

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 CLOSSES. IN THE DISTANCE, THUNDER.

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.

7 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?

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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.