

A KNOCK. THE HATCH OPENS.

092 SAILOR

Your majesty? Scouting report.

093 KING LOUIS

Lead the way.

HE FOLLOWS THE MAN OUT OF THE ROOM.

16 INT. BELOW DECK - STAIRWELL - CONTINUOUS

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THE SAILOR CLOSES THE HATCH, THEY ASCEND, OPEN ANOTHER HATCH.

17 EXT. ABOVE DECK - CONTINUOUS

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FRESH AIR BLOWS.

094 ROBERT

More of God's providence in our favor, my Lord King.

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Side 1  
START >>>

095 JOINVILLE

Or a devilish trick. I suggest we retreat to Cyprus, your majesty.

096 KING LOUIS

What is it?

097 ROBERT

We sent two scouting boats, east and west, both returned with the same report. No Saracens. No citizens. Not a soul.

098 JOINVILLE

By Saint George, something does not seem right.

099 KING LOUIS

What do we have here on the ship in case there is a fight?

100 JOINVILLE

Very little.

101 ROBERT

Very little until the rest of the fleet arrives!

102 JOINVILLE

You do not know if the rest of the fleet survived the storm.

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**JOINVILLE (CONT'D)**

And you assume they don't seek  
respite in Cyprus.

103 ROBERT

They have orders to sail straight  
to Egypt.

104 KING LOUIS

How many men on our own ship  
survived the storm?

105 **JOINVILLE**

A hundred knights, two hundred and  
fifty foot soldiers.

106 ROBERT

All of whom will be safe and well  
rested if we land in an abandoned  
city.

107 KING LOUIS

How long can we wait for the fleet?

108 ROBERT

Not long. Rations are short. We  
need fresh water.

109 **JOINVILLE**

We have enough to get to Cyprus.

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110 ROBERT

Or we can respite in our newly  
captured city.

111 JOINVILLE

What are your orders?

111r ROBERT

What are your orders?

BEAT.

112 KING LOUIS

Put the ship up the Nile. Make  
ready to disembark.

TRANSITION WITH EERIE MUSIC.

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**EXT. DAMIETTA - PORT**

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WALLA: SIX GANG PLANKS - A FEW HUNDRED HORSES,  
MEN, AND SUPPLIES DESCEND. THEY GATHER IN GROUPS  
IN THE PORT. A LOT OF COMMOTION.

EERIE MUSIC CONTINUES...