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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.

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.

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TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.