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RUN FOR THE BORDER

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SANCHEZ

Hola, mi amigos!

MORENO

Que pasa?

SANCHEZ

What's happening?

MORENO

I'm U.S. National Guard Corporal Ricky Moreno! I make six dollars an hour!

SANCHEZ

And I'm Private Eddie Sanchez! I make less than him!

MORENO

And if you want to work in America...

BOTH

"Let's talk business!!!"

SANCHEZ

George Bush just said he was gonna put 6000 National Guard troops on the U.S.-Mexico border!

MORENO

Which means...

SANCHEZ

We're buggin' out of Iraq!

BOTH

"Bueno!!!"

SANCHEZ

But, dudes, that border between our countries is like 2000 miles long!

MORENO

That means we only got like three dudes for every mile.

SANCHEZ

Three dudes who are...?

BOTH

"Underpaid!"

MORENO

Hey, Eddie, look! It's a twenty dollar bill!

SANCHEZ

Where?

MORENO

Private Sanchez, what were you doing just now?

SANCHEZ

Corporal Moreno, I was just...

BOTH

"...Looking the other way!"

MORENO

Oh, Private Sanchez! Don't let me catch you doing it again!

SANCHEZ

Here it is amigos: President Bush says we are going to have the finest electronic equipment...

MORENO

Unmanned spy planes...

SANCHEZ

Motion detectors...

MORENO

And giant mousetraps with piñatas in them!

BOTH

"Right!"

SANCHEZ

We'll get these things...

MORENO

Right after we fix social security...

SANCHEZ
And fly to Mars.

MORENO
So, as usual it will be up to the Guard to do our duty.

SANCHEZ
Which we will.

MORENO
With a certain quality all travelers to El Norte
understand:

BOTH
"Latitude!"

SANCHEZ
For the proper consideration, Corporal Moreno and I will go
to the bathroom...

MORENO
...To do our business.

SANCHEZ
This will leave a whole two-thirds of a mile open...

MORENO
For you to do yours.

BOTH
"Ca-peesh?"

SANCHEZ
We accept Cash...

MORENO
Sex...

SANCHEZ
Drugs...

MORENO
But no whining about how you're my cousin.

SANCHEZ

Offer good for a limited time only.

MORENO

Not good after Election Day 2006.

BOTH

"Hasta La Vista!"

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