

TEASER

INT. POPE INNOCENT IV'S CHAMBERS - DAY

ON SCREEN: France 1252

ROUL DUBOIS storms into POPE INNOCENT IV's chambers. Innocent is being attended to by tailor.

ROUL DUBOIS
Are you mad?

The pope turns to look at the newcomer. The tailor looks indignantly upon Roul.

POPE INNOCENT IV
Excuse me, inquisitor?

Roul isn't deterred by the pope's station. He holds a scroll in front of him.

ROUL DUBOIS
(Angry) How dare you, Innocent.

The tailor looks to the pope as if asking permission to smite this sinner. The pope waves the tailor off and he retreats out a side door.

POPE INNOCENT IV
Do you forget to whom you are speaking?

ROUL DUBOIS
Last week, I thought I was speaking to the leader of the Christian world.

The pope holds up a finger with another dangerous look in his eye, silently letting Roul know that he's already gone too far.

Roul isn't afraid. He lifts the scroll again.

ROUL DUBOIS (CONT'D)
These edicts are in violation of the very office you hold.

POPE INNOCENT IV
I thought you would have looked upon them favorably. They are, after all, based on the actions and intentions of you and your order.

ROUL DUBOIS
(Taken Aback) My actions?!

POPE INNOCENT IV
You destroyed the witch who
infiltrated the Spanish court.

Roul spins in shock at the pope's ignorance.

ROUL DUBOIS
For the love of God! She was an
Aratare cultist who used blood
magic to control Ferdinand. You're
torturing Christians!

POPE INNOCENT IV
(Proud) Sinners. Heretics. The
examples I make of them will keep
more devout Christians on a proper
path.

ROUL DUBOIS
That is not what the inquisition
is.

POPE INNOCENT IV
My inquisition is exactly that.

The tailor returns from the main door, flanked by two armed
guards. The pope holds a hand to stop them from advancing on
Roul. Then he narrows his gaze at the Occultis inquisitor.

POPE INNOCENT IV (CONT'D)
And any who oppose my edicts shall
be punished by them.

Roul throws the scroll on the ground. The guards take a step
forward, but do not advance further.

ROUL DUBOIS
You may command the armies of
Europe with your influence, but you
have no power over the Concilium de
Occultis.

POPE INNOCENT IV
And the Council of Mysteries has no
sway over the goings on of mankind.

Exasperated, Roul stalks toward the door. When he reaches the
nervous guards, he turns to face Innocent and softens his
tone.

ROUL DUBOIS

Do you want to be known as a tyrant
who tortured his own people?

POPE INNOCENT IV

You should concern yourself with
the destruction of monsters and
demons, as is the charge of your
order. Leave the affairs of
Christiandom to me.