

Loose Lips from Telling Tales by Migdalia Cruz

WOMAN

You think I'm not afraid but I am. Don't go. You don't have to be afraid of me me. Give me your hand. You don't have stop. You think I want to stop? I do. But I've got something else to say. You don't think I killed her, do you? It's not murder. You can't murder someone without lips. They're not worth killing. Without lips, there's nowhere to put the the knife. If I was going to kill somebody I would use a knife. Knives are user friendly. I could go in deep. Up to my elbow. Up,in, around. Twist, twist, rip. Carve hard. Hard to carve. Carving's a man's job. Daddy carves the turkey. He's the man. I knew that. I'm not stupid. I know the difference between men and women. I've known for a long time ... since my first Thanksgiving.