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041 AGNES

Guard, make sure that woman never enters the castle again.

THE GUARD, WEARING METAL ARMOR, WALKS OFF.

042 ELIZABETH

Agnes, that's cruel.

043 AGNES

Oh, is Elizabeth sad to lose one of her poor wretched friends? Boohoo. My family has no time for your charity cases.

044 ELIZABETH

The people are in need, sister.

045 AGNES

How is it that you make friends so easily with the castle beggars, but you can't seem to impress anyone at court. I mean, look at your dress, it's so...so...

046 ELIZABETH

Modest?

047 AGNES

Plain.

048 ELIZABETH

Those in the court profess the Christian faith with their lips, but their actions contradict their words.

049 AGNES

So you dress like a beggar to show that you're more faithful?

050 ELIZABETH

No, that's -

051 AGNES

You and your holiness. Your presence in this court is embarrassing. Ludwig needs a respectable wife.

052 ELIZABETH

Charm is deceitful, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

053 AGNES

Do you really think my brother is going to marry you?

054 ELIZABETH

We are betrothed.

055 AGNES

Doesn't Ludwig always bring you a little gift when he goes on trips?

056 ELIZABETH

He brings me something as a token of his affection, yes.

057 AGNES

When he returned home from Leipzig last week, what did he bring you?

058 ELIZABETH

Well, he didn't bring me anything.

059 AGNES

Didn't he? Perhaps he's lost interest in you.

060 ELIZABETH

I don't know, I -

061 AGNES

My brother needs a wife who will bring him honor, Elizabeth. Once Ludwig returns from the hunt, I'm sure he'll send you straight back to Hungary. He has no choice.

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TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.

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INT. CASTLE SITTING ROOM - DAY

062 ELIZABETH

Oh Jutta, this is terrible! What do you think, Count Walther? Is Agnes right? Will Ludwig send me away?

063 COUNT WALTHER

Good Elizabeth -

064 ELIZABETH

Perhaps he would be better off marrying someone else.

065 JUTTA

My lady, ignore these lies.