CARMEN (CONT'D)

Come in, darling! Why stand there as quiet as a mouse, hmm? Nothing is more dull than an silent woman.

She winks at Elenor who bursts toward her mother with the largest smile. Carmen picks her up and saddles her on her hip.

CARMEN (CONT'D)

Now, how are you feeling?

Carmen touches her forehead.

CARMEN (CONT'D)

You look better.

ELENOR

Where are you going, Mama?

CARMEN

Nowhere. But today your father was sworn in as Tijuana's first Chief of Police. So tonight I am hosting the biggest celebration this town has ever seen.

ELENOR

Whose coming?

CARMEN

The most important people we know.

ELENOR

My friends, mama?

CARMEN

No, darling. Just boring adults.

Elenor looks disappointed.

CARMEN (CONT'D)

Don't worry! I shall let you stay up late to watch everyone arrive. Would you like that?

Elenor nods and beams with excitement.

It is also a big day for mama too. I am making my first delivery of Tequila to the United States of America. But that is a secret. Can you keep a secret?

Elenor nods in agreement.

CARMEN (CONT'D)

Let's find Papa, shall we?

ELENOR

Si Mama!

We follow Carmen and Elenor out of the bedroom and -

4 INT. SANCHEZ HALLWAY MOMENTS LATER - EVENING

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- down the hall revealing the aristocratic lifetyle they enjoy. They play a fun hide-and-seek game looking for Papa with Elenor opening all the doors saying -

ELENOR

Are you here, Papa?

Then onto the next door. The HOUSE STAFF with their hands loaded with linens, rugs, flowers etc., stop and press themselves against the wall when Carmen and Elenor pass by. Carmen acknowledges none of them.

5 INT. CIGAR ROOM - EVENING

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BUSINESSMEN and DIGNITARIES gather smoking cigars. MANUEL SANCHEZ is in full ceremonial police uniform. He is a proud, handsome and respected man.

BUSINESSMAN #1

Prohibition in the north has created much prosperity in Tijuana.

MANUEL

Indeed. And raised the morale of our people.

Carmen and Elenor walk through the door and stop. Carmen whispers to Elenor.

CARMEN

Men are easy to find - and control. Just follow what pleasures them. It's their weakness.

To the men.

CARMEN (CONT'D)

VOTTA!