

THE HORSE SNORTS AND ITS HOOVES SLOW TO A STOP.
JOSELITO DISMOUNTS AND WALKS THROUGH THE CAMP.
THE HORSE SNORTS BEHIND HIM AS HE LEADS IT BY
THE REINS.

006 SOLDIERS
(overlapping)
Pass me that oil. / Saw movement on
the ridge this morning. / Mashed
potatoes? Always mashed potatoes...
/ Heard the federales are moving
south...

JOSELITO KEEPS WALKING, SCANNING THE CAMP.

007 JOSELITO
(to himself)
I must find Macario and Miguel.

SUDDENLY, A SOLDIER STOPS JOSELITO.

008 LIEUTENANT RAMIREZ
Halt! What are you doing here, boy?

JOSELITO STOPS.

009 JOSELITO
I am -

MIGUEL AND MACARIO APPROACH JOSELITO AND
LIEUTENANT RAMIREZ.

Side 2
START >>>

010 **MIGUEL**
(disbelieving)
José?

011 MACARIO
¡Dios mío! Did something happen at
the ranch? Is *Mamá* alright?

012 LIEUTENANT RAMIREZ
Macario, Miguel, settle down. Do
you know this boy?

013 MACARIO
Yes, Lieutenant Ramírez. He's our
brother.

014 **MIGUEL**
But he's leaving soon!

015 JOSELITO
I am not going anywhere. I have a
letter! From General Mendoza.

016 **MIGUEL**

What?

JOSELITO HANDS THE LETTER OVER. LIEUTENANT
RAMÍREZ TAKES IT.

017 LIEUTENANT RAMIREZ

(reading)

To the officers of the Cristero
Army. I, General Mendoza, hereby
accept José Sánchez del Río. He is
to be given duties as seen fit for
the cause of Christ the King.

018 MACARIO

What? He's fourteen!

019 **MIGUEL**

Lieutenant, please. He has no
business being here!

020 MACARIO

José, you turn that horse around
and go home before -

021 JOSELITO

I am not going. The General said I
could stay. Besides, I don't come
to fight. I come to serve.

022 **MIGUEL**

Maybe the bull hit him in the
head...

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023 JOSELITO

You heard me. I won't be carrying a
rifle. I'll be helping you. All of
you.

024 LIEUTENANT RAMIREZ

The General said he will serve in
non-combat capacity, effective
immediately.

025 JOSELITO

Now, where is the kitchen? And
where do you keep the water
barrels?

026 **MIGUEL**

But Lieutenant -