081 ROSE
Fr. Mateo, do you think it is wise to move the pews?

082 FR. MATEO
We are barricading the doors in case —

SUDDENLY, A VIOLENT BANGING ON THE DOORS.

WALLA: A WOMAN SCREAMS. "THE PIRATES!" "THEY ARE BREAKING INTO THE CATHEDRAL!"

083 FR. MATEO (CONT'D)
Everyone remain calm!

WALLA: NERVOUS CHATTER AND SHUFFLING.

BOOMING AND CRASHING OF THE DOOR BREAKING DOWN.

WALLA: A WOMAN SCREAMS AGAIN.

START >>>

084 PIRATE 1
Grab anything that is gold!

READ for PIRATE 1 OR 2

085 PIRATE 2
Strike down anyone in your way!

FRANTIC FOOTSTEPS AS EVERYONE RUNS OUT OF THE PEWS

WALLA: PLEADING AND FEARFUL SHOUTS FROM THE WOMEN, "PLEASE! PLEASE DON'T HURT US!"

086 TERESA
(whispering)
They have swords, Rose!

SWISH OF SWORDS THROUGH THE AIR

087 ROSE
(forcefully)
Do not be afraid! We must defend the altar.

088 TERESA
Surely we must flee?!

089 ROSE
Follow me!

090 TERESA
We're coming, we're coming.

HURRIED FOOTSTEPS AS THE YOUNG WOMEN RUN TO THE ALTAR

091 PIRATE 1
Where do you think you're going?

092 ROSE
Stay close to me, Maricela!f

093 PIRATE 2
(laughing)
You think you can stop us?

HURRIED FOOTSTEPS CLIMB STEPS.

SWORDS SLASH CLUNK INTO PEWS BEHIND THEM.

WALLA: THE PIRATES CHEER MENACINGLY.

094 ROSE
Teresa, Maricela, you two can defend the tabernacle. I will take the monstrance.

095 MARICELA
Take it?! And do what?!

096 ROSE
Use it as my shield.

097 MARICELA
Your what?! Rose!

WALLA: IN THE BACKGROUND, PIRATES CHEER. WOMEN SCREAM. SHOUTS AND GENERAL PANIC GROWS

HOLY ITEMS CRASH TO THE GROUND

FRANTIC FOOTSTEPS RUSH TOWARD THE DOORS

098 ROSE
The Lord is my strength and my shield.

099 TERESA
Rose! Why are you taking the monstrance off the altar?

100 ROSE
(whispering)
Defend your people, Lord Jesus.

A MYSTICAL HUSH AS ROSE DESCENDS FROM THE ALTAR

ROSE'S STEPS ECHOING THROUGH THE CATHEDRAL

101 WOMAN 1
(whispering)
Rose is confronting the pirates!
With the monstrance!

102 ROSE
(loudly)
In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, I command you to let our people go. This is the house of the Lord Most High. Leave us! NOW!

A BEAT. QUIET.

A MAGICAL SWELL MOUNTS DRAMATICALLY

SUDDENLY, SWORDS FALL TO THE GROUND

PIRATES STUMBLE AND FALL

103 PIRATE 1
What's she holding there?

104 PIRATE 2
It's as bright as the sun! I can't see! It's blinding me!

105 ROSE
This sacred place belongs to our Lord Jesus! Leave now!

WALLA: PIRATES GROAN AND SCREAM.

THUNDEROUS FOOTSTEPS AS THEY RUN FROM THE CATHEDRAL.

THE DOOR POUNDS SHUT BEHIND THEM.

THE MAGICAL SWELL HITS ITS PINNACLE.

A BEAT. IT'S SUDDENLY QUIET.

106 TERESA
Rose, it is a miracle!

107 MARICELA
You did it - you drove the pirates away!

108 ROSE
The Lord did it.

QUICK FOOTSTEPS AS ROSE FOLLOWS THEM OUT.

109 MARICELA
Where are you going, Rose?

110 TERESA
She's following the pirates!

THE HEAVY DOOR SWINGS OPEN.

16 **EXT. CATHEDRAL - DAY** 16

WALLA: PIRATES SCREAM

111 PIRATE 1
There she is again!

112 PIRATE 2
She's chasing us!

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FOOTSTEPS AS THEY RUN DOWN THE STREET.

113 ROSE
(loudly)
The city of Lima belongs to our Lord! Stay away!

HUGE MAGICAL MUSICAL CLIMAX!

THEN A SOFT DRONE, THE AFTERMATH...

17 **EXT. GARDEN - EVENING** 17

CRICKETS CHIRP IN THE NIGHT AIR. QUIET FOOTSTEPS THROUGH THE GARDEN.

HEAVIER FOOTSTEPS APPROACH

114 MARÍA
(calling)
Rose!

115 ROSE
Mami!

116 MARÍA
(crying)
Oh, Rose, I was so scared!

117 ROSE
Jesus took care of us, Mami. There is no reason to be afraid.