

013 NUN COMMUNITY  
 (chanting in Latin)  
*Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui  
 Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et  
 nunc, et semper: et in Saecula  
 saeculorum. Amen.*

OUTSIDE, A TOWER BELL SOUNDS FIVE TIMES.

014 TERESA  
 May the Lord bless us, protect us  
 from all evil and bring us to  
 everlasting life.

015 NUN COMMUNITY  
 Amen.

Teresa (30s) is the Prioress. A fair leader, but lacking confidence due to her youth. Mystically insightful.

016 TERESA  
 (softly)  
 That concludes our Vespers for  
 another day, my daughters. Let's  
 prepare for supper and recreation.

FOOTSTEPS ON STONE FLOORS AS THE NUNS MOVE  
 THROUGH THE BUILDING. WALLA FROM THE NUNS AS  
 THEY CHATTER SOFTLY AMONGST THEMSELVES.

Constance (20s) is the youngest nun and ingenue. Charlotte (70s) is the oldest, uses a crutch, cheeky and full of vim.

A CRUTCH HITS THE STONE FLOOR AS CHARLOTTE WALKS

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017 **CONSTANCE**  
 (softly)  
 How was your afternoon of silent  
 work and contemplation, Sister  
 Charlotte?

018 CHARLOTTE  
 Most rewarding, child. After fifty-  
 three years here behind these walls  
 in Compiègne, silence is never  
 empty but filled with His loving  
 presence. And you, Sister  
 Constance?

019 **CONSTANCE**  
 I'm still adjusting to the quiet,  
 but I was tending the pear trees in  
 our monastery's orchard today and I  
 felt very close to God.

020 CHARLOTTE

Ah! The orchard is my favorite place to know Him. You're due to take your vows very soon?

021 **CONSTANCE**

Yes. I can't wait for the wedding day. I will dance and sing with joy, like Our Holy Mother Saint Teresa of Avila.

022 CHARLOTTE

(chuckles)

How I loved to dance when I was your age. Unfortunately now I'm 78-years-old and forced to hobble around with this crutch!

023 **CONSTANCE**

(affectionately)

When I wed the Divine Bridegroom, you and I shall dance, crutch and all.

(offers hand)

Here, take my hand, Sister Charlotte. We're on kitchen duty together this evening.

024 CHARLOTTE

Ah, yes! With the Mother Prioress and Sister Euphrasia. That should be interesting.

025 **CONSTANCE**

(tactfully)

Has Sister Euphrasia always been so...so...

026 CHARLOTTE

Headstrong? Restless? Exasperating?

027 **CONSTANCE**

(blushing)

Yes.

◀◀◀ END

028 CHARLOTTE

(amused)

Don't worry, child. Our Holy Mother wanted all her sisters to know each others' eccentricities. The difference in personalities within our community teaches us patience and generosity.