ROSE RISES

034 ROSE
(shaken)
I'll be in the garden.

END SCENE WITH THE WOODEN DOOR SHUTTING WITH A THUMP

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CRICKETS CHIRP AND A NIGHT BREEZE FLOATS IN

María and Gaspar stand by the window, talking in a hushed but tense aside

**Side 2 START >>>**

035 MARÍA
Gaspar, I thought if she were not able to go to Mass - I thought focusing on our family would awaken the desire for her own.

036 GASPAR
Perhaps she does not have a desire for her own family...

037 MARÍA
But how will she live, Gaspar? How will we live? She is the most beautiful of our daughters. Her marriage could change our lives!

038 GASPAR
(resigned)
I know you are upset, mi amor-

039 MARÍA
Please, Gaspar, stand by me. We must find her a husband.

040 GASPAR
Very well then.

María steps back and calls out the window

041 MARÍA
(calling)
Rose! Rose!

FOOTSTEPS APPROACH, WALKING ON

042 ROSE (O.S.)
Sí, Mami?

043 MARÍA
Come inside, Rose. Your papi and I wish speak with you.

FOOTSTEPS, DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES, ROSE STEPS BESIDE HER PARENTS

AN EERIE BREEZE FLOATS THROUGH THE ROOM

044 MARÍA (CONT'D)
(prods)
Gaspar?

045 GASPAR
Rose... It is important for our family's future that you are wed.

046 ROSE
Papi, I have made a vow to Jesus that I will remain his alone. I want to become a Third Order Dominican.

047 MARÍA
And how will you live? By selling roses from the garden?!

048 ROSE
Jesus will provide for me. He always has. And he alone can fulfill the desires of my heart.

049 MARÍA
I am not talking about the desires of your heart. I am talking about keeping food on this family's table and a roof over our heads!

050 ROSE
I can subsist on very little, Mami.

051 MARÍA
Well I cannot!

MARÍA JERKS OPEN THE DOOR -

052 MARÍA (CONT'D)
I am finding you a husband. This week!

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DOOR SLAMS BEHIND HER AS SHE LEAVES THE ROOM