

**ROLLERCOASTER**

EXT. AMUSEMENT PARK – DAY

HUNTER, the leader of a group of cool kids, sits in a rollercoaster.

He notices JORDAN, a quiet kid, standing alone.

HUNTER

Hey Jordan, you wanna ride El Matador with us?

Jordan immediately sits down in the coaster.

JORDAN

(EXCITED)  
Me? For real??

HUNTER

For real.

JORDAN

I thought you only invited me on this field trip because of my CPR skills.

HUNTER

That's not true, buddy. We also need another body for weight distribution!

JORDAN

I've been wanting to ride El Matador more than anything. More than breakfast for dinner!

HUNTER

Umm, cool.

JORDAN

Fry me some eggs and call me butter, cuz I'm on a roll--  
(mimics a rollercoaster)  
--er coaster!

HUNTER

OK, chill. You know it's a 15-story drop?

JORDAN

Fifteen... *como se dice?*

HUNTER  
Fifteen stories.

JORDAN  
Right. I knew that.  
(calculating, to self)  
15 stories, times 10 feet, times  
the gravitational constant -- we'll  
be pulling 2Gs!

HUNTER  
Sweet!

JORDAN  
Yeah, sweet. I mean, I don't get  
out of bed for less than 2Gs.

Jordan LAUGHS a nerdy laugh at his own joke.

HUNTER  
This is gonna be epic. You scared?

JORDAN  
Come on, Hunter, there's nothing to  
be afraid of.  
(beat, then WORRIED)  
Unless the front car were to  
somehow disconnect, sending the  
entire coaster plummeting to earth.

HUNTER  
Wait, what?

JORDAN  
(CHEERFUL)  
But that's incredibly unlikely!  
(then, NERVOUS)  
Though statistically possible.  
Maybe we should sing something to  
keep calm.

HUNTER  
I don't really sing.

JORDAN  
I do!

Jordan nervously sings or dances (any song/dance, for 20 seconds), trying to hide the fear.

HUNTER  
Hang on, it's our turn!

Hunter glances at Jordan.

HUNTER (CONT'D)  
You look like you're gonna puke,  
buddy.

JORDAN  
(FREAKING OUT)  
I am gonna puke!!! I can't do this.  
STOP THE COASTER!! If you see  
something, say something! Hold  
meeeeee!!!

Jordan rattles the safety bars, tries to get off the coaster.

ANNOUNCER  
Attention El Matador riders, we're  
experiencing technically  
difficulties. Please standby as we  
shut down the ride.

HUNTER  
No way, dude. Bummer!

JORDAN  
(faking DISAPPOINTMENT)  
Ugh, this place is so lame. I  
demand a refund!

Jordan leans down and whispers to the coaster.

JORDAN (CONT'D)  
(STAGE WHISPER)  
Farewell, El Matador, you were a  
fierce fighter.  
(bows and raises an  
imaginary hat in the air)  
I tip my hat to you.

HUNTER  
Let's ride El Rollo Loco instead!

JORDAN  
Fo sho-yo!

Beat.

Jordan jumps out and runs in the other direction.

BLACKOUT.