

029 DUBHTHACH

Brigid, the King wishes to meet you. Let's go.

DUBHTHACH STOPS IN HIS TRACKS.

030 DUBHTHACH (CONT'D)

What?

(beat)

Where's my warrior sword?

031 BRIGID

Oh! Um...

032 DUBHTHACH

(panicking)

My sword, girl! The big metal thing with the jewels and engravings. It was holstered in the chariot.

033 BRIGID

I... I gave it to a leper.

034 DUBHTHACH

You what?!

MUSIC TRANSITION.

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INT. KING'S QUARTERS - DAY

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THE KING OF LEINSTER (INTELLIGENT, BUT PRIVILEGED) PACES THE ROOM, AMUSED.

035 KING OF LEINSTER

(highly amused)

Side 1
START >>>

Saving foxes, feeding black pudding to tenants, giving away warrior swords... whatever is the matter with you, young Brigid?

036 BRIGID

Your Highness, I... I like to take care of people and feed them. How can that be wrong?

037 DUBHTHACH

(fuming)

That sword has been in my family for generations!

038 KING OF LEINSTER

And you want me to take this girl, Dubhthach?

(MORE)

KING OF LEINSTER (CONT'D)

Tell me Brigid, if I were to buy you to work in my dairy, how much of my property would you give to someone in need?

039 BRIGID

I... I would give all of your wealth away, Highness. If I had the chance.

040 DUBHTHACH

Oh, give me strength!

041 **KING OF LEINSTER**

(studying her)

You are intriguing.

(then)

Dubhthach, you will set her free.

042 DUBHTHACH

Pardon me, Highness?

043 **KING OF LEINSTER**

I will give you a new warrior sword. But this daughter of yours will do neither of us any good. Let her find a husband who will support her in all her foolish generosities.

044 BRIGID

Is this true, Dad? Will you release me from slavery?

045 DUBHTHACH

(he has no choice)

I will do as our king asks. Let's try again to find you a husband.

046 **KING OF LEINSTER**

My bard would make a fine husband for her. Handsome fella. And tender-hearted. <<< END

BRIGID STEPS FORWARD, UNABLE TO LET THIS THREAD CONTINUE:

047 BRIGID

(boldly)

I... I'm already betrothed.

048 DUBHTHACH

What now? To who?