

032 WYNFRITH

From now on: stay away from my  
monks. I will not let you sow more  
seeds of fear.

033 WULFRIC

There is no need to sow fear,  
Wynfrith. Fear grows natively here,  
in the darkness. No amount of your  
preaching will uproot it.

034 WYNFRITH

I no longer plan to uproot it. I  
plan to tear it down. Goodbye,  
Wulfric.

WYNFRITH LEAVES. DOOR CLOSES. IN THE DISTANCE,  
THUNDER.

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.

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EXT. BERTRIC'S FARM - MORNING

THE SHOOSH-SWOOSH OF HAY BEING PITCHED. SOFT  
BLEATS OF GOAT. FLIES BUZZ.

035 ALDRIC

Father, Hrothgar is here to speak  
with you.

HROTHGAR STEPS UP BEHIND ALDRIC.

036 BERTRIC

Hrothgar. What do you want?

037 HROTHGAR

We're here for your next sacrifice.

038 BERTRIC

This'll be a nightly occurrence,  
then?

039 HROTHGAR

Last night's sacrifice was ruined.  
You're lucky you made it out alive.

040 BERTRIC

I gave you a goat, just as I  
promised. Let Donar be content with  
that. I can't spare another.

041 HROTHGAR

Until Donar sends rain, we must  
continue to sacrifice.

042 BERTRIC  
Until he sends rain, I don't have  
anything more to offer.

043 HROTHGAR  
There are...the older ways.

044 BERTRIC  
What are you saying?

045 HROTHGAR  
When I returned to my farm last  
night, there was a small Saxon  
raiding party. Trying to steal  
grain stores. My sons and I managed  
to fight them off, but one of the  
Saxons was injured. I bound him.

046 BERTRIC  
What are you suggesting?

047 ALDRIC  
Are you bringing him to the Grove?

048 HROTHGAR  
He is alive. He is a thief. And, as  
you say, we are running out of  
goats to offer.

049 BERTRIC  
This is a heavy price for Donar to  
ask.

050 HROTHGAR  
Thieves hang, Bertric. Thieves and  
traitors. Perhaps Donar is unhappy  
with your goat since you gave your  
son to Christ.

051 BERTRIC  
My sons are my concern, Hrothgar.  
Not yours.

052 HROTHGAR  
For now. But the longer you listen  
to these monks, the more Donar's  
anger will rage against us. If you  
won't offer your sacrifice, then we  
must make a more significant  
sacrifice.

053 BERTRIC  
It's time for you to leave.

054 **HROTHGAR**

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

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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.