

tell Lisa?

**OWEN**

No one's told her yet.

**PABLO**

Think she knows you sleep around?

**OWEN**

Fucking small town.

*Beat.*

Can I get another bite? These tacos are stupid good.

**PABLO**

Told you.

**OWEN**

And you're sure it's not cooked in—

**PABLO**

Man, don't even say it.

**OWEN**

So, like, did your parents tell you the Chupacabra would eat you if you didn't behave?

**PABLO**

That's El Cucuy, you idiot. My parents never talked about Chupacabra. Why do you even care?

**OWEN**

I didn't at first, but now that you're all worked up, I'm super into it. Plus, I think the gummies are kicking in... So it's like...

*He acts like a Chupacabra—whatever he thinks it is.*

Rawr.

*Sits back.*

So it's not like El Cucuy?

**PABLO**

El Cucuy's a children's story.

**OWEN**

I never got why Mexicans love scaring the crap out of their kids. It's kinda messed up.

**PABLO**

Okay, let me tell you why your ignorant assumptions are stupid as shit. Being Mexican is all about facing adversity, bro. It's in our DNA.

**OWEN**

That's some deep shit, man

**PABLO**

Deep, but real. It's why we've got Christ figures bleeding all over the churches. It's not creepy. It's a reminder of sacrifice—of who we are.

**OWEN**

Still sounds creepy, not gonna lie.

**PABLO**

This shit runs deep, way back to our indigenous roots. Like, even our wakes aren't the sad, repressed stuff you're used to. It's a party, facing life and death head-on.

**OWEN**

Like Day of the Dead? I always thought that was cool... but also, like, weird.

**PABLO**

Weird to you, maybe. To us, it's a shoutout to those we lost, celebrating their lives. We don't mourn, we live through death.

**OWEN**

Dude, that's... kinda twisted.

**PABLO**

Nah, man. Life isn't just about waiting for the end. It's about grabbing every damn second. And yeah, it's about staring death right in the face and saying, "Come at me, bro."

**OWEN**

Jesus.

**PABLO**

Life only matters because death exists. That's my culture, dude. So, next time you wanna call our customs "weird," maybe try not talking out of your ass.

**OWEN**

So, what, you think I'm fucking clueless or something?

*PABLO doesn't respond.*

Whatever. But if your parents never talked about Chupacabra why are you so bothered by it specifically. It's just a stupid monster.

**PABLO**

It's just a stupid monster.

**OWEN**

Just a stupid monster.

*Beat.*

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