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### *Characters*

***Daniel Martinez:*** he meets his soulmate in a rare location. He is a nineteen-year-old student that is studying to become a linguistics professor. Current freshman at Edison Community College; graduate from El Diamante High School.

***Maria Castro:*** she meets the love of her life in a way she would never have expected. Maria wants to become a physics professor at UC Berkeley. Attends El Toro High School while also attending classes at Edison Community College.

***Florencia:*** the biggest gang that runs New York City. All they do is rob and kill people.

### *Setting*

New York City December of 2017. El Toro and El Diamante high school had been rivals for at least forty years.

### *Time*

It is the 21st century in the United States of America. The day when two soulmates were going to fall in love.

### *ACT I*

Maria and Daniel were best friends since middle school but unfortunately, they had moved apart due to issues with the economy. One day people were very pissed off because the economy was making them lose all their money, so the public started a food fight and destroyed everything in the streets of New York. Suddenly, Daniel sees a girl in trouble. He went to save her from

getting hurt. When they looked each other in the eyes, they felt very nice and their heart started to race. To the girl, he was her hero from her dreams. Daniel fell in love just by looking at her. They did not recognize each other since middle school.

**Daniel:** Jesus, you almost got hit by that rock! Are you okay?

**Maria:** Thanks to you I am. I owe you my life. What is your name? If you don't mind me asking that is.

**Daniel:** Of course, not beautiful! My name is Daniel Martinez. How about you?

[Daniel picks her up from the floor.]

**Maria:** I am Maria Castro. Nice to meet you Daniel. You have a nice name

[She blushes.]

**Daniel:** Thanks, the same goes to you. You know we better get out of here before we really do get hit by rock or something.

[They start to walk away from the fight.]

**Maria:** How old are you, Daniel?

**Daniel:** I am nineteen. How about you, Maria?

**Maria:** I am sixteen.

**Daniel:** Really? You look older. But hey, that's good. I wish I was still sixteen.

**Maria:** Why do you say that? If you don't mind me asking.

**Daniel:** Not at all. Please feel free to ask any question you have. Please don't think I am some pervert or something!

[Daniel takes his wallet out to show her his ID, so she doesn't think wrong]

**Maria:** It wasn't necessary for you to do that but thank you. Though that does make me feel safer. Now, tell me, why do you say you wish you could be my age?

**Daniel:** I have regrets, you know? I did good things for people who weren't worth my time. I regret not getting involved in school stuff more you know.

**Maria:** You know, I understand how you feel, but just know that life is just lessons. You can't change your past. Having regrets is not going to help you at all.

**Daniel:** You're right beautiful, thanks.

**Maria:** You're so welcome, Daniel.

**Daniel:** Well Maria, it is time for me to take you home. What's your address so I can take you?

**Maria:** Don't worry Daniel, I can go by myself.

**Daniel:** Of course not! I will take you home. It is too dangerous for a gorgeous girl to be walking the streets at this time.

**Maria:** Aw! Thank you, Daniel; you're such a gentleman.

## **ACT II**

They got to Maria's house, and she doesn't want him to leave. She invited him to meet her parents, but they weren't there. They had left for Madrid. Daniel ordered pizza to stay little longer in her house. He really felt butterflies in his stomach for Maria.

**Daniel [aside]:** Wow, I think I am in love. She is the most beautiful girl I have ever seen. Of course, besides my mom. She is sweet as honey, but she could be a panther.

**Maria [aside]:** I wish I could have met him earlier in my life. It would've been different, but what can I do? I hope he asks me some day to be his girlfriend. I really like him, despite having just met him.

It was eight o'clock. The bell rings. The pizza guy had come to drop off the pizza.

**Daniel:** Oh boy! I am so hungry like a Leon.

**Maria:** You're so funny. Come on, wash your hands. Let's dig in.

**Daniel:** Yummy! What a great pizza

[He burns his tongue and Maria starts to laugh.]

**Maria:** Be careful, Daniel!

**Daniel:** I know. Well, am going to get going. I am very tired, and I still have things to do.

**Maria:** I understand Daniel, please be careful going home. By the way, here is my number so you can text me. Please text when you can and let me know that you're home safe.

**Daniel:** I will don't you worry. (Maria gives him a hug)

Daniel goes home. As he walks, he can't stop thinking about Maria. Maria lays on her bed thinking about him. Minutes have passed, and Maria's phones rings a text from Daniel letting her know that he is home safe. They both go to bed and they both look at the moon thinking of each other. The next morning Daniel woke up happy to go to school. Maria woke up and the first thing she did was send a text to Daniel.

**Maria:** Good morning my hero.

**Daniel:** Good morning gorgeous. How did you sleep?

**Maria:** I slept well. How about you?

**Daniel:** I slept well to. Hey, listen, I must go to school or else I will be late.

**Maria:** You have a good day. I will see you later; I have a night class at your college.

**Daniel:** Really? That's good, and yes, I will see you later. Maybe we could go out to eat and do some homework.

***Narrator***

No one knew it was going to be the last time they were going to see each other, or even that it would be the last text. Daniel was in class when there was a shooting outside the college campus. A bullet just passed by his face. He was very lucky he did not get shot, or else he would have

been six feet underground. As time passed, his professor turns on the TV, hoping to see something about what had happened. The Florencia gang got into a shooting with the cops because they stole one million dollars from the bank. When Maria saw the news, she was very scared she had lost Daniel. It was four o'clock; it was time for Maria to go to lecture.

**Maria:** Daniel, where are you? Are you okay? Please tell me you're alive?

[Sends a text message.]

**Daniel:** Yes, Maria I am just little shocked.

**Maria:** Thank the Lord!

***Narrator***

Maria felt scared that one day she might lose Daniel. She told herself, "I am going to tell him I really love him that I want to be with him". She is aware that she is going to keep up the hard work for her to teach at UC Berkeley. Daniel is almost ready to graduate and move on with his education, but he doesn't want to leave Maria. One year had passed and the feeling between Maria and Daniel had not changed, but they both were scared to tell each other how they felt. But one afternoon, Daniel's life was going to change. The Florencia gang was going to kill Daniel.

**Florencia:** Aye man, you better give me your money! I know you have cash on you

[Two men grab Daniel with a gun and a knife; he refused to give them the money, so they cut Daniel's face.]. The gang membered knew Daniel had money because he always worked on a  
pizza place.

**Daniel:** Do whatever you want. I will not give you anything.

[Daniel grabs a stick and starts to fight the gangsters, but unfortunately, he was shot in the head.

For a moment, Maria had a bad feeling, but she thought it was normal. Maria phone starts to  
ring].

*Cops:* Is this Maria Castro?

*Maria:* Yes, this is her speaking.

*Cops:* We have a guy that was shot a little while ago. He passed away. The only contact he had was you. Can you come to see if this is your friend?

*Maria:* yes I'll be there in just a moment.

*Narrator*

When Maria gets to the scene; Maria couldn't believe it. Daniel was dead. Daniel couldn't make it to the hospital he had a hemorrhage in his head.

[Tears start to come out of Maria. Her hero is dead.]

*Cops:* So, you know this guy?

*Maria:* Yes, I do. He was my best friend

[Tears coming out.]

*Cops:* I am very sorry for your loss.

*Narrator*

From that time on, Maria felt guilty for not telling Daniel how she felt. Now that he is dead he is not going to be able to be with her. Maria wanted to die what she was going to do without Daniel.

*Maria:* I am always going to live with the biggest regret of my life not telling the love of life how much I loved him. I hate myself! I am the worst person ever.

[Starts to drink a beer.]

*Maria [aside]:* When someone you love dies, you never quite get over it. You just learn how to go on without them. But always keep them tucked safely in your heart. I wish I could remember who I heard this from.

After months of the Daniel being dead, the people who killed him were caught. They were sent to jail. Maria fell into depression and ended up killing herself. Life is not always how it seems to be. Sadly, Daniel couldn't make his dream come true of becoming a professor, but he is in a better place now. Always enjoy your life and love your people when they're alive, not when they're in a tomb, because they can't hear you anymore.