

Scene 13 – Crash

(the sound of the terrifying explosion of the bus crash...a piercing high-pitch ring...eerie music begins...we hear sirens and 9-1-1 emergency phone calls...hospital noises...throughout the above, transition into)

HOSPITAL ROOM

(EMILIO stands over the hospital bed...DR. NEUWIRTH is by his side holding a clipboard while a NURSE sponges off GLORIA)

DR NEUWIRTH: We've run all the tests we're going to run for now. In a few hours, we should have a measurement on...

EMILIO: Will she... *(a breath)* will she walk again?

DR: We're not there yet. Look, the surgery is scheduled for 10 A.M tomorrow morning. They should be ready to start prep around 8:30. So if...

(GLORIA FAJARDO enters)

NAYIB: . *(seeing her)* ¡Abuela!

(NAYIB rushes over to hug her...REBECCA follows)

DR: I'll leave you alone.

(he exits...EMILIO and GLORIA FAJARDO stand for a moment facing each other)

GLORIA FAJARDO: v Before you called, I was at home and I saw this line come onto the television--“Gloria Estefan killed in an accident.”

(fighting to keep composure) Killed in an accident...

EMILIO: W She's not going to die. Not before me, anyway.

(to GLORIA FAJARDO)

I'm glad you're here.

(to NAYIB)

C'mon Papi, let's go outside for a minute, okay?

(EMILIO gently takes NAYIB's hand, leaving MOTHER with DAUGHTERS...GLORIA FAJARDO sees the NURSE washing GLORIA and asks...)

GLORIA FAJARDO: May I do that? *(the NURSE hesitates)* Please...

(the NURSE looks GLORIA FAJARDO in the eyes...there's no way she can say no...she hands her the sponge)

NURSE: *(on her way out)* I love her voice.

GLORIA FAJARDO: Me too.

(the NURSE exits...REBECCA senses the moment)

GLORIA FAJARDO: It's me. It's mama. I'm here...

(to Emilio) Did you see all the red roses people sent her?

EMILIO: Yeah *(a beat)*

GLORIA FAJARDO : *(simultaneously with EMILIO)*

She hates red roses.

EMILIO: *(simultaneously with GLORIA FAJARDO)*

She hates red roses. *(they share a small laugh)*

GLORIA FAJARDO: You were taking her away from me. And I couldn't bear the thought of losing her

EMILIO: I know the feeling

NEWSCASTER (VO) : At this hour, pop superstar Gloria Estefan is about to enter an extremely complex, spinal fusion surgery, which reportedly could last as long as nine hours. A press conference is scheduled for this evening, at which time we should find out whether or not the procedure was indeed successful

(end of scene)

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