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STRAIGHTEN THE SPINE.  
SMILE FOR THE NEIGHBORS.  
EVERYTHING'S FINE.  
EVERYTHING'S COOL.  
THE STANDARD REPLY:  
"LOTS OF TESTS, LOTS OF PAPERS."  
SMILE, WAVE GOODBYE,  
AND PRAY TO THE SKY, OH, GOD...  
AND WHAT WILL MY PARENTS SAY?

**ENSEMBLE:**  
(CAR, DAN, PIR, SON, USN, W3-5 & M3-6)

NINA ...

**NINA**  
CAN I GO IN THERE AND SAY,

**ENSEMBLE**  
NINA ...

**NINA**  
"I KNOW THAT I'M LETTING YOU DOWN ..."

**ABUELA CLAUDIA**  
(*ABUELA CLAUDIA appears at the stoop again.*)  
NINA ...

**NINA**  
JUST BREATHE ...

(*She exits into ABUELA CLAUDIA's apartment.*)

**MUSIC 2A: TO THE DISPATCH!**

**Scene 3: Rosario's Car Service**

(*CAMILA is going through bills.*)

**KEVIN**  
(*Into the radio.*)  
Ciento noventa y dos, en la esquina,  
al frente del McDonald's. | [*One hundred ninety-two, on the  
corner, across from McDonald's.*]

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*(Beat.)*

*Atención*, I know it's hot but I don't want to see any drivers without a tie, this is Rosario's.

*(Cozies up to CAMILA.)*

How can you be stressed when our *muñeca's* home? | *[doll]*

**CAMILA**

The mechanic called, he won't touch another engine till we pay for last month.

**KEVIN**

Then I'll get a little engine grease on my hands.

**CAMILA**

Why, so you can hurt your back again?

**KEVIN**

You used to think I was sexy when I fixed cars.

**CAMILA**

Before all that mileage...

*(Looking at a letter.)*

*Mira*, Uptown Investment Group...

**KEVIN**

Another developer. It's not an offer, it's an insult.

**CAMILA**

Regency Bank.

*(Opens a letter.)*

We're behind on all these payments. We need an emergency loan.

**KEVIN**

We'll go see the bank manager Monday.

**CAMILA**

This can't wait, *papi*.

**KEVIN**

The dispatcher called out.

**BENNY**

Hey, boss, I'll cover the radio.

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