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USNAVI

Half price. Diet. Cola Champagne. That's my final offer.
(Exits.)

SONNY

Ain't no Dominicans be drinking no diet soda!

VANESSA

(From across the street.)
Be thankful, at least someone around here is getting a raise!

SONNY

I'm starting a union. Underage cousins of bodega workers unite!
(Exits into the bodega.)

(Lights shift to the salon. VANESSA is outside on her phone. DANIELA comes out of the salon.)

DANIELA

Excuse me, this isn't social hours.

VANESSA

Sorry, it's Con Edison. I gave my mom half my check to pay the bills...

DANIELA

Y que pasó? She drank it away? | [*And what happened?*]
Vanessa, when are you going to get out of that toxic environment?

VANESSA

(Into the phone.)
Hi ma'am? I get my check on Monday, I can pay then. Yes, I'll hold.
(To DANIELA.)
Daniela, I know I still owe you from last time...

DANIELA

Carla, what's my rule?

CARLA

(To VANESSA.)
She'll do anything for you but she won't support your mother's malfunction...

DANIELA

(Correcting her.)
Dysfunction.

PERUSAL

VANESSA

My lights are going to be out all week.

CARLA

What would Jesus do?

DANIELA

Do I look like Jesus to you?

VANESSA

(Into the phone.)

Yes, I'm still here. No, don't transfer me!

MUSIC 3B: THIS ISN'T SOCIAL HOURS!

Hello? Hello?

DANIELA

(Takes the phone.)

Comay, it's time to clear out that negative energy! | *[Girlfriend]*
So take five and get me some packing tape.

VANESSA

Anything else? While I'm at it?

DANIELA

A Pepsi.

MUSIC 4: IT WON'T BE LONG NOW

(Exiting, to CARLA.)

Tough love, *chacha.* | *[girl]*

(DANIELA and CARLA exit into the salon.)

VANESSA

THE ELEVATED TRAIN BY MY WINDOW
DOESN'T FAZE ME ANYMORE.
THE RATTLING SCREAMS DON'T DISRUPT MY DREAMS
IT'S A LULLABY, IN ITS WAY.
THE ELEVATED TRAIN DRIVES EVERYONE INSANE,
BUT I DON'T MIND, OH NO.
WHEN I BRING BACK BOYS THEY CAN'T TOLERATE THE NOISE,

PERUSAL