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EXT. DONA CATARINA'S HOME - ROOF - NIGHT

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Side 1

START >>>

SISTER MARGARITA MARIA, MOTHER LUISITA, AND
SISTER TERESA RACE UP THE CREAKY STAIRS. SISTER
TERESA IS PANTING AS SHE CLIMBS.

007 SISTER TERESA

How much farther? I'm getting a leg
cramp.

008 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

Stop whining, Sister Teresa. We're
trying to save Mother!

009 MOTHER LUISITA

Sisters-- please!

010 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

We're here -- the roof!

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SISTER MARGARITA MARIA PUSHES OPEN A CREAKY DOOR
ONTO THE ROOF. OUTSIDE, THE WIND HOWLS AGAINST
THE BUSY SOUNDS OF THE GUADALAJARA STREETS
BELOW. WALLA (ADDENDUM 2): SOLDIERS' SHOUTS
REVERBERATE THROUGHOUT THE CHAOS.

011 SISTER TERESA

The police have the house
surrounded! What do we do now?

012 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

We're going to have to jump.

013 SISTER TERESA

WHAT?!

014 MOTHER LUISITA

Sister Margarita Maria's right.
It's the only way out.

015 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

If we leap onto the roof next door,
we can scramble up and down fire
escapes until we make it to Doña
Carlota's house.

016 SISTER TERESA

This is crazy! We're nuns not
circus monkeys -- what nonsense
Calles' cruelty has reduced us to!

017 MOTHER LUISITA

Trust in God, Sister.

018 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA
I'll jump first. Then Mother you
come next, so I can help catch you.

019 MOTHER LUISITA
Diosito, please protect our little
sister Margarita Maria.

SISTER MARGARITA MARIA TAKES A DEEP BREATH. SHE
TAKES A RUNNING START ON THE ROOF AND LEAPS
ACROSS...

020 SISTER TERESA
I can't watch!

SISTER MARGARITA LANDS SAFELY ON THE ROOF NEXT
DOOR WITH A THUD.

021 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA
Oww... I made it! I'm okay!

022 MOTHER LUISITA
Gracias a Dios!

023 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA
Your turn, Mother! Hurry -- I've
got you!

MOTHER LUISITA'S FOOTSTEPS RACE ACROSS THE ROOF.
SHE JUMPS, LANDING SAFELY ON TOP OF SISTER
MARGARITA MARIA. SHE LETS OUT A HUFF.

024 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA
Are you hurt, Mother?

025 MOTHER LUISITA
I'm fine, my dear, gracias a Dios.

026 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA
Come on, Sister Teresa!

027 SISTER TERESA
I can't!

028 MOTHER LUISITA
Teresa, you must!

029 SISTER TERESA
It's too high! I'm sorry, Mother. <<< END

030 MOTHER LUISITA
Sister, where is your faith in Our
Lord?

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Side 2

START >>>

040 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA
Thank you, Doña Carlota.

041 SISTER TERESA
Yes, thank you, Carlota.

042 MOTHER LUISITA
I don't understand how they could
have found our safe house. We've
been so careful.

043 CARLOTA
You call starting a rebellion in
the middle of the plaza careful?

044 SISTER TERESA
That's what I said...

045 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA
It could have been anything,
Mother. A slip up from a neighbor.
A diverted letter from a family
member.

046 CARLOTA
The president has spies everywhere.

047 SISTER TERESA
That man is determined to rid the
country of Catholicism at all
costs. I've never seen such
cruelty.

048 MOTHER LUISITA
The times are not unique my
daughters. These things that are
happening now have always happened.

049 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA
What do you mean, Mother?

050 MOTHER LUISITA
These events we are living through
feel like waves of the sea suddenly
crashing on top of the world.
Everything appears as if we're at
the end, but it is not so. These
things pass like a strong storm. In
a way, it could be beneficial to
clean the atmosphere.

051 **SISTER TERESA**

It is impossible to fight a storm.
We must hide and seek cover until
these horrors end.

052 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

Is that what the martyrs and saints
before us would have done, Sister
Teresa? Back down as cowards?

053 **SISTER TERESA**

Our bodies are temples for the
Lord, Sister. Would you have us all
needlessly die just to prove a
point?

054 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

I would have us join the Cristeros
and defend our faith. We need to
fight back!

055 MOTHER LUISITA

Sisters, please! Settle down.

056 **SISTER TERESA**

I'm sorry, Mother.

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057 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

Yes. We're sorry.

058 MOTHER LUISITA

Go rest -- please. It's been a
terrifying night, and you both
sound like you need it.

THE TWO SISTERS GET UP FROM THE TABLE, PICKING
UP THEIR CUPS OF TEA. THEY SCUFFLE OUT OF THE
ROOM, CLOSING THE DOOR BEHIND THEM.

059 CARLOTA

There is truth to both arguments,
Luisita. The faith here in Mexico
sometimes feels like a lost cause.

060 MOTHER LUISITA

Not as long as there are those who
defend it.

061 CARLOTA

And who will defend your Carmelite
daughters if you are captured?

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