1 **HOOK**

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001 NARRATOR
A few years have passed. The Monastery at Citeaux is flourishing with Bernard's presence attracting even more men who desire to enter. But the monks at Cluny are jealous of Citeaux's success and they seek to undermine the progress of these Cistercian monks. Will Citeaux continue to thrive, or will the monks at Cluny thwart their success?

2 **INTRODUCTION**

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Robert Age: 14

5 **INT. CASTLE AT FONTAINES - DAY**

FOLDING CLOTHES, RUSTLING DRAWERS.

005 HOMBELINE
Robert, please don't go to Citeaux.

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006 ROBERT
Aunt Hombeline, I am fourteen now.

007 HOMBELINE
Please.

008 ROBERT
I know God's calling me to Citeaux.

009 HOMBELINE
(Breaking Down Crying)
All of you have abandoned me for monastic life! First mother dies, then my brothers are all torn away from me. Why would God do this to me?

010 ROBERT
Aunt Hombeline, I do not mean to hurt you, but I cannot refuse God's calling simply because it brings you grief. Remember, I too know what it feels like to suffer loss.

011 HOMBELINE
But you had us, Robert. When your parents died, you had us. Who do I have now? If you leave, Father will go with you. But if you stay, I'm sure he will stay too.

012 ROBERT
I want you to have this. It was my mother's broach. I won't be able keep it at the monastery. It will look very nice on you.

013 HOMBELINE
Robert, I can't, I...This broach is not a substitute for you. Bernard gave me one of his books from school before he left, but when I look at it, I only feel resentment that I am here and he is there.

KNOCK. DOOR CREAKS AS IT OPENS.

014 FATHER
Robert, are you about ready to go? The horses are hitched up.

015 ROBERT
I am ready, Uncle.

016 HOMBELINE
Oh Father, must you go as well? Please stay! All of you are going somewhere I can't follow.

017 FATHER
The Duke will look after you until you and his nephew are married. With all of your brothers in the monastery, you will have quite a hefty dowry.

018 HOMBELINE
But Father, I don't want the dowry. I want you.

019 FATHER
Hombeline, I am not long for this world. It is better to leave you now rather than burden you with troublesome affairs as I continue to age. God-willing, you will have a family of your own very soon.

020 ROBERT
I know you are sad, Aunt Hombeline, but this is such an exciting day for me. I can finally enter Citeaux. And you have the excitement of your marriage to look forward to.

021 HOMBELINE
What about Cluny, where your parents promised you would enter?

022 ROBERT
Bernard says their promise is not binding. And my heart is set on Citeaux and joining the rest of our family there.

023 HOMBELINE
What will Grand Prior Bernard think?

024 ROBERT
I cannot base my decision off of what someone else may think. **<<< END**

025 HOMBELINE
There is nothing I can say that will convince you to stay.