

016 MIGUEL

Post one... Joselito cero.

017 JOSELITO

You two are -

JOSELITO GRUNTS AS HE LIFTS THE POST AGAIN.

018 JOSELITO

(strained)

- hilarious!

019 **MIGUEL**

Look! The boy has spirit.

020 MACARIO

Spirit, yes. Technique... well,
we'll work on that.

021 **MIGUEL**

Go on, Joselito. Leave the heavy
lifting to the men. Go find your
brass bugle and blow us a tune.

022 MACARIO

Ay, no! That bugle sounds like a
dying goat!

023 JOSELITO

I've been practicing!

024 **MIGUEL**

The bull probably broke the fence
just to escape the sound.

025 JOSELITO

Very funny.

026 MACARIO

We're just teasing!

027 **MIGUEL**

Maybe one day you'll be taller than
me and Macario. Then you can tease
your older brothers.

028 JOSELITO

I don't need to be tall.

029 **MIGUEL**

Then what do you need?

Side 1
START >>>

030 JOSELITO
(straining)
I need to finish this.

HE FINALLY SETS THE POST. IT THUDS INTO PLACE.

031 MIGUEL
(smiling)
Stubborn as a mule.

032 MACARIO
A real Sánchez del Río.

SUDDEN CRACK OF DISTANT GUNFIRE - THREE SHOTS,
SILENCE FALLS OVER THE RANCH.

033 JOSELITO
Was that-?

034 MIGUEL
Gunshots. In the hills.
Northwest...

035 MACARIO
The Cristeros. They are organizing
up there.

WIND PICKS UP SLIGHTLY, CREATING TENSION.

036 MIGUEL
Finally, they're pushing back. They
won't just bow their heads while
the government closes our churches
and arrests our priests.

037 MACARIO
I'm tired of mending fences while
the *federales* tear down the Cross.
I want to be up in the hills with
them... I want to use my arms for
something more than digging holes.

038 MIGUEL
That's our duty as men. To stand
up. To defend what's ours... our
family, our church.

039 JOSELITO
(quietly)
What if defending doesn't always
mean fighting?

040 MACARIO
What else would it mean?

041 JOSELITO
Obeying God. No matter the cost.

042 MIGUEL
That's altar boy talk, José. Not
real life.

043 JOSELITO
But it's true. We have to obey God.
Even when it's hard. Even when
you're scared, even if -

044 MARÍA (O.S.)
(calling)
Miguel! Macario! José! Breakfast!
And if you aren't washed and ready
for Mass in ten minutes, you'll be
doing the afternoon chores twice!

045 MIGUEL
Ten minutes?!

TOOLS BEING SET DOWN, DROPPED, POSTS SETTLING.
THE BULL SNORTS ONCE MORE.

046 MACARIO
(hurrying)
Coming, María!

047 MIGUEL
(mockingly)
Our sister is scarier than any
Federal.

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048 JOSELITO
(smiling)
Much scarier.

049 MACARIO
Last one to get home finishes the
fence this afternoon... Alone.

050 MIGUEL
(running faster)
That won't be me!

051 JOSELITO
(running)
Deal!

THE THREE BROTHERS RUN AS FAST AS THEY CAN.