116 ROSE
Yes! And I want to enter a religious order one day. I want to be a nun!

117 MARÍA
Enough, Rose -

118 ARCHBISHOP TORIBIO
Have you considered the Poor Clares here in Lima? My niece joined them and she is so happy and peaceful in that community. There is a woman at your parish I could introduce you to-

119 MARÍA
Excuse me, but Rose is not going to a convent. She will be married. In fact, her first suitor is coming to call this week.

120 ROSE
What?

121 ARCHBISHOP TORIBIO
I'm sure you know your daughter better than I, Señora.

122 MARÍA
I know my daughter better than anyone, isn't that right, Rose?

123 ROSE
(suppressing her anger)
Sí, Mami.

TENSE, PURPOSEFUL MUSIC PLAYS.

19 INT. ROSE'S ROOM - DAY 19

A DOOR SHUTS SLOWLY

Side 1

START >>>

124 FERNANDO
(whisper)
What do you need my help for now, Rose?

FERNANDO: Late teens

125 ROSE
(whisper)
We need to leave in ten minutes. One of the Poor Clares will meet us at the church right after Mass.
(MORE)

ROSE (CONT'D)
She's going to bring me to the convent to visit.

126 FERNANDO
How did you arrange all that? Does Mami suspect?

127 ROSE
I hope not.

SUSPENSEFUL MUSIC PLAYS.

HURRIED FOOTSTEPS TROD THROUGH THE DIRT.

128 FERNANDO
Come on, hermana. I thought you wanted to be a nun.

129 ROSE
My legs feel heavy, hermano.

130 FERNANDO
Well I'm not going to carry you—

131 ROSE
Ah! Fernando!

A MAGICAL, MYSTICAL SOUND SWELLS.

132 FERNANDO
What's wrong?

133 ROSE
I cannot move! My legs. Can't... move. They are glued to the ground. I'm stuck - like in Quive!

FERNANDO'S FOOTSTEPS AS HE WALKS BACK TO ROSE

A STRUGGLE AS FERNANDO TRIES TO MOVE HER FOOT

134 FERNANDO
Just...lift...your...foot...

135 ROSE
I can't! I'm paralyzed.
(gasping)
This is a message!
(MORE)

ROSE (CONT'D)
(calling out)
Oh Loving Jesus, I know that it is not your will for me to go to the convent now. I promise to return home and be obedient.

THE MAGICAL SOUNDS GROW AND FADE OUT

FOOTSTEPS ON DIRT

136 FERNANDO
Now you're moving!

137 ROSE
(downcast)
I was too willful, Fernando. I am not meant to go today.

138 FERNANDO
(a beat, to cheer her up)
Race you back home?

<<< END

139 ROSE
Good one, Fernando. Give me a minute?
(whisper)
I trust that you have plans for me, Sweet Jesus.

21 OUTRO **21**

outro music

140 PETER
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