

1 **HOOK**

Episode SFX come in underneath Narrator.

001 NARRATOR

Hungary. 1211 A.D. As Europe's Christian armies venture to the Middle East to fight in the Crusades, peace reigns in the kingdom of Hungary, where a young princess enjoys a happy childhood. But a single promise is about to change her world forever. This is the story of Elizabeth of Hungary.

2 **INTRODUCTION**

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004 NARRATOR

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5 **EXT. HUNGARIAN COUNTRYSIDE - DAY**

CINEMATIC MUSIC...

Squire:Cockney dialect

CANTERING HORSES APPROACH A CASTLE.

005 COUNT WALTHER

Is that the Hungarian castle there, beyond the mountain?

START >>> 006 **SQUIRE**
The Castle of Sárospatak it is indeed, Count Walther, sir.

007 COUNT WALTHER

Our travel has been terribly long.

008 SQUIRE

Quite a trip to travel all the way from Thuringia to Hungary, sir, but it's not everyday that you go to collect a princess to be betrothed to our very own little highness.

009 COUNT WALTHER

Landgrave Hermann is eager to meet the little princess, and introduce her to his son.

010 SQUIRE

Now Your Lordship, beggin' your pardon if this is not my business, but I heard that this betrothal between the little princess and the Landgrave's son was actually foretold by that famous minstrel, Klingsohr.

(beat)

Now what do you make of that?

011 COUNT WALTHER

The Lord has willed this union. He will draw good from it.

012 SQUIRE

No babbling bard can shake your faith, Count Walther, sir. No wonder the Landgraves sent you for this important mission. You keep me straight when I head off course.

013 COUNT WALTHER

Are we off course?

014 SQUIRE

No, no, sir. With the castle in sight, we'll be there right quick. <<< END

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC

6 INT. SÁROSPATAK CASTLE OF HUNGARY - DAY

Gertrude, the Queen, directs several bustling servants.

015 GERTRUDE

Now, you, move a table over there. And you, clean this plate again. There's a *smudge* on it. And you...