

Side 1

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009 ALICIA'S GUARD

We should really inspect that food for you, Miss.

010 ALICIA

Ugh, don't be such an alarmist, Seba. If you want to try my chocolate, just say so.

011 ALICIA'S GUARD

Your father insists we do our duty. The Cristero spies are notorious.

012 ALICIA

Fine. Do what you must. But I quite like it up in this car. So much livelier. If I'm going to survive this long trip, I'd like to make some new friends.

013 ALICIA'S GUARD

Miss --

014 ALICIA

Oooh, there! I'd like to sit with those ladies!

THE THREE SISTERS SHUFFLE IN THEIR SEATS, NERVOUS.

015 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

Is the president's daughter coming over to us?

016 SISTER TERESA

What?! Why? Sister Margarita Maria scoot over, take up more room --

ALICIA PLOPS DOWN NEXT TO SISTER MARGARITA MARIA, ACROSS FROM MOTHER LUISITA AND SISTER TERESA.

017 ALICIA

Hello! My name's Alicia. Would you three like some chocolate?

018 SISTER TERESA

Oh, my...

019 ALICIA'S GUARD

Miss... please --

020 ALICIA

I'm fine, Seba. These old ladies
are not Cristero spies.

021 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

Old? I'm twenty-three.

022 ALICIA

Go stand guard over there with Leo,
if you must. You two can attack
them if they try to poison me.

023 ALICIA'S GUARD

Fine, Miss. We will be right over here. Watching. <<< END

024 ALICIA

Yes, yes, goodbye.

ALICIA BEGINS TO UNWRAP HER PASTELITOS. THE
THREE NUNS WATCH HER WITH BAITED BREATH.

025 ALICIA

Mmm I do love chocolate. Do any of
you have any handkerchiefs? We
could split this pastelito four
ways.

026 MOTHER LUISITA

I believe I have some in my bag
dear, let me just look.

027 ALICIA

Ah, I knew you would! My abuelita
is the same way -- always prepared.
I didn't get your names, by the
way?

028 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

Umm, I'm Margie.

029 SISTER TERESA

Tita.

030 MOTHER LUISITA

You can call me Doña Maria, dear.

031 ALICIA

Doña Maria. You have very kind
eyes. I hope the nuns in California
are half as lovely.

032 SISTER TERESA

Nuns?! What nuns?

056 ALICIA
My, what an adventure!

3 EXT. TRAIN TUNNEL - DAY

OUTSIDE, THE DISGRUNTLED PASSENGERS MUMBLE TO
THEMSELVES AS THE TRAIN CONDUCTOR ADDRESSES THE
CROWD. (ADDENDUM 2)

057 TRAIN CONDUCTOR
As you can see, this train tunnel
has completely collapsed into
itself.

058 ALICIA
How ghastly. I hope no one got
caught inside.

059 TRAIN CONDUCTOR
We will need to climb over the
tunnel up that hill until we reach
the other side. There, another
train will be by in a few hours to
pick us up.

060 SISTER TERESA
A few hours? In this heat?

061 TRAIN CONDUCTOR
The passage is quite steep and
somewhat narrow, so for everyone's
safety, we will need to hike up in
pairs.

062 ALICIA
Oh! I want to go with Doña Maria!

063 ALICIA'S GUARD
Miss Calles, that will not be
possible. Leo or I will need to
assist you.

064 ALICIA
Don't start, Seba. Doña Maria is an
old woman, not a secret Cristero
spy. You and Sal can go up the hill
together, it will give you some
much needed soldier bonding time.

065 ALICIA'S GUARD
Miss --

Side 2
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066 SISTER MARGARITA MARIA

Perhaps your guard is right, Miss Alicia? Doña Maria is very old. She will need a lot of assistance going up the hill with all of her luggage -- one of us should really assist her.

067 ALICIA

Nonsense, I am the youngest and strongest here. Seba and Leo can take my luggage and I will be the perfect person to help Doña Maria up the hill.

068 ALICIA'S GUARD

We will be just a few meters ahead of you, Miss! Call out if you need anything!

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069 ALICIA

Yes, yes, Seba! Go on ahead!
(to Mother Luisita)

My guards are truly suffocating. They haven't let me out of their sight since Mexico City. I'm hopeful I'll finally get some peace in California.

070 MOTHER LUISITA

A little bit of peace, indeed.

071 ALICIA

This bag is quite heavy, Doña Maria. Are you traveling to California for a week or a year?

072 MOTHER LUISITA

What can I say? You know how ladies are -- we never know what we're going to need.

073 ALICIA

Yes, my mother was the same. Notorious for over-packing. It used to drive my father crazy. Still, he loved her more than anything.