An astute young monk named Colmcille, left that day saddened by the thought of never seeing his wise teacher again...

May the Lord bless your path which ever way it be!

What direction do you wish to set forth on?

I head Northward... to Home!

Safe journey, young Colmcille... your life will be a story to tell!

I give you Daire Calgach, young Colmcille.

After hearing of his old teachers unfortunate passing Colmcille was offered a plot of land to found a monastery, Daire Calgach, he refused in his sorrow!

Colmcille travelled Northwards, for Tir Conail, his home. He was born of noble parents, in Gartan, Co. Donegal in the year 521 AD.

He was given the name Colmcille, which means ‘Dove of the Church’ by his young friends.

Perhaps they knew he would have a great future ahead of him!

As a Plague moved over the land, a monk who was to become known as Saint Mobhi, asked the newly ordained monks to flee danger and to found new monasteries but he himself would stay.

Later...

In my grief I must... refuse!

Hello? Who’s there?
I am!

But I am here to give you a message...

Message?

Near to the groves of OAK!

...and found a house of God there.

...make holy the earth...

You are to take the site offered to you...

Hmmm? He’s gone? but not the Oak leaf?

I must do what he says!

Daire Calgach... 546...

Teacher?

MOBHI??

Here I am!

That site—near the Oak groves??

I’ll take it!
Go away— you Christian scum! You’re not welcome here!

Christian scum?

I shall erase the works of worldly men that he may consecrate it to god and himself!

In Nomine Patris, et Spiritus Sancti...

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...*

...Amen.

FIRE!!

Ahhhh!

Run!
...NO!

Noli Pater Indulgere*

*No, father, to gain.

Colmcille, known as Columba or Columb, became a Saint celebrated for his deeds worldwide and is now the city's patron saint.