

AUNT MAGDALENA (CONT'D)
 And Father Sánchez, our brother, he told everyone, "*God will protect me. Viva Cristo Rey.*" And they hit him again and threw him in the truck.

HEAVY SILENCE EXCEPT FOR MAMÁ'S CONTINUED PRAYER.

095 MIGUEL
 We have to do something!

096 MACARIO
Papá, we have to go! Now! Before they –

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 START >>>**

097 PAPÁ
 Where did they take him, Magdalena?

098 AUNT MAGDALENA
 The barracks. In town. But there are soldiers everywhere. On every corner.

PAPÁ SIGHS, DEEPLY.

099 PAPÁ
 María, get me my jacket.

100 MARÍA
Sí, papá.

MAMÁ GASPS, WORRIED. MARÍA RUSHES TO GET THE JACKET.

101 MAMÁ
 No, no! You can't go outside.

102 PAPÁ
 I must go to talk to Rafael.

103 MACARIO
 Rafael Picazo? The mayor?

104 PAPÁ
 He's a friend of our family.

105 MIGUEL
 Money is his only friend, *papá.*

106 PAPÁ
 He's Joselito's godfather!

107 AUNT MAGDALENA

Mi hermano... Rafael, Mayor Picazo,
is not on our side anymore.

108 PAPÁ

There must be something we can do
for our brother.

109 MACARIO

There's only one option left, Papá.

A LONG, HEAVY SILENCE.

110 PAPÁ

I'll join the Cristeros.

111 MAMÁ

No!

112 MIGUEL

You are needed here, Papá. If you
leave, the ranch and the income
supporting our family will likely
be seized by the government.

113 MACARIO

But we can go.

114 MAMÁ

Please... No...

115 PAPÁ

Sons... You are right. We no longer
have a choice. You must fight for
your uncle. Fight for your
family... For our faith. Join the
Cristeros.

MACARIO AND MIGUEL MOVE IMMEDIATELY, GRABBING
COATS, BELTS, WHATEVER THEY CAN.

116 MAMÁ

There must be another way...

PAPÁ HUGS HER TO COMFORT HER.

117 PAPÁ

God will protect them.

JOSELITO STEPS FORWARD.

118 JOSELITO

I am going too.

119 MAMÁ
José, no.

120 JOSELITO
I can help!

121 MIGUEL
You can barely lift a fence post.

122 JOSELITO
But I can -

123 MACARIO
You can stay here and take care of
Mamá, *María* and *Papá*. That's what
you can do.

124 JOSELITO
But -

PAPÁ turns to him and puts his hand over JOSÉ'S shoulder.

125 PAPÁ
Your brothers are right, José. You
are needed here. Your mother needs
you. The ranch needs you.

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126 JOSELITO
But Father Ignacio is my uncle too!
I want to help!

127 MAMÁ
José, mi niño. Please.

A HEAVY PAUSE.

128 MACARIO
We need to pack. Quickly.

129 AUNT MAGDALENA
Take food and water.

130 PAPÁ
And take the best horses we have at
the stable.

131 MARÍA
I'll wrap food for you.

132 MAMÁ
Magdalena, stay here with us. It's
not safe for you to go back.