CATRINA

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EXT. CITY'S PLAZA - DAY

A huge, white CREATURE rampages across the CITY's PLAZA. Has BLACK EYES, some cracked WINGS and a HUMANOID form. People watch in horror while OFFICERS try to surround the creature.

OFFICER 1.

Come on, don't let it get away!

OFFICER 2.

Roger that! We need to make time, she's almost here.

Then, someone appears from nowhere and punches the CREATURE, making it fall to the GROUND. She lands a few meters from it. A WOMAN with BROWN HAIR as a PONYTAIL, wearing a SUIT with COLORFUL PATTERNS and with her FACE painted in WHITE, with some ornaments around her MOUTH and EYES. The citizens cheer, their hero has arrived.

OFFICER 1.

CATRINA, took you a while.

CATRINA unties her HAIR TIE and turns it into a WHIP.

CATRINA.

Thank you for holding it down, OFFICER KIRKMAN. I'll take it from here.

CATRINA closes her EYES and a WHITE AURA comes out of her and her WHIP. The CREATURE stands up again and runs towards. She raises her arm with her PALM open.

CATRINA. (CONT'D)

GOSPEL!

The CREATURE is surrounded by a SHINY LIGHT and begins turning into dust, until there's nothing left.

CATRINA. (CONT'D)

CITIZENS of MEJINEL, you are safe!

The entire crowd cheers even harder. However, among them, there's a YOUNG GIRL who's silent. However, her eyes are glowing and are wide open. She's just admiring her biggest admiration, the hero CATRINA.

CATRINA vanishes and the YOUNG GIRL comes back to her senses when she hears something. Takes her PHONE out and realizes it.

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Oh no, I'm late!

She rushes out of the crowd, while a small WHITE SPHERE with an EYE quietly leaves the BATTLE SCENE.

EXT. HIGHSCHOOL - DAY

MEJINEL HIGHSCHOOL, the most important institution in the entire region, dedicated to preserve its rich history about the gallant hero, CATRINA. However, its almost empty, as most of the students already began their classes.

The YOUNG GIRL walks among a silent CAMPUS, heading to her CLASS.

INT. HIGHSCHOOL, HALLWAY - DAY

The YOUNG GIRL walks the HALLWAY while watching the PHOTO she took of CATRINA.

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MAN, she's amazing. This is the second time I ever saw her! I love her SUIT and the MAKEUP.

She then passes alongside the PRIZE CABINET and sees herself. GLASSES, messy hair, a pimp here and there and a bit scrawny.

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IM STOUNING TODAY! Look. At. That.

But then realizes that it bothers her a bit.

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There's nothing wrong with me, I just wish to be as strong as her...

She keeps walking to her CLASSROOM but stops before going in.

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To stand up to my bully.

She goes inside...

INT. HIGHSCHOOL, CLASSROOM - DAY

There, she sees a BLONDE YOUNG GIRL with PALE SKIN, great FIGURE and amazing POSE, while she's talking with her two friends, JENNY and SOPHIE.

The YOUNG GIRL sees her and she feels scared but also pissed.

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HEATHER

RIVER walks without being seen but it's not that effective.

HEATHER.

RIVER, hi, good morning!

She's stays paralyzed but tries to not show how it affects her.

RIVER.

Hi HEATHER, how are you?

HEATHER.

Well you know, its so busy and tiresome to be CLASS PRESIDENT. Bet your life is so breezy.

RIVER's composture is adamant. In comparisson with other days, she's being polite.

RIVER.

Well I manage. If you don't mind...

RIVER turns and walks away but HEATHER stops her.

HEATHER.

RIVER, just, try to look more like a lady, you know? And also fix your hair, you are a mess.

RIVER rolls her eyes and goes to her SIT while ignoring HEATHER. When she sits, its wet and all she hears are laughs, from HEATHER and her 2 friends, JENNY and SOPHIE.

She turns to see HEATHER and seems clueless. But breaths and ignores it, like any other day.

EXT. HIGHSCHOOL - DAY

The WHITE SPHERE with an EYE arrives at MEJINEL HIGHSCHOOL and looks at the building. Then, it begins shaking.

SPHERE.

CATRINA, located.

Then it begins changing shapes, morphing, until it coats itself invisible, but with its footprints still visible, and bigger with each step.

INT. HIGHSCHOOL, CLASSROOM - DAY

RIVER's making her backpack to go to the next CLASS and as soon as she gets up, HEATHER arrives.

HEATHER.

Hi RIVER. Sorry for bothering you but you seem to have your butt soaked. Did you...

RIVER.

What, HEATHER? Pissed myself? You used that insult a few years ago so it's not that fun.

HEATHER.

Listen RIVER...

RIVER.

No, you listen to me! I'm tired of feeling scared and worried every time I come to school. You are always treating me badly. So back off!

HEATHER stays silent, while watching her surroundings.

RIVER. (CONT'D)

What? Got scared already?

HEATHER leaves the CLASSROOM without saying anything and RIVER stays there, being watched by her CLASSMATES.

RIVER. (CONT'D)

OH you have to be kidding me.

RIVER leaves the CLASSROOM too.

INT. HIGHSCHOOL, HALLWAY - DAY

RIVER walks the HALLWAY while thinking out loud how is she going to apologize to HEATHER.

RIVER.

Look HEATHER, I'm sorry if I hurted your feelings...Hey, HEATHER, are you all right?...You shouldn't be mad at me, stop playing! Ugh, this is the worst. I'm just going to go see her and apologize...

EXT. HIGHSCHOOL - DAY

RIVER opens the EXIT DOOR to the CAMPUS and sees someone crashing in front of her. It's CATRINA, badly injured and barely conscious.

RIVER runs towards her, worried.

RIVER.

Hey, are you all right?

CATRINA quickly moves away from her and just looks at RIVER.

CATRINA.

You...can see me?

Both hear a big stomp and that's where RIVER begins seeing, clear as day, the same MONSTER from a few hours ago. This time, red color, white eyes and bigger. And also, angry.

RIVER.

Is that...

CATRINA.

The monster from earlier...I don't know why but it became stronger.

RIVER.

We have to do something.

CATRINA tries to get up but her leg is broken. The MONSTER growls at them and begins running towards them.

RIVER. (CONT'D)

CATRINA!

CATRINA.

RUN! NOW!

RIVER.

Are you kidding? I'm not leaving you!

The MONSTER prepares to punch them but CATRINA manages to paralyze it for a brief moment.

CATRINA.

Ok, there is a way.

RIVER.

Tell me!