

Two For One - YTS4-65

One bright light shines down on a lonely run down sink. A young man

in his mid 30's walks in. Wearing cowboy boots, blue jeans, and a

plaid shirt tucked in. Mustache and long sideburns. He speaks facing

left.

COWBOY:

Is this the sacrifice we have to
make to live here in El
Gringo? Losing our huevos? Queremos
todo gratis y en la mano.
Porque carajos would I want my
money to pay for the cabrones
who don't want to work?

He turns right. Revealing the right side of his face. Clean shaven.

His plaid shirt is untucked and is wearing Vans.

LIBERAL:

The people who our taxes help are
actually those who get hurt
on the job, get laid off and are
looking for work, or a single
mother who needs help to feed her
kids. Now isn't that the
Christiian thing to do?

He turns back to Cowboy. Turns happen QUICKLY.

COWBOY:

Mira, if you can't afford a kid,
then maybe you shouldn't have
one.(TURNS)

LIBERAL:

So you're saying the poor shouldn't
have kids?(TURNS)

COWBOY:

I didn't say that. All I am saying
is echa le ganas!(TURNS)

LIBERAL:

You know los gringos have a saying
kinda like that. It's "pull

(MORE)

LIBERAL: (CONT'D)
 yourself up by your bootstraps!"
 Pero hay gente que ni
 huaraches tienen!(Turns)

COWBOY:
 Mi familia y yo, we came here with
 nothing. We all worked hard,
 bought a house together and started
 our small business
 together. We got nothing for
 free.(Turns)

LIBERAL:
 And your family?. Can you imagine
 doing all that on your own?
 Buying a house? Childcare? How
 about when you needed a little
 help?, Making rent, a ride to work
 or the doctor.(Turns)

COWBOY:
 Noooo que la fregada... now I have to
 feel ashamed that I have a
 big supportive family? Familia is
 what makes us strong,
 resilient and Mexican!(Turns)

LIBERAL:
 No para nada! Not shame. Just
 recognize that not everyone is as
 blessed with a large loving
 family.(Turns)

COWBOY:
 Pero, come on! You come over for
 the American dream y muchos
 don't even make the effort to learn
 English.(Turns)

LIBERAL:
 Look, somos inmigrantes, It's part
 of our identity to help. The
 sacrifice we made? God already did
 that. Now we just have to
 try to follow in his son's
 footsteps. (Turns)

COWBOY:
 God? His son? This coming from
 someone who is pro-choice? Jaja!
 (Turns)

LIBERAL:

Mira, Religion should have no say
in how we write our laws. Si
no, we would be Saudi Arabia.

Beat. He takes a pause. Slowly turning forward facing the
audience

which represents the mirror in bathroom.

COWBOY/LIBERAL

I can do this all day. The real
question is, who the fuck am I.
Hard working religious Mexican
immigrant? Or a Mexican American
who is fighting to make his new
country a better place?
Academia doesn't understand, the
media doesn't care to, and the
politicians, well... they scratch a
hole in their head when they
see how many Latinos voted
Republican. Maybe... I don't have to
choose. Maybe I am both. Maybe I am
a new breed of American.
One that is not yet fully
developed, not fully understood...
jaja. Not even by myself.

He splashes his face with water. Towles it off. Looks in the
mirror.

Puts on his tejana. And as he walks out..

LIBERAL COWBOY:

Que pedo compa. Vamos por unos al
pastor? Fuck your truck lets
take my Prius!