

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.

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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.

TITO

Why?

PAULIE

Maybe I just don't think anything good is going to happen to me cause it never has. And even if I was more like you, did want something enough to pray for it, it'd be something smaller yo. I don't know about praying, but if I had a wish, I'll tell you, man, I know what I'd wish for, but it's stupid. And small.

TITO

Say it.

PAULIE

I'd wish I could dance. That's all. I'd just wish I could dance.

TITO

That's not stupid. What? You can't dance?

PAULIE

No. Didn't you see me try at the party?

TITO

No.

PAULIE

I was a disgrace, son. Ritchie caught it on his phone, and posted it all over the place. Even showed it to my Pops, and that cold dick laughed OUT LOUD. I can't hold up my head anywhere now.

TITO

You shouldn't let Ritchie ruin everything, Paulie.

PAULIE

I don't know any other way.

TITO

I mean, you could just learn to dance.

PAULIE

No, I can't.

TITO

Don't be such a dead head bro. You could dance. Straight up. You want me to show you a move?

PAULIE

Are you serious? You'd do that?

TITO

Sure. Everybody should have a move.

PAULIE

But why would you help me?

TITO

You heard me out. It's the least I can do. And everybody needs to dance a little, right?

Tito dances a little. He's good.

PAULIE

Whoa. You're good. You move like a hookah snake or something.

TITO

My abuela taught me. Stand up. Put your right hand out like this. Now put your left hand on your stomach.

Paulie complies.

TITO

Now dance like a woman.

PAULIE

What?

TITO

Alexa! Play Shakira.

Shakira comes on, singing La Tortura.

TITO

My abuela told me, if you want to look good dancing, make believe you're a woman, and dance to make everybody fall in love with you.

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PAULIE

Is that what you do?