

066 LUDWIG

Generosity breeds generosity, not contempt!

067 HENRY

You and Elizabeth could end up without a castle to live in.

068 LUDWIG

(Smiling)

Is that a threat, Henry?

069 HENRY

Draw the line. Control your wife. You inherited your title, Ludwig. Prove you are worthy of it.

TRANSITION WITH SUSPENSEFUL MUSIC.

9 EXT. THURINGIAN CASTLE GATE - DAY

ELIZABETH AND JUTTA QUIETLY SHUT THE GATE.

070 ELIZABETH

I don't think anyone saw us, Jutta.

071 JUTTA

Duchess Sofia would not be happy if she discovered that while she plays with her baby grandson -

072 ELIZABETH

Jutta, we are taking food to other little children who have nothing to eat.

073 JUTTA

She doesn't think a new mother should labor as you do, Elizabeth.

074 ELIZABETH

Can you manage that milk jug?

075 JUTTA

Yes, my lady. Oh. Look! Henry and Ludwig.

HENRY AND LUDWIG RETURN ON HORSEBACK.

076 HENRY

(Calling out from afar)

Elizabeth! Elizabeth!

(To Ludwig, lower voice)

Prove yourself, Ludwig.

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START >>>

077 JUTTA

My lady, the bread! What will they say - oh dear.

(nervous)

Perhaps they won't ask what's in your apron.

078 LUDWIG

(Dismounting his horse)

My darling, where are you going?

079 ELIZABETH

Ludwig. There are some very sick people at the base of our mountain. I was going down to them because they cannot come up here.

080 LUDWIG

You have a heart for the poor, my love. Elizabeth is truly the hands and feet of the Lord, Henry.

081 HENRY

Speaking of hands, what are you holding in your apron? You aren't stealing from the castle, are you?

082 LUDWIG

Bette, what's in your apron?

083 ELIZABETH

My apron?

084 JUTTA

(Strained, low)

My lady!

085 LUDWIG

Please, my love. Show me.

086 ELIZABETH

As you wish, my husband.

087 HENRY

Ha! Now you'll see, Ludwig. She's hiding -

ELIZABETH OPENS HER APRON. SPARKLE SOUND EFFECT.

088 JUTTA

ROSES?

089 ELIZABETH

Roses?

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?

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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.

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INT. CASTLE SITTING ROOM - NIGHT

THE DOOR SLAMS AS HENRY AND DUCHESS SOFIA ENTER.

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.