

12 INT. CHURCH / CELL - LATER

JOSELITO KEEPS PRAYING IN HIS CELL.

128 JOSELITO
(whispering)
Dios te salve, María. Llena eres de gracia...

A LOW KNOCK ON THE WINDOW FRAME.

Side 2

START >>> 129 AUNT MAGDALENA
Pst, pst! José! José!

130 JOSELITO
(surprised)
Aunt Magdalena?

THE WINDOW SQUEAKS OPEN.

131 AUNT MAGDALENA
¡Mi niño! What happened? Has Mayor Picazo interrogated you?

132 JOSELITO
Sí, tía.

133 AUNT MAGDALENA
But he didn't release you... José, what did you tell him?

134 JOSELITO
What I had to, tía. *¡Viva Cristo Rey!*

135 AUNT MAGDALENA
(disconsolate)
I... I brought you food. *Tamalitos.*

136 JOSELITO
(gasps excited)
Really?

THE RUSTLE OF A PLATE AND CLOTH BEING PASSED THROUGH THE NARROW STONE OPENING.

137 AUNT MAGDALENA
(weeping)
And *polvorones.*

138 JOSELITO
My favorites! Thank you tía, thank you!

139 **AUNT MAGDALENA**

But before you eat... you have been fasting, so now you are ready to receive the sweetest food: the Holy Eucharist.

140 JOSELITO

Really?

141 **AUNT MAGDALENA**

Yes, yes. Father Ignacio sends it with his blessing. Reach through the bars, *mi niño*. Take the Body of Christ.

JOSELITO APPROACHES THE WINDOW.

142 **AUNT MAGDALENA**

Corpus Christi - the Body of Christ.

143 JOSELITO

Amén.

A BRIEF, REVERENT SILENCE.

144 JOSELITO

Tía... How is my *Mamá*? Is she okay?

145 **AUNT MAGDALENA**

(strained)

Well... She is expecting you home today.

146 JOSELITO

Mayor Picazo isn't going to let me go, *tía*.

147 **AUNT MAGDALENA**

(choked up)

I know, *m'ijo*. I know... But your *mamá* loves you very, very much.

148 JOSELITO

And I love her too... Could you please give her this letter?

THE SOUND OF PAPER RUSTLING AS IT IS PASSED THROUGH THE WINDOW.

149 **AUNT MAGDALENA**

I will. I'll take it right to her. <<< **END**

DISTANT BOOTS ECHOING IN THE HALLWAY.