



## Knights of the Round Table and Knights of the Queen

Chivalrous Rivalries in the *Premiers faits du roi Arthur*

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