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036 CARLOTA

And the nuns. Fifty Franciscan Sisters from San Martin de Bolaños were kidnapped by the state's army.

037 MOTHER LUISITA

That will not happen to my daughters. We have taken precautions. Everyone is scattered in safe houses.

038 CARLOTA

And you think that is enough?

039 MOTHER LUISITA

I am aware of the severity of our situation, Carlota. It has been months since we've been able to wear our Carmelite habits. Longer still since I've been inside a church. We had to close down our schools. Turn over our hospital to the government. It is taking everything in me to hold onto hope. Why are you so determined to sow doubt into my heart?

040 CARLOTA

Oh, Luisita...

041 MOTHER LUISITA

What is it? I know that look of yours.

042 CARLOTA

I am so sorry...

043 MOTHER LUISITA

Tell me. Please.

044 CARLOTA

Our family has received word: your name is on the newest government black list of Catholic outlaws.

MOTHER LUISITA IS STUNNED INTO SILENCE. SHE PACES AROUND THE ROOM.

045 MOTHER LUISITA

When did you find out?

046 CARLOTA

This morning. I would have sent for you, but --

047 MOTHER LUISITA

And you are certain?

048 CARLOTA

It is confirmed, Luisita. The president's officials know your name. They will be on the hunt.

049 MOTHER LUISITA

I'm going to need a cup of tea, Carlota.

050 CARLOTA

All is not lost. Our family has the money to save you, Luisita. You still have a chance to escape! The Bishop of Los Angeles has opened up his diocese to Mexican refugees fleeing religious persecution. The cloistered Carmelites of Guadalajara left for California months ago --

051 MOTHER LUISITA

I can't, little sister. Not without my daughters.

052 CARLOTA

Luisita, please!

THE TEA KETTLE'S WHISTLE RINGS OUT.

053 CARLOTA

Excuse me.

CARLOTA SCUFFLES OUT OF THE ROOM. SHE COMES BACK AND POURS HER SISTER A CUP OF TEA.

054 CARLOTA

Necessary timing. A cup to ease our nerves.

055 MOTHER LUISITA

Thank you, Carlota.

MOTHER LUISITA TAKES A SIP OF HER TEA.

056 MOTHER LUISITA

I do love this painting you have of Our Lady of Incarnation. It's a beautiful replica of the one hanging in our old church.

057 CARLOTA
A reminder of home.

058 MOTHER LUISITA
Yes. Our beloved Atotonilco.

059 CARLOTA
It's been months since I've been back to the countryside. I don't think I've heard a bird sing since these wars started.

060 MOTHER LUISITA
Nor I.

061 CARLOTA
Luisita... Please tell me you'll consider leaving Mexico. You may not get another chance.

062 MOTHER LUISITA
I cannot, little sister. Looking upon this image of our Lady, my mind is made up. She would not leave her son during his most desperate moment, and I cannot leave my precious Carmelite daughters. I must stay here at the foot of the cross. No matter the cost to me.

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EXT. GUADALAJARA STREETS - EVENING

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THE BUSTLING SOUNDS OF GUADALAJARA'S BUSY CITY STREETS.

063 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA
Father Cruz should make a full recovery, Mother. He was in good spirits when we left.

064 MOTHER LUISITA
Gracias a Dios. My sister has sent word to the Cristeros. They should be able to find him a proper safe house outside of Jalisco.

THE TWO SISTERS ARRIVE AT DOÑA CATARINA'S HOUSE AND KNOCK ON THE DOOR. DOÑA CATARINA ORO DE HERNANDEZ (ELDERLY WIDOW) CRACKS THE DOOR OPEN AND PEEKS OUT.

065 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA
Doña Catarina -- It's just us!