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She sits down, not giving Beth time to respond before she’s engaged in the next take. Beth sticks out her tongue and gets up to join her.

**BETH:** Hi.
**PAIGE:** Hola. ¿Cómo estás?
**BETH:** Are you Paige?
**PAIGE:** ¿Beth? ¿Hablas Español, sí?

They sit awkwardly. Both rise. Paige sits on the table, eyebrow raised.

**PAIGE:** How did the date get planned without the complete language barrier being noticed?

**BETH:** Yeah, ok.

They sit.

**BETH:** Hi.
**PAIGE:** Hi.
**BETH:** I’m Beth. You’re Paige?
**PAIGE:** No, sorry.
**BETH:** Oh! I’m sorry!

Paige stands. Beth stands.

**PAIGE:** Seriously?

Paige sits again, gestures for Beth to proceed. Beth does.

**BETH:** Hi.
**PAIGE:** Hi.
**BETH:** I’m Beth. You’re Paige?
**PAIGE:** Ok, you know what? No. You’re done with this. Time to just say ‘hi’ like a real person before I think I’m being stood up and leave. You can do it; it’s a very short, simple syllable.
**BETH:** I’m not sure about this...
**PAIGE:** Well, I am, and I think that counts as good enough.

Paige stands, tugging on Beth’s hand as she does until the latter rises.

**PAIGE:** You have got this. It’ll be great. And what’s the worst that could happen? Pretty sure you’ve planned out all the scenarios.
**BETH:** I’m kinda scared.
**PAIGE:** Yeah, well, welcome to the human race.
**BETH:** Says the figment of my imagination.

Paige smiles at her and sits. Beth takes a deep breath and sits down.