

122 DUCHESS SOFIA

Get up and put your crown back on.

123 ELIZABETH

How could I pray wearing a crown of jewels, when Jesus, my King, wore a crown of thorns for me?

124 DUCHESS SOFIA

You want to love the Lord? Love your husband. Out of love for Ludwig, who is both a noble and a knight, get off your knees. And get back to your guests!

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.

11 **EXT. CASTLE - DAY**

TWO MEN APPROACH ALONG THE COBBLESTONE PATH.

125 AGNES

Who are those two men approaching the castle gate? Their clothing is patched with sackcloth. And they have walking sticks. They must have traveled far.

126 DUCHESS SOFIA

Let us have nothing to do with them. Fetch Elizabeth before she makes friends with them.

Duchess Sofia goes inside the castle.

127 AGNES

Elizabeth -

Friar Rudiger: Italian dialect

128 ELIZABETH

Hello there! Are you two alright?

129 **FRIAR RÜDIGER**

START >>> Of course we are! Brother Sun is shining radiantly today.

130 FRIAR DIETRICH

And Brother Wind seems quite content to be calm, praise be to God. I'm Dietrich.

131 **FRIAR RÜDIGER**

And I'm Rüdiger. We're both friars.

132 AGNES
Elizabeth, come inside immediately.
They could be dangerous heretics.

133 FRIAR RÜDIGER
I know we look a bit odd, but -

134 ELIZABETH
It's a pleasure to meet you both.

135 FRIAR RÜDIGER
We follow Francis of Assisi.

136 FRIAR DIETRICH
He used to be rich, you know. But
he's left everything behind for
Lady Poverty.

137 ELIZABETH
Lady Poverty?

138 AGNES
Only someone who is mad leaves
everything behind.

139 FRIAR DIETRICH
Jesus said, "If you wish to be
perfect, go, sell what you have and
give to the poor, and you will have
treasure in heaven."

140 FRIAR RÜDIGER
Francis took these words to heart
and still lives this way. We follow
Christ in poverty and humility.

141 AGNES
How very nice. Elizabeth, come
inside now.

142 ELIZABETH
My heart burns with love when I
meet the poor.

143 FRIAR DIETRICH
That's because God made Himself
poor for us, descending down from
the exalted heavens so that we
might share in His blessed life.

144 ELIZABETH
My heart is burning now as I talk
with you.

145 FRIAR DIETRICH
Lady Poverty is a lovely lady.
Perhaps you would like to embrace
her as well?

146 FRIAR RÜDIGER
She demands much, but she will
guide you on your way to holiness.

147 ELIZABETH
I can give you money if -

148 AGNES
Elizabeth!

149 FRIAR RÜDIGER
No, my good lady. We cannot accept
money. But food and other
necessities we would surely be
grateful for.

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150 ELIZABETH
Of course. We are blessed to have
so much here in the castle.

151 AGNES
Elizabeth, this is outrageous. You
will not waste the resources of the
castle on these...beggars.

152 FRIAR DIETRICH
Everything we have received is a
gift from the Lord, Madam. Lady
Poverty will teach you that nothing
is truly ours, it has simply been
entrusted to us for a time.

153 ELIZABETH
That is my prayer. What I have been
given, I give back to the Lord
through the hands of the poor.
Please gentlemen. Show me the way
to embrace Lady Poverty!

12 OUTRO

outro music

154 PETER
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