WILLIBRORD …He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

WILLIBRORD Is this it? Is it over?

WILLIBRORD You are here... You have waited for me...I missed you every day...

NAMELESS The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

WILLIBRORD Laudetur Iesus Christus…

NAMELESS Stay down. The wound on your leg is bleeding again.

WILLIBRORD You saved me?

NAMELESS I dressed your wound.

WILLIBRORD Where are my people?

NAMELESS Dead.

WILLIBRORD What do they call you, man of God?

NAMELESS There is no one here who calls me.

WILLIBRORD Ale you alone?

WILLIBRORD You’re not now.

NAMELESS I know why you came here.

WILLIBRORD For God.

NAMELESS Have you found Him?

WILLIBRORD They have.

WILLIBRORD Requiescant in pace.

NAMELESS Amen.

NAMELESS There is no turning back now. No turning

WILLIBRORD back...It's just a boat...A bunch of planks...

NAMELESS Those planks could have taken you back home.

WILLIBRORD I have no home. Nothing awaits me there...Everything is over there...

NAMELESS I wanted to go there…

WILLIBRORD And?

NAMELESS I lacked faith.

WILLIBROD There is nothing wrong with your faith. It's persistence that you ran out of.

NAMELESS How do you know? You don't know me.

WILLIBRORD I can read you like an open book. Your heart has no secrets from me. You are young and lost. Courageous but weak. You need a different pair of eyes to learn the truth about yourself.

NAMELESS What do you intend to do?

WILLIBRORD Go to the pagans and bring them a God they don't know. There can be nothing more to life.

NAMELESS Were you promised a reward? Will you become their bishop?

WILLIBRORD There are no promises. I have to save them! The last time... Many were killed...I swore to God it would not happen again.

NAMELESS It looks like we took the same oath...

WILLIBRORD Let's move. We don’t have much time. The king is coming in a few months.

NAMELESS Why carry so much?

WILLIBRORD Consider the burden of your sins.

NAMELESS Let’s see if your legs hold out.

WILLIBRORD Where are we? Do you know?

NAMELESS What next?

WILLIBRORD I know as much as you do.

WILLIBRORD Maybe you should be a tailor?

NAMELESS Maybe... Needle and thread bring what's separate together. I like this feeling.

WILLIBRORD The sword divides into pieces what once was one.Do you want to learn that feeling as well? I can teach you.

NAMELES Live by the sword, die by the sword.

WILLIBRORD Live without the sword and you die sooner.

NAMELESS What is this?

WILLIBRORD Not “what”… “Who”.Someone is following us…Has been following us from the very beginning, the beach. from

NAMELESS Who?

WILLIBRORD I don’t know…I suppose it’s one of the pagans. He has good shooting skills. And he doesn’t want to kill us. Yet…

NAMELESS Or we would both be dead by now…

WILLIBRORD I feel we’re close. They must live somewhere around here. This must be their village.

NAMELESS That is what we call it. How they call it we do not know.

WILLIBRORD A church will stand here.

WILLIBRORD In nomine Patris, et Filli et Spiritus Sancti…

WILLIBRORD Their god must live somewhere here. A wooden log with 4 faces. Supposedly he’s the master of thunder…

WILLIBRORD Are you afraid?

NAMELESS I feel death…

WILLIBRORD That’s a good thing.

WILLIBRORD Show no fear. Remember, God is with you. And with me...

WILLIBRORD They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way. They found no city in which to live.Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

KARENGA We won’t fall for beautiful words, liar!

NAMELESS Speak to them, not to yourself!

WILLIBRORD Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron, because they rebelled against the words of God, and condemned the counsel of the Most High.

GEOWOLD Leave him!

WILLIBRORD Get down.

NAMELESS What now?

WILLIBRORD Now is the time for magic...

PRAHWE Life.

PRAHWE Death.

PEM The goat is languid today. As if it had a strange and heavy god on its back; one he doesn’t know how to get rid of. This augury is invalid. We have to free the goat from strange powers and unwelcome riders.

PRAHWE He says that your god sat on the goat’s back. The decision isn't valid.

WILLIBRORD Our God is everywhere. Even on a goat’s back.

NAMELESS What are they doing?

PRAHWE They are washing the horse to wash the strange god from its back.

PEM Enough. It’s light again. It can continue with the augury.

PRAHWE It has been decided. You can stay but you cannot enter the village.

WILLIBRORD Why is that?

PRAHWE My father decided that.

NAMELESS Was it grace or chance?

WILLIBRORD God turns chance into grace.

WILLIBRORD We will go back there soon. They have to let us in.

NAMELESS You wanted to build the church.

WILLIBRORD We shall build... There and here...

NAMELESS How will you convince them?

WILLIBRORD God will find a way.The question is... how will I convince you? I came here with you.

WILLIBRORD But you still need to believe.Right now you are still afraid…

WILLIBRORD I would like to confess. Will you listen?

WILLIBRORD I keep seeing faces. The faces of people who died under my sword. I keep seeing them. I pray so that the faces of those whom my work has helped would come just as often. But they don’t.

NAMELESS Have you killed many men?

NAMELESS I keep seeing one face... I used to know him well...His mother came from far away... She died too soon...His father... He couldn’t... he couldn’t cope...He destroyed everything...Now someone has to be found... someone...

WILLIBRORD Leave it...Maybe the time for your confession hasn’t come yet...

WILLIBRORD Oh God! Sacred martyrs… They were here before us…

NAMELESS Is that what will remain of us?

WILLIBRORD ...fear no evil, for you are with me.

WILLIBRORD Your day will come soon. You need to be strong.

NAMELESS Why do I have to be strong?

NAMELESS Why do I have to be strong? Maybe it’s better to be weak and poor? Does the rain sent by God not fall on all equally? Don't we all breathe the same air? Why do we force all other peoples to be blind and mute?

WILLIBRORD I knew such apostles but they ended up like those before us – only bones are left of them.The pagans want to see someone better than them, someone supported by the strongest of gods.

NAMELESS They do not even understand your language.Something else is needed here.

WILLIBRORD What?

NAMELESS I don't know yet…

WILLIBRORD They don't have to understand. They will see miracles.

WILLIBRORD Look! I tore your god's charm off! Nothing happened! No thunder struck me! See? Nothing happened!

PRAHWE He says our gods are weak and can be ridiculed.He tore the charm off and Perun’s anger didn’t strike him.

PEM Beware of Perun, the father of all fathers, the strongest of gods, straight as a poplar, the master of lightning, whose thunder is louder than the bellow of a bull and banging on clouds with a goat horn. Every man wishes to be hit by his stone hammer that gives a long life and freedom from disease. But it turns strangers into ashes and into a black rock.

WILLIBRORD Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens![a] Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

PEM Even if Perun doesn’t turn you into a huge torch, Swarozyc will reach you. Boh svarycsa - his earthly flames consume whatever they find. We pray to the god of flames because he is the one who orders others in the skies. Veles and Triglav, Trojan and Radegast, Hors, Mokosh, Dazbog and Stribog, Simargl and Pereplut, they all obey fire.

WILLIBRORD How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

WILLIBRORD I challenge you to the trial of fire…

PRAHWE He wants a trial of fire, he says he has a stronger Swarozyc on his side.

WILLIBRORD Blessed be those who believe without understanding…

NAMELESS Where’s the artifice in this?

WILLIBRORD There was none.

WILLIBRORD Stay!

WILLIBRORD I told you… This is just the beginning…

NAMELESS The beginning of what?

WILLIBRORD Of their new lives… and ours. You wanted it yourself…

NAMELESS We were supposed to save lives, not take them!

WILLIBRORD Leave it! This is God’s will.

WILLIBRORD Do it… You shall set me free… and yourself… That would be easier. You wanted it from the start…Once you kill me, you won't have to convert them anymore…You will become one of them! And that is what you want, right? Tell me… isn't that true? Tell me!

NAMELESS I will tell you nothing more…

GEOWOLD Disperse! This is a conversation for leaders! Nobody else can be here!

GEOWOLD We need to talk.

WILLIBRORD How come you know the speech of men?

GEOWOLD I am a man just like you.

GEOWOLD It's bad, isn't it? You get used to it with time.

WILLIBRORD It's hard to get used to bad things.

GEOWOLD I have lived here long. I got used to it.

WILLIBRORD Where have you come from?

GEOWOLD I was a merchant. A young merchant... I lost everything at sea. Fate cast me onto this island. I stayed…

WILLIBRORD You rejected God for wooden idols.

GEOWOLD I rejected your god for my wife and daughter. And for peace, which you have disturbed by coming!

WILLIBRORD Is that why you killed those who came before us?

GEOWOLD We killed no one. It was a disease. Maybe your god did not bless them.

WILLIBRORD You are lying!

GEOWOLD Listen to me, priest. You are alive. Do you know why? I will not follow the mistake of the tribe I saw as a young man.

GEOWOLD They killed a priest of Christ and were all killed themselves within a year! Not by god, but by a regular army! No... I am patient.

GEOWOLD You can do whatever you like. My people will soon be bored.

GEOWOLD You will leave. By water. To preach to the fishes.

WILLIBRORD Your days are numbered, my friend. The king will come in a few months, with his army. And when that happens you will either greet him as a Christian duke, or you will die. As bishop I will have the power to make you a duke, so it is in your interest to accept the true God. Or to remember you are one of his lambs!

GEOWOLD Now you are lying. We are the last island anyone would like to come to.

WILLIBRORD This autumn things will change. You have my word.

GEOWOLD You can build the church and convert people. But leave our sacred grove alone and keep away from the village.

WILLIBRORD Remember, you are only postponing what has to come.

GEOWOLD Remember that my patience has its limits. That gate is the limit.

NAMELESS Blessed are the poor in spirit,for theirs is the kingdom of heaven… Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth…Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy…Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God…

GEOWOLD Did the knight sew your mouth?

PRAHWE Please, take him to your home to tend to his wounds. You are the only one who can take him in.

GEOWOLD Do as my daughter says.

PRAHWE I prayed for you... You are the prophet who shall lead us out of here...From these damned rocks inhabited by demons. You shall lead us to green pastures. Like it’s written. You will bring life back to us…The life we used to know before my father made us leave our homes and hide in these mountains. Before he handed us to the devil.

PRAHWE Words are not necessary...

GEOWOLD Did he do this to you?

GEOWOLD You did it for him?

GEOWOLD Do you feel your god did it to you or did you do it yourself?

GEOWOLD So it was god… Let it be.Tell me one more thing…Is the king really coming here?

GEOWOLD When the damned church stands, would the Knight protect us from the king? Can you promise me that, Mute?

GEOWOLD Your sincerity saved you.

WILLIBRORD Who sent you? Who?

WILLIBRORD Speak!

WILLIBRORD Why are you doing this?

WILLIBRORD Higher. Slowly. Hold it. Tie it stronger. Pull. Stay focused.

WILLIBRORD Steady, steady… Are you all thumbs? Careful on the right… Now…

WILLIBRORD Not only are you the litter of this tribe, but you have to destroy everyone’s work, too! Is it so hard to focus? To do the same the others do? I don’t want to see your face ever again.

WILLIBRORD Hey, you! Wake up! What happened?

WILLIBRORD What is it?

KARENGA is Mokosh’s curse. We know it. It happened before. We are building a strange temple. You never asked his consent…

WILLIBRORD Where are you going? Get back! Get back right now!

WILLIBRORD Stop! I said stop!

WILLIBRORD Let us in!

WILLIBRORD Let us in, for Christ's sake! We have brought a sick man!

PRAHWE They blame you.

WILIIBRORD Me? Why is that?

PRAHWE They say is a curse of Mokosh. For building a strange temple.

WILLIBRORD Superstitions!

PRAHWE I do not believe that... But the Mute tells you not to come near the village.

WILLIBRORD Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.

WILLIBRORD He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

WILLIBRORD A miracle...

PRAHWE It is a gift.

WILLIBRORD From whom?

PRAHWE God maybe...

WILLIBRORD Or maybe quite the opposite!

PRAHWE He is our only hope.

WILLIBRORD Who is?

PRAHWE The Mute.

WILLIBRORD Tell him... Tell him he knows where to find me.

WILLIBRORD You praise demons! You're unworthy of building a House of God! This is God’s doing! Unlike your homes in the rocks. They weren’t built by God, but by his foe. He wanted to ridicule him and he built something that resembles a cathedral but that isn’t one!

WILLIBRORD Go to Hell! He will claim your soul when the time comes! And it will come!

WILLIBRORD What are you looking at? Go back to work. God will not wait forever! He will lose his patience too!

WIILIBRORD What do you want?

WILLIBRORD You've got a beautiful wife…

WILLIBRORD What? You do not speak? You can hold your tongue, but not the rest of your body!

PRAHWE No… It is not what you think.

WILLIBRORD Silence! I did not ask you! Let the prophet speak.Either men's or angel's tongue!

WILLIBRORD You think you're a saint! It's pride! You think you can convert and heal these people? How? You mess with their heads! That is a huge sin!

PRAHWE He wants to help you. The Mute will build the church. He does everything for you. And for your God. He wants to be where you are.

WILLIBRORD He? Who is he? This stray. That is him! Your saint Mute!

PRAHWE I am afraid of you and I hate you! You are not sent by God but by demons.

WILLIBRORD Who exactly are you? How do you know what he has to say?

PRAHWE I can feel it. Here…

WILLIBRORD Go away! Out of my face! Don't ever come to a sacred land again.

WILLIBRORD I don’t want anything from you!

WILLIBRORD Sinners and their gifts end up in flames.

WILLIBRORD …but without love I'd be nothing… Nothing… Nothing…

WILLIBRORD Nothing...

KARENGA Nothing...

WILLIBRORD From now on you are the Sentinels. You will defend the House of God with all your might. With your blood and your lives. Nothing shall be more important than your work for the Lord. For God. The Maker. And for me…Do you understand?

PRAHWE Do not hesitate. You are doing this for us, not for him. And for me.

WILLIBRORD Go away! All of you! Being baptised by a nameless mute means nothing! He is a traitor and a sinner! Go back to your homes! Away!

KARENGA He is a liar! This ceremony is wrong. We will save your souls.

WILLIBRORD We witnessed witchcraft. She's a demon that beguiled the Mute man! I saw her whispering hellish spells into his ear. This witch has to be purified in sacred fire.

GEOWOLD Only you can save us! Remember who you are!

WILLIBRORD You know what to do…

WILLIBRORD Try to bring him back to life…

WILLIBRORD My son was only a child…He was made a knight… I remember – before the fight – his face when he bid me farewell. He kissed my ring. He was so proud. He said: "Father, I won't bring you shame." That's the last time I've seen him. I recognised the body by the clothes. The face was past recognition…That is life. Unfair. The dead cannot be brought back to life. They remain dead.

WILLIBRORD Please… My heart was made of stone for half of my life. Now I feel something and I don't want to lose it again. My life would be pointless without it…That is why I could not... I could not do it... There, at the beach... I could not do it...

WILLIBRORD You don’t even know the extent of your mistake. You became a false massiah. Evil led you. You changed these poor people and now you leave them. Run! This is your last chance.

WILLIBRORD I cannot lose you for the second time…

WILLIBRORD Come with me.

WILLIBRORD Listen up! The devil has left this place once and for all!

WILLIBRORD It is the time of purification. All... all that you have here. Is... wood. It has no more meaning. The time of real God has come. And with it, the time of the real King that will come. We will thus purify ourselves in the fire to greet the King and ruler with dignity. And we will purify in the fire to greet God. Because God... real God...

WILLIBRORD Likes fire…

WILLIBRORD Witch...

WILLIBRORD Set it alight!

NAMELESS I am free... Give it to him when he comes...

WILLIBRORD Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me...

WILLIBRORD Lord, it's a miracle! You are witnessing the miracle of conversion and of eager faith! It's an epiphany Its sign is in my church!

KING Where is my son?

KING My son Aethelbald...

KING Did you kill him?

WILLIBRORD Yes. He was the last man I have ever killed.

KING You fulfilled your mission...

WILLBRORD That was your will, Master...

KING This was the will of the heavens! There was no other way!

WILLBRORD You know it, Master... I am just your humble servant...

KING You have done your part. I will make you the Bishop of this people. If you want it.

WILLIBRORD I do, my lord. I want it.

KING Bring it in.

KING This is your bishop's ring. Take it!

KING Leave, bishop. You have done your part.

KING You haven't asked – why? You did right. You're not supposed to ask the king questions like that. Why his son hated him. He didn't want wars, bloodshed, where did he get that? He wanted to destroy the kingdom I have been building my whole life. He understood nothing. And I counted on him so much... You're not supposed to ask why he ordered his own son's murder. Why hasn't he made him his heir. Why didn't he want to see him on the throne? Why didn't he want to hold his grandchildren? Why is that? You are not supposed to ask. There is no answer to that.

KING And you? You were supposed to kill him, not turn him into a pagan saint!

KING What were his last words? Did he regret it?

WILLIBRORD No, Master. He said: show my work to the King. He inspired these people, he brought real God to them. He won. With me... and you.

KING What’s the name of that village on the mountain?

WILLIBRORD Thule, my lord.

KING Burn it down.

WILLIBRORD But there are Christians among them...

KING That’s even better. God will pick his souls.

KARENGA The king has come, master…