

037 SORELLA FINA

Some are mad with pain. They may try to grab at you. Avoid that.

038 ROCH

I will do my best.

039 SORELLA FINA

Good because we don't have room for any more patients. Water's over there. If you have any problems, just yell out for me. Everyone else does.

040 ROCH

Thank you, Sorella Fina.

A beat as Roch just stands there.

041 SORELLA FINA

Well?

(snapping)

Get to work!

FAST-PACED ITALIAN TRECENTO MUSIC PLAYS TO SHOW
A SHORT PASSAGE OF TIME.

7 INT. SAN GIOVANNI HOSPITAL - NIGHT

MEN LIGHTLY MOANING IN PAIN. THE SLOSHING OF A
BUCKET OF WATER.

Roch carries a bucket of water and ladle. He comes upon a Dying Man.

042 ROCH

Excuse me. Would you like a drink of water?

Side 1
START >>>

043 DYING MAN #1

(a spark of recognition)

You! You've been sent here for me.

044 ROCH

I'm here to give you a drink -

045 DYING MAN #1

(struggling to breathe)

No! You've been sent here to pray for me and heal me of this horrible pestilence.

046 ROCH

You've mistaken me...

047 DYING MAN #1

(frantic)

Pray for me! Pray for me and bless
me. I... I beg of you.

048 ROCH

I'll get Sorella Fina. Let me put
down this bucket...

ROCH SETS DOWN THE BUCKET OF WATER.

049 DYING MAN #1

You must pray over me! It's your
mission!

THE DYING MAN GASPS FOR AIR AND COUGHS
REPEATEDLY.

His struggle prompts Roch.

050 ROCH

(trying to calm him)

Okay. Okay! I'll pray for you.

(a beat)

May you be preserved from all the
diseases of the body and soul. In
the name of the Father and of the
Son and the Holy Ghost.

THE DYING MAN COUGHS MORE AND GASPS FOR AIR.

051 ROCH (CONT'D)

(afraid he triggered him)

I'm sorry. I'm so sorry!

(calling out)

Sorella Fina! Sorella Fina, come
quick!

Sorella Fina crosses.

052 SORELLA FINA

(urgent)

What did you do to him?

053 ROCH

Nothing! I just prayed for him.

054 SORELLA FINA

Did you touch him?

055 ROCH

No. I just made the Sign of the
Cross over his head.

THE DYING MAN'S COUGHING CALMS.

056 DYING MAN #1

(catches his breath)

I... I can breathe. I can breathe again. See?

057 SORELLA FINA

You shouldn't sit up. Lay back down.

058 DYING MAN #1

No. I can. Look at me. I'm better. I'm breathing!. Grazie! I knew this boy was sent to heal me. You did it.

059 ROCH

I did nothing but pray over you.

060 SORELLA FINA

Wait here, Rocco. I must find Signor Vincenzo.

Sorella Fina exits.

061 DYING MAN #1

I knew you were sent to heal me. I had a vision of an angel. Quickly. Pray over others. Share your gift. Save as many of us as you can. You must!

062 ROCH

I'll pray.

Vincenzo and Sorella Fina enter.

063 SORELLA FINA

Check this patient. Rocco prayed for him and suddenly, he's better. He is sitting up and breathing.

064 DYING MAN #1

And my sores. They do not hurt. The fire within is gone.

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065 VINCENZO

This is impossible!

066 SORELLA FINA

Or is it... a miracle?