MUSIC CUE: REPRESENTING BRIGID'S EMOTIONAL TURMOIL

8 INT. KITCHEN - DAY

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ATMOS: A FIRE CRACKLES IN THE HEARTH.

ALONE IN THE KITCHEN, BRIGID WIPES FRUSTRATED TEARS FROM HER EYES.

068 BRIGID

(to self)

O Lord, Every time my path to You seems possible, the 'old ways' just pull me back harder.

THE FIRE GIVES A LOUD SPIT.

069 BRIGID (CONT'D)

Oh Holy Spirit, I am in dire need tonight. The fire you have kindled in me feels as if it might be quenched by the old ways. I now know that from the day of my birth I have loved you. I choose you. Please, please, God, help me find a way to prevent a worldly marriage. Help me find my way to you...

MUSIC CUE: UPLIFTING SCORE, BEFITTING A MIRACLE.

INT. CHIEFTAIN'S COTTAGE - MORNING

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ATMOS: MORNING BIRDSONG OUTSIDE.

DUBHTHACH AND GRAINNE EAT BREAKFAST, SCRAPING BUTTER ON TOAST, ETC.

070 GRAINNE

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You're doing the right thing, husband. This fascination of hers will blow over. I mean, who does she think she is? Some sort of leader to the people of Ireland? 'Brigid of the Gael'!

GRAINNE LAUGHS AT HER CLEVER BARB, BUT DUBHTHACH PUTS HIS MEAD DOWN WITH A CLANK. HE HEARD THOSE EXACT WORDS ON THE DAY BRIGID WAS BORN.

071 DUBHTHACH

Stop it, Grainne! You don't know what you're talking about. (MORE)

DUBHTHACH (CONT'D)

(muttering)

'Brigid of the Gael'! Ridiculous.

072 GRAINNE

(amused)

Dubhthach, you're wound tight as a-(shocked at Brigid's entrance)

Brigid!

BRIGID'S FOOTSTEPS APPROACH.

073 BRIGID

Good morning, Step-Mam. Dad.

074 GRAINNE

(interrupts, horrified)

What have you done to yourself?

075 DUBHTHACH

(equally horrified)

What evil sprite has done this to you?

076 BRIGID

What do you mean?

DUBHTHACH'S CHAIR SCRAPES AS HE STANDS.

077 DUBHTHACH

Your face, girl! Your skin has turned scarlet. And your hair has turned green!

078 GRAINNE

You're the color of a... a... radish!

079 BRIGID

A radish!

080 GRAINNE

(passing a mirror)

Here, take my looking glass.

081 BRIGID

(observing her

reflection)

Oh! Will you look at that!!

082 DUBHTHACH

What's the meaning of this?

083 BRIGID

I... I prayed to God last night. I asked Him to prevent the marriage you wish for me.

> (happiness spreading within her)

He has answered my prayer.

084 DUBHTHACH

Nonsense! You've done this to yourself. Used pigments of some sort.

085 GRAINNE

Disfigured yourself!

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086 BRIGID

I didn't!

087 DUBHTHACH

No clansman in his right mind is going to marry her now!

088 BRIGID

Thank you, God!

DUBHTHACH SITS BACK DOWN, OVERCOME.

089 DUBHTHACH

(shaken)

You would really do all this, just to pledge yourself to your God?

090 BRIGID

I didn't do this to myself, Dad! God has done this for me because He loves me! Why don't you believe me?

DUBHTHACH PROCESSES FOR A MOMENT, THEN THROWS HIS HANDS UP.

091 DUBHTHACH

Go, Brigid. Do what you must. I don't understand you.

MUSIC TRANSITION.

10 INT. KITCHEN - MORNING

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AOIFE AND BRIGID CHOP CARROTS.

092 AOIFE

What do you mean, it's not a miracle?

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