EXT. CAR DRIVING ON NJ TURNPIKE - DAY

ROB (30'S SMARTASS, NERDY, ALTERNATIVE WHITE-PASSING LATINO) is driving and ANGELINA (30’S SASSY LATINA WITH HIP HOP STYLE) is in the passenger seat. Neither are talking.

Angelina is flipping through radio stations, and stumbles across a famous Salsa song. She keeps the station, starts dancing in her seat, then starts to sing along, only knowing the words here and there.

After a bit, Rob gets annoyed by her singing and changes the station to Rock music.
Angelina shoots him a look, rolls her eyes.

ROB (CONT’D)

But now that Cardi B made it cool to be in the “Latino Gang” you wanna pick up and move to the middle of the Caribbean?

ANGELINA

Jeez if you didn’t want to drive me to the airport you could have just said so.

ROB

Mom made me do it.

ANGELINA

And no. I’m not moving because (air quotes) ‘Cardi B made it cool to be in the Latino Gang’ (serious) I’m moving to Puerto Rico because the island is calling me.

ROB

Who’s calling? Our whole family is in New Jersey.

Angelina stares out the window.

ANGELINA

Ever since the hurricane, I feel like I need to get in touch with the motherland. She’s calling me.

ROB

The motherland? Wow. You’re not some woke, Brooklyn Nuyorican poet (imitates a spoken word poet) ‘The motherland is calling.’ (back to his sarcastic tone) You’re a White girl from the suburbs.
ANGELINA
That is so unfair. It's winter, we're ALL White right now! Look, I hate to break it to you, but we're Latino! Self-hating much?

ROB
Overcompensating much?

It's tense. Then a Salsa song about Puerto Rico plays on the radio. Angelina recognizes the song and turns it up, now inspired. She actually wants to convince him.

ANGELINA
Listen Rob, we're Boricua. And living in Puerto Rico is going to be the most amazing experience of my life!

ROB
OK Chiquita Banana.

Angelina turns up the music more, dances in her seat, shimmies over to Rob, tries to dance with him while he drives. Rob is annoyed but Angelina is relentless and Rob eventually starts laughing. They both laugh.

Rob pulls over.

ROB (CONT’D)
(shouting over the music)
Alright Rosie Perez, if you're done with your Soul Train moment, we're here.

Angelina turns down the music. They both sit still for a moment.

ANGELINA
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ROB
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ROB Side

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ROB
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ANGELINA
Rob!

ROB
What? I do think you're crazy. Because I could never just uproot my life and move to an exotic island where I don’t even know anybody. So yeah, I’m worried.

(sighs)
But you’ll be fine. Somehow you always are. Ang, if anyone in our family can just up and move to a foreign country, you can.

ANGELINA
Well technically Puerto Rico’s not a foreign country, it’s part of the United Sta-

ROB
Really? That’s how you say thank you?

ANGELINA
Thanks Rob. That really means a lot coming from you. I love you.

ROB
Love you too hermana.

They hug.

ROB (CONT’D)
Look, be safe down there. You know how these Puerto Rican guys are.

ANGELINA
You’re a Puerto Rican guy!

ROB
Not really.

They laugh.

END.