

100 years of Attitude

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The Aurelianos come on stage. They have the same ash's mark printed on their forehead. They have a black cloth covering their eyes and their hands tied up in the back. They are lined up, waiting to be executed by a firing squad. We hear loud electronic music and shots. The music ends, but they are still standing up.

Aureliano de Troya – Are we alive?

Aureliano Solo - I think we are

Aureliano de Troya - I thought they were going to shoot us

Aureliano Solo - Well, yeah

Aureliano Cansado - I think they shot, I heard the noise.

Aureliano Solo - Why aren't we dead then?

Aureliano de Troya - Maybe we are

Aureliano Cansado - No, we are alive! We are alive! I love this! We are alive!

Aureliano Solo - Shut up, they'll hear you

Aureliano Cansado - Who?

Aureliano Solo - I don't know, shut up

Aureliano de Troya - Maybe they forgot about us

Aureliano Solo - They are so unorganized, they suck

Aureliano de Troya - I was so ready to die. I was thinking how beautiful life is

Aureliano Cansado - Yes, life, life is so beautiful.

Aureliano de Troya - I was thinking about a river, with the little plants floating in the clear waters, and the fish, and a little bit of wind. I used to go there when I was a kid, I am sure. Life is so beautiful. The little things, those simple things, that's what I miss

Aureliano Cansado - I was thinking about my mother. We were in the kitchen, eating brownies, homemade cake. It smelled so good. My whole life went in front of my eyes in one second, and then I stopped at my mother's house, because it smelled so good

Aureliano de Troya - I think we are dead

Aureliano Solo - You seem to be, with your cookies and your little plants in the river. Why were you getting executed? Because you ate too many brownies?

Aureliano Cansado - Let's get rid of this

They get rid of the band on their eyes and the ropes in their hands

Aureliano de Troya - Hi

Aureliano Solo - Hi

Aureliano Cansado - We are alive

Aureliano Solo - We are free

Aureliano de Troya - Life is so beautiful

Aureliano Cansado - Life is the most beautiful thing in the world

Aureliano de Troya - Yes

Aureliano Solo - What are we gonna do?

Aureliano de Troya - I don't know

Aureliano Solo - You should go to the river

Aureliano de Troya - No, I don't feel like going to the river. I don't know where I want to go. I wanted to do so many things a minute ago. What is that I wanted to do? It's still a precious thing to be alive, you know. It is

Aureliano Cansado - What's your name?

Aureliano de Troya – Aureliano de Troya

Aureliano Cansado - I am Aureliano too. Aureliano Cansado

Aureliano Solo - Me too. My name is Aureliano solo

Aureliano de Troya - I was named Aureliano after my father, My father was Aureliano El Grande

Aureliano Cansado - Aureliano El Grande was my father too

Aureliano Solo - Aureliano El Grande was my mother

Aureliano de Troya - We all have the ash mark

Aureliano Solo – (to Aureliano Triste) Are you the one with the pig's tail?

Aureliano de Troya - No, that's me

Aureliano Solo - You still have it?

Aureliano de Troya - Yes

Aureliano Cansado - Can we see it?

Aureliano de Troya - Ok

They look under her pants

Aureliano Solo and **Aureliano Cansado** – Cool

Aureliano Solo - So what happened to you? Didn't you get eaten by the ants?

Aureliano de Troya - Nope, they didn't eat me

Aureliano Cansado - How come?

Aureliano de Troya - They just didn't. Everybody thought I was dead. Everybody thought I was the last one

Aureliano Solo – Everybody thought you were a boy

Aureliano Cansado – Everybody thought there were no lesbians in Macondo

Aureliano Solo - What now?

Aureliano de Troya - Nothing. They'll come to kill us

Aureliano Cansado - Do you think so?

Aureliano de Troya - I am sure

Aureliano Cansado – They'll come to kill us

Aureliano de Troya - Oh, no, I want to see the river one more time

Aureliano Solo - You said you didn't want to go to the river

Aureliano de Troya - I forgot they were going to come back to kill me. I love life

Aureliano Cansado - Shh, lower your voice

Aureliano Solo - What is the point to be alive in this shitty world anyway? Everything sucks.

Aureliano Cansado - Are you an anarchist?

Aureliano Solo - I hate rich people and all the assholes who worship them

Aureliano Cansado - Rich people go to hell you know?. And we are going to heaven. If your parents went to heaven, it's highly possible that you will go to heaven too. But if your parents are rich, it's highly possible that you will be rich too, then you will go to hell too

Aureliano de Troya –Behind every rich person there's a lot of pain, you know? . Some of them lost their sled when they were very young.

Your pain heals them from their pain. God made you poor my son.

Aureliano Solo - Do you love life?

Aureliano Cansado - I do

Aureliano Solo - What is that you love about life?

Aureliano Cansado - I don't know. It's like any relationship, you know. Difficult

Aureliano de Troya - Yes, I know. We are about to break up. We are about to die

Aureliano Solo - Why are you getting executed?

Aureliano de Troya - I am crazy

Aureliano Cansado - What did you do?

Aureliano de Troya - I was fighting the empire.

Aureliano Solo - I am an independent revolutionary

Aureliano Cansado - I didn't do much. It's very difficult to fight poverty when you are poor you know?

Aureliano de Troya – I wanted to stop the greedy

Aureliano Cansado – How can you fight greediness?

Aureliano de Troya – You have to kill all the greedy people

Aureliano Cansado – Are you crazy? That's what they do

Aureliano de Troya - I am an enemy combatant

Aureliano Solo - What do you mean you are an enemy combatant? You can't call yourself an enemy combatant. That identity is given to you

Aureliano Cansado – How did you become an enemy combatant?

Aureliano de Troya - Everything started with my fascination with evil. I started hating the values most cherished by Americans, freedom and democracy . I identify as enemy combatant, and that has nothing to do with my sexuality. To be an enemy combatant you don't have to be necessarily a combatant, or an enemy, or to fight for the enemy. You don't even have to wait until they identify the enemy. You can just be a non- practicing enemy combatant. It has nothing to do with sexual politics or gender politics. It has nothing to do with politics

Aureliano Cansado - I was in jail at some point you know? And they were showing us educational videos to help recovery. It was very interesting.

You broke several cars for example. By breaking those cars what you were really trying to do is to break a whole in a system that rejected you, you were trying to break in. But that was wrong, you didn't break into the system, you just broke a car, a beautiful car, that could be yours one day, if you work hard enough.

Do you hate cars?

Do you hate hard working people who own beautiful cars?

The Executioner and his two Helpers enter. They are blindfolded.

Executioner – Alright, let's get done with our work already.

They aim

Helper - Sir, I think they have to say their last words first

Executioner – They didn't say their last words yet?

Helper – I don't think so

Aureliano Cansado – We didn't

Executioner – Alright, let them say their last words then

Helper – I think it's a wish, a last wish

Executioner – Alright, ask them their last wish then. Where are they?

Aureliano Solo – Here, sir

Executioner – There you are, sinners. You'll pay now, for disobeying God and his laws. You evil subversives, the time to pay has come. But we are very compassionate, you can say your last words

Aureliano Cansado – How many?

Executioner – A few

Aureliano Solo – I have a question sir. I hope they don't count as my last words though. I just don't want to die thinking, I mean trying to figure out, why do you have your eyes covered sir?

Aureliano Cansado – Yes, I was wondering that myself. Why do you have your eyes closed?

Executioner – I don't want to see you. I don't need to see anything, God is guiding me

Aureliano Solo – I have another question if you don't mind, why are you late sir?

Executioner - We needed a couple of minutes to finish our prayers. You should be grateful, you'll die in the name of God.

Aureliano Cansado – Thank you sir

Executioner – And you were supposed to be praying too.

Aureliano Cansado – Nobody told us we were supposed to be praying sir

Executioner – It doesn't matter. I don't think God could come to your rescue at this point. It's late, very late

Helper – It's never too late for repentance

Executioner – Shut up. I know what I am talking about, straight to hell they might go

Aureliano Solo – Were you praying for us?

Executioner – Enough already, your last wish, quick

Aureliano Cansado – Are you going to write down our last wish? I hope you will sign that you'll do as we ask

Executioner – We are people of honor

Helper – I have a pen, sir

Executioner – We are people of honor I said

Helper – Yes, sir

Pole Man enters. He carries a long pole with 3 women tied up to it

Executioner – Who are you?

Pole Man – Good evening, sir. I am bringing these women, sir. They have to get burned. Alive, sir

Executioner – Executed you mean. We don't burn people here. This is a modern town. Welcome to civilization. I am an Executioner, not a cook (*he laughs*)
Did you bring an execution order?

Pole Man – Yes, sir, here. I think it says burning alive, but as you say, I could be totally wrong

Executioner – We should probably do some more praying. (*to the Pole Man*) if you want to join us.

They kneel to pray

Pole Man – (*He offers the executioner some liquor*) Would you mind a little drink officer?

Executioner – Oh, sweet, nice, let me smell. But I can't. I recovered. Jesus saved me. That's the only way you know. You think about Jesus every time you feel like drinking. I love Jesus. Save me Jesus. You see? I am not drinking. I am thinking about Jesus. Jesus is the savior. I am Jesus

(Getting up. To the prisoners)

Alright. Time is up. Let's proceed. Where are you?

Aureliano Solo – Here sir

They Aim.

Aureliano de Troya – Before you kill us sir, you should know that you are killing innocent people, and that you might go to hell for that

Executioner - Shut up already!

Aureliano Cansado - We didn't do anything. We were too weak and tired

Executioner – You, revolutionaries

Aureliano de Troya - We didn't do any revolution, you see. We just have it, your fear of it

Aureliano Solo – I don't agree with that. If we do nothing, we have nothing

Aureliano de Troya – We always have it. We are the majority

Aureliano Solo – If we don't organize, we don't exist

Aureliano Cansado – Maybe we should get organized then

Aureliano de Troya – I am too old for that

Aureliano Solo – You see that's the problem, you are too old

Aureliano Cansado – That's not a problem, it's ok

Aureliano de Troya – Listen kid, I fought the empire all by myself. Talk to me about organizing. I led an army

Aureliano Solo – And then what, you got tired?

Aureliano de Troya – Yes, so what? I am a poet now

Executioner – Can you shut up already? I am about to kill you

Aureliano de Troya – You gonna kill us? You terrorist! By terrorist I mean terror, you know, people killing people, lots of people, innocent people.

Aureliano Solo - They are killing us in the name of God and peace. We'll starve and with our death we are contributing to world peace

The Executioner and the Helper shoot. Aureliano Solo, Aureliano Cansado and Aureliano de Troya fall on the ground

Executioner – Murderers!. Evil murderers!. We should not falter. I feel clean now. (to Helper) Clean up! Clean, put some perfume. I don't like the smell of puke. I don't like the smell of blood. This rotten evil trash. I like clean

*The Executioner, the Helpers and the Pole Man leave.
After a pause, Aureliano de Troya gets up and walks slowly towards the audience. The other Aurelianos follow..*

Aureliano de Troya - We would like to thank our benevolent benefactors for rescuing us. Thank you for this freedom, liberation and democracy.

Executioner – (on the radio) We are experiencing difficulties in our mission commander. Apparently, evil resurrects. I've seen it, with my own eyes

Voice on the radio – Have you been drinking commander?

Executioner – No, I love Jesus. Jesus is my savior, but they resurrected.

The wedding

Two women bring a bride. Aureliano Solo and Aureliano Cansado help Aureliano de Troya to dress up for the wedding.

A wedding guest– She is ready for the wedding!

A wedding guest– Yes, she is ready, she is ready

Aureliano Solo and Aureliano Cansado – She is ready too!

A wedding guest – Let's celebrate the wedding

A wedding guest – Turkey and pudding for everybody!

Maria and Aureliano de Troya walk around the crowd slowly, everybody smiles and waves at them.

Aureliano de Troya – I always wanted to get married. I always knew I was gonna get married. This is a very special moment. Thank you all for coming

Maria, the Bride – The fact that we are lesbians doesn't mean that we don't like families

The crowd – Yeah! We do! We love families and babies

Aureliano de Troya – This is amongst the greatest moments of my life

The Bride starts a dance, everybody follows. The sanctifier interrupts.

The Sanctifier – Allow me to sanctify this marriage

Aureliano de Troya – Sure

Aureliano Solo – Who are you?

The Sanctifier – The Sanctifier

The Sanctifier sanctifies

Aureliano Solo – (to Aureliano de Troya) I think this is a great institution, you are making a good choice

Aureliano Cansado – This is exactly what I thought, nothing more theatrical than a wedding

Aureliano Solo – Exactly, because people think we don't like babies. I hate motorcycles, for example, I think babies are much more interesting, and they grow

Aureliano Cansado – And motorcycles are more dangerous than babies

Aureliano Solo – Totally. (*to Aureliano de Troya*) Are you going to settle down now?

Aureliano de Troya - Yes, I am ready. I want to procreate. Forget Troy and the revolution

Maria – Ah Ah!

Aureliano Solo - Maria is giving birth!

Aureliano Cansado - A nurse! We need a nurse!

A wedding guest - It's ok, I am a doctor

A wedding guest - Are you a midwife?

Maria – Ah! Ah!

A wedding guest - Breath! Inhale, exhale, like this. Push!.

A wedding guest -Push!

Aureliano de Troya – Oh, Goodness. I will be a mother and a father, or both

A wedding guest - Please, cotton, we need cotton

A wedding guest - A blanket and hydrogen peroxide

Aureliano Solo– Why would you need hydrogen peroxide?

A wedding guest - To disinfect

Aureliano Cansado – It’s ok, we are clean, don’t worry, just get the baby out

Aureliano Solo - It’s coming, it’s coming.

We hear baby crying sounds

A wedding guest - It’s a girl!

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The Sanctifier – Allow me to bless this girl in holy baptism

Aureliano de Troya - Let me see my girl. (she grabs the baby girl) She is so beautiful

I will name her Aureliano after you (*to Aureliano Cansado*)

Aureliano Cansado – Oh, no, it’s ok, you shouldn’t. You know I am very humble

Maria – Ah! Ah !

Aureliano Solo - Oh, there’s another one coming

A wedding guest - We need more cotton!

A wedding guest - Another blanket

Maria – Ah! Ah!

Aureliano Solo - Forget the hydrogen peroxide

We hear baby crying sounds

A wedding guest - Another girl!

The Sanctifier – God, bless this girl too in holy baptism

Aureliano de Troya – I will name her Aureliano after you (*to Aureliano Solo*)

Aureliano Solo – She is going to be the next Pope

Everybody gets happy

A wedding guest - Oh, wow, a lesbian Pope. This is going to be great

Aureliano Solo – (*lifting the baby in her hands*) She is going to save the world!

Aureliano de Troya – She is going to fight the empire. She will stop hunger in the world and greediness

The Bride gives birth to another baby

A wedding guest - Oh, another girl. I had no idea that lesbians could have so many babies. Another pope!

Aureliano de Troya – No, she is going to be a queen. She is a queen

Aureliano Solo – She is the queen! Hail to the Queen

They all hail to the queen

Aureliano Cansado – Queen, our beloved queen, please stop hunger in the world, and injustice

Aureliano Solo – Stop exploitation and corruption and misery

A wedding guest – The Queen needs to rest, she is exhausted

Aureliano Cansado - Where is the pope? We didn't get to talk to the pope

A wedding guest brings the baby pope. They kneel in front of the pope

A wedding guest - Here is the pope

Aureliano Cansado - Pope girl, we ask you for mercy. Everybody should have bread and a job

Aureliano Solo - And something to put on top of the bread

Aureliano de Troya - Pope girl, remember, you are my daughter. I am exhausted, I came back from Troy. I fought alone against the empire. Please finish the work my girl, stop the greedy, the corrupted, the racists, the homophobs, stop them my girl. I am exhausted, I need some rest

A wedding guest– The Pope girl is exhausted too, she needs some rest

A wedding guest takes baby pope away. Everybody exits with them, except for Aureliano Cansado, Aureliano de Troya and Aureliano Solo.

Aureliano Cansado, Aureliano Solo and Aureliano de Troya are alone now

Aureliano Cansado - Where are they? What are they doing?

Aureliano de Troya – They are growing up

Aureliano Cansado – So what are we going to do now?

Aureliano de Troya – We'll wait

Aureliano Solo – We'll wait for the future, until they grow up. The future looks good

Aureliano Cansado – I have faith in them.

They sit to smoke a cigarette. The Sanctifier comes back

The Sanctifier – (To **Aureliano de Troya**) Excuse me, can I have a few words with you?

Aureliano de Troya – Sure

The Sanctifier - I sanctified your wedding and all the babies, you know?.

Aureliano de Troya – Yes, thank you

Aureliano Solo – God Bless you

The Sanctifier - Yes, yes, thank you. I hope you understand that you can't bless me. I mean, I am The Sanctifier

Aureliano Solo – I didn't bless you. I said "God Bless you" I am asking God to bless you. I am Commanding God to bless you and your country, and every institution you touch. Do you understand?

The Sanctifier - Yes, yes, I do. (*To Aureliano de Troya*) I hope you understand that this is not for free. I mean there was a lot of blessing and sanctification going on in here

Aureliano Solo – What do you mean, there's a price? I just blessed you for free. And I can do it again, and I am not charging you a dollar. God Bless you. God Bless you

The Sanctifier - I don't think you understand. I am a professional Sanctifier. This is totally different. I am a minister of God. I don't think you are a minister

Aureliano Solo – Oh, you are a minister, you work for God

The Sanctifier – Exactly

Aureliano Solo – (*to Aureliano de Troya*) You will have to pay him then

Aureliano de Troya – Right. I totally understand. But, you know, I am still waiting for my check from Troy. I came back from Troy, you know. I am Odysseus, but I didn't get paid yet. And I won the war, so it should be good money. And I just gave birth to the next Pope, so in a way, you should be paying me

Aureliano Cansado – No, no, the pope will have to pay him. He is a minister of God, but the pope is above the ministers

The Sanctifier – Exactly. I never had to pay the pope. I think I get paid by the pope in a way

Aureliano de Troya – So, what should be my responsibility as a parent of a pope?

Aureliano Solo – You also gave birth to a Queen

Aureliano de Troya – Exactly, so I am a king

Aureliano Cansado – You should pay this poor man

Aureliano de Troya – I definitely will. (*to The Sanctifier*) When I get my check from Troy I'll pay you

Aureliano Solo – Maybe you should contact The Vatican

Aureliano Cansado – That's right. They might be able to give you some of the money in advance, I am sure they have some petit cash to pay for Sanctifiers and ministers. I mean, these are regular expenses in the life of a pope and a queen.

Aureliano de Troya - I am overwhelmed. Go, my good man. I will send you your money after I get my check from Troy

Aureliano Solo – We'll contact The Vatican

The Sanctifier - Thank you

The Sanctifier exits

The war

Aureliano de Troya – I am going to have a very busy life. I am royalty

Aureliano Solo – Yeah, and clergy. There's a war going on, you know? Against those very two things

Aureliano de Troya – Why ? No, not now. Not now, things are going so well for me. What's wrong with them? They hate me. Why do they hate me, and my daughters? What did we do to them?

Aureliano Cansado – We should join

Aureliano de Troya – You will join? You will abandon me? You can't leave me alone with a pope and a queen. Please don't do this to me. I'll go with you, I'll join

Aureliano Solo – You can't now. You just gave birth to the next pope

Aureliano Cansado – And you are a king

Aureliano de Troya – I have always been a king, you just didn't notice until I gave birth to a queen.

Aureliano Cansado – Maria gave birth to her

Aureliano de Troya – It doesn't matter. The point is, kings go to war

Aureliano Solo – But not against themselves

Aureliano de Troya – They do, they totally do. (to Aureliano Solo) Tell me about that war, please

Aureliano Solo – Some people seem to believe they would be better off without them (popes and queens and sanctifiers and ministers and)

Aureliano de Troya – ok, I can see their point. How many are them?

Aureliano Solo – Many

Aureliano de Troya – I need to talk to my wife about this. Maria!

The American Company comes to town

*A white American family enters in front of them. They carry a fence and they push them back, taking a lot of space. They talk loud. They bring furniture and bags with them. They start arranging their things around. **Aureliano Cansado, Aureliano Solo, Aureliano de Troya, The Bride** and the women of town look at them from the back*

The Wife – The Piano over there please! Where should I put the table? Do you think it looks nice in here?

The Man – I think it's good

The Daughter – Where is my room?

The Wife – We gonna have to paint in here honey , it's disgusting

The Daughter – I miss my cats. (she lies on the floor)

The Wife – Don't lie on the floor, it's dirty. Get up, I told you. This floor need re finishing honey.

The Daughter - It smells bad in here. Yak! Disgusting. Yak! Dis-gus-tingggg

The Man – We will be happy here. We will build a future. We'll bring some progress to this place

The Wife – Look at those people honey. The way they are looking at us, they scare me

The Daughter – Yes, they are scary, I am afraid

The Wife - Don't worry honey, Dad is here. Why don't you go play the piano?
(to her husband) Honey, what are you going to do with these people?

The Man – Don't worry, I'll take care of this, go help her to play the piano
(to Aureliano Cansado, Aureliano Solo, Aureliano de Troya and Maria in the back)
Hey, you people. We have good news for you, we need workers!

The Wife – That's nice, that's very nice of you. I also need a cleaning lady, this place is a mess!

The Daughter – Can I play the piano now? Are you going to listen to me?

The Man – Yes, pumpkin, just let me get your mom a cleaning lady and we are all ears for my beautiful princess. How I love when you play the piano for daddy. Warm up your beautiful little fingers, we are getting ready for the concert

*He grabs **The Bride** and **The Wife** puts her in a maid's uniform, puts hard hats on 2 of the Aurelianos and gives a bag of golf clubs to the other one. They put them by the back wall.*

The Man and his Wife sit to hear their daughter play the piano. . They clap very happily after the piece.

The Man – Beautiful. Marvelous

The Wife – Oh, sweetie, you are making so much progress. That Mozart was divine. It was Mozart right? I love it. (whispering to her husband) She is going to miss her piano teacher so much the poor thing

The Man – We'll bring her a piano teacher from Italy. Italy has the best piano teachers. I'll get her one. Little pumpkin, daddy will bring you a piano teacher from Italy. This afternoon

The Daughter – ok, good. Can I play with the babies now?

The Wife – Yes, my darling, you were great

Maria– What babies, my babies?

The Daughter grabs the babies

Maria - Those are my babies, she can't play with them, they are sleeping

The Daughter – I love the babies dad, can I keep them?

The Man – Of course pumpkin

Maria – No, she can't. Those are my daughters

Aureliano Cansado – She is playing with the girl pope! And with the queen. Leave those babies alone!

The Man – I think we should go for a walk to see our new neighborhood

The Wife - Yes, let's go shopping

The American family exits

Maria – They stole my daughters!

Aureliano Solo - They stole everything!

Aureliano Cansado – What are we going to do about this?

Maria – I am cleaning their shit in my own house

 Mi casa es su casa

 My river it's your river

 My bones are your bones

Aureliano Solo - We are very generous people

Aureliano Cansado - My gold mines are your gold mines

 My sweat your money

The imitate the American family

Maria - where should I put the table honey?

Aureliano de Troya – It looks great there sweetie. (to Aureliano Solo) You warm up your fingers to play the piano

Aureliano Solo – Are you going to listen to me? I am playing the piano. Are you listening?

Aureliano de Troya – Hey people, we need workers

Maria – Honey, honey, honey, that's so nice of you, honey, honey

Two of them will play a clown scene

Turdo – Do you really have something to say?

Zoretz – My ass. It is hurting, my ass

Turdo– Why is that?

Zoretz– I have a big piece of shit that doesn't want to come out

Aureliano Solo – Are you listening to me?

Turdo – Oh, no. It's so big! I can see it!

Zoretenz – Can you help me to get it out?

Aureliano Solo - This place is disgusting, I miss my cats!

Turdo – Look what a big piece of shit he has there!

Aureliano Solo and Aureliano Cansado – Oh, awful!

Zoretenz – Can you help me to get it out?

Turdo – How did you get such a big piece of shit in there? Were you eating a lot?

Zoretenz– Oh, please, get it out! Get it out!

Turdo– I don't think we can get that thing out. I think it's stuck in there for ever

Zoretenz– Oh, no! Will I have to live forever with this big piece of shit inside me?

Aureliano Solo – Yes, I think so

Zoretenz – Oh, no!

Turdo – It's your soul

Zoretenz – What? That is the soul? I have a soul?

Turdo – Yes, you have a soul and it is stuck in there. It is not going anywhere

Zoretenz – Are you sure this is not some kind of turd that is supposed to get out through a natural digestive tube or something, like the anus?

Turdo– No, I told you. It's stuck there. It's too big

Zoretenz – Oh, I have a big soul

Aureliano Solo – You have a big soul

Turdo– A very big soul

Aureliano Cansado – It stinks. Get it out already!

Zoretenz– Alright, alright. I'll put on my pants.

Aureliano Solo – Can you listen to me now?

The American family comes back.

The Man – (to the Piano teacher) Please let me help you with your luggage

The Piano Teacher – Oh, thank you so much, that's very nice of you

The Wife - She is very talented, you'll be delighted. When she was a little girl, a baby almost, she was playing with her fingers, in a way, very unusual, not like other kids, very graciously. I knew she was going to be a pianist

The Piano teacher – This is where I am going to be staying?

The Wife – Yes, this is our home

The Man – We'll arrange a room for you

The Wife – The floors need some re-finishing, but we are working on it. We'll also paint

The Man - It's pretty wild, but we'll work on it

The Piano teacher – It's ok, I love nature. I love children. I love teaching. I love teaching piano in a place full of nature. Italy is a beautiful place, as you know, but this place is not bad. I love adventure. I feel like an explorer or something

The Wife – She practices every day, even when she is sick, it's like brushing her teeth. She also dances, classic dance. She has the point shoes, show her how you get on your points honey (Bridgett get on her toes)

The Piano Teacher – I feel like Jack Cousteaux or something. I love bringing some culture to this place. We have beautiful Cathedrals you know?, I can show her some photos if you want. Some of them were built during the Renaissance or the Middle ages. You can learn a lot of history by watching our Cathedrals.

The Wife – Yes, I've been to Europe. It's so full of culture, anywhere you look there's something to learn

The Man – Yes ,it's like a history book

The Piano Teacher – Well, most of the history happened there as you know

The Wife - You are so cultivated

The Piano Teacher – Yes, we all are

The Wife – It's true

(Suddenly she notices the Aurelianos and Maria in the living room)

The Wife – Oh, my God, what are these people doing in the living room? They are sitting on our chairs!

The Man – Hey, you, to the back!

The Daughter – My piano, they touched my piano

Aureliano de Troya - Listen, this is our home, and those are our babies and she is not your maid,

Aureliano Solo – And we are not your employees.

The Wife – (to the piano teacher) Oh, my God, this is so embarrassing. I am sorry about this. Don't worry, my husband it's going to take care of this

Aureliano Cansado – We want you to leave our home right away

The Wife – (To the piano teacher) This is our home, they don't understand anything, they can't read

The Man – You would have to pay me all the money you owe me if you want me to leave

Aureliano Solo – We don't owe you anything

The Man – You owe us twenty thousand dollars. How are you going to pay for it?

Aureliano Cansado – What twenty thousand dollars? What are you talking about?

The Man – Those are the expenses for our transportation, moving expenses, and installation of our company

The Wife – And for the transportation of our piano teacher honey

Piano teacher - Yes, I have all the receipts

The Wife – You are so adorable

Aureliano de Troya – And why do we have to pay for that?

The Man – It's part of the agreement

Aureliano de Troya – What agreement?

The Man – Welcome to civilization. We'll turn this ugly muddy place into a shiny beautiful town. You'll be grateful. We'll build beautiful schools for your kids, and clean restaurants

Aureliano de Troya – We don't care about your civilization and progress

Aureliano Solo - I am for destroying progress...
And civilization..

Aureliano Cansado - I am fine with progress. Civilization it's the problem. I mean it's Civilization versus progress.

Aureliano de Troya - It's too late, we can't live without all the shit we invented. I don't think I could live without white out for example

The Bride - My kids, I want my kids back

The Daughter - These are my kids

The Bride – We don't need your restaurants. Give me my babies

Aureliano de Troya – We want you to go

Aureliano Solo – You should go now

The Man – There's something you don't understand. I am a winner you see?

Aureliano Solo – Yes, we understand that, we are the losers

The Man – It takes many losers to make a winner. I can't make you exactly a winner, but I can allow you to work for a winner

Aureliano de Troya – Winners make me puke

The Man – Oh, come-on, everybody wants to be a winner

Aureliano de Troya – No, everybody wants to kill a winner

The Man – These people are dangerous, we should get them arrested

The Wife – They are very dangerous, I keep telling you that

The daughter – I am afraid!

The Wife – You don't worry honey, go play the piano, be a good girl. (To the piano teacher) Excuse me honey. (to the husband) I hope you are going to do something about this, your family is in danger, the piano teacher, your whole country

The Man - Of course, of course. I know exactly what I have to do in these cases, and I'll do it, for the good of my country

Aureliano de Troya – Yes, you should go home, for the good of your country

The Wife - I am telling you, they are very dangerous

Three Executioners enter

The Executioner – Cleaning service

The officers enter and lined them up to be executed. The American family sits to watch the execution.

Aureliano de Troya – They are going to kill us again. I want to be by the river

Aureliano Cansado – yes, we know.

Maria - If I would start again. I would do everything different. I wouldn't give birth to a pope girl and a queen. My babies, they'll know about this. They'll do something about it. They will know, they will find the way. They don't know what they are doing. They think they can hide the truth forever. But they can't. My girls will find out. (Screaming) You are my daughters, can you hear me? You are my daughters! And those very people raising you are the ones who killed me. You are my babies! Deep inside you'll know this. I love you. I love you. I am your mom!

(to Aureliano de Troya) I want the divorce

Aureliano de Troya – Now?

Maria – Yes, now

Aureliano de Troya – Why?

Maria – This is not a healthy relationship

Aureliano de Troya – What is a healthy relationship? They both get up early, eat some yogurt and go hiking ?

Maria – I mean emotionally healthy and you know exactly what I am talking about

Aureliano de Troya – Can we talk about this some other time?

Maria – You fucked up my life

Aureliano Solo – Give her the divorce

Aureliano de Troya – We are about to be separated by death anyway like The Sanctifier said

Maria – No, we are dying together

Aureliano de Troya – ok, I give you the divorce

Aureliano Cansado – We are not gonna die. They will never be able to kill us

Executioner – Oh, really? (He shoots)

They fall on the ground. The American family claps. They leave

.The Aurelianos get up slowly

Aureliano de Troya – Did the Empire fall already?

Aureliano Cansado – Yes, we made it. We changed the world

Aureliano de Troya – We did, really?

Aureliano Cansado – (She finds a package) What is this? Pudding. They sent us pudding

Aureliano de Troya – This is the end of hunger

Aureliano Cansado – Watch out. That's not pudding, it's a bomb

Aureliano de Troya – They are rescuing us

Aureliano Solo – I think it's pudding

Aureliano de Troya – No, this is freedom
(*looking up*)

– Thank you for the pudding! Thank you for this freedom! Thank you!
I love democracy

Aureliano Solo – Are we going to eat it?

Aureliano Cansado – Don't eat that, it's a bomb

Aureliano Solo – It’s pudding!

Aureliano de Troya – Whether this is pudding or a bomb, we live in a better world now. Can’t you see? Things are different.

Another pudding falls on stage breaking when it falls. The Aurelianos go to look at it.

Aureliano Cansado - What a great act of solidarity

Aureliano Solo – Charity

Aureliano Cansado – Compassion

Aureliano de Troya – I would even say Love

Aureliano Solo – What a pity we can’t eat it now, it’s all broken

Aureliano de Troya – It’s ok, it’s symbolic

Aureliano Solo – It still feels good

THE VISA

Two people covered with a long cloth bring some chains. They pull the chains and start working. hThomas enters. Everybody will enter in this scene. I am going to use your names. I hope that’s ok

Thomas – I need to see your visa

Aureliano de Troya – What visa?

Thomas – Your visa. Do you have a visa?

Aureliano de Troya – We were born here

Thomas – Really? Well, show me your visa then

Aureliano Cansado – We don’t need a visa, we are natives of this place

Thomas – Beautiful, but if you don’t have papers, I am afraid I’ll have to get you deported

Aureliano de Troya – Deported? We are you going to send us?

Thomas – Where are you from?

Aureliano de Troya – From here. We were born here

Thomas – By the wall please

Aureliano Solo - Who are you? What are you doing here?

The Man enters

The Man – Hey Tomas

Thomas – Howdy sir

The Man – These people still here?

Thomas – We are taking care of this sir

Aureliano de Troya – You! Give me back my babies. Your daughter stole our babies

The Man and Tomas laugh

The Man – oh, you mean Bridget? My 9 years old little girl? Oh, she stole your babies? You mean my sweet pumpkin is a baby kidnapper?

Aureliano Solo - Yes, and you killed her wife

The Man – Her wife? You had a wife? How beautiful. And she got killed?
(they laugh, then The Man gets serious) Don't make me puke

Thomas – We should deport these people sir, they don't have papers, but we are not sure where to send them

The Man – I see, well, maybe we should give them a temporary visa (they laugh). No, really, we might have to give them a temporary visa

Thomas – Do you think so? They could be dangerous

The Man – We'll take care of that. They don't seem to know what is going on. I am sure they don't even know who is the president. (to the Aurelianos), ignorant

Loud monotone electronic music. There's going to be a lot of text we can't hear well, even if they are screaming, between the Aurelianos, Tomas and The Man. All the other members of the cast come onstage wearing dark coats. They will walk in repetitive moves like zombies. At some point they'll start walking toward The Aurelianos crashing them against the wall. The Aurelianos finally get out through the dark clothes people

and go center stage again. The dark coat people stay stick to the wall. Aureliano de Troya has a piece of paper in her hands.

Aureliano de Troya - We got a visa

Aureliano Cansado – Isn't that great?

Aureliano Solo – We are free now

Aureliano Cansado – Yeah. I knew there had to be a peaceful solution to all this

Aureliano Solo – Yeah, we have rights, now... to.... be..... I mean.... Here

Aureliano de Troya – I think we lost the war

Aureliano Cansado – It looks like

Aureliano de Troya – This is a 5 months visa. Where are we gonna go after this?

Aureliano Solo – You don't worry. They decide that

Aureliano Cansado – They'll send us to the island

Aureliano de Troya – What island?

Aureliano Cansado – I don't know, it's just an expression

Aureliano Solo – Right. Well, it's our town, you know? We were named after the Aurelianos, they founded this town, we shouldn't have to go anywhere. They should go

Aureliano Cansado and **Aureliano de Troya** – Right

Loud noise of wind. Somebody brings a big fan, pointing at them. The dark coat people will start exiting slowly

Aureliano de Troya – What's that ?

Aureliano Solo – It's the wind!

Aureliano Cansado – It's the flood!

Aureliano de Troya – What flood?

Aureliano Cansado - There's that part in the bible, where God gets really upset and kills everybody. It's really bad that part

Aureliano de Troya - The genocide!

Aureliano Cansado - Because I am sure some people were nice, you know? I am sure that Noah was not the only nice one. I can't stop thinking about all those people drowning

Aureliano de Troya - I don't want to die in a flood. I prefer a plague a thousand times

Aureliano Solo - There's no flood. It's the wind. It was in the prophecies! Everything it's gonna blow away. We are blowing away. Everything will disappear and you'll get eaten by the ants

Aureliano de Troya - I am not going to get eaten by the ants. This has nothing to do with the bible or with the prophecies

Aureliano Cansado – We are not going to be blown away! We are not!

Aureliano Solo - They gonna make us disappear somehow

Aureliano Cansado - They are not. Stay still. We are still here. Don't go anywhere. Let's stay together

Aureliano Solo - It won't stop until we get spread all over

Aureliano Cansado - It doesn't matter. Let's stay together

The wind stops.

Aureliano de Troya - When everybody is dying around you, you think that's the end of the world

Aureliano Cansado - because it is

Aureliano de Troya - It's very difficult to imagine is not. But there's people, somewhere else, at the same moment, sitting in the sun, having tea and laughing

Aureliano Solo - Like right now. Like here

Aureliano de Troya - Yeah,

Aureliano Solo – And the world is ending somewhere else

Aureliano Cansado - Aren't we gonna do anything about it?

Aureliano de Troya - We might

Aureliano Solo - We should

