

SIDE - KID
SIDE - MOTHER
SIDE - JUSTIN
SIDE - CARLOS

Carlos jogs over to the playground to retrieve the ball.
Justin drinks from his water bottle that he retrieves
from his bike.

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A male kid throws the ball back to Carlos. It goes
past Carlos and rolls toward Justin.

KID
I'm sorry mister.

CARLOS
Strong arm.

KID
My dad showed me.

Carlos looks around.

CARLOS

He here? We're playing a game in a little bit. We could use another player.

The kid walks away without speaking as a lady approaches Carlos. She is in her 30's. It is the kid's mother.

MOTHER

His father died in the Saudi-Iranian war.

CARLOS

I'm sorry to hear that. I have a little boy.

MOTHER

Spend as much time with him as you can. You never know when your time might get cut short.

She walks away.

Carlos is bothered by the comment.

Justin comes over.

JUSTIN

Everything okay?

CARLOS

Kid lost his dad in the war. Mom's kinda paranoid. That's all. Just weird.

They begin to walk back to the court.

JUSTIN

Whatever it was, it got you in a funky place.

CARLOS

You ever thought about your kids growing up without you?

JUSTIN

Too many times. But if something happens, that's why I made you their god father.

CARLOS

I mean, what happens if I'm gone like that kid's dad?

JUSTIN

Deuce has got me and your
brothers. We got him covered.

CARLOS

That's cool and all but that's not
me being there for him.

JUSTIN

Then do what you need to do to be
there for him.

CARLOS

I'm saving money. Cut out all the
smoking. Got some plans for adding
on to the house.

JUSTIN

That's good. But I'm talking
about doing what you need to do
for you. Not one day is promised
to you. You gotta make the choices
that will give you the chance to
be there every day with him.

CARLOS

Who's being weird now?