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María and her friend, Susana, join Felipe at a discoteque. Susana is originally from Spain but has been living in Querétaro for two years. Felipe and María order sodas, and Susana goes off to chat with some friends. The couple end up dancing, and although Felipe claims not to know how to dance, he's pretty light on his feet. The four friends meet at the park where it becomes clear that Jamie is as interested in Carlos as he is in her. In scene 3, we find Carlos working in the offices of Operación Aztlán. A little girl appears with a letter from her mother. The letter is written to Carlos and in it, Sra. Guzmán informs him that illegal pesticides are being used at la Hacienda la Jacaranda. Because of these dangerous chemicals, her husband is ill and the fruits and vegetables grown at la Jacaranda and sold at the public markets are contaminated. She pleads with Carlos for his help. Carlos discusses the matter with his co-worker, Silvia. She points out that the workers have written letters before, requesting their help, but until the workers themselves report directly to the authorities, nothing can be done. It is Don Silvestre Aguilar, owner of la Jacaranda and congressional candidate, whom the workers fear.