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001 NARRATOR

London. 1595 A.D. The the Queen's patience is spent. The morning of Robert's fourth day in limbo is upon us, and he never once wavered in the darkness. So his trial begins, and the man who would not yield, must face the full weight of the crown. What is loyalty? What is treason? And can the soul remain free... Even in chains? This is the final adventure of Saint Robert Southwell.

1 INTRODUCTION

002 NARRATOR

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4 INT. WESTMINSTER HALL - DAY

A GENTLE HUM OF COURTIERS AND PATRONS AWAITING
ROBERT'S TRIAL. THERE IS A LARGE CROWD.

START >>> 005 **CLERK** All rise for the Queen's Justices!

THE HUM DIES AS THE RUSTLE OF ROBES SHUFFLE IN.

006 CLERK (CONT'D)

Now enter, the Queen's prosecutors,
Richard Topcliffe, Francis
Walsingham, and Lord Burghley.

A PAUSE AS FEET SHUFFLE IN.

007 CLERK (CONT'D)

And the defendant, Robert
Southwell.

CHAINS CLINK AS ROBERT IS DRAGGED TO HIS SEAT.
WALLA: A FEW PEOPLE GASP AT ROBERT'S STATE.

008 JUDGE

Robert Southwell, you stand here
accused of high treason. You are to
be judged on the Statute by which
to be a priest is in itself
treason. And the court asks that
the citizens present bear in mind
the wise grounds on which the
Statute has been enacted. As long
as a priest is at large in England,
Her Majesty's life is not safe.

(BEAT)

Will the clerk now read the Bill of
Indictment?

009 CLERK

Robert Southwell, you are arraigned
here as a traitor to the Crown.
You, being a subject of the Queen,
became ordained as a priest of the
Roman Catholic Church, and
therefore, by your words and
actions, set allegiance to the
Bishop of Rome above loyalty to
your sovereign, Elizabeth, Queen of
England. And in said practice, you
conducted a Catholic Mass at the
Bellamy residence on the 26th of
July, 1592. How do you plead?

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010 ROBERT

I confess I am a Catholic priest,
and I thank God for it, but I am no
traitor. No law can make it treason
to be a priest.

011 JUDGE

You must answer the whole
indictment, Mr.

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