

Paulie isn't buying it.

PAULIE

She's alright.

TITO

You don't know her then.

PAULIE

Do you?

TITO

I'm worried the social workers are in her business now. What if they take her away?

PAULIE

Then they take her away. No biggie.

TITO

I had a dream about her.

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PAULIE

It's so weird you pray to a girl! What do you pray for?

TITO

I don't know. Sometimes I pray against the future.

PAULIE

The future? Come on, man. Nothing can stop the future.

TITO

I don't want to stop it. I want to change it. Right now I can see what's comin' and it sucks balls! It's just THIS. More of THIS. When my Dad died, they threw a sheet over him like 'enough a that shit.' I half lost my mind. It broke me. It was like his life was a box a trash. And it made me look at my life, you know? Everything I seen so far, what is it? Don't you feel like something tremendous is hiding from us?

PAULIE

Tremendous? Like what?

TITO

I don't know. I need something beyond THIS! Don't you want something bigger? Don't you pray for something important to come knockin'? Even if it kills you?

PAULIE

No.

TITO

Why not?

PAULIE

Cause I don't want to die.

TITO

Death's what they keep you down with.

PAULIE

Who?

TITO

Everybody. They tell you you gotta believe in reality and what's that but the box they bury you in. I want more. And I pray for it. To Esperanza.

PAULIE

That's fucked up.

TITO

So it's fucked up. And I don't want her to disappear.

PAULIE

She could disappear. It's not her, man. It's you.

TITO

What do you mean?

PAULIE

You don't need Esperanza.

TITO

I don't know. You know what else I pray for? I pray that I will gain the ability to fly.

PAULIE

How can you even want that? That's so beyond like what's going to happen.

TITO

How great would that be?

PAULIE

But don't you have to be realistic?

TITO

Did you see the devil or not?!

PAULIE

I saw him.

TITO

So fuck realistic! What's realistic ever done for you, Paulie? Realistic's sittin' on your fucking brain, son!

PAULIE

Okay.

TITO

I had this dream last week, after Esperanza's birthday party, and in the dream all of a sudden the old future stopped, it just died, and there was a new future, and I could fly.

PAULIE

I wish I was like you.

TITO

What do you mean?

PAULIE

I don't know. Maybe you will fly. If I jumped off something high, I'd go down like a rock.

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TITO

Why?