

CAPRI  
There's a problem.

EXT. CUL-DE-SAC NEAR SCHOOL - (12TH GRADE) MORNING

DR. WHITE, CAPRI, and NIEVES stride toward a parked car, where several STUDENTS are congregated. Their VOICES resonate loudly, punctuated by SLURRED SPEECH.

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Inside the car, a cluster of INEBRIATED STUDENTS can be seen. DR. WHITE gazes inside, her eyes fixating on SENIOR JASMINE who is clearly involved, drinking from and sharing beer cans.

INT. MATH CLASSROOM - (12TH GRADE) MORNING

On one side of the room, SENIOR JASMINE sits, brooding and arms folded.

On the opposite side, DR. WHITE leans against a desk, mirroring Jasmine's demeanor.

CAPRI enters.

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Mom's on the way.

DR. WHITE remains fixated on SENIOR JASMINE, her gaze unwavering.

INT. DINING ROOM, JASMINE'S HOUSE - (12TH GRADE) NIGHT

The room is adorned with papel picado (decorative paper cutouts) and cacti in ornate pots. A rustic wooden table and chairs take center stage. SENIOR JASMINE, DAD, and JUNIOR are gathered around the compact dining table, surrounding their colorful plates of chiles rellenos, rice, beans, and tortillas. Agua Frescas stand ready for sipping. DAD lets out a HEAVY BREATH, clearly displaying his irritation, while they all remain seated, hands clasped in prayer, ready to bless the meal.

From the BACKGROUND, WE CAN HEAR MOM GRUMBLING with CLAUDIA. The SOUND of a door SLAMMING follows. A moment later, MOM enters the dining room, throwing her hands up.

MOM  
Claudia se niega a unirse a nosotros.

(MORE)

Start

MOM (CONT'D)  
*(English subtitles -  
 Claudia refuses to join  
 us.)*

DAD  
 ¿Cuál es su problema?  
*(English subtitles -  
 What's her problem?)*

MOM  
 Algo relacionado con Facebook y un  
 chico.  
*(English subtitles -  
 Something about Facebook  
 and a boy.)*

DAD lets out an AUDIBLE SNORT, his frustration evident. MOM takes her seat at the table. With her hands clasped together, she prepares for the prayer. As they bow their heads, a moment of solemnity fills the air.

MOM (CONT'D)  
*(in a tired yet heartfelt  
 tone)*  
 Querido Señor, mientras nos  
 reunimos alrededor de esta mesa  
 esta noche, recordamos el preciado  
 regalo de la vida que nos has  
 otorgado.  
*(English subtitles - Dear  
 Lord, as we gather around  
 this table tonight, we  
 are reminded of the  
 precious gift of life  
 that you have bestowed  
 upon us.)*

INT. ACTIVITY CENTER - (12TH GRADE) DAY

SCENE M.O.S.

WE FOLLOW JOHN and DR. WHITE, both in athletic wear, carrying cased racquets, balls; DR. WHITE also has a water bottle, and JOHN carries a thermos, along with a towel resting on his shoulder, as -

MOM (V.O.)  
 (prayer continued)  
 Reconocemos que nuestro tiempo  
 aquí- es corto y estamos  
 agradecidos por los momentos que  
 tenemos para compartir juntos.  
 (MORE)

MOM (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
*(English subtitles - We  
 acknowledge that our time  
 here is short, and we are  
 grateful for the moments  
 we have to share  
 together.)*

- they confidently stride through the activity center, headed to play a match.

MOM (V.O.)  
 (prayer continued)  
 Que podamos valorar cada día,  
 llenándolo de amor, risas y  
 conexiones significativas.  
*(English subtitles - May  
 we cherish each day,  
 filling it with love,  
 laughter, and meaningful  
 connections.)*

INT. DINING ROOM, JASMINE'S HOUSE - (12TH GRADE) NIGHT

ON SENIOR JASMINE

She's in deep prayer.

MOM (V.O.)  
 (prayer continued)  
 Ayúdanos a aprovechar cada  
 oportunidad para tener un impacto  
 positivo en las vidas de quienes  
 nos rodean.  
*(English subtitles - Help  
 us to embrace every  
 opportunity to make a  
 positive impact on the  
 lives of those around  
 us.)*

End

~~INT. ACTIVITY CENTER - (12TH GRADE) DAY~~

JOHN and DR. WHITE come to a row of benches near the lockers.

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ON MOM