

DOÑA CATARINA SWINGS THE DOOR OPEN.

066 DONA CATARINA

Gracias a Dios! Sisters, we were so worried! Come in, come in!

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INT. DONA CATARINA'S HOME - CONTINUOUS

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DOÑA CATARINA USHERS THE TWO NUNS INSIDE TO THE SOUNDS OF HER BUSTLING HOME. EXCITED NUNS SCURRY AROUND THEM, INCLUDING SISTER TERESA (40, STUFFY AND CAUTIOUS) AND SISTER JUANA (18, IDEALISTIC).

067 DONA CATARINA

The sisters and I have been praying to la Virgencita non-stop for your safety.

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068 SISTER JUANA

We must have said a hundred rosaries!

069 MOTHER LUISITA

Your prayers were answered, my daughters: Father Cruz is safe.

WALLA (ADDENDUM 4): THE EXCITED MURMURS IN THE ROOM GROW LOUDER.

070 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

You should have seen Mother face off against the soldiers -- she was brilliant! It was like she had Joan of Arc's entire army behind her.

071 SISTER JUANA

Is that true, Mother? You really confronted the president's soldiers?

072 SISTER TERESA

Stop filling the novices' heads with stories, Sister Margarita Maria.

073 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

It's not a story! The soldiers were there, guns at the ready, and Mother shot up her fist, parting the crowd.

074 SISTER JUANA

Wow!

075 SISTER TERESA

Enough with this nonsense! This isn't some grand adventure we're living. We are in real danger, and if you hadn't gone running off trying to play the hero today, Mother wouldn't have had to risk her life or the location of our safe house.

076 MOTHER LUISITA

My daughters, please -- it has been a long day. Let us give thanks to God who has spared our lives and kept us safe even in these troubling times. Today we faced death, and yet our Virgencita covered us in her mantle.

077 DONA CATARINA

Dinner is ready, sisters!

078 SISTER JUANA

Ooh! I made the rice this time and Sister Teresa made the beans!

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079 SISTER TERESA

We all helped.

080 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

I do love your beans.

THE CLATTERING OF PLATES AND KNIVES AS THE
SISTERS SET THE TABLE.

081 MOTHER LUISITA

Sister Teresa and Sister Margarita Maria, please lead us in prayer tonight.

082 SISTER TERESA

Of course, Mother. Dios mío, bless these foods that by your goodness we are about to receive.

083 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

Bless also the hands that prepared them. Give bread to those who are hungry, and a hunger for You to those of us who have bread.

084 EVERYONE TOGETHER

Amen.