

A Sacrifice

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Characters:

Juan
Selena
Javier
Valentina
Tio Luis
Border Patrollers

Scene 1

(The family is running through the desert)

Juan:

Aqui! I heard the patrol coming, hide!

(The family hides behind a big rock)

Selena:

Donde estas Javier!?

(Selena looking around to find Javier)

Javier:

Mama! Help me, this man won't let me go.

Selena:

Mi hijo! Let him go.

Border Patrol 1:

Y'all aren't supposed to be here.

(Selena and Valentina run towards the patrol)

Juan:

Careful. I have an idea.

(The dad stays behind and sneaks behind the officer)

Selena:

Javier todo va estar bien. *(Looking at the border patrol)* Please let him go, we'll go back but let my son go.

(The family distracts the officers)

Border Patrol 2:

No, y'all should have thought about what you were getting into you dirty immigrants. *(He spits)*

(Juan is already behind the officer 1 and hits him with a rock knocks the patrol down, Javier shrugs off the patrol and runs towards Selena and Javier)

Juan:

What did you say? No one calls my family that!

Border Patrol 2:

Come back here! *(The patrol whistles for backup)*

(Patrol 3 tackles Juan down)

Border Patrol 3:

I got him!

Border Patrol 2:

What about his family, they are running away.

Border Patrol 3:

Let them go, we have this one already.

Juan:

Go run!

(Juan rumbles with the patrol while another patrol officer cuffs him aggressively and tackles him on the ground)

Juan:

(trying to hold in his tears) I love you guys. I promise you we will meet again.

(In sync Javier and Valentina while running away looking back)

Valentina and Javier:

Let him go!

Javier:

We love you too papa

Valentina:

We will work hard for you

(Selena, Javier, and Valentina all run as fast as they can and make it away)

Scene 2

(6 years later...)

Selena:

(sadly) Take care mijo, let me know when you get there.

Javier:

I will ma, te amo, you too Valentina.

(Valentina nudges Javier and tsks)

Valentina:

Stay safe. Say hola for me to tio Luis.

Voiceover:

Flight 37B to Mexico City is now boarding

Javier:

Adiós ma and Valentina

(Javier walks away without looking back)

(Javier is in the plane looking out the window)

(Flashback)

Selena:

Listen, Javier, I really don't it's a good idea for you to go.

Javier:

But I need to know he's okay.

Selena:

You don't even know where you going. Tu tio might not even be en el pueblo still.

Javier:

But I feel like I have to go, I haven't seen him in 6 years. Now that I have my green card, I want to go.

Selena:

I wish I can go contigo

(Back in the plane)

Flight Attendant:

Flight 37B has arrived. Your luggage will be in section A. Thank you for flying with us.

(Javier exits the airport and gets into a taxi cab)

Javier:

Para Puebla, por favor.

(Javier gets off the taxi cab after a long day of traveling. He walks up to a wooden door and knocks)

Tio Luis:

Quien es?

Javier:

Tio Luis? Es Javier

Tio Luis:

(gasps) Come in chico. What a surprise! How have you been?

Javier:

Muy bien tio and you?

Tio Luis:

I've been good, what do you do?

Javier:

I'm a businessman tio. I own a bank back in Chicago.

Tio Luis:

That's great mijo. How about Valentina?

Javier:

She is still in school, but she is studying to become a doctor.

Tio Luis:

You guys are really smart kids. How is your mama?

Javier:

Mi mamá owns a restaurant and is doing well.

Tio Luis:

That's very good.

Javier:

(notices the house is different) Wow tio, you really fixed up this house!

Tio Luis:

Ah yes, when your fath- *(stops)*

Javier:

(glassy-eyed) When my father what? Where is he? What happened?

Tio Luis:

Javier... did you not know? He died when la migra got him.

Javier:

(On the verge of tears) w-what how?

Tio Luis:

The officers beat him up so horrible. He was a good person, mijo.

Javier:

I wish he never stayed behind!

Tio Luis:

Me too. Pero he did it so his family can have a better life, he did it for you, Valentina and tu mamá.

Javier:

(crying) I miss him tio. I miss him so much!

(Tio Luis reaches for something in a kitchen cabinet)

Tio Luis:

Here mijo, this used to be your fathers. *(hands Javier a necklace)* He told me to give it to you when he was no longer here.

Javier:

(with his eyes admiring the necklace) Gracias tio.

(Javier and Tio Luis hug and start crying)

End of play.