

Dragón

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ACT I

CHARACTERS:

REGINA GUZMAN, forty-five years old. Loving. Playful. Warm.

MIRANDA GUZMAN, Regina's wife, forty-seven years old. Stoic yet silly. Loving, in a quieter way.

CHARLIE GUZMAN, Regina and Miranda's eldest daughter, eighteen years old. Carefree. Careless. Ready to be gone.

LAURA GUZMAN, Regina and Miranda's daughter, seventeen years old. Brash. Sees all. Lost.

NURSE, female, young but experienced.

ACT IScene 1

The kitchen of the Guzman family home.

Regina prances around the kitchen listening to her favorite song. She is cooking and setting the dinner table simultaneously.

REGINA

And the plates go here. And the glasses go here. 1. 2. 3. 4. Flowers are dead so they go in the trash. Wait. Did Charlie invite...oh what's his name? Doesn't matter; we don't like him. But if she invited him, do I need 5 plates out? Did I make enough food? (Looks at the food cooking) No you did not. He'll just have to starve. Or he can eat her plate and she'll starve for bringing him over without permission. Alright, where was I? Oh, flowers, that's right.

Miranda enters.

MIRANDA

I'm home.

REGINA

Amorcita (Sweetheart), you're home early.

MIRANDA

The music is too loud.

REGINA

What?

MIRANDA

Why is the music turned up all the way?

REGINA

Thank you! I hope it tastes as good as it smells.

Miranda turns down the radio.

REGINA

That was my favorite song.

MIRANDA

And now your favorite wife is home.

REGINA

¿Dónde? (Where?)

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MIRANDA

Oh, she's outside. I can bring her in if you want.

REGINA

That would be great.

MIRANDA

Okay. Here I go. Making my way outside. I'm at the door.

REGINA

Lock it on your way out.

MIRANDA

Adíos. (Bye.)

Miranda exits.

MIRANDA

(Off stage)

I'm outside. Walking to my car.

Regina turns the radio back up.

Miranda enters.

Miranda turns the radio back down.

MIRANDA

Why do you hate me?

REGINA

Amorcita (Sweetheart), you're home early.

MIRANDA

Your favorite wife left.

REGINA

That's a shame.

MIRANDA

You're a mean person.

REGINA

I love you too. But why are you home early?

MIRANDA

There's a storm coming, and people don't want to tour houses when it's raining.

REGINA

Oh my, the sky is so dark.

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MIRANDA

Maybe a small thunderstorm. Are the kids home?

REGINA

In their rooms.

MIRANDA

Ah, did you finish the crossword puzzle?

REGINA

Mi nuevo récord es dieciocho minutos. (New record, eighteen minutes.)

MIRANDA

Oh.

REGINA

¿Qué? (What?)

MIRANDA

Nothing. I did it in fourteen minutes.

REGINA

Show off.

MIRANDA

Listen.

REGINA

Was it thunder?

MIRANDA

No, it's our song.

REGINA

I swear I heard thunder.

MIRANDA

I'm sure there was thunder...but...

REGINA

Sounded like a dragon.

MIRANDA

You're crazy. Dragons don't exist.

Miranda turns the radio up. Their song is playing.

MIRANDA

Care for a dance?

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REGINA

I take it back, you are my favorite wife.

The two dance their way around the kitchen.

MIRANDA

Te amo. (I love you.)

REGINA

I love you too.

CHARLIE

(Off stage)

Will you leave me alone please?

REGINA

There's the storm.

LAURA

(Off stage)

Stop being a baby.

MIRANDA

We found our dragon.

Charlie and Laura enter.

Miranda turns off the radio.

CHARLIE

Mom!

REGINA

What is it mija?

CHARLIE

Can you tell Laura to leave me alone?

REGINA

Laura Cristina, leave your sister alone.

LAURA

(To Miranda) Ma, I'm not doing anything. Lo prometo. (I promise).

MIRANDA

She middle-named you sweetie, I think you want to listen to your mother.

REGINA

Now everyone sit. We don't have family meals all the time so we are going to take advantage of it while we can.

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