

## **HANNAH SIDES (Massacre)**

This is a short story with a narrator, two main characters (Niko and Hannah) as well as other minor characters.

**HANNAH** – a white woman in her early 20s working as an assistant at Ashmir Development, a housing development company. She is a former ballet dancer, forced to quit after hurting her knee. She is spirited with a quick temper.

**NIKO** – a Latina woman in her early 20s, also working as an assistant at Ashmir Development. Her mother died six months ago. She and Hannah are close friends.

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SCENE: At Tenoch, a Mexican torta fast-causal restaurant

**HANNAH**

This whole cover up is so fucked up. We find native remains and we're just going to build over them? You know that's what's going to happen! Why else would the Leonard Ashmir Legal Defense League be there? We're going to steamroll them.

**NIKO**

Is that what Charles said?

**HANNAH**

He can't say that. *(beat)* Fucking bull shit.

**NARRATOR**

They both ordered tortas and found a small table by the door. The food seemed to calm Hannah for the moment. Niko nibbled at hers.

**HANNAH**

You ok?

**NIKO**

Stomach's just off a bit.

**HANNAH**

Mmm hmm. *(beat)* So what did Charles talk to *you* about?"

**NIKO**

Nothing really. They're re-doing some of the videos for the homepage and he thought I'd be good in it.

**NARRATOR**

Hannah finished her bite and put her torta down. She took a drink of water. Niko held her breath.

**HANNAH**

*(sarcastic)*

You would be good in it.

**NIKO**

Fuck you.

**HANNAH**

No, really. I mean it. You can be exploited for the color of your skin *and* be a talented corporate actress.

**NIKO**

Wow. Jealous?

**HANNAH**

Don't deflect. If you're ok with them using your face-

**NIKO**

Stop.

**HANNAH**

--To help them cover up the fact that they're raping Indian burial lands.

**NIKO**

*(sarcastic)*

Don't you mean Native American?

**HANNAH**

Fuck off.

**NIKO**

Well. I'm doing it.

**HANNAH**

Don't make me be a bitch for pointing out the obvious. Do it. I'm sure you'll be great at it. I just hope they bring a make-up artist along.

**NIKO**

Your white guilt is exhausting.

*(Niko begins to exit)*

**HANNAH**

*(calls after her)*

Just saying, Healthy is probably a stretch but with a lot of cover up you might just look human.