} w^t belyn his brother . And Belyn~
 come a-3aines him w^t a stronge power of Bretouns and
 wold haue 3eue hym bataile . But hor moder þat hyght
 Cornewen herd þat þe ton~ brother wold distroye the
 tother . scho went by-twene hom and made hom acordet
 w^t mycul payne so atte last the ij bretheren~ w^t mycul blys
 went to-geder in-to Newe Troie þat now ys callede
 london~ . And there thay dwelled all the 3ere . And aftur
 thay toke hor counsell for to conquer all Fraunce and
 so thay dyd and brent touns and distroied ye lond boye
 in lengthe and in brede . And then the kynge of fraunce
 3af hom bataille w^t his power . but he was ouer-comen
 and 3af truage vnto Belyn and to his brother aftur þat
 þay went forthe to Rome and conquered Rome and

al lombardy & Gormanye & toke homage & feautes of
 Erles Barouns and of al oyer . And aftyr thai come in-to
 <fol. 4v>this lond of Bretayne and dwelled w^t hor Bretouns in joy & rest .
 And þen made the town~ of Bristow . And sythen~ he went ouer
 the see to his owne lordschip . And yer dwelled all his lyf
 tyme . And Belyn dwelled at Newe troie and yer he made
 afayre 3ate þat is called Bylyngesgate aftyr hys name .
 And when this Belyn hade regned nobley xj 3ere &
 iiij monethes þan he died and lythe buried at New .
 troie ¶ **Howe kynge Cornybatus cald the kynge
 of denmarke be-cause he wold not paye the truage**
 And aftyr this belyn his son Cornybatrus a gode
 man and a+worthi . And the kynge of denmark
 wold not pay hym his truage . þat is to say a M^l li
 by 3ere as he was sworne be othe for to paye it . And
 also by record of wrytynge yerto Belyne .^[his] fader wher
 fore he was euel a-payd and wrothe and asemblet
 a grete ost of Bretains and went in-to denmarke and
 sloghe the kynge Gutlaghe and bro3t the lond into subiec
 tion~ all new . And toke of the peple feaut3 & homage3 .
 And aftyr went a-3ayne in-to his owne lond . And
 as he come forthe be Orkeney . he fond xxx shippes
 of men and wemen be-sydes the costes of the se . and
 the kynge asked what thay were . And an Erle þat was
 mayster of hom all curteisly vnswared the kynge and
 saide þat thai were exiled out of spayne . And so þai
 hade trauailed half a 3ere and more in the see to
 wete yf thai my3t fynd any kynge in any þ^t lond
 þat of hom wold haue mercy & pyte to 3eue hom
 any lond in any cuntrey . Wher-yn thay my3t dwel
 and haue hor rest . And by-come his leoge men . And
 to hym wold do homage þat feaute whiles þat he
 lyued . and his heyres aftyr hym And of hym And
 of hys heyres wold hold the lond . And whanne þe
 kynge this herd he hade grete pete of hom . And
 3af hom an yle of wyldernes yer that no man was dwe
 <fol. 5r>lynge . saue only wyld bests . And the Erle thonked me
 che the kynge . And be-come his man and did him feaut
 and homage . And toke al his folke and went in-to hit

. And the Erle men called Jrlamall . And yerfore he let
 call the lond Jrlond aftyr his owne name . This kyng
 Cornybatrus come a3ayne into his lond . And he reg
 ned xxv 3ere . And aftyr he dyed and lythe at
 new troie ¶ **How the kynge Gwentolyn~ regned
 in godenes and gouerned the lond al his lyf tyme
 in grete loue and worschip** <linefiller>

And when Cornybatrus was ded . regned Guento
 lyn his son~ . a man of gode condiciouns & wele by-loued
 and he gouerned the lond wele & wysely . And was wele
 by-loued of all his peple . And he regned xxvj 3ere
 and aftur dyed and lythe at New trowe ¶ **Howe
 kynge Seysell regned and wel gouerned the lond aftur
 his fader Guentolyn** <linefiller>

And aftur this Guentolyn regned his son Seysel
 wele and worthely and wele gouerned þe lond
 as his fader hade done a-fore him and he regned xv
 3ere and died and lythe at Newe Troie ¶
**How kymore regned aftur Seysel his fader And he
 begate hawan that regned aftur hym~** <linefiller>

And aftur this Seysel regned his sone kymore
 Wele and nobley xix 3ere in pees and rest .
 and hawan his sone x 3ere & dyed and lyth
 buried at herbaldoun~ ¶ **How kynge morwyth
 dyed thru3e meschief an hard chanse thru3e
 an euel best for wyckednes & euel lyuynge**

Aftyr this hawan regned morwithe and he
 be-come wykkyd and styrne tyll atte last
 grete vengeaunce come to hym . For as he went
 <fol. 5v>on a tyme by the ^ [see]-syde yer he met a grete best that was blacke
 horribable and hidous to se. And wend hit hade ben a
 whill of the see . And bond an arblast . And wold haue
 slayne the best . w^t a quarell but he my3t not smyte
 it . And when he hade schot all his quarells ye best a
 a-none come to hym in grete hast . And him deuoured
 a-lyf . And so he died for his wyckednes . thru3e
 vengeance of god aftyr þ^t he hade regne ix 3ere
 ¶ **Of Grandobodyan that Morwythes sone . that
 made the ton~ of Cambrygge** <linefiller>

Aftyr this morvyth was ded the Bretouns
 crowned Grandobodyan~ his sone kynge
 that longe tyme regned in goodenes & made temples
 and touns . And this Grandobodyan made the ton~
 of Cambrige . and the ton~ of grantham . And was
 wele be-loued of ryche and pore . For he honoured ye
 ryche and halpe the pore . This Grandobodyan hade
 iiij sones . Arsogale heysyder higamus and Petitur~ .
 And when he hade regned xj 3ere he dyed and
 lythe at New troie ¶ **Of Artogayle þ^t was Gran**
dobodyanes sone how he was made kynge . And syþe
put downe for his wyckydnes <linefiller>
 Aftyr Grandobodyan regned his sone Artogay
 le v 3ere And he come so wycked and so .
 styrne . þat þe Bretouns wold not suffur him to be ky
 nge but put him a-doun~ . And made heysyður his
 brother <exp>his broth and h a</exp> kynge And he be-come
 so gode and so merciabale þat men called hym kynge
 of pite . And when he hade regened v 3ere he ha
 de suche pite of his brother . Artogayle þ^t was
 kynge before Anone he for-soke his dignyte . And
 to his broyer toke the crown~ a3ayne . And made hym
 kynge a3aynes all þe Bretanns wylls . And aftur
 ward Artogayle be-come so gode a mon of condiciouns