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FFC: Sailing the Wine-Dark Sea
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Maria as a ghost



Maria as a human



Her Representation

- Maria is represented as deceitful
- She is quick to anger/ making rash decisions
- Only cares about the man's attention
- Ghost only cares about revenge and getting into heaven

La Llorona as a Horror Story

- Maria is a beautiful temptress who marries a rich man
- Man becomes more distant and cheats or finds out the children are not his and leaves
- In a fit of rage she throws the children in the river
- Realizing what happened, she cries over them and dies in the river
- Not allowed to enter heaven until she finds her children
- Roams the earth luring unfaithful men or lost children to their deaths

Drawing of La Llorona



La Llorona as a Tragedy

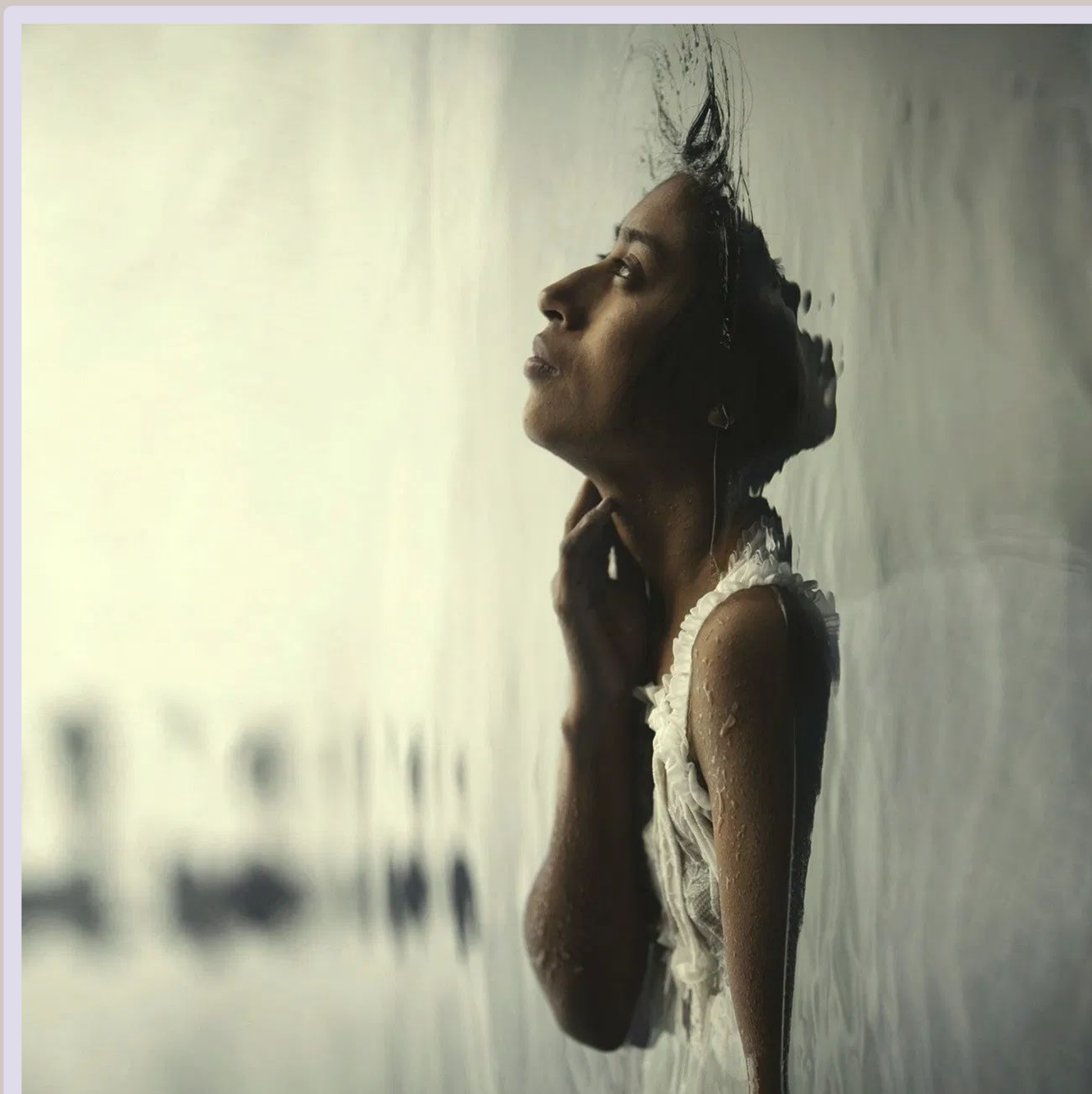
- Maria is a beautiful poor woman who marries a rich man
- The man gives more attention to the children than Maria
- The man leaves her for a rich woman
- Either accidentally drowns her children, or intentionally does so they won't have to live without a father
- Instantly regrets and tries to save them
- Dies looking for them and still haunts the earth looking for lost children

Her Representation

- Maria is represented as lonely
- Shown to be a "victim of class"
- Does care about her children, not just the husband
- Ghost is regretful not vengeful

La Llorona in Media

- Represented in horror movies over the years
- Movies tend to focus on ghost rather than backstory
 - *The Curse of La Llorona* is a recent American film that fails to humanize her character
 - *The Wailer 2* is a film where the Latin people are represented as stereotypes
 - *La Llorona* is a Spanish film by Shutter that focuses on grief and connects the myth to Guatemalan history
- When La Llorona is misrepresented in media it reflects badly on Latinas since there are so few representations of them in film



La Llorona



The Curse of La Llorona