

Heroes Reborn

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PEDRO SIDE #1

EXT. EAST L.A. STREET - LATER

Pedro walks his nephew Jose to school down Whittier Blvd.

JOSE

--And then Batman stopped Bane's
plan to poison the city and basically
saved the entire world!

Pedro shakes his head, sick of all this hero talk. It just
brings up bad memories...

PEDRO

Wanna be a real hero, Jose? How
'bout you keep the neighborhood clean.

Pedro scoops up some LITTER and tosses it in a trash can.

PEDRO (CONT'D)

Do your homework. Make your bed.
Listen to your mother.

JOSE

I think we have very different
definitions of heroism.

PEDRO

Don't get smart with me.

JOSE

I'm just saying, a hero's supposed
to be faster than a speeding bullet
or able to lift ten million pounds.

PEDRO

Or... maybe a hero's just an ordinary
guy who's not afraid to back down
from an extraordinary situation.

Jose gives Pedro a skeptical look, then darts off ahead of
him. Jose is marching up to a PUNK spraypainting a wall.

JOSE

Hey *pendejo*!

PEDRO

Jose, get back here!

Jose marches up to the Punk.

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JOSE

How 'bout you show a little respect
for the neighborhood?

PUNK

(in Spanish)

*Why don't you come over here and
make me, little bitch?*

Pedro GRABS Jose and pulls him away from danger.

PEDRO

(to Punk, in Spanish)

I'm sorry, don't mind my nephew.

(to Jose, in English)

The hell's the matter with you?

JOSE

I thought you said--

PEDRO

Those guys are twice your size!

JOSE

So? We're supposed to just let 'em
get away with it because they're
bigger?

PEDRO

No, Jose. We're supposed to show
restraint because we're smarter.

Pedro watches his nephew's face sink with disappointment.
This kills Pedro inside. He wishes he could be a real hero
in his eyes, but he doesn't have the courage.

PEDRO (CONT'D)

You're late for school.

JOSE

Yeah, whatever you say, hero.

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INT. BAR - NIGHT

PEDRO, 35, on his fifth beer, is quickly moving from nicely buzzed to being full out drunk. He chats up an ATTRACTIVE WOMAN, 20s.

PEDRO

...Come on. I look at you and right away I know you have some kinda daddy issues.

ATTRACTIVE GIRL

(she does)

Do not!

PEDRO

Daddy didn't give you enough attention. So you ran away and took to the streets, put yourself through college, discovered the human Genome and became an international superstar.

ATTRACTIVE GIRL

Close, except for the part about the streets and the human Genome.

PEDRO

But I'm right about the superstar.

ATTRACTIVE GIRL

(pretend whispers)

Of course. I'm incognito right now. Blending in with the common people.

PEDRO

I can pretty much say for certain that my 4th grade teacher didn't look like you. If she had, I would've studied more. Or, at least gone to class...

ATTRACTIVE GIRL

Okay, my turn. You're the black sheep of your family who joined the circus so that you could have your way with the bearded lady.

PEDRO

Close, but I'm not really a bearded lady type. I like a clean-shaven, strong, confident woman.

(smiles)

Wanna come over? You can put me in timeout if I misbehave.

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ATTRACTIVE GIRL

I thought you said you were staying
at your brother's since you got back.

PEDRO

I did, didn't I.

ATTRACTIVE GIRL

I pay attention. What people say
matters.

PEDRO

(beat)

Which brings us to the big question --
do you have a roommate?