**MARÍA:** Can’t you stop screaming, little one? For God’s sake, let me rest, too — I still have chores to do for the master.

**MARÍA:** Why are you doing that ?

**THE MEN:** To sleep!

**ESPERANZA:** Jose!!!

The second heart attack this month!

**JOSE**

**ESPERANZA:**He’s dying, he’s dying!! Fetch a doctor, someone !

**DOCTOR:** Fancy falling ill like that !

Jose , have you been like that for a long time?

**JOSE:** My time has come .. I won’t recover from this one.

**MEDICO:** Don’t be silly …you’ll be fine.

**ESPERANZA:** This morning he gave up his soul to God …may the Lord grant him the kingdom of heaven…rest in peace.

**THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE:** But what are you doing, you scabby creature? The child is crying, and you are sleeping, you wretch !

**MARÍA**

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**MARIA:** Mother, can we stop to sleep ?

**ESPERANZA:** You can rest when we arrive...

**THE MASTER:**  Maria! Again! Can’t you hear the child crying all the time? You must have cast an evil spell on him, as you did on his mother.

**THE MASTER:** Maria, scrub the floor!

**THE MASTER:**  Servants these days are completely useless! She’s so slow!

**MARÍA:**  I could lie on the floor and sleep. I’ve had enough.

**ANOTHER SERVANT:** Hold on a bit longer, it’s already getting dark.

**MARíA:** Yes, thank goodness.

**THE MASTER:** Maria,we have guests this evening! Prepare the dining room!

**THE MASTER:** More wine, Maria.

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**THE MASTER:** Maria, the liqueurs.

**THE MASTER:** (Maria) I’m going to sleep!! Maria, rock the child, you wretch!

**MARIA:**  Mum, Dad, wait for me! I’m coming with you, wait for me!

**MARIA:** let me go with them

Wait for me!

Mum, Dad, wait for me!