

AIDE

SIDE 1

AIDE 2
Who is that?

AIDE
An indio from the mission. He's insisting he has to see the Bishop.

AIDE 2
(Scoffing) It's not like the Bishop has anything to do. I've just heard the latest from the rabble-rousers questioning the Bishop's authority with the military.

AIDE
This again? The King himself named the Bishop *Protector of the Indians*. What more authority do they want?

AIDE 2
What they want is to take men like our friend here and—

AIDE
Which is exactly why we can't be bothering the Bishop with an over-enthusiastic convert—!

The Bishop's footsteps approach.

AIDE
—Your excellency!

AIDE 2
—Your excellency!

ZUMÁRRAGA
Who is that man in the courtyard?

AIDE
Who, your excellency?

ZUMÁRRAGA
That man over there.

AIDE
Oh, he's one of the indios from the mission,

AIDE 2
We told him you had a full day and asked him to leave, but—

ZUMÁRRAGA
What does he want?

AIDE
Well, to see you, Excellency.

ZUMÁRRAGA
And you've kept him waiting for how long?

AIDE
Not so long, Excellency...