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007 GERARD
Our Brother is coming. Sister, your dress is quite extravagant.

008 HOMBELINE
It's the fashion now. Isn't it magnificent?

009 GERARD
It is...a bit bold.

010 HOMBELINE
Oh Gerard, how else is a woman to dress? I am married now to the nephew of the Duke of Burgundy. Isn't that exciting?

011 GERARD
Congratulations, Hombeline. Have you stained your lips to make them look more pink?

012 HOMBELINE
It makes my face appear more radiant, don't you think?

013 GERARD
I would wipe that off before Bernard joins us. He-

BERNARD APPROACHES.

014 HOMBELINE
Oh there he is! Bernard! Bernard it is so good to see you!

015 BERNARD
Hombeline, I would not have recognized you had you not called my name. Sister, you are changed.

016 HOMBELINE
Have neither of you seen a lady's dress before? I've dressed in my best to present myself to you as the Lady of the House of Lorraine.

017 BERNARD
I see you didn't come alone either. An entire retinue has accompanied you to proclaim your arrival.

018 HOMBELINE
Bernard, you would not want your sister to travel alone, would you?

019 BERNARD
So you must call attention to yourself with an entire parade!

020 GERARD
Perhaps we should all be seated in the garden and catch up?

021 BERNARD
No, I refuse.

022 HOMBELINE
This is the first time I have come to see you as a married noblewoman, and you refuse your humble sister?

023 BERNARD
Hombeline, you have abandoned the ways of the Lord. The world and its riches have imperiled your soul. You say you come to see me in humility, and yet look at your magnificent dress and the retinue that has accompanied you. You must renounce all of the customs of the world regarding dress and alluring trinkets. Remember our mother. How she lived her married years. I credit my priestly vocation to the graces she earned through sacrifice. She taught us the delight of heaven, not the fading charm of the world.

024 HOMBELINE
Brother, you shame me.

025 BERNARD
Humility in furs is better than pride in tunics. Yet you come here in extravagance seeking attention and praise, not true love or counsel. The sister I once knew, filled with devotion and virtue has not come to visit today. Only her empty shell. And I won't see her.

BERNARD WALKS OFF CRUNCHING DIRT UNDERFOOT.

026 HOMBELINE
(Yelling after Bernard)
I may indeed be a sinful woman, but it was for such as me that Christ died on the Cross.
(To Gerard)
I haven't seen you both in so long, I wanted to impress you. I wanted you to be proud of me.

027 GERARD
Hombeline, we love you deeply. You do not need to put on a show for us. How often do you pray?

028 HOMBELINE
I do pray, well, a little. I have so many appointments now.

029 GERARD
You are called to be holy right where you are, sister. You are letting your appointments take the place of God.

030 HOMBELINE
I...I...oh, Gerard!
(Breaks Down Crying)

031 GERARD
What has caused this change in you?

032 HOMBELINE
My heart is so empty. I was so resentful after you all left. I wanted to fill the pain, but no matter what I tried, the pain still remains. And now that Father has passed away...

033 GERARD
Dear Hombeline, the tears of those repenting are the wine of angels. **<<< END**

034 HOMBELINE
If my own brother spurns my appearance, as a servant of God he should not refuse to help my soul. Make Bernard come to me, for I am ready to follow him in whatever he may say.

TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.