

POPE GREGORY (CONT'D)

We will instead send a man who has proven his good work, a man empowered to act, annointed with the authority of the apostles themselves. Germania has been a mission territory for long enough. Germania needs its own bishop. So instead of a monk, we have decided: we will send a bishop.

072 WYNFRITH

I...I see. What - what - will I go back to England then?

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.

10 INT. WULFRIC'S HOME - MORNING

MEAD POURS INTO A MUG. A FIRE IN THE HEARTH.

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START >>>**

073 WULFRIC

Another mug of mead, Hrothgar? Then you can tell me what troubles you.

074 HROTHGAR

The monks must go, Wulfric.

075 WULFRIC

It is not so simple -

076 HROTHGAR

You do it, or we'll take care of it ourselves.

077 WULFRIC

They are here with the support of Charles Martel. You want to risk inviting *his* attention? Trust me, Wynfrith's monks are easier to deal with than Martel's soldiers. As for Wynfrith, I've dealt with *him*. He is back in Rome. The Pope is not pleased with him. Hehe.

078 HROTHGAR

That doesn't address the drought. Donar is clearly offended by this new god. Donar must be appeased.  
(beat)

We must offer the old sacrifices.

079 WULFRIC

I... I don't know about that.

080 HROTHGAR

You've never hesitated in the past,  
Wulfric. What is it? Are you afraid  
of this Wynfrith? Are you a  
Hessian? Or a traitor.

081 WULFRIC

I told you, I dealt with Wynfrith.

082 HROTHGAR

Then join us tonight in Donar's  
Grove.

083 WULFRIC

No. I cannot. Hrothgar -

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084 HROTHGAR

You're either with us, or you're  
with them, Wulfric.

(beat)

You know what we do to traitors.

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.

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INT. BERTRIC'S BARN - DAY

GOATS BLEAT. AN OCCASIONAL HOOF STOMP. FLIES  
BUZZ.

085 THEOBALD

(practicing)

Et nay... Et nay...Nos in-doo-  
cas...in ten-tah...ten-tah-tee-oh-  
nem.

086 ALDRIC

Hey, One Hand! What are you  
mumbling in here in the barn?

087 THEOBALD

Nothing, Aldric. Go away.

088 ALDRIC

Sounds like monkish nonsense.

089 THEOBALD

What are you doing? Why're you  
roping up that goat?

090 ALDRIC

None of your concern.

091 BERTRIC (O.S.)

Aldric! What's taking so long?