

Mother

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Mother says there are locked rooms inside all women.

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Mother says wearing eyeglasses hurt the bridge of her nose because father has broken her nariz too many times. Father is a thief who picks door locks to search for valuables. Mother says things in an English-speaking country with a heavy Spanish accent. Mother has me say things over the phone in her stead to be understood and taken seriously. Mother says it is good I speak English like a native speaker of the United States. Mother says this to me in Spanish. Mother does not have to say she raised me as a single mother; Mother's multiple jobs over many years say it for her. Mother says nothing to father. Father does not know how to speak English. Father does not even know how to respectfully speak to mother. Father does not know of an education past eighth grade. My earthly father and I no longer speak. Matthew 23:9 tells me not to call anyone on earth father, so now I only have one Father, and He is in heaven. Mother is my mother both in heaven and on earth. Mother says she loves me more than I will ever know.

