

George Lopez

"Mutiny On The Maquiladora"

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FADE IN:

INT. POWERS AVIATION - DAY (DAY 1)
(George, Jack, Mel, Benny, Muscular Employees #1 & #2,
Plant Extras)

JACK AND MEL ENTER GEORGE'S OFFICE WITH CHESHIRE CAT GRINS.

GEORGE

(KNOWING) Guess I don't need to
ask if you had a good time at the
convention in Vegas.

JACK

George, when the Aircraft Parts
Manufacturing Association throws
a shindig they really do it right.

JACK AND MEL LOOK AT EACHOTHER AND LAUGH NAUGHTILY.

MEL

APMA conventions are the highlight
of my year.

GEORGE

Maybe next time I can go?

JACK

Sure, but you'll have to leave
Angie at home. No wives, if you
know what I mean.

JACK AND MEL LOOK AT EACHOTHER AND LAUGH NAUGHTILY.

GEORGE

Right, you're too cheap to pay
for a double room.

MEL

(SOBER) Well, yeah, that too.

JACK

We invited one of the other APMA
members to come by for a tour
tomorrow, George, so make sure the
plant and the employees are properly
cleaned up. We really want to look
our absolute our best.

MUSCULAR EMPLOYEE #1 PUSHES MUSCULAR EMPLOYEE #2 OUTSIDE
GEORGE'S WINDOW AND THE ENSUING SHOVING MATCH DRAWS THEIR
ATTENTION AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR CONVERSATION.

GEORGE

We'll be ready. Which company?

MEL

(PROUD) Galaxy.

GEORGE

(IMPRESSED) Galaxy? They're huge.

JACK

(GLOATING) The biggest fish in
APMA's pond and their CEO wants
to check us out!

MUSCULAR EMPLOYEES #1 & #2 RIP OFF THEIR SHIRTS AND START
FIGHTING DRAWING THE ADDITIONAL ATTENTION OF THE PLANT
EXTRAS WHO ENCIRCLE AND CHEER THE PUGILISTS.

MEL

It's very important we shine,
George. (KNOWING) There's a
lot riding on this visit.

BENNY BURSTS IN WAVING A FIST FULL OF CASH.

BENNY

(BREATHLESS) Eight to five Lenny
drops Marco in three!

JACK

I'm in!

MEL

Me too. This is better than
Vegas! (TO GEORGE, SOTTO)
Let's just keep Galaxy's visit
to ourselves for now, okay,
George?

GEORGE

You got it. And next time?
Ask for better odds!

AS GEORGE, JACK, MEL AND BENNY EXIT TOWARD THE FIGHT WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

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INT. KITCHEN - THAT NIGHT (DAY 1)
(Angie, Carmen)

ANGIE AND CARMEN PREPARE DINNER.

ANGIE

I got a letter from your school
today asking parents to volunteer
to come in and talk for career day.

CARMEN

The director of the bridal registry
at Nieman Marcus is coming in so I
think you've been outgunned.

ANGIE

Not me, your father.

CARMEN

He works at a manufacturing plant.
I don't think students at
Allendale are interested in
hearing about life on the
production line.

ANGIE

Your dad's the plant manager.

CARMEN

Yeah, but it's aircraft parts.

Big whoop.

ANGIE

It's important to both of us to actively participate in our children's lives. Your dad's a natural ham, he'll make it fun.

CARMEN

I'm pretty sure they're booked up.

ANGIE

There's a number here to call to ...

CARMEN

(URGENT) No! I mean, you don't have to call. I'll check it out and let you know, okay?

ANGIE

Okay, if that's what you want.

ON ANGIE'S CURIOUS LOOK WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

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INT. POWERS AVIATION - THE NEXT DAY - DAY (DAY 2)
(George, Jack, Mel, Mr. Maggit, Muscular Employees #1 & #2,
Plant Extras)

GEORGE LEADS JACK, MEL AND GALAXY CEO MR. MAGGIT INTO HIS
OFFICE AND CLOSES THE DOOR.

MR. MAGGIT

I'm genuinely impressed.

JACK

We may not have Galaxy's size
but we like to think that works
to our advantage.

MEL

(SMILING) We're all like one big
family here at Powers.

MUSCULAR EMPLOYEE #1 WALKS BY THE WINDOW WITH A BLACK EYE
AND HIS ARM IN A SLING DRAWING EVERYONE'S ATTENTION.

JACK

(PROUD) One big happy family.

MUSCULAR EMPLOYEE #2 HOBBLER BY THE WINDOW ON CRUTCHES.

MR. MAGGIT

Hell of a crew, George!

GEORGE

Thank you, Mr. Maggit.

MEL

George spent nearly twenty years on the line before becoming our plant manager. He's a key reason for our efficiency. He understands the employee's perspective and management's.

GEORGE

They're not always the same but I try to balance everyone's needs and strike a happy medium.

MR. MAGGIT

But you have to remember who signs your paycheck. Right?

GEORGE

Jack and Mel know how to listen as well as talk. We're fairly democratic around here. I just hope they remember all the nice things they've heard today when it comes time for everyone's raises -- hint, hint.

MR. MAGGIT

Money's the name of the game.

JACK

(SOTTO) George, if things work out the way we hope we'll all be sitting pretty. (WINKS KNOWINGLY)

GEORGE

I understand Galaxy has been on a major acquisition spree, Mr. Maggit.

MR. MAGGIT

We're always looking for new opportunities. (TO JACK AND MEL) Speaking of which, I'm ready to start talking turkey, gentlemen.

JACK / MEL

(IN UNISON) Gobble, gobble.

MR. MAGGIT

Thank you for the tour, George.

GEORGE

Any time.

JACK, MEL AND MR. MAGGIT START TO EXIT.

JACK

(TO CEO MAGGIT) George is right.
Galaxy seems to be buying up
everyone in the business.

MR. MAGGIT

We've definitely had our growing
pains but I sure like what I see
here at Powers.

JACK, MEL AND MR. MAGGIT EXIT WITH BIG, KNOWING SMILES AS
GEORGE STANDS THERE LOST IN THOUGHT FOR A BEAT.

GEORGE

Gobble, gobble? (THUNDERSTRUCK)
They're going to sell Powers and
we're the turkeys!!

ON GEORGE'S LOOK OF COMPLETE SHOCK WE:

CUT TO:

MAIN TITLES

ACT ONE

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FADE IN:

INT. KITCHEN - THAT NIGHT (DAY 2)
(George, Angie)

GEORGE IS AT THE COMPUTER.

GEORGE

(HOT) I'm convinced all computers
hate me.

ANGIE

That's impossible, George, they're
inanimate objects.

GEORGE

Then explain how it is every
computer I touch goes haywire.

ANGIE

How sure are you it's the
computers that have the problem?

(BEAT) What is it that you're
trying to do?

GEORGE

I want to find out about Galaxy Aviation, our biggest competitor. Their CEO came by for a tour today.

ANGIE

(POINTS) Type in Galaxy Aviation there and hit enter.

GEORGE TYPES AND WE SEE FROM HIS REACTION IT WORKED.

GEORGE

Okay, maybe hate is the wrong word.
(READING) Galaxy has become the dominant player through strategic and aggressive acquisition.

ANGIE

You think they're interested in buying Powers Aviation?

GEORGE

I sure got that impression this afternoon.

ANGIE

(READING) It looks like they buy

(MORE)

ANGIE (CONT'D)

up their competitors and close
the plants and move the work
to ...

GEORGE AND ANGIE LOOK AT EACHOTHER WITH SHOCKED SURPRISE.

GEORGE

Mexico!

ANGIE

I can't believe Jack and Mel
would sell to a company like
that.

GEORGE

The CEO said he was ready to
talk turkey.

ANGIE

What did Jack and Mel say?

GEORGE

Gobble, gobble. (BEAT) All my
Hispanic life I've struggled for
a piece of the pie and when I
finally get it I'm sent back to

(MORE)

GEORGE (CONT'D)

(READING) Ciudad Juarez, Mexico!

ANGIE

Don't jump to conclusions, George.

GEORGE

(UPSET) This isn't a rush to judgement -- this is a rush to get my Mexican butt back over the border!

ANGIE

Nobody's sent you anywhere yet.

GEORGE

(MORE UPSET) I can't do it, Angie, I can't go work at some border town maquiladora. I've worked too hard and come too far!

ANGIE

Hypothetically, what would you do if Jack and Mel sold Powers to Galaxy?

GEORGE

I've only got two years
management and nearly twenty on
the line and no college so I'm
guessing I'll end up back on the
line somewhere. (GLUM) Right
back where I started from.

ANGIE

Maybe you're wrong about all
this.

GEORGE

(INCONSOLABLE) I sure hope so,
Angie, I sure hope so.

ON GEORGE'S WORRIED LOOK WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

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INT. CARMEN'S BEDROOM - LATER THAT NIGHT (DAY 2)
(Carmen, Angie)

CARMEN IS ON THE PHONE AND DOESN'T SEE ANGIE ENTER.

CARMEN

(ON PHONE) My dad said he was
too busy to do our career day,
but maybe next year. (LISTENS)
Okay, I'll see you in biology
lab tomorrow. (HANGS UP)

ANGIE

(STERN) What was that all about,
young lady?

CARMEN

(SURPRISED) What do you mean?

ANGIE

Since when has your father been
too busy for your school's career
day or anything else?

CARMEN

I thought about it and I really

(MORE)

CARMEN (CONT'D)

didn't think dad would feel comfortable. I mean, all the parents volunteering have pretty prestigious jobs.

ANGIE

Your dad's the plant manager with a lot of responsibility.

CARMEN

Yeah, but it wasn't that long ago that he was just a blue-collar line worker. Get real.

ANGIE

That's nothing to be ashamed about, Carmen. Your father's worked very, very hard to get where he is. You should be proud of him.

CARMEN

It's not that I don't appreciate everything dad's done it's just that others may not.

ANGIE

So the problem is everyone
else's perception, not yours?

CARMEN

(SMILES) Exactly.

ANGIE

What better way to change
everyone's perception than to
invite your dad to come and
speak to your class?

CARMEN

Mom, all the parents coming in
have Ivy league diplomas and big
titles and make tons of money.
Dad would feel (SEARCHES) out
of place.

ANGIE

I'm beginning to think it's
not your classmates who have
the wrong perception. The
decision about career day is

(MORE)

ANGIE CONT'D)

yours to make, Carmen, but

I sincerely hope you'll

reconsider.

ANGIE EXITS AND ON CARMEN'S TROUBLED LOOK WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

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INT. POWERS AVIATION - THE NEXT DAY - DAY (DAY 3)
(George, Benny, Ernie, Plant Extras)

BENNY AND ERNIE STORM INTO GEORGE'S OFFICE.

BENNY

(HOT) So when exactly were you
planning to tell us about the
company being sold?!

ERNIE

(HURT) I thought I was your best
friend, George.

BENNY

(HOTTER) And the last time I
checked I was still your mother,
although I hear there may be
certain legal proceedings that
could change that!

GEORGE

Where did you get the idea that
Powers was being sold?

BENNY

Don't be coy, we heard from Enrique over in shipping who heard from that VIP's driver you gave the tour to that he was from Galaxy Aviation and he was checking us out 'cause they're buying Powers and don't deny it, George!

GEORGE

You know as much as I do.

BENNY

And this VIP is two timing his frigid wife with his secretary.

GEORGE

You know more than I do!

ERNIE

I heard Galaxy buys up their competitors and ships all the work to India.

GEORGE

Mexico.

BENNY

Great, we'll all be making \$1.50
an hour at a maquiladora.

ERNIE

At least we speak the language.

GEORGE

Look, Jack and Mel met the Galaxy
CEO in Vegas and invited him to
drop by for a tour and it could be
as simple as that. I don't believe
they'd sell us all out like that.

BENNY

Boy, did I raise a fool!
Everybody has their price.

ERNIE

Maybe George is right, we are
like a family here.

GEORGE

(POINTS) Sure, there's Uncle Jack
and Uncle Mel and here's crazy
Aunt Benny.

JACK AND MEL ENTER.

JACK

George, the senior management team from you know where will be dropping by in a few days to see how we do things here and we'd appreciate your participation.

MEL

You're one of the key reasons they're taking a closer look at us, George. (WINKS KNOWINGLY)

BENNY GLARES MURDEROUSLY AT GEORGE.

JACK

If we can impress them like we did the other day we should have some exciting news for everyone.

JACK AND MEL GIVE EACHOTHER HIGH-FIVES.

JACK / MEL

(IN UNISON) Gobble, gobble.

JACK AND MEL EXIT AS BENNY CONTINUES GLARING AT GEORGE.

BENNY

Still think I'm a jive turkey?

ON GEORGE'S WORRIED LOOK WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

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INT. KITCHEN - THAT NIGHT (DAY 3)
(George, Angie, Carmen, Max)

GEORGE AND ANGIE GET DINNER ON THE TABLE. GEORGE'S MOOD IS OBVIOUSLY DARK AND HEAVY.

GEORGE

I'm starting to get worried,
Angie. I didn't want to believe
that Jack and Mel would sell
everyone out but it sure looks
that way.

ANGIE

Couldn't there be any other
explanation?

GEORGE

I've run everything through my
mind a thousand times. What
Galaxy said; what Jack and Mel
said; this visit coming up from
their senior management team.
It all spells one thing.

ANGIE

Ciudad Juarez?

GEORGE

(RESIGNED) Si.

CARMEN AND MAX ENTER.

MAX

Dinner ready, I'm starving?

ANGIE

You had a snack not thirty
minutes ago.

MAX

I burned up those calories on
my PlayStation. I need new ones.

ANGIE

Dinner is on its way to the
table, have a seat. Carmen, was
there anything you wanted to say?

CARMEN

No.

ANGIE

Nothing? About your school? Career
day? Your father?

CARMEN

Oh, that. Dad, my school is having

(MORE)

CARMEN (CONT'D)

a career day and like it's really stupid and boring and all the kids hate it -- except the ones who get out of tests -- and I won't stop you if you really want to participate but it's like a giant waste of time and I totally wouldn't recommend it.

GEORGE

Don't ever go into sales, Carmen.

CARMEN

I should take that as a no then?

GEORGE

Sweetheart, the way things are going at Powers the only way I could attend your school's career day is if you had an opening for a unemployed plant manager.

ON GEORGE'S WORRIED LOOK WE:

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

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FADE IN:

INT. POWERS AVIATION - THE NEXT DAY - DAY (DAY 4)
(George, Benny, Ernie, Plant Extras)

BENNY AND ERNIE ENTER GEORGE'S OFFICE.

ERNIE

Morale is so low I can't get
anyone motivated to work.

BENNY

Yeah, everybody is afraid their
job is going south of the border.

GEORGE

Not working is a sure way to lose
your job, but I can't blame anyone
for being worried.

BENNY

I know some people who, for the
right amount of money, could make
the folks at Galaxy disappear
like Jimmy Hoffa.

ERNIE

Maybe we should take up a
collection?

GEORGE

I don't think we're ready for
Benny's solution but it does
seem like we ought to do
something to save our jobs.

ERNIE

(LOOKING OUT WINDOW) Look at
my crew just sitting there. I bet
if those guys from Galaxy saw
this they'd think twice about
buying this place.

BENNY

(EXCITED) That's it! Their CEO
saw a well-oiled machine when he
was here. If they saw us at our
worst I bet they'd be out of here
quicker than crap through a goose.

GEORGE

I don't know, Benny, what if we're wrong about Galaxy? And even if we're not, I'm not sure about taking matters into our own hands without talking to Jack and Mel and hearing their side.

BENNY

We've heard their side: gobble, gobble. We'd just be looking out for ourselves like they're looking out for themselves!

ERNIE

We have a right to protect our livelihoods, George. (BEAT)
Don't we?

GEORGE

I just want to be fair to everybody involved.

BENNY

Is it fair they're going to

(MORE)

BENNY (CONT'D)

sell the plant out from under
us and our jobs are going to
a maquiladora in Mexico?!

ERNIE

Yeah, what's fair about that?
(TEARY) Breaking up our little
family, that's not fair. Crazy
Aunt Benny is right!

GEORGE

I just think I should talk to
Jack and Mel before we decide
to make Powers look bad.

BENNY

They're not going to tell you
the truth, there's too much
money involved.

ERNIE

Money talks, amigo.

BENNY

We need to look out for number one
like Jack and Mel. I don't know
about you but I ain't no turkey!

GEORGE

Everyone's job is on the line
so everyone should have a vote.

BENNY FLIPS ON THE PA SYSTEM AND LOOKS OUT TO THE PLANT FLOOR AT ALL THE EMPLOYEES SITTING IDLE.

SFX: FEEDBACK SOUND FROM PA SYSTEM.

BENNY'S POV:

BENNY (CONT'D)

(INTO MIC) Attention disgruntled Powers employees. You have a right to a say in your future. You can sit there while the ship goes down or you can join me in mutiny and fight to save your jobs! What's it going to be?

PLANT EXTRAS

(RISING IN ANGRY UNISON) MUTINY!!

BACK TO STANDARD SHOT.

BENNY

The votes are in George, Galaxy is walking the gangplank!

ON GEORGE'S UNCOMFORTABLE LOOK WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

J

INT. CARMEN'S BEDROOM - THAT NIGHT (DAY 4)
(Carmen, Amy)

CARMEN AND HER SCHOOL FRIEND AMY SIT TALKING.

CARMEN

I heard Gabriella's parents
backed out of career day.

AMY

Yeah, they don't want to cut
short their vacation.

CARMEN

Gabriella doesn't take vacations
with her parents?

AMY

Lots of kids don't.

CARMEN

That seems strange to me.

AMY

Some girls don't even spend
Christmas with their family.

CARMEN

(SURPRISED) Really?

AMY

Sue's dad was too busy
entertaining clients so she
came to my house last year for
Thanksgiving and Christmas.

CARMEN

That's so wrong.

AMY

A lot of girls have parents whose
first priority is their career.
You know, making partner, the
corner office, all that stuff. If
Rene wants to even see her parents
she's got to make an appointment.

CARMEN

No way! I wish I could do that
with my little brother.

AMY

And even then some of the parents
don't pay attention. They just
throw money at them and expect
them to fend for themselves.

CARMEN

I can't even imagine what that would be like. I mean, we always spend holidays together; we practically trip over each other 24/7; and making an appointment to talk to my mom and dad? I had to run away to get rid of my parents for more than two minutes!

AMY

Of course there are a few perks, like the nice new BMW's or Porches.

CARMEN

But that's just material stuff.

ON CARMEN'S THOUGHTFUL LOOK WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

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INT. POWERS AVIATION - THE NEXT DAY - DAY (DAY 5)
(George, Jack, Mel, Benny, Ernie, Mr. Maggit, Galaxy
Managers, Plant Extras)

GEORGE LEADS JACK, MEL, MR. MAGGIT AND THE GALAXY MANAGERS
INTO THE PLANT.

GEORGE

I'm sorry about that little
accident on the loading dock
with your controller.

JACK

Our safety record is actually
pretty good.

MEL

And the ambulance should be here
any second.

BENNY APPROACHES THE THROG AND CLEARS HER THROAT.

JACK

This is Benny Lopez, George's
mother.

BENNY

Try to judge me on my own merits.

MEL

Powers is a real family affair.

SFX: A MACHINE MAKES LOUD GRINDING NOISES.

BENNY

Powers definitely reminds me of
family -- loud and dysfunctional.

MEL

Benny has been with us since 1967.

BENNY

As long as some of this equipment!

JACK

We're in the process of upgrading
some of our older machines.

BENNY

Maybe the Smithsonian will take
them?

MR. MAGGIT

The production figures we've seen
must testify to the dedication of
the staff if not the equipment then.

BENNY

Absolutely. Now that people are back

(MORE)

BENNY (CONT'D)

in their twelve step programs
things are definitely flowing
more smoothly around here.

MR. MAGGIT

(CONCERNED) Twelve step programs?

BENNY

People around here are kickin'
everything from Twinkies to tar
heroin! This place is a trip!

MR. MAGGIT

I'm beginning to see that.

SFX: AN ATTENTION DRAWING EXPLOSION.

SMOKE POURS FROM A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND ERNIE EMERGES
AFTER A BEAT COVERED IN SOOT.

ERNIE

(TO GEORGE) If it's a belt like
last time I can fix it fast, but
if it's the compressor again you
better just send the line home.

GEORGE

Thanks, Ernie. Come meet the
management team from Galaxy.

ERNIE

I'd shake your hands but mine
are covered in axle grease.

MR. MAGGIT

(CONCERNED) Does this sort of
thing happen often?

GEORGE

No, this is truly exceptional.

ERNIE

Yeah, usually there's no explosion
and far less smoke.

JACK

Ernie here worked his way up the
line to become a team leader.

MEL

Tell everyone how proud of that
accomplishment you are, Ernie.

ERNIE

Actually, I'm more proud of my
ability to keep these old machines
going. Speaking of which, duty
calls. Nice to meet you folks.

ERNIE EXITS.

MR. MAGGIT

Jack, Mel, I think I was a bit
hasty the other day. Why don't
you walk us out and maybe we can
talk again when things are more
settled around here.

GEORGE GIVES AN EXCITED THUMBS UP TO THE PLANT EXTRAS
WATCHING AND AFTER JACK, MEL, MR. MAGGIT AND THE GALAXY
MANAGERS EXIT THEY ALL LET UP A BIG CHEER.

GEORGE

Congratulations, everyone, it
looks like we dodged the bullet!

BENNY

I'm sure glad someone had the
guts to stand up and fight.
Thank you, Benny Lopez!

GEORGE

Even if it was fighting dirty.

BENNY

I play to win, Jefe. Besides,
Jack and Mel got what they
deserve trying to hang us out
to dry like that!

BENNY EXITS AND JACK AND MEL RE-ENTER AND APPROACH GEORGE.

JACK

Thanks for the tour, George.

GEORGE

Guess it didn't go too well.

MEL

Murphy's law: everything that
could go wrong went wrong.

JACK

We thought we were going to
have great news for everybody.

GEORGE

You mean about Galaxy buying us?

MEL

(SURPRISED) We'd never sell
Powers to those guys.

JACK

And watch them ship everyone's job
to Mexico? Not a chance, George.

MEL

Galaxy was looking for a company
to subcontract work to. Mr. Maggit
thought we were a good fit. (BEAT)
Until today.

JACK

It's a shame, too, because that additional work would've paid for some new equipment and those raises you've been badgering us about.

MEL

Oh well, easy come, easy go.

JACK AND MEL EXIT AND GEORGE STANDS THERE STUNNED FOR A BEAT.

GEORGE

(LOSING IT) Nooooo!

ON GEORGE'S REACTION WE:

DISSOLVE TO:

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INT. KITCHEN - THAT NIGHT (DAY 5)
(George, Angie, Carmen, Max)

THEY ARE EATING DINNER AND LISTENING INTENTLY TO GEORGE.

GEORGE

... and so then Ernie short -
circuits the punch press and
there's this huge explosion.
Man, you should've seen their
faces! Then out of this shroud
of smoke Ernie emerges looking
like a coal miner at the end of
a long shift.

MAX

What did the Galaxy people do?

GEORGE

They had Jack and Mel show them
the door. Fast!

ANGIE

It is a shame about the
subcontracting, though.

GEORGE

I'll call the CEO in a couple of days and beg for another chance.

MAX

What are you going to say?

GEORGE

I'll plead, I'll grovel and if all else fails I'll blame it on that notorious mutineer of the high seas -- Blackbeard Benny.

ANGIE

At least everyone still has their job.

GEORGE

Right, so if your school is still looking for volunteers for career day I'm available, Carmen.

A BEAT WHILE CARMEN DRAWS A DEEP BREATH.

CARMEN

I'd love it, Dad.

CARMEN AND ANGIE EXCHANGE WARM, KNOWING SMILES.

GEORGE

And I promise not to embarrass
you. (BEAT) Too much.

CARMEN

You won't embarrass me, Dad.
I'm proud of everything you've
accomplished. I only hope
everyone gets to see the George
Lopez I know.

GEORGE

I'll give it my best shot,
Carmen.

CARMEN

Thanks, Dad. And Mom.

AS CARMEN HUGS GEORGE AND ANGIE WE:

FADE OUT:

END OF ACT TWO

TAGFADE IN:

INT. SCHOOL CLASSROOM - DAY (DAY 6)
(George, Carmen, Amy, Class Extras)

GEORGE STANDS AT A MICROPHONE STAND IN FRONT OF CARMEN AND THE ASSEMBLED CLASS EXTRAS.

GEORGE

Hola, como esta? Me llamo George Lopez y trabajo en ... (FLIPS SWITCH ON MIC) Sorry about that, I must've hit the SAP button by mistake! You should've seen your faces when you thought I was going to do the whole thing in Spanish! (BEAT) I stand before you as part of the Latino community, the largest minority population in the United States. Some people may think all we do is this (PUSHES MIC STAND LIKE BROOM) but the truth is we're everywhere now. Latinos are doctors,

(MORE)

GEORGE (CONT'D)

lawyers, pilots, bankers,
diplomats -- you name it we do
it. I'm the plant manager for
Powers Aviation, but I started
out like most first generation
Americans, at the bottom. Which,
if you think about it, leaves
you only one way to go -- up.
(BEAT) About the only place we
haven't seen a Latino is the
White House but give us time,
we'll get there. And don't worry,
we'll still leave it white --
only with blue trim and maybe
put an old Chevy up on blocks
out front!

CARMEN, AMY AND THE ASSEMBLED CLASS EXTRAS LAUGH AND WE:

FADE OUT:

END OF SHOW

