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He, after visiting all the churches in the city during the previous night, was returning from the Church of Saint Mary Magdalene, which is the church of the sick folk whose abode is near the aforesaid wood, and was making his way with a single servant to Saint Leonard's Church, along the edge of the wood.

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And here there is a trifle more plausibility about the story. In these words there is nothing to shew that the Jews were in any way concerned: and as there seems to be no other authority for Herbert of Huntingdon, he may as well drop out of the list. He built a gallows tree to execute Mordecai, but thanks to the intercession of Esther, Ahasuerus' queen, Haman and his sons were themselves executed instead of Mordecai, and the Jews were saved.

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Hence, William of Norwich's ritual death at the hand of the Jewish community. So leaving the country, drawn by a divine urge he betook himself to the city and lodged with a very famous master of that craft, and some time passed away. Having shaved his head, they stabbed it with countless thorn points, and made the blood come horribly from the wounds they made....

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And so the earnestness of their devout fervor was urging all to destroy the Jews.

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Accordingly, collecting all the cunning of their crafty plots, they found-I am not sure whether he was a Christian or a Jew-a man who was a most

treacherous fellow and just the fitting person for carrying out their execrable crime, and with all haste-for their Passover was coming on in three days-they sent him to find out and bring back with him the victim which, as I said before, had slipped out of their hands. And in despair, while one was suggesting this and another that measure for their common safety, they determined at last to make advances to John the Sheriff, who had been wont to be their refuge and their one and only protector.

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These men were all anxious for reasons of their own to establish the new cultus.

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When it reached the city, it struck the heart of all who heard it with exceeding horror. We will take his own account first. On the Monday in , 1144, he was decoyed away from his mother by the offer of a place in the kitchen.

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New York: Robert Appleton Company. No Christian was present, and no Jew confessed to the deed, which was matter of conjecture. In addition to these, it was stated that blood flowed from the nose of the corpse, and that the odour of sanctity was perceived for the third time.

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