

031 ANTOINE

The Revolutionary Tribunal were lapping you up tonight. You're certainly the most passionate public speaker amongst us Jacobins. It's no wonder you've made such strides. A conduit for change!
(judging his outfit)
Even if you do insist on such old fashioned clothing. Those knee-britches and that dusty powdered wig are not the style of a Revolutionary!

032 ROBESPIERRE

(priggish)

START >>>

Unlike you and the *sans-cullotes*, Antoine, I value progress, but I maintain a sense of morality.

033 ANTOINE

Careful friend, those militant citizens of the *sans-cullotes* are the reason you, me and the Jacobins are all-but running things in Paris.

ROBESPIERRE DRINKS. A CONTEMPLATIVE PAUSE.

034 ROBESPIERRE

Morality is key to our success, Antoine. We must have a philosophical alternative to Catholicism.

035 ANTOINE

The Cult of Reason is gaining popularity by the day.

036 ROBESPIERRE

The Cult of Reason is lurid, atheist depravity! A recipe for immorality and disorder! The citizens of France need a deity.

037 ANTOINE

(amused)

What deity do you propose? One of the Hindu gods perhaps. Shall we all worship Ishvara?

038 ROBESPIERRE

Don't be ridiculous, Antoine.
(MORE)

ROBESPIERRE (CONT'D)

(then, thinking)

Social order requires the belief in a godhead. But one that is worshipped with a rational devotion, through civic-minded public virtue. Without all the statues and relics, or pictures of the bleeding heart.

039 ANTOINE

(still amused)

You are proposing a kind of utilitarian supreme being?

040 **ROBESPIERRE**

(dead serious)

Yes.

(more thinking)

But in the meantime, King Louis needs to go. We can't truly move forward as a nation while that tyrant remains. Prison and exile won't do. Louis must die so the nation can live.

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8 EXT. CLOISTER, COMPIÈGNE MONASTERY - NIGHT

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THE NUN COMMUNITY WALK IN PROCESSION, SINGING **TE DEUM**

041 NUN COMMUNITY

(chanting)

*Te Deum laudámus: te Dominum
confitémur. Te ætérnum Patrem omnis
terra venerátur. Tibi omnes Angeli;
tibi cæli et univérse
potestátes...*

CROSSFADE

9 INT. PARLOR, COMPIÈGNE MONASTERY - NIGHT

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TERESA SPEAKS TO THE MAYOR THROUGH THE GRILLE

042 TERESA

Monsieur le Maire, it's the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We're holding a procession through the cloister.