

085 BRIGID (CONT'D)

And look at that mighty oak tree,
with it's branches stretching to
the heavens! Come on, let's take a
look.

THE HORSES SAUNTER TOWARDS THE OAK TREE, WHERE
TWO DRUIDS, MAEBH (PRON. MAEVE) AND BIRÓG (PRON.
BER-OGUE) ARE TENDING A RITUAL FIRE.

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086 BIRÓG (O.C.)

Bright and Fiery One, Bringer of
Spring, Mistress of Milk and Honey,
Keeper of the Hearth and Home.

087 MAEBH (O.C.)

We call to you, Goddess of Fire,
with hands that tend this sacred
fire, to protect our herds and
bless our harvest.

BRIGID AND THE HORSES COME TO A STOP. THE FIRE
SPITS.

088 BRIGID

(intrigued)

You are invoking the Goddess of
Fire?

089 BIRÓG

We're both druids, dear. Some call
us priestesses. And yes, we're
tasked with keeping this ritual
fire burning, as it has done for
many years. That's why we call on
Brigid, the Goddess of Fire.

090 BRIGID

My name is Brigid. I'm not a
goddess, but I dearly wish to help
you keep this sacred fire burning.
Did you know, in Christianity, fire
is very significant.

091 BIRÓG

(pah!)

Christianity! What's it got to do
with fire?

092 MAEBH

Fire is renewal. And light.

093 BRIGID

Yes, it is in Christianity too. It indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit.

094 MAEBH

'The Holy Spirit'?

095 BRIGID

He comes to meet us and kindles faith in us. He is God's own love.

096 BIRÓG

Interesting.

097 BRIGID

(taking in surrounds)

What is this place?

098 MAEBH

We're on the great Curragh plain. And where we're standing is known as 'the oak'.

099 BIRÓG

Because of the tree, you know.

100 BRIGID

(to herself)

Kildare.

101 BIRÓG

What's that, now?

102 BRIGID

(Translating the Irish)

Kildare. *Cill Dara*. Church of Oak.

(inspired)

I have a great wish to build a loving community here. A church and a monastery. Called Kildare. Where nuns and monks will take turns in keeping the sacred fire always burning. You would not need to camp here alone anymore.

103 MAEBH

Surely such a thing is impossible? You're but a young woman!

104 BRIGID

Will you both pray to the Triune God with me?

(MORE)

BRIGID (CONT'D)
For a way to soften the King's
heart, so that we can build
'Kildare'?

105 MAEBH
This God of yours, He can do such a
thing?

106 BRIGID
(passionately)
Yes! He does the most wondrous
things!

107 BIRÓG
(skeptical)
Why would a god give us something
without us offering something to
him?

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108 BRIGID
If you bow your heads, I will lead
us in a prayer, and you will soon
see His glory.

THE FIRE SPITS. THE WOMEN BOW THEIR HEADS.

109 BRIGID (CONT'D)
Okay. Here we go.
(begins prayer)
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. O most Holy Trinity, we feel
your burning presence here with us
and ask you to...

MUSIC TRANSITION OVER PRAYER.

11 EXT. THE CURRRAGH PLAIN - DAY

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A FEW DAYS LATER. ATMOS: GENTLE BIRDSONG.

THE KING OF LEINSTER DISMOUNTS HIS HORSE.

110 KING OF LEINSTER
(to Slave)
Take my horse to graze on that
pasture.

111 KING'S SLAVE
Yes, Highness.

112 BRIGID
Thank you for coming, Highness.