

El Cantante

Hector inside recording studio he records “El Día de mi Suerte” at the middle of the Recording Puchi enters the room.

Hector

(To the sound booth) Hey Willy why don't you and the guys take a break. Yeah I'll see you in half an hour, yeah, okay enough get the fuck out of here.

Puchi

What is it papi, your nervous?

Hector

Yeah. I'm straight. That makes me nervous.

Puchi

I know.

Hector

What?

Puchi

Hector, I just want you to say that you're gonna try to make it work. I want you to say that you're gonna spend more time with Tito. I want you to say that you're gonna stop with all the drugs. And I want you to say that you love me, because I love you, papi, and I want us to be together. Is that too much? Isn't that what you want?

Hector

You know what's funny is that I'm not the only one fucking up here, Puchi. You know that. Puchi, you want it all, but I can't promise you all that in one day. I can't. I'd be lying to you, mama. And you can't either you can't sit there with a straight face and tell me that you're ready to promise all that either. There's no way. I don't like talking about what hurts me. That's just the way I am and you know that. And you don't like it either. That's us. Mira, mirame. You ever seen a coqui sing?

Puchi

What?

Hector

Yeah, a coqui. You ever seen one sing?

Puchi

No.

Hector

That's right. You've never seen one because you can't see them. They're there. You can hear them, but you can't see them. And they only sing one song. And it's two notes. (whistles, fufi) Just like that, all their life, their whole life. They're born to do that. And they live everywhere in Puerto Rico. And they can't survive anywhere else in the world.

Puchi

I guess you're a little bit like the coqui, huh, Hector? Fuck, man, you can be depressing.

Hector

Yeah.

Puchi

Look at me. What, am I in love with a frog? Don't be, you know, fucking depressing.

Hector

Don't be depressing? (Pause). I have to go back to work Puchi.

Puchi

You're going to come home?

Hector

Yeah... I'll see you there.

(Puchi leaves and when Hector makes sure she is gone he gets a hidden kit with crack and drugs himself. "El Cantante" song begins).