

LITO

How long do you think you'll need to stay with us?

PAOLA

As long as it takes for things between Joaquin and me to cool down.

LITO

Joaquin? That's the guy? What about the best friend? Where is he?

PAOLA

He and Joaquin... had words.

LITO

They had words?

PAOLA

And now I think he's in San Diego.

LITO

"They had words." In a movie, that would mean someone is in the hospital. (laughs)

PAOLA

This isn't a movie, Lito.

LITO

So, you said Joaquin was a friend of your family.

PAOLA

He worked for my father for a long time.

LITO

What does your father do?

PAOLA

Import/export.

LITO

What does he import/export?

PAOLA

Stuff people want, I guess.

LITO

How serious was this thing between you and Joaquin?

PAOLA

It started my last year at university in San Diego. He'd call me every time he was in town, and at first, it was fun, casual. But then he got serious, and... (clears throat) My turn. So, how did you pick me to be your bff?

LITO

(softly) My agent showed me your head shot.

PAOLA

Aw! You liked my head shot?

LITO

It was between you and Gloria Sanchez.

PAOLA

Gloria Sanchez?

LITO

Yeah.

PAOLA

That skank? (laughs)

LITO

Yes.

PAOLA

And what was the tiebreaker?

LITO

(softly) Hernando. He thought you had kind eyes. Said we'd make a better couple. (camera shutter clicks)

PAOLA

He's not the only one. (whispers)

LITO

Are you enjoying this?

PAOLA

Are you kidding? This is the best part I've ever had.