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Subtitles

Judeo-Spanish	English translation
00:00:15,360> 00:00:17,870 Mozós, mi'rmáno, mi'rmána,	00:00:15,360> 00:00:17,873 We, my brother and my sister,
2	2
00:00:17,873> 00:00:21,673	00:00:17,873> 00:00:21,673
mi no so kwa, nasíđas i engrandesían,	My, I don't know were born and raised,
3	3
00:00:21,673> 00:00:24,812	00:00:21,673> 00:00:24,829
en Balát nasímoz mozós.	we were born in Balat.
4	4
00:00:24,812> 00:00:28,400	00:00:24,829> 00:00:28,400
Ayá morávamos, de ayá salímos nóvyas.	We lived there and we only got away as brides.
5	5
00:00:28,400> 00:00:33,080	00:00:28,400> 00:00:33,080
I moz fwímos kon mi maríđo ánde vámoz a morár.	I left with my husband to our future house.
6	6
00:00:33,080> 00:00:33,998	00:00:33,080> 00:00:33,988
Énte	Did you understand?
7	7
00:00:34,000> 00:00:36,879	00:00:33,988> 00:00:36,880
Mä, kómo me konosí kon mi maríđu?	But how did I get to know my husband?
8	8
00:00:36,879> 00:00:39,760	00:00:36,880> 00:00:39,760
En lā káza ke moráva yo,	In the house where I grew up,
9	9
00:00:39,760> 00:00:43,334	00:00:39,760> 00:00:43,337
ensíma de mi, moráva mi tãnt.	above our flat is where my aunt used to live.
10	10
00:00:43,334> 00:00:48,253	00:00:43,337> 00:00:48,242
Me de me máðre el ermáno.	My mother's brother.
11	11
00:00:48,253> 00:00:53,596	00:00:48,242> 00:00:53,592





El ížo s'enamoró kon úna i manséva	Their son fell in love with a girl
12	12
00:00:53,596> 00:00:57,634	00:00:53,592> 00:00:57,631
i se kazáron i morávan ensíma.	and they married and lived above [us].
13	13
00:00:57,634> 00:01:00,398	00:00:57,631> 00:01:00,400
Akéya manséva ke se	That girl who
14	14
00:01:00,398> 00:01:06,316	00:01:00,400> 00:01:06,320
El ermáno s'enamoró de mi.	Her brother fell in love with me.
15	15
00:01:06,316> 00:01:08,080	00:01:06,320> 00:01:08,080
De úno al ótro.	From one to another.
16	16
00:01:08,080> 00:01:09,204	00:01:08,080> 00:01:09,198
Entendíte?	You understand?
17	17
00:01:09,204> 00:01:12,880	00:01:09,200> 00:01:12,880
I moz éste móđo moz kazímoz mozós.	And we got married like that.
18	18
00:01:12,920> 00:01:16,000	00:01:12,920> 00:01:16,000
En priméro flồrtávamos.	At first, we were flirting.
19	19
00:01:16,000> 00:01:17,920	00:01:16,000> 00:01:17,920
Un flört, ün flört.	One flirt, another flirt.
20	20
00:01:17,920> 00:01:22,240	00:01:17,920> 00:01:22,240
E:, akél tyémpo, mi maríđo meldó múnčo,	During those years, my husband used to study a lot,
21	21
00:01:22,240> 00:01:24,360	00:01:22,240> 00:01:24,360
por ésto se ízo	which is why he became an officer
22	22
00:01:24,360> 00:01:28,720	00:01:24,360> 00:01:28,720
subáy násil diyeğéz?	how do you say that, 'officer'?





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00:01:28,720 --> 00:01:31,960

- He was doing her -- his military service.

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00:01:31,960 --> 00:01:33,200

- Si, en la armáda.

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00:01:33,200 --> 00:01:34,160

- En la armáđa,

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00:01:34,160 --> 00:01:37,080 áma un pósto mas süperyőr.

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00:01:37,080 --> 00:01:38,320

Kolonél o ályo?

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00:01:38,320 --> 00:01:39,640

E brávo.

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00:01:39,640 --> 00:01:45,600

E: i se fwe askér, el le díše yo:

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00:01:45,600 --> 00:01:48,200

<Antes ke te váyas, moz kazarémos.>

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00:01:48,200 --> 00:01:51,920

<No. Kwándo va tornár mos kazámos.>

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00:01:51,920 --> 00:01:56,040

<Péki.> Espozádos. En priméro, spozár

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00:01:56,040 --> 00:01:56,600

- Si

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00:01:31,960 --> 00:01:33,200

- Yes, in the army.

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00:01:33,200 --> 00:01:34,160

- In the army,

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00:01:34,160 --> 00:01:37,080 but held a superior rank.

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00:01:37,080 --> 00:01:38,320 Colonel or something similar?

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00:01:38,320 --> 00:01:39,640

Yes, exactly.

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00:01:39,640 --> 00:01:45,600

And when he left to do his military service, I told

him,

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00:01:45,600 --> 00:01:48,200

<Before you go, let's get married.>

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00:01:48,200 --> 00:01:51,920

<No. When I come back, we will get married.>

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00:01:51,920 --> 00:01:56,040

<Ok.> We got engaged. First one gets engaged.

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00:01:56,040 --> 00:01:56,600

- Yes.





34	33
00:01:56,600> 00:01:59,080	00:01:56,600> 00:01:59,080
- <É yo ya te va sperár.>	- <and am="" for="" going="" i="" to="" wait="" you.=""></and>
35	34
00:01:59,080> 00:02:02,160	00:01:59,080> 00:02:02,160
I éste móđo, éste móđo mos kazímos.	And that's how we got married.
36 00:02:02,160> 00:02:08,280 Víno e ízo úna sitüasyón pára pweđér mantenérmos.	35 00:02:02,160> 00:02:08,280 He returned and made sure we could manage financially.
37	36
00:02:08,280> 00:02:11,840	00:02:08,280> 00:02:11,840
Ep s'empyegó en priméro i no se kwálo,	He got a job first and what not,
38	37
00:02:11,840> 00:02:13,040	00:02:11,840> 00:02:13,040
kwándo ya dešímos:	was the moment we said:
39	38
00:02:13,040> 00:02:14,360	00:02:13,040> 00:02:14,360
<ya básta="" karár!="" éste=""></ya>	<we've enough="" had="" like="" living="" of="" this!=""></we've>
40	39
00:02:14,360> 00:02:18,720	00:02:14,360> 00:02:18,720
Pórke (i) yo lavoráva. I yo lavoráva.	Because I was working. I was working as well.
41 00:02:18,720> 00:02:22,280 Me íva de mañána, tornáva la táđre.	40 00:02:18,720> 00:02:22,280 I was going in the mornings and coming back in the evenings.
42	41
00:02:22,280> 00:02:24,720	00:02:22,280> 00:02:24,720
<e, akí!="" básta,="" fin="" i="" me="" víno="" ya=""></e,>	<and enough!="" enough,="" had="" i've="" it's=""></and>
43 00:02:24,720> 00:02:29,320 <ya azeré="" básta.="" de="" káza!="" me="" mi="" mužér=""></ya>	42 00:02:24,720> 00:02:29,320 <it's become="" enough!="" i="" of="" the="" the<br="" will="" woman="">house!></it's>
44	43
00:02:29,320> 00:02:30,200	00:02:29,320> 00:02:30,200
I	And





45	44
00:02:30,200> 00:02:32,120	00:02:30,200> 00:02:32,120
- I i kómo pedían, ke los pádres,	- And how did the parents used to ask,
46	45
00:02:32,120> 00:02:33,760	00:02:32,120> 00:02:33,760
pedían a los pádres de la cí:ka?	did they ask the girl's parents for her hand?
47	46
00:02:33,760> 00:02:34,840	00:02:33,760> 00:02:34,840
- Múːčos	- Many
48	47
00:02:34,840> 00:02:35,600	00:02:34,840> 00:02:35,600
- Kómo se asía?	- How was it done?
49 00:02:35,600> 00:02:42,040 - Múčos, bivían kon las máđres i el i los páđres enǧúntos.	48 00:02:35,600> 00:02:42,040 - Many were living together with their parents.
50	49
00:02:42,040> 00:02:46,000	00:02:42,040> 00:02:46,000
Ántes, pórke avía proveđáđ.	Because there used to be a lot of poverty.
51	50
00:02:46,000> 00:02:50,760	00:02:46,000> 00:02:50,760
No avía sitüasyón de avrír ótra káza.	There was no way to buy a new house.
52	51
00:02:50,760> 00:02:52,400	00:02:50,760> 00:02:52,400
Por i yo,	And and as far as I was concerned,
53	52
00:02:52,400> 00:02:54,840	00:02:52,400> 00:02:54,840
ivá morár kon mi swéγra.	I was going to live with my mother-in-law.
54	53
00:02:54,840> 00:02:59,960	00:02:54,840> 00:02:59,960
Kon la máđre i el páđre de mi maríđo, en priméro.	With my husband's mother and father to begin with.
55	54
00:02:59,960> 00:03:03,240	00:02:59,960> 00:03:03,240
Dospwés, no uvó	Afterwards there was no





56 55 00:03:03,240 --> 00:03:09,000 00:03:03,240 --> 00:03:09,000 A mi en-- enteréso se ezvačeáron de morár At some point I'd had enough of living with them enğúntos 57 56 00:03:09,000 --> 00:03:11,200 00:03:09,000 --> 00:03:11,200 i yo morí sóla. and I moved out to live alone. 58 57 00:03:11,200 --> 00:03:14,240 00:03:11,200 --> 00:03:14,240 - Ke kómo fwe la swégra? Bwéna o: --- How was your mother-in-law? Good or --59 58 00:03:14,240 --> 00:03:15,840 00:03:14,240 --> 00:03:15,840 kómo tóđa las swégras? like all mothers-in-law? 60 59 00:03:15,840 --> 00:03:20,520 00:03:15,840 --> 00:03:20,520 - Eː kómo tóđa las swéyras. - E, like all mothers-in-law. 61 60 00:03:20,520 --> 00:03:23,400 00:03:20,520 --> 00:03:23,400 I tenía i dos kuñáđas, And I had two sisters-in-law, 62 00:03:23,400 --> 00:03:28,160 00:03:23,400 --> 00:03:28,160 ermánas de mi maríđo i éyas urašeávan kon mi. my husband's sisters, and they were upsetting me. 63 62 00:03:28,160 --> 00:03:29,840 00:03:28,160 --> 00:03:29,840 I éyas i éyas. They too. 64 63 00:03:29,840 --> 00:03:32,000 00:03:29,840 --> 00:03:32,000 Áma ---But ---00:03:32,000 --> 00:03:34,120 00:03:32,000 --> 00:03:34,120 El Dyo es gránde, God is great, 66 65 00:03:34,120 --> 00:03:38,520 00:03:34,120 --> 00:03:38,520

everything passes when you have patience.

kon pasénsya i ésto va pasár, i ésto va pasár.





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00:03:38,520 --> 00:03:41,560 Éste móđo, éste móđo, éste móđo.

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00:03:41,560 --> 00:03:43,440

Izímos la víđa.

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00:03:43.440 --> 00:03:47.040

- I: isíste úna vóda gránde?

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00:03:47,040 --> 00:03:52,640

- E:, a, a mwéstro boy, no éra číka, yáni,

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00:03:52,640 --> 00:03:57,680

I mo-- i mos fwímos vwayá-- vwayáž də nos

00:03:57,680 --> 00:04:04,280

i tóđo izímos i avrímos kazá a mwéstro gústo.

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00:04:04,280 --> 00:04:07,440

I tóđo izímos čok şükúr e tabí.

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00:04:07,440 --> 00:04:11,880

Dospwés, mi maríđo kómo éra edükáđo

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00:04:11,880 --> 00:04:17,600

ansína es ke se ízo koloné. Entendítes?

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00:04:17,600 --> 00:04:20,600

Eskapó la üniversité, no se kwálo

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00:04:20,600 --> 00:04:26,080

i lavoró en un pósto muy bwéno, muy, muy

bwéno.

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00:03:38,520 --> 00:03:41,560

This way, this way.

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00:03:41,560 --> 00:03:43,440

We lived our lives.

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00:03:43,440 --> 00:03:47,040

- Did you have an extravagent wedding?

00:03:47,040 --> 00:03:52,640

- Our wedding was not small, I mean,

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00:03:52,640 --> 00:03:57,680 We also had a honeymoon

00:03:57,680 --> 00:04:04,280

and we decorated everything according our own

tastes.

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00:04:04,280 --> 00:04:07,440

And we managed everything, thank God.

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00:04:07,440 --> 00:04:11,880

Afterwards, as my husband enjoyed learning,

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00:04:11,880 --> 00:04:17,600

he became colonel. Do you understand?

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00:04:17,600 --> 00:04:20,600

He finished university, I don't know what,

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00:04:20,600 --> 00:04:26,080

and was promoted to a very, very good position.





78 77

E:, a póka, a póka, a póka, a póko moz And, little by little, we were growing.

enaltesímos.

79 78

Yo, en kwándo éra žön fiy, lavoráva. When I was a young girl, I used to work.

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Mi máđre --- My mother ---

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No te díše I forgot to mention

82 81

ke a mi pádre lo yeváron el tyémpo del Varlík? that my father was sent away in the period of the

Wealth Tax.

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84 83

Kwálo vámos azér? What could we do?

85 8

00:04:48,760 --> 00:04:56,080 00:04:48,760 --> 00:04:56,080

Éramos kwátro (e)rmános i -- i máðre i páðre. There were four of us siblings, plus mother and

father.

86 85

El pádre se fwe. No ay entráda a la káza. Our father left. Thre was no income in the house.

87 86

Kómo mos vámos a mantenér? How were we supposed to maintain ourselves?

88 87

Mi máðre fwe ovligáða, a mi i a mi (e)rmáno, My mother was obliged to take me and my brother





88 89 00:05:08,480 --> 00:05:10,960 00:05:08,480 --> 00:05:10,960 travármos de la eskóla. out of school. 90 89 00:05:10,960 --> 00:05:13,200 00:05:10,960 --> 00:05:13,200 Moz metímos a empyeyármos. We started working. 91 90 00:05:13,200 --> 00:05:17,560 00:05:13,200 --> 00:05:17,560 Empyeyímos pára ganár un póko de monéđa We were working to earn a bit of money 92 00:05:17,560 --> 00:05:24,920 00:05:17,560 --> 00:05:24,920 i, i a párte tomávamos éčo a-- ar-- aryénto de and, alongside that, that we started work inside káza. the house. 93 92 00:05:24,920 --> 00:05:27,880 00:05:24,920 --> 00:05:27,880 Azíamos, kuzíya yo túles. I was sewing curtains 94 93 00:05:27,880 --> 00:05:29,800 00:05:27,880 --> 00:05:29,800 Tüles kuziya. I was sewing curtains. 95 00:05:29,800 --> 00:05:32,200 00:05:29,800 --> 00:05:32,200 Me viníya tóđo de la máno. I was capable of doing many things. 95 96 00:05:32,200 --> 00:05:40,440 00:05:32,200 --> 00:05:40,440 Yo muy màrifeθlíya. Trikó, brodár. I was very talented. Knitting, embroiding. 96 00:05:40,440 --> 00:05:42,560 00:05:40,440 --> 00:05:42,560 Entedítes? Kuzír. Did you understand? Sewing. 98 97 00:05:42,560 --> 00:05:45,920 00:05:42,560 --> 00:05:45,920 Tóđo me viníya de la máno a mi. I was good at many things. 99 98 00:05:45,920 --> 00:05:48,120 00:05:45,920 --> 00:05:48,120

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Until one day I said, <It's enough!

Fin a ke un día díše: <Ya básta!

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00:05:48,120 --> 00:05:49,760

Ya me víno fin akí!

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00:05:48,120 --> 00:05:49,760

I've had more than enough!

 102
 101

 00:05:51,600 --> 00:05:54,440
 00:05:51,600 --> 00:05:54,440

 Me kéro azér mužér đe mi káza.
 I want to become the woman of the house.

 103
 102

 00:05:54,440 --> 00:05:56,400
 00:05:54,440 --> 00:05:56,400

 Kwándo va skapár el éčo,
 When will I finish working outside

 104
 103

 00:05:56,400 --> 00:05:59,320
 00:05:56,400 --> 00:05:59,320

 ke me va sentár en la köšé?>
 and sit in a corner?>

 105
 104

 00:05:59,320 --> 00:06:01,680
 00:05:59,320 --> 00:06:01,680

 - Kwántos áños ǧevában žúntos?
 - How many years did you live together?

 106
 105

 00:06:01,680 --> 00:06:06,320
 00:06:01,680 --> 00:06:06,320

 - Trez, trez áños estuvímos espozáđos.
 - We were engaged for three years.

 107
 106

 00:06:06,320 --> 00:06:09,440
 00:06:06,320 --> 00:06:09,440

 Trez áños, e: trez áños.
 Three years.

 108
 107

 00:06:09,440 --> 00:06:13,760
 00:06:09,440 --> 00:06:13,760

 Le díše a mi maríđo, akél tyémpo mi spózo:
 I told my husband, at that time my fiancée:

109 108 00:06:13,760 --> 00:06:16,000 00:06:13,760 --> 00:06:16,000 E, <Žak,> le díše, <Jack,> I told him,

111 110 00:06:17,760 --> 00:06:20,520 00:06:17,760 --> 00:06:20,520





Ya yo yo ya m'enfasí de lavorár. I've had enough of working. 112 111 00:06:20,520 --> 00:06:22,880 00:06:20,520 --> 00:06:22,880 Ya me kansí!> I am tired!> 113 112 00:06:22,880 --> 00:06:25,000 00:06:22,880 --> 00:06:25,000 - Espozár es ántes del kasamyénto? - "Espozar" is the time couples spend before the marriage? 114 113 00:06:25,000 --> 00:06:27,480 00:06:25,000 --> 00:06:27,480 - Por kwálo, por kwálo --- for what, for what --115 114 00:06:27,480 --> 00:06:30,840 00:06:27,480 --> 00:06:30,840 Ántes no éramos muy ríkos. In those years, we were not very rich. 116 115 00:06:30,840 --> 00:06:33,440 00:06:30,840 --> 00:06:33,440 Đingúnos no éramos muy ríkos. Nobody was. 117 116 00:06:33,440 --> 00:06:38,640 00:06:33,440 --> 00:06:38,640 Mi marído ayudáva a a la káza del pádre i de la My husband was helping his parents. máđre. 118 117 00:06:38,640 --> 00:06:41,400 00:06:38,640 --> 00:06:41,400 Si se va espartír de la káza, And, if he left them, 119 118 00:06:41,400 --> 00:06:44,760 00:06:41,400 --> 00:06:44,760 ésto le va vinír a mankár his contribution was missed and, 120 119 00:06:44,760 --> 00:06:47,280 00:06:44,760 --> 00:06:47,280 because they were always on his mind, e pensándo a éyos, 121 120 00:06:47,280 --> 00:06:50,200 00:06:47,280 --> 00:06:50,200 he kept putting [the wedding] off. ya lo sta largándo, lo sta largándo.

00:06:50,200 --> 00:06:52,800

00:06:50,200 --> 00:06:52,800



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00:07:36,680 --> 00:07:41,440



VLACH Transcriptions

E a mi ya me vino fin aki. But I had had enough. 123 122 00:06:52,800 --> 00:06:58,600 00:06:52,800 --> 00:06:58,600 I dospwés de tres áños d'espozáđa moz kazímos And after three years of engagement, we got married 124 123 00:06:58,600 --> 00:07:01,680 00:06:58,600 --> 00:07:01,680 i me -- a párte úna káza. and we had our own house. 125 124 00:07:01,680 --> 00:07:06,800 00:07:01,680 --> 00:07:06,800 Čok šükűr, ya stámos muy bwénos e priméro Thank God, we were very good and we said first: dešímos: 126 125 00:07:06,800 --> 00:07:11,840 00:07:06,800 --> 00:07:11,840 <No azerémoz kreatúras, mo lo gozarémos un <We will not have babies straight away, we will enjoy life a bit.> póko.> 127 126 00:07:11,840 --> 00:07:17,520 00:07:11,840 --> 00:07:17,520 Dos áños dospwés víno mi ížo, víno mi ížo. Two years later, our son was born. 128 127 00:07:17,520 --> 00:07:21,880 00:07:17,520 --> 00:07:21,880 Dospwés estúve yo dezrepozáđa Afterwards I was ill 129 128 00:07:21,880 --> 00:07:24,960 00:07:21,880 --> 00:07:24,960 e: pasí syértas kózas, and had different problems, 130 129 00:07:24,960 --> 00:07:28,680 00:07:24,960 --> 00:07:28,680 kómo operasyónes. No púđe ---And had a few operations. I could not ---131 130 00:07:28,680 --> 00:07:32,240 00:07:28,680 --> 00:07:32,240 El siyúnđo kería, no lo dešón ---I wanted a second one, I would not let ---131 132 00:07:32,240 --> 00:07:36,680 00:07:32,240 --> 00:07:36,680 Díše yo: <A mi ižíko sólo no lo va dešár!> I said: <I won't leave my son alone!>

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Kále i úna kreatúra ótra, áma ížo áma íža. We had to have another child, boy or girl. 134 133 00:07:41,440 --> 00:07:45,880 00:07:41.440 --> 00:07:45.880 I čok šükür me víno i mi íža. And thank God, I had a girl. 134 135 00:07:45,880 --> 00:07:48,080 00:07:45,880 --> 00:07:48,080 Un ížo i úna íža. One boy and one girl. 136 135 00:07:48,080 --> 00:07:51,480 00:07:48,080 --> 00:07:51,480 We lived through this. Éste módo pasímos, ya 137 136 00:07:51,480 --> 00:07:54,960 00:07:51,480 --> 00:07:54,960 Áma maloròzaménte ---But unfortunately ---138 137 00:07:54.960 --> 00:07:59.880 00:07:54.960 --> 00:07:59.880 Pasí úna víđa oróza kon mi maríđo i miz I lived a happy life with my husband and children, kreatúras. 139 138 00:07:59,880 --> 00:08:07,200 00:07:59,880 --> 00:08:07,200 áma maloròzaménte õnze áños ántes peđrí a mi but unfortunately, 11 years ago, I lost my maríđo. husband. 140 139 00:08:07,200 --> 00:08:09,480 00:08:07,200 --> 00:08:09,480 Házinúras. He was ill.

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Káđa úno tyéne úna eskritúrya akí. Everyone's destiny is written in the stars.

142 141

El Dyo --- God ---

143 142

Mozós tenémoz un -- úna díča: We have a saying:

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"De loz óčo a loz očénta". "From eight to eighty".

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Ye -- kwándo nasítes el Dyo ya moz eskrivyó akí. Meaning, when we were born, God has already

decided

wwando moz va tomar. when he is going to take us back to him.