

VIVA LA VIDA

"Speech Class Final"

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CAST LIST FOR EPISODE:

VIDA..... TBD
LUNA [MOM]..... TBD
FRANKIE [DAD]..... TBD
ABUELITA [GRANDMA]..... TBD
JAVIER [BIG BROTHER]..... TBD
BRAYAN [LITTLE BROTHER]..... TBD
GARY [FRIEND]..... TBD
BRITNEY [FRIEND]..... TBD
PROFESSOR..... TBD

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FADE IN:

EXT. ESTABLISHING SHOT - CITY SCHOOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CUT TO:

EXT. CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

A sign outside the classroom reads: "Speech Class Finals Today"

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

VIDA is in front of the classroom giving a presentation.

VIDA

Hi, my name is Vida Gomez. I know this speech is supposed to be about Darwin's Theory of Revolution or something like that. But, as some of you may know, I'm a single mother and it's really hard for me... I go to school and I have to work, and then the baby... so I have to be honest... I didn't have time to prepare anything.

Classmates gasp --

VIDA (CONT'D)

But I really need to pass this class, so I'm going to stand here anyway and give a speech about the only thing I know about: My Family.

CUT TO:

EXT. ESTABLISHING SHOT - VIDA'S HOUSE

Vida's voice is heard --

VIDA (V.O.)

My family is perfect. My mom and dad love each other to death...

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM --

Mom and Dad argue --

DAD

That happened twenty years ago, Luna! Get over it already!

MOM

Well, twenty years ago YOU DESTROYED THIS FAMILY, PERRO!!! You're a liar and a cheater!

DAD

Wait, wait, wait... I've never cheated on you. You know we were separated!

MOM

I only went to the store for an hour!

DAD

THAT'S A SEPARATION!

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

Mom cooks on something on the stove.

VIDA (V.O.)

My mom is so caring and understanding...

Vida walks by her MOM, LUNA.

VIDA (CONT'D)

I'm off to school, mom.

MOM

Your son needs more diapers... AND A FATHER!

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL - DAY

VIDA

My dad is the best. He always gives me
the greatest advice.

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

DAD

Look, Vida, forget about that boy. It's
like that old Chinese proverb: "If he
liked it, then he should have put a ring
on it."

VIDA

That's not a Chinese proverb. That's
Beyonce.

DAD

Oh... (Breaks into "Single Ladies" tune)
Wuh Uh Oh Uh Uh Oh Uh Oh Oh Uh Uh Oh!

On Vida's reaction --

CUT TO:

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

Big Brother, JAVIER, cooks tortillas on the stove --

VIDA (V.O.)

My big brother, Javier, is an
entrepreneur. A true business man!

Vida enter the kitchen.

VIDA (CONT'D)

Oh, my God. Are you cooking me breakfast?

JAVIER

No, it's my latest hustle. I'm trying to
make *Our Lady of Guadalupe* miraculously
appear on a tortilla. But so far I've
only been able to make appear Tupac,
Selena, Chapulin Colorado, and her
majesty, sir Walter Mercado.

We see tortillas with burned imprints of the images mentioned.

CUT TO:

EXT. BRAYAN'S ROOM

Door with dark and evil signage, skateboard stickers and graffiti.

CUT TO:

INT. BRAYAN'S ROOM - DAY

VIDA (V.O.)
My little brother, Brayan, is... well
he's... different.

Vida and her *emo* brother, BRAYAN, interact --

BRAYAN
...and truly ironic is the person that
says loves me most is the person that
hurts me in the worse way. Yes, I may be
my own darkness, I admit that. But I
know that within my weakness lies my
anger. I'm a victim that looks bewildered
and I've become my own worse enemy - an
enemy, that by all accounts, must be
defeated... even if it means that I
surrender myself to me. Life is hopeless.
Just kill me now or forever hold your
peace.

VIDA
Dude, I just asked if you wanted
pancakes.

BRAYAN
Banana nut, please. Easy on the syrup.

CUT TO:

INT. SCHOOL - DAY

VIDA (V.O.)
Oh, and my grandmother! She's the
absolute best! I love her so much.
(MORE)

VIDA (V.O.) (CONT'D)
I feel like her and I have a special
connection...

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

GRANDMOTHER barks uncontrollably.

VIDA
Abuelita, estas ladrando!?
[Grandma, are you barking!?!]

GRANDMA
Si.
[Yes]

Grandma continues barking.

On Vida's perplexed reaction --

CUT TO:

EXT. SCHOOL - DAY

VIDA (V.O.)
Then there's my best friend Britney,
who's always trying to keep me focused...

CUT TO:

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Vida interacts with her Caucasian friend, BRITNEY --

BRITNEY
("valley" accent)
(continuing a conversation) ...so I tell
him, whatEV KEV. Then we laugh because
that made sense. But as if, almost. But
hey, Let's go out tonight and party.

VIDA
Party again? Who's watching your kids?

BRITNEY
I'm taking them with me. It's "*Lady's
with Babies Night*" at the club.

CUT TO:

EXT. ESTABLISHING SHOT - BEAUTY SALON

VIDA (V.O.)
Then there's my other BFF, Gary. We work
together at a beauty salon.

INT. BEAUTY SALON - DAY

VIDA
How do you get so many clients?
You're a terrible hairdresser!

GARY
...but I'm a fabulous gay! People
trust me with their hair. Good
taste is my jeans.. At least that's
what Pablo says... <snap> <snap>

Gary cuts ONE HAIR on a LADIES head and growls at her.

GARY (CONT'D)
(to customer)
That's five-hundred dollars, girlfriend.

CUT TO:

INT. CLASSROOM - DAY

Vida finishes off her presentation.

VIDA
...and that's a little glimpse at my
perfect world. The end.

Classroom applauds --

PROFESSOR (O.S.)
Thank you, Vida. Amazing! That was one of
the best speeches I've ever heard!

Vida smiles big --

PROFESSOR (O.S.)(CONT'D)
But you still get an "F". See you next
semester.

Vida's smile turns to a frown.

FADE OUT:

FADE IN:

AS CREDITS ROLL WE HEAR VIDA AND HER DAD HAVING A
CONVERSATION --

DAD
I like big butts and I cannot lie. You
other brothers can't deny...

VIDA
Dad! Socrates didn't say that. That was
Sir Mix-A-Lot.

DAD
Well, the important thing is that you get
my point.

VIDA
Awe... I love you, daddy.

DAD
I love you too, mi Vida.

MOM
(yells from another room)
Shut up already, perro!