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WE
RECORDING?

LIGHT'S
ON, GO
AHEAD.

THIS
IS JACK AND
JULIAN CARVER, IN
THE HOME OF JOSÉ
AND MARI GUTIÉRREZ,
DECEMBER
FIFTH.



MR. AND MRS.
GUTIÉRREZ, I'M SURE
YOU KNOW ABOUT
NORTH AMERICAN
AUTO-INFERILITY
SYNDROME OR, AS
IT'S CALLED HERE,
"MOTHER'S
PLAGUE."

WHAT YOU
MIGHT **NOT** KNOW
IS THAT DESPITE
REPORTS, IT'S
NOT GETTING
BETTER.

SEÑOR
Y SEÑORA
GUTIÉRREZ,
MUCHO GUSTO.
SABES LO QUE
ES LA PLAGA
DE LAS
MADRES.

LA PLAGA
DE LAS
MADRES NO
MEJORA.



FOR WOMEN WHO
WERE LIVING IN THE U.S.
DURING THE AGENT PINK
ATTACKS, BIRTHRATES
HAVE STAYED AT
PRACTICALLY
ZERO.

DESPUÉS DEL
HIERBICIDA ROSA,
NO SE HAN DADO
MÁS NACIMIENTOS
EN LOS ESTADOS
UNIDOS.

IT'S BEEN
CALLED THE
GREATEST
TRAGEDY IN
HISTORY.



BUT FOR **YOU**,
IT'S A TREMENDOUS
OPPORTUNITY.



THIS IS TYLER
AND EMMA
WATKINS.

LIKE
MOST AMERICAN
COUPLES, THEY'LL PAY ALMOST
ANYTHING TO HAVE A FAMILY.



TYLER Y EMMA
WATKINS SON GENTE
BUENA Y CON PLATA
PERO NO PUEDEN
TENER HIJOS.

THE FACTORY WHERE
YOU BOTH WORKED HAS
JUST CLOSED.

TWELVE HUNDRED
PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN
ARE UNEMPLOYED
NOW, INCLUDING
YOU.

HAY MIL
DOSCIENTOS
HOMBRES QUE NO
TIENE TRABAJO,
INCLUYENDO A USTED.



YOU HAVE FIVE
CHILDREN?

¿TIENEN
USTEDES
CINCO
HIJOS?



SIETE.



SEVEN CHILDREN.
AND YOUR YOUNGEST
DAUGHTER IS HOW
OLD?

¿QUÉ EDAD
TIENE SU HIJA
MENOR?



CASI
TRES.

Almost
three.









DID YOU SEE OUR GIRL
IN THERE? "TATI," OR
WHATEVER?

MAYBE.
I SAW A
COUPLE OF
LITTLE
ONES.

IF SHE'S THE ONE I SAW,
WE'LL MAKE A FORTUNE
ON HER. SUPER CUTE, BIG
GREEN DISNEY EYES...
BIDDING WAR FOR
SURE.

HOW
DO YOU SAY
"BIDDING
WAR"?



WHEN ARE YOU
GONNA LEARN
SPANISH,
JACKIE?

WHEN YOU LEARN TO
DRIVE AND BUTTON SHIRTS BY
YOURSELF. COME ON, JULIAN,
DON'T BUST MY BALLS!
I JUST MADE A
GOOD BUY.

THEY
HAVEN'T
GIVEN HER
UP YET.



THEY'RE
PACKING HER
UP RIGHT
NOW!

JUST SAYING,
THEY SEEM PRETTY
BEAT-UP ABOUT
IT.

NAH,
WE GOT
THIS.

TWENTY
BUCKS SAYS
WE LEAVE WITH
NO KID.



BET. AND
YOU BETTER BE
WRONG, 'CAUSE
WE NEED THIS
ONE.

JUST DON'T
MAKE A SCENE
WHEN THEY
BAIL.



JUST DON'T *YOU*
MAKE YOUR PUPPY
DOG FACE WHEN
THEY--

WHUP,
HERE WE
GO.





¡LES DEVOLVEMOS EL DINERO, NO PODEMOS HACERLO!

¡POR FAVOR NO SE LLEVEN NUESTRA HIJA!



SERIOUSLY?!

GET READY TO GIVE TATI BACK. I'LL TALK TO THEM.

COME ON, JULIAN, THEY SIGNED ALREADY!

YOU WANT TO DRIVE AWAY WITH THEIR KID WHILE THEY CHASE US? THAT'D BE SOME SWEET PUBLICITY.



THE BET WAS WE'D *LEAVE* WITH A KID. I STILL WIN.

FINE. UNBUCKLE HER.



¡POR FAVOR TOMEN EL DINERO, DEVUÉLVANOS A TATI!

ESTÁ BIEN SEÑOR, POR FAVOR CALMESE.



CONGRATULATIONS, KID.

THERE'S A LIFE OF POVERTY TO LOOK FORWARD TO AFTER ALL.





