

La Catrina Summary

Capítulo 5

As the Navarro's eat supper, Sr. Navarro informs Carlos that he will have to work in the restaurant that evening since they have a meeting. This messes up Carlos' plans to attend the party that the university is throwing for the exchange students. His father gets angry and reminds Carlos that the business supports the family. He's upset that Carlos is only concerned with the environment. Carlos works for Operación Aztlán, a company devoted to promoting awareness and to protecting the environment. Sra. Navarro offers to work at the restaurant, but Carlos insists that he will work. He cautions his father that he, too, should be concerned about the environment. Later, at the party, Felipe and María chat about the differences between the States and México as well as their childhoods. They spot Jamie at the party and inquire as to the whereabouts of Carlos. Jamie explains that Carlos had to work and suggests that they all go to the restaurant to have coffee and cheer him up. At the restaurant, Carlos, who is now falling for the "norteamericana", is elated to see Jamie. A few days later, Carlos drops by the Linares' home with a fax that arrived for Jamie via the restaurant. Jamie rushes to the library. Reading an excerpt from a history book, she learns that her great grandmother was a very brave woman who stole money from the rich in order to give to the poor. She was admired and respected; however, La Catrina was betrayed. Her hacienda, la Hacienda La Catrina, thereafter, became known as La Jacaranda.