

009 MOTHER LUISITA

These countryside evacuations have turned the city upside down. Fifty thousand people pouring in with nowhere to go. There is hardly room to breathe, let alone move!

010 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

Mother -- there he is!

MOTHER LUISITA

(whispered prayer)

Madre de Dios, protect your son.

A BELL TOLLS IN THE DISTANCE. HIGH NOON. THE SISTERS HAVE ARRIVED AT THE PLAZA TO THE SOUNDS OF A RAUCOUS CROWD THAT SURROUNDS THE SOLDIERS WHO HAVE CAPTURED FATHER CRUZ. ONE SOLDIER CALLS OUT TO THE CROWD.

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011 **GUADALAJARA SOLDIER**

I'll trade a priest for a horse, folks! A priest for a horse!

WALLA (ADDENDUM 1): THE CROWD GROWS MORE RESTLESS.

012 SISTER MARGARITA

Oh no -- Father Cruz! The president's soldiers already have him.

013 MOTHER LUISITA

Four rifles aimed at one unarmed man? These soldiers have no mercy!

014 **GUADALAJARA SOLDIER**

(to the crowd)

Come on, folks! Does no one have a horse to trade for the life of their beloved priest?

015 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

The soldiers are feeding off the crowd's fear. They have no plans to let him go.

016 MOTHER LUISITA

Sister Margarita Maria, never underestimate God's power. Or man's greed.

MOTHER LUISITA LETS OUT A WHISTLE.

017 MOTHER LUISITA

I have gold to trade! The price of
a horse and then some!

WALLA (ADDENDUM 2): THE CROWD'S JEERS TURN TO
WHISPERED GRUMBLES -- CONFUSION. THE SOLDIER'S
ATTENTION TURNS TO MOTHER LUISITA.

018 GUADALAJARA SOLDIER

And who are you exactly, vieja?

019 MOTHER LUISITA

The newest patron of the state. If
you decide to take my money and
hand over that beaten man.

WALLA (ADDENDUM 3): THE CROWD'S WHISPERS GROW
LOUDER. FINALLY, THE SOLDIER LAUGHS.

020 GUADALAJARA SOLDIER

Fine, vieja, take him. Alfonso,
grab the old woman's money so she
can go home to nag her own
grandchildren.

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MOTHER LUISITA

Gracias.

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INT. CARLOTA'S HOME - DAY

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A KNOCK ON THE DOOR. CARLOTA OPENS IT TO FIND
MOTHER LUISITA, SISTER MARGARITA, AND A BRUISED
FATHER CRUZ.

021 CARLOTA

Madre mía! Father Cruz, what
happened?

022 FATHER CRUZ

I assure you, Doña Carlota, it
looks much worse than it is.

023 MOTHER LUISITA

He needs immediate medical
attention. Please Carlota, can we
come in?

024 CARLOTA

Yes, of course -- please!

025 MOTHER LUISITA

Sister Margarita Maria: take Father
Cruz down to the guest room to
rest.

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