

PABLO

Tania! Be careful! What are you doing?

TANIA

Pablo- I'm so sick of unpacking. I hate being inside on such a beautiful day...

PABLO

You should take it easy.

TANIA

Gardening relaxes me. You're the one that's been working so hard.

PABLO

I have to. This firm is so intense...So intensely...

TANIA

Competitive?

PABLO

-American.

TANIA

American...

PABLO

American.

TANIA

You're just the new guy.

PABLO

No...I'm the foreign guy. And that's different.

TANIA

That's why they want you, because you are different.

PABLO

Tania, I think I've done something I might regret.

TANIA Really? What?

PABLO

I invited the entire firm to our house.

TANIA

(Beat) You did what?

PABLO

The senior partners were joking about me being the "new guy". And Mr. Krause, as in SMITH, KRAUSE and WILSON, said he barely thinks you exist—

TANIA

But, you told him I'm finishing my dissertation...and the baby...Right?

PABLO

Before I knew it, I channeled my father and invited all of them over to our house.

TANIA

You didn't.

PABLO

It gets better: the party is this weekend.

TANIA

Put a madre.

PABLO

Breathe. Breathe. Remember the maze...

TANIA

Maldita Sea. Are you crazy!? How did that happen?

PABLO

I'll tell you how: The Letter head-Partner. Mr. Krause, said "Pablo! That's a generous offer. When would you like us ALL over?" And I say, "Sir, mi casa es su casa" And we all laugh. And he says, "I'd love to see where you live. Tell you what, I'm free this Saturday.

TANIA

Saturday!-

PABLO

-Does that work for you?" It was a test. A Total Test. He was watching me with this gleam in his eye.

TANIA

This is where you say NO...it doesn't work for me or my beloved pregnant wife!

PABLO

I didn't skip a beat. Looked him straight in the eye and said: YES. Mr. Krause, this Saturday is perfect. And he said: "I like that. You have cojones, son."

TANIA

Mr. Krause actually said "cojones?"

PABLO

He even did the quotation marks.

TANIA

Oh God.

PABLO

I see it as his form of cultural outreach. Which could be a good partner sign for me.

TANIA

No! Nothing about this ballsy, machista Law firm party-planning is good!

PABLO

I know. But Tania, This could be bigger than Steven Johnsons' Martini Happy Hour. Because the only living, letter-head boss said he would come. I could become the first Latino to make partner in this place. Maybe one day, they'll add DEL VALLE to the letter head. That would be a first, huh?

TANIA Pablo!

PABLO

It was fight or flight, Tania. And you've taught me to never run away from a fight.

TANIA

Sixty strangers in six days. We don't have enough furniture. Our walls are half painted. Our plaster is cracked. And I have my own research to do before the baby comes. It's just too much. You are trying too hard.

PABLO

I know! I know. It's too much. I don't want to let you down. I don't want to let the baby down. I want to fix up the house for us. I need to make partner-

TANIA

So an impromptu party for the whole firm?

PABLO

I don't know what I was thinking. We can't fix-up a fixer-upper in 6 days...