

START >>>073 **SISTER MAGDALENA**

(slightly out of breath)

Mother Duchesne! Sisters! My name is Sister Magdalena, of the Ursulines. I've been sent to collect you.

074 PHILIPPINE

(startled)

Sister Magdalena - I thought Bishop Dubourg was meeting us.

075 **SISTER MAGDALENA**

All I know is that he sent our superior a message asking if we'd come and take you to our convent. Which we're more than happy to do.

076 PHILIPPINE

(feeling let down)

Oh.

077 **SISTER MAGDALENA**

Please, let's walk to the carriage.

THE THREE WOMEN WALK.

078 PHILIPPINE

Thank you, Sister. I'm glad you can speak French. I'm afraid our English isn't very good yet.

079 **SISTER MAGDALENA**

In New Orleans it's good to know both French and English.

080 SISTER OCTAVIE

Sister Magdalena, have the Ursulines been here a long time?

081 **SISTER MAGDALENA**

Yes, eleven of our sisters arrived in 1727. We operate a school for girls.

082 PHILIPPINE

Indian girls?

083 **SISTER MAGDALENA**

As well as free young women of color.

084 PHILIPPINE

That's exactly what we hope to do
in Saint Louis!

085 **SISTER MAGDALENA**

In Saint Louis?

086 PHILIPPINE

That's what Bishop du Bourg said.

087 **SISTER MAGDALENA**

Well, hopefully you can. But it's a
bit different there. They have...
Certain rules and restrictions.

088 SISTER OCTAVIE

(suddenly)

What's going on over there, Sister?

VOICES OF A SLAVE AUCTION IN PROGRESS
(ADDENDUM 4-A)

089 **SISTER MAGDALENA**

That's a slave auction.

090 PHILIPPINE

All those men, women, and children?
Are being *sold*?

091 **SISTER MAGDALENA**

Unfortunately, yes. I know what you
must be thinking. But - this is
life in New Orleans.

092 PHILIPPINE

I guess there's a lot of...new
things to get used to here.

093 **SISTER MAGDALENA**

Indeed there are.

094 SISTER OCTAVIE

Sister Magdalena, did Bishop du
Bourg tell your superior how long
we'll be staying with you?

095 **SISTER MAGDALENA**

No. But you're welcome to stay as
long as you like.

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096 PHILIPPINE

(reassuring)

I'm sure he'll come and get us
before too long, Sister Octavie.