

MUSIC: Up and out

HOT ASHES: Sh! I think I hear someone coming.

MAN: I see someone.

KATERI: (FEARFULLY) It is my uncle. We are lost! He will kill us all.

HOT ASHES: Quick — hide under here. I will go up this tree — don't try to put out the fire. You stay there and pretend to be alone.

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UNCLE: Ho, there, hunter!

MAN: Ho!

UNCLE: I am looking for a girl — my niece — and two men with her.

Have you seen my niece in the woods?

MAN: Your niece? Yesterday, I saw her in your Village — but more than that I cannot say.

UNCLE: She has left my lodge with the traitor Hot Ashes. If you haven't seen them, they must be on another path — I'll go this way.

SOUND: Footsteps fading

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SUPERIOR: I have here a letter brought to me by Katharine the girl Hot Ashes brought to the mission with him. Listen, Father Cholenec: the letter says: "Katharine Tekakwitha is going to live at the Sault. Will you kindly undertake to direct her? You will soon know what a treasure we have sent you. Guard it well.

FATHER CHOLENEC: What a wonderful addition she will be to our Mission!

SUPERIOR: Yes — and, Father, I want you to undertake her spiritual guidance. Put her in Anastasia's cabin — she knows the girl and will help you direct her.

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KATERI: Dear Mother, Anastasia, do you know how happy I am — to be here at the Sault — where I am surrounded by love and Christianity? God is very good to me — for now I am free to be a good Christian.

ANASTASIA: We are happy to have you with us, Kateri. And now it is time for us to go to the woods to gather firewood.

KATERI: I'm coming, mother. While we walk, would you help me to say the Rosary? I do so want to learn all the mysteries.

ANASTASIA: Today we will say the Sorrowful Mysteries — and as we go along, I will tell you about the sufferings of Jesus, for us.

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ANASTASIA: The first Mystery is the Agony in the Garden, when Jesus asked the apostles if they would watch one short hour with him. But they were tired and they slept and Jesus was alone with his sorrow...

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ANASTASIA: And then, poor young man, he had to pick up that heavy cross again and drag it up the weary way to Calvary where he was to die, nailed to the cross. He did all that so that you and I could one day enter into life everlasting... Our Father, Who art in heaven (FADING).

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FATHER CHOLENEC: She is indeed a treasure! The good Anastasia says that Katharine ever walks in the presence of God. Whether working or walking to the fields, she never forgets him.

SUPERIOR: I notice when I go to the chapel to say mass at dawn, she is always there before me.

FATHER CHOLENEC: She is first there in the morning and last at night. Anastasia tells me that the women in the lodge want Katharine to go with them for the hunt. What do you think of it?

SUPERIOR: Perhaps — perhaps. You and I know that the women and men of the Mission are not as good Christians when they are hunting in the woods — maybe Katharine's example will make them see the error of their ways.

FATHER CHOLENEC: That's what I thought.

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SUPERIOR: A very serious matter has come up, Father and I would like your advice. A woman just returned from the hunt has accused Katharine of sinning with her husband.

FATHER CHOLENEC: What do you say?

SUPERIOR: Yes, it seems that this man, having chased an elk for an entire day, returned very late and very tired to the cabin, so that when he entered he threw himself down on the first place he could find, and went to sleep without taking food or drink. When his wife woke in the morning, she was surprised not to find him near her, but he was asleep beside Katharine. Then, after he woke up, he began speaking of a canoe he wanted to repair for the trip home and he asked Katharine to go with him to help him.