

**5th street**  
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CHARACTERS:

IVAN ~ a 17 year old who cares about others and has a good reputation . He has dark brown hair, colored eyes, a goofy personality, and has trouble expressing himself as well with opening up especially to people so close to him.

MANUEL~ an 18 year old who is afraid of losing someone and doesn't like drama. Has tattoos on his back, drives a mustang, has black thick hair, black eyes and has a deadly stare.

ALEJANDRA~ a 16 year old who is kind hearted, pretty, and athletic. Her goal in life is to find happiness but is afraid of rejection. She has long brown hair, hazel eyes and glowing smile.

Scene 1

Setting: A neighborhood in Miami Florida currently a gloomy day with the clouds out and humid air

*AT RISE: they are in front of Alejandra's doorstep talking about Ivan's current accident*

*Both sit on doorsteps*

ALEJANDRA

Have you talked to Ivan since his accident?

MANUEL

A little bit, but not since Jr's buddies came at him.

ALEJANDRA

You were there right? What happened?

MANUEL

I was going to meet Ivan at Taco Bell up the street after I got out of football practice. But coach Sanchez wouldn't let us go after 6 so I called Ivan telling him that I wouldn't get there on time.

ALEJANDRA

Then what happened?

MANUEL

Once coach let us go I was driving back home and saw his bike on 4th street. Then I saw his backpack a few feet away and noticed Chuy and Pelon who are a part of Jr's crew beating up

some kid. I didn't want to think it was Ivan but I saw a glimpse of his face and knew it was him because he's always wearing them white vans. I stopped my car ,got out and shoved Pelon off then punched Chuy in the face. After that they ran off and I started yelling some crap at them.

ALEJANDRA

Why would they do that..? Ivan hasn't done ANYTHING to them. I just wanna know why they would hurt him.

MANUEL

Me too.

ALEJANDRA

Then what?

MANUEL

I saw him hurting on the floor in pain and noticed he was bleeding from his lip. Then I helped him get up and I drove to my house.

ALEJANDRA

You didn't take him to the hospital?

MANUEL

No, he didn't want his mom to find out because if she did she probably wouldn't want him to play soccer because of his condition.

ALEJANDRA

OH... that makes sense and Ivan is a starter for the Varsity soccer team and they're so close to championships.

MANUEL

That's what he said too. After we got to my house I gave him a change of clothes helped him stop the bleeding and let him spend the night so he wouldn't get in trouble.

ALEJANDRA

Did he mention anything on why Pelon and Chuy beat him up?

MANUEL

*(Hesitantly)*

He..he did mention something, but....you have to promise me what he said stays between us.

ALEJANDRA

Of course who would I tell?!

MANUEL

So.. Ivan told me why he thinks Jr's buddies attacked him.

ALEJANDRA

What does he think?

MANUEL

He thinks it's because of the argument Jr and Ivan had after they both tried out for the new soccer team.

ALEJANDRA

The good one that your brother used to play for?!

MANUEL

Yeah. That one.

ALEJANDRA

But that still doesn't make sense.

MANUEL

I'm getting there.

MANUEL (cont.)

So after he left tryouts Ivan was getting his bike that was near Jr's car. Jr said something to his friends and Ivan overheard him. Whatever it was he didn't take it well, so he got mad and started calling him out. But the last thing Jr said to him was "you're not gonna see it coming, so watch your back."

ALEJANDRA

Do you know what they were arguing about?

MANUEL

No he didn't want to tell me. You're gonna have to figure that one out.

## Scene 2

*Setting: Manuel's room that fills the room with a bed, a drawer, a mirror, and a small window.*

*AT RISE: Flashback of Manuel sitting in his room talking on the phone with Jr. Manuel wasn't happy about what happened with Ivan so he decided to call Jr.*

MANUEL

What was that about Jr? Why did you have your buddies beat up Ivan!!!

MANUEL

*Stands up*

It's none of my business?

*He paces back and forth in his room*

MANUEL

It was my business too the moment I beat your buddies ass after they tried messing with him. So just back off of Ivan ! Get it !

*Stops pacing and stands by his window*

MANUEL

What are you gonna do about it huh !

MANUEL (cont.)

Jr I'm not scared of you! You wanna do something about it? TRY ME .

*He hangs up the phone and walks towards his mirror looking and thinking back on what he just did.*

### Scene 3

*Setting: In the parking lot of Ruby's Diner late at night*

*AT RISE: MANUEL is in the driver's seat and IVAN is in the passenger's seat while ALEJANDRA is sitting in the back seat*

MANUEL

So? What's it gonna be?

IVAN

*Strokes his chin gently, thinks hard and blinks slowly*

I'll take the classic burger no onion or tomato cause you already know ya boy doesn't like that.

MANUEL

Is that it?

IVAN

You paying right?

MANUEL

Yes, Ivan I'm paying.

IVAN

K good. Then I'll take a large strawberry milkshake too.

MANUEL

Whatta about you Alejandra?

ALEJANDRA

I'll have tater tots with a root beer soda please.

MANUEL

Ight. It might be a while but by the time I get back if for some reason your not in the car I'm leaving.

*MANUEL opens the car door and EXITS. ALEJANDRA moves herself to the driver's seat to talk to IVAN*

IVAN

What, you gonna drive now?

ALEJANDRA

No, I wanna talk to you.

IVAN

About what ?

ALEJANDRA

About why Jr's buddies beat you up?!

IVAN

*He shrugs his shoulders and shakes his head*

Alex, that was a week ago. It's not a big deal anymore.

ALEJANDRA

IT IS A BIG DEAL! They could've hurt you even more than they already did or even worse. Imagine if Manuel didn't show up then what?

IVAN

Yeah but he did show up and I thank god he did, but I'm fine now.

ALEJANDRA

Manuel also told me that you and Jr were arguing about something and that's why his buddies tried to hurt you or at least scare you.

ALEJANDRA (cont.)

What was it the two of you were arguing about?

IVAN

Don't worry about it

ALEJANDRA

*Rolls her eyes*

Don't worry about it, huh! Okay let me tell you this i'm probably the only one who cares besides Manuel and you don't even want to talk about it with me?

ALEJANDRA (cont.)

*Crosses her hands and looks away*

Fine. Whatever ...

IVAN

I don't expect you to understand.

ALEJANDRA

Then help me understand and just tell me what the argument was about?

IVAN

It was about you Alejandra.

ALEJANDRA

What?..Me?.. Why me?

IVAN

It was after soccer tryouts. I went to grab my bike which was by where Jr parked his car and I overheard him talking about the girls he hooks up with and...your name came up.

ALEJANDRA

My name? He's LYING I've never hooked up with him and never will. Plus my name should never come out of Jr's mouth, ever.

IVAN

Yah I know. He started saying these things that I KNEW weren't true so I called him out. I told him he was a liar and that he was just making stupid stuff up. After that Jr shut his mouth. I told him he is a coward and if he wanted to do something about it he knew where to find me.

ALEJANDRA

Ivan I don't want you to get in any trouble. You know what Jr can do. He almost killed someone one time, remember.

IVAN

I remember.

ALEJANDRA

Okay but I don't want to be the reason you get hurt.

IVAN

I won't get hurt and if I do better me than you.

ALEJANDRA

What do you mean?

IVAN

I just don't want to see you get involved in any of this. Worst thing that can happen is people talk and you don't deserve that.

ALEJANDRA

Thanks Ivan, I really don't want this small drama to affect my life or my future. We have our whole lives ahead of us. The only thing I'm really scared of is losing you or Manuel. We grew up together ever since I was 5, you were 6 and Manuel was 7.

IVAN

Wow I can't believe it's been that long !

ALEJANDRA

You and Manuel are like brothers to me. I can't imagine what I would do without you two knuckleheads.

*Both laugh and smile. ALEJANDRA sees MANUEL approach the car and goes back to the back seat. MANUEL ENTERS the car and takes a seat . In his hands he's holding 3 to-go bags and 3 drinks in a cup holder*

MANUEL

Who ordered a strawberry milkshake and a burger?

IVAN

I did ! Hand it over !

*MANUEL hands Ivan his milkshake and his bag of food. IVAN makes a slurp sound when he sees his food and smells the bag of delicious food*

MANUEL

Root beer and tater tots for you.

*MANUEL hands ALEJANDRA the her drink as well with her food. ALEJANDRA smiles*

IVAN

Mmmm! Thanks Manny you the real one !

ALEJANDRA

Haha, yeah thanks Manuel !

MANUEL

No problem. So? We ready to go?

IVAN

YES SIR!

ALEJANDRA

YUP!

*MANUEL starts the car and then ENTERS a person who is wearing a black hoodie, grey beanie, black jeans, and black sunglasses. He knocks on MANUEL'S side of the window. MANUEL, IVAN and ALEJANDRA turn to where the knock is coming from and sees the person standing. He points at MANUEL gesturing a gun at him with his hand and pretends to shoot him. Then exits the person running off stage.*

MANUEL

Who the hell was that !

*Tries to get out of the car to get a better look.*

ALEJANDRA

*Grabs his shoulder*

Manuel don't. He's probably gone by now.

IVAN

Who do you think it was?

MANUEL



I don't know? Maybe Lalo or one of his buddies. Whatever thought. He's gone probably meant nothing.

IVAN

Why you though? You didn't do anything.

MANUEL

Well...

IVAN and ALEJANDRA look at each other while ALEJANDRA puts a tater tot in her mouth and IVAN slurps his shake then both look at MANUEL. *They stay sitting in the car and MANUEL then explains himself to IVAN and ALEJANDRA*

#### Scene 4

*Setting: On 5th street at Manuel's house the next morning and in the living room .*

*AT RISE: IVAN and ALEJANDRA in Manuel's living room sitting on the couch watching tv while Ivan is copying Alejandra's homework since she did it the night before it was due. MANUEL in the kitchen making breakfast for them before they all go to school.*

ALEJANDRA

*While she is watching tv she is holding the controller in her hand scrolling through the channels.*

Your lucky we have the same class for Spanish.

IVAN

*He looks up with the pencil in his hand and his binder and papers on his lap.*

LUCKILY! If not I'd be failing Garcia's class.

*Looks back down and keeps writing.*

MANUEL

*From the kitchen he shouts*

ALEJANDRA, YOU WANT PANCAKES OR WAFFLES?

ALEJANDRA

Pancakes!

MANUEL  
WHAT?

ALEJANDRA  
PANCAKES !

MANUEL  
BACON OR SAUSAGE?

ALEJANDRA  
Bacon

MANUEL  
WHAT?

IVAN  
*Looks up, rolls his eyes and makes a face to ALEJANDRA*

SHE SAID BACON ! GOSH MANNY ARE YOU DEAF !

MANUEL  
*Walks in the living room with an apron while mixing batter.*

IVAN  
Jees! What are you wearing! Put on a hair net on and you'll look like Ms. Anneshka the lunch lady !

*Both IVAN and ALEJANDRA look at each other and laugh.*

MANUEL  
Haha very funny Ivan.

MANUEL (cont.)  
So pancakes and bacon for you.

*Uses a russian accent and points at IVAN with the whisk he is using for the batter.*

And for you rude boy.

IVAN

*Uses a russian accent as well*

Waffles and Bacon please Msh. Anneshka.

*IVAN, MANUEL and ALEJANDRA all laugh. MANUEL walks back into the kitchen and IVAN keeps doing his homework. They hear a knock on the door a few moments later.*

ALEJANDRA

We expecting anyone?

IVAN

No? Don't think so.

ALEJANDRA

*Gets up from the couch, puts the controller down and opens the door. She opens the door.*

Hi, can I help...

*A gunshot goes off. ALEJANDRA falls to the floor. IVAN gets up quickly and screams for MANUEL. IVAN is holding ALEJANDRA who was shot in the chest. MANUEL rushes over to the door and sees who ever shot her gone. He tries to dial 911 but MANUEL looks at her, she is laying on the floor while IVAN is holding her. MANUEL drops to the floor where ALEJANDRA is. ALEJANDRA looks at them both in fear, blood coming out of her chest and it's hard for her to breath.*

IVAN

Your gonna be alright Alejandra..stay with me !

ALEJANDRA

*Looks at where she had been shot with tear in her eyes and blood on her fingers from touching the wound. She gasps for air trying to say something. ALEJANDRA closes her eyes and is laying dead in IVAN's lap. IVAN holds ALEJANDRA in his arms.*

IVAN

*Shouts with cries in his voice*

NO, NO, NO ALEJANDRA ! LOOK AT ME! PLEASE!

**End of Play**