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first in the prologue is conceived how Albion with
his sisters entered in to this Isle and named
it Albion

The beginning of the book contained how Brutus was
engendered of them of troie & how he slew his father and mo-
ther

How Brutus was driven out of his land & how he held
him in great And delivered the trojans there out of bon-
dage

How cornwall became Brutus man and how king Gof-
gar was discomfited And of the foundation of towns in eu-
rope

How Brutus arrived at the town of Albion
And of the battle bit Wene cornwall & gogmagog

How Brutus made London & named this land Britannie
& Scotland allange & Walys cambria And of the division
of the land to his three sons

How king Madan reigned in peace of the death of his
sons & how that one slew that other & how after Bulwer
slew him that slew his brother

How king Ebrau conquered France & begate xx. sons &
xxij. daughters

Of king Brutus greatest first son of king Ebrau

Of king Leir Brutus greatest second son

Of king Ludubras that was king Leir's son

Of king Bladud that was son of king Ludubras

Of king Leir & of his daughters & how the youngest was

as married to the king of France

How king Leir was driven out of his land by his folk


and how Cordell his youngest daughter helped him in his ne-
ce

How Morgan & codenage which were newes to Cordell

werred on her & had her in prison

Tyrant

How the lande of Englonde was fyrst namd Al
bion And bi what encheleon it was so namd.

n the noble lande of Surre ther was a no-
ble kyng ad myghty & a man of grette renome
that me called Dioclesian that Well ad Wor-
thely hym gouined and Ruled thurgh hys noble chinaltrie
So that he conquered all the landes about hym so that
almost all the kynges of the World to hym Were entredat
Hit befell thus that this Dioclesian spoused a gentill
damisell that was wonder fair that was his Emes dou-
ghter labana ad sche lued hym as wold wolde so that he
gave vpon her. xxxij. Doughters. of the which the eldest
me called Albayne & thees damiselles whan they comen
vn to age becomen so fair that it was wonder wherfor
that this Dioclesian anon let make a soynynge and co-
maunded by hys lize that all the kynges that hel den of
hym shold come at a certain day as in hys lize were con-
teyned to make a riall feste At which day thider they
comen and brought wyth hem amirallys princes et dukes
and noble chinaltrie. The feste was riall arayed and ther
they lued en Ioye and mirthe y nough that it was wo-
der to wit And it befell thus that this Dioclesia thou-
ght to marie his doughters amog all the kynges that the
were at that solempnite and so they spoken & ded that al-
bayne his eldest doughter and all hir sustres richely were
married vn to. xxxij. kynges that were lordes of grette ho-
nour ad of po wer at this solempnite. And when the so-
lempnite was done euery kyng toke his wif and lad he
in to her o wne cote and ther made hem quenes And it
befell thus after ward that this dame albaine becomen so stou-
te and so sterne that she tolde litel pns of her lord ad of
hym had scorne and despit and wolde nat done his Will

hem for evermore so that they neu sheld come ayne. And
 so he dyde. And Dioclesian that was her faore anone
 commaunded hem to gone in to ship and deliuered to hem
 vitailles for half a yere. And when this was done all the
 sustren went in to the ship and sailed forth in the see and
 bitoke all hir frendes to Apolyn that was hir god. And
 so longe they sailed in the see till at the last they come and
 arrived in an yle that was all wyl derness. And when da
 me Albine was come to that lond & all hir sustres this
 Albine went forth out of the ship and said to hir othis
 sustres. For as moche quod she as I am the oldest suster of
 all this companie and first this land have taken and for
 as moche as my name is. Albine I will that this lond
 be called Albion after myne owne name. And anone
 all hir sustren graunted to hir with a good will. Tho
 went out all the sustres of the schip and token the land.
 Albion as hir suster called it. And ther they went by
 dwene and fonde neether man ne woman ne child but wil
 de bestes of diuerse kynnes. And when hir vitailles wher
 dispended and hem failed they fedde hem with herbes
 and frutes in seson of the yere and so they leued as they
 best myght and after that they token flessch of diuerse
 bestes and became wonder fat and so they desired mannis
 companie and mannys kynne that hem failed and for her
 te they wogen wonder coragions of kynne so that they de
 sired more mannys companie then eny othis solace or mir
 the. When the deuel that preynd and went by diuerse con
 treys and nommebody of the air and likynge Natures
 shad of men and come in to the lande of Albion and
 lay by too wyemen and shad the natures vpon hem and
 they conceived after they broght forth Geantz of the wi
 che one me calle Cogmagog and an othis langherigane
 so they were nempned by diuerse names and in this maner

ner they come forth and Were borne horrible geantz in Al
byon and they duelled in caues and in hulles at hir Will
and had the lorde of Albion as hem liked Vn to the ty
me that Brute arrived and come to Cotnesse that Was i
the yle of. Albion and ther this Brute conquered and se
fited ther geantz abone said

Here endeth the prolog of Albion that tho was
an Ale and her keneth now how. Brute was gotē
and how he slowe first his moder A after ward his
fadre and how he conquered Albion that after he nē
pned Bretaigne after his owne name that now is
called Englonde after the name of Engist of Sapor
me
Capitulo primo

In the noble Cite of grete Troie ther Was a no
ble kynght & a man of grete poer that Was cal
led Eneas & When the Cite of Troie Was lost
and destroyed thurgh hem of Grece this Ene
as With all his meyne fledde thens and come in to lum
bardie that tho Was lorde and gouvernour of that londe a
kyng that Was called Latyne. And an othir kyng the
Was that Was called Euroclype that strongly Verred
pon this kyng latyne that often tymes did hym moche
harne And When this kyng latyne herde that Eneas W
as comen he vnderfeng hym With moche honour & hym
Wyth helde for as moche as he had herde of hym and Wist
Well that he Was a noble kynght and a Worthy of his bo
dy and of his dedes This Eneas helpe kyng Latyne i his
Wre & shortly for to tle so Well and Worthyly he did that
he slowe Euroclype and discomfited hym and all his pe
ple And Whan all this Was done kyng Latyne gaf all
that londe that Was Euroclypis to. Eneas in marriage