

090 LUDWIG
Red roses!

091 HENRY
How could she be carrying roses?
It's not the season.

092 LUDWIG
How beautiful! Bring these roses to
those down below. Their splendor is
sure to bring good cheer.

093 ELIZABETH
As you wish, my husband.

ELIZABETH AND JUTTA LEAVE, RUSTLING THE GRASS.

094 JUTTA
Elizabeth, how did you do that? How
did the bread become roses?

095 ELIZABETH
I did nothing, Jutta. It was the
Lord.

096 LUDWIG
Ah, Henry, you're too quick to
malign.

097 HENRY
(bitterly)
It's impossible.

TRANSITION WITH QUICK, SUSPENSEFUL MUSIC.

10 INT. CASTLE SITTING ROOM - NIGHT

THE DOOR SLAMS AS HENRY AND DUCHESS SOFIA ENTER.

START >>> 098 **DUCHESS SOFIA**

That's impossible!

099 HENRY
I had her. How did she slip through
my fingers?

100 **DUCHESS SOFIA**
This Hungarian Princess has been
trouble since day one.

101 HENRY
You liked her at first, Mother.

102 DUCHESS SOFIA

You're right, Henry. She and Ludwig looked lovely in the chapel during their betrothal. But since then - nothing but trouble.

103 HENRY

I caught her stealing from the kitchens. I know she had bread in her apron! Do - do you think it was a miracle?

104 DUCHESS SOFIA

Snap out of it. She dishonors us by how she dresses, wearing coarse wool, looking like the poor. How is that holy?

105 HENRY

She's trying to make us look extravagant.

106 DUCHESS SOFIA

Her interactions with the poor remove the natural boundaries between us and them. But...what if we could turn her love for the poor against her?

107 HENRY

Mother?

108 DUCHESS SOFIA

Her charity. That will be her undoing.

109 HENRY

An opportunity?

110 DUCHESS SOFIA

The leper, Helias. That wretch would not dare to approach the castle. He's a danger to everyone he touches... But if you - if you encouraged him to come for aid-

111 HENRY

Me? But-

112 DUCHESS SOFIA

Assured him that the princess would not send him away. That she would risk her own health and that of her children to help him!

113 HENRY
She would...

114 DUCHESS SOFIA
Exactly. When he comes, I will trap
Elizabeth in the act.

115 HENRY
And show Ludwig how she exposed him
and his son to leprosy so she loses
his favor.

116 DUCHESS SOFIA
She will not slip away this time. <<< END

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.

11 EXT. CASTLE GATE - DAY

ELIZABETH TENDS TO A LARGER CROWD OF THE POOR AT
THE CASTLE GATE. WALLA: COUGHS, GROANS, SIGHS.

117 ELIZABETH
Herr Detlef, take this bread home
to your mother. Send my blessings.

118 BEGGAR 4
The Lord bless you and keep you!

119 JUTTA
My lady, that was the last loaf.

120 ELIZABETH
Oh dear.
(to the crowd)
I am so sorry, we are out of bread
at the moment. Come back tomorrow.

WALLA: DISAPPOINTED GRUMBLES AND SIGHS.

121 JUTTA
I can see if the kitchen will bake
a little more for us tomorrow.

A MAN CRIES OUT AS HE CRASHES TO THE GROUND.

122 ELIZABETH
Oh! Jutta. That poor man's fainted.

123 JUTTA
My lady, don't! He is a leper!

124 HELIAS THE LEPER
Water. Do you have any water?