But I was gonna—

(Noticing MAMÍ and bed are gone.)

Never mind.

Grab your scooter. Vámono— I mean, let’s go.

CARMELA grabs scooter and they go.

Are we going home now?

We have to make a quick stop at the bodega.

How quick?

Quick quick.

Is it far?

I don’t know if you remember that apartment we used to live in but it’s near there.

Papí told me a cat lives in the bodega.

I’ve never seen it.

So, are you going to tell me?

About?

Papí’s papers.

Beat.

Papí was born in a different country.

He was? Where was he born?

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BIG BROTHER
That’s something you should talk to Mamí about. But I’ll answer your question about his papers. Because Papi wasn’t born here, he has to get his papers fixed so he can come back into the country. That’s the only way.

CARMELA
If he gets his papers fixed, he can finally come home?

BIG BROTHER
He can finally come home.

CARMELA
Could you please slow down? My legs are getting tired.

BIG BROTHER
I want to get there before it closes.

CARMELA
What time does it close?

BIG BROTHER
I don’t know.

CARMELA
Then how do you know it’s going to close?

BIG BROTHER
I don’t. That’s why I’m walking fast. Hurry up.

CARMELA
I’m trying but—

A dandelion spore flies around.

CARMELA
Oh no!
Oh no Oh no Oh no.
Oh no.

CARMELA stops.

BIG BROTHER
Why are you stopping now?

CARMELA
One of the white things came off of my flower. Oh no!

BIG BROTHER
This is taking way too long. The bodega is only a few stores away. It has a green door. I’ll see you in there.

BIG BROTHER races off.

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