

054 HROTHGAR

Donar does not suffer weak-hearted  
cowards, Bertric. Best decide soon.  
Christian fools? Or your own  
people. Who will it be?

HROTHGAR STORMS OFF.

055 ALDRIC

Hrothgar is right.

056 BERTRIC

I told you to stay away from  
Hrothgar.

THE BLEAT OF A GOAT.

057 BERTRIC (CONT'D)

What are you doing? Put the goat  
back in the barn.

058 ALDRIC

If you won't have the courage to  
give Donar what he asks, then  
someone from our family must.

ALDRIC STORMS OFF, GOAT IN TOW.

059 BERTRIC

Aldric. Come back now! Aldric!

BETRIC STARTS AFTER ALDRIC.

060 THEOBALD

Father?

BERTRIC STOPS AND TURNS TO THEOBALD

061 BERTRIC

Theobald, what are you doing out of  
bed? You should be resting.

062 THEOBALD

I'm going to the monastery.

063 BERTRIC

Theobald, you're in no condition -

064 THEOBALD

I'm going to the monastery to pray  
for Aldric. And you.

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065 BERTRIC

No, son! No more! Can you not see how this business is tearing us apart? One son with Donar! Another with Christ! There is no need to choose between these gods.

066 THEOBALD

Father, are you willing to let men die to satisfy Donar? Are you willing to let your own son take part in this?

067 BERTRIC

Son, try to understand.

068 THEOBALD

I do understand. You want a false peace because you don't want to have to choose between this god or that, even when the choice is this clear.

069 BERTRIC

It is not that simple.

070 THEOBALD

It is that simple. I'm going to the monastery. I will pray God shows us the way here. You might try doing the same.

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THEOBOLD TRUDGES OFF.

071 BERTRIC

Christ? Donar? Which of you is listening? Whoever. Can you not hear us? Show us your will for Hesse. Show us the true God.

A RUMBLE OF THUNDER IN THE FAR DISTANCE.

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EXT. HESSIAN ROAD - MORNING

THE THUNDER RUMBLES HERE AS WELL.

ALDRIC SKITTERS UP A DIRT PATH, BLEATING GOAT IN TOW.

072 ALDRIC

Hrothgar! Wait up!