## 1082 L7Y1 CSR G1 Coca Colo Colombia READER THEATER:

- CHARACTERS:
  - Narrator : JODIE
  - William Mendoza : MANU
  - Osvaldo (KILLER ) : <u>BETTY</u>
  - Will's wife (Julieta) : <u>STEPH</u>
  - Unionist (Sofía) : <u>FLORRIE</u>
  - Cursive letter : Guidelines for showing as slides during the performance
- **SETTING** : William's living room, dark and lonely street.
- Guidelines:
  - *Narrator* : Read the different parts of the label story on the performance, according to the established order.
  - ACTIONS POINTS:
    - Conversation with Julieta (explaining situation and concern).
    - Phone threaten.
    - Final conversation before leaving the house,
    - Conversation with Sofia about the threat of the company towards Sinaltrainal.
    - Assasination of Sofia and Will.

## 90 % carbonated water, 9% sugar, 1% workers' blood(emphasize). A drink made in Colombia by William Mendoza, a diligent worker in a factory. He worked industriously only to get paid \$1 per hour.

(Will went to the boss office for asking his monthly wage, he felt devastated when he received his high-low payment)

-Salary day

Apart : Will performs this act at the beginning of the piece, the boss is interpreted by Betty.

(Julieta, sitting down on the armchair reading a book, suddenly heard the door of the house opening)

-WILL: God! I don't know what magic trick I need to do for paying this month's rent.

-JULIETA : Oh, what happened?

**-WILL**: you know, I have been sick for 2 weeks and now they tell me that they aren't going to pay me even a penny for it!

-JULIETA : I don't know what you are surprised about... those people have never shown any humanity until now.

-WILL: Sigh!

-JULIETA : It's ok, there's always a way out, and let's figure it out,"mi love".

**-WILL**: Thank you "mi love". Tomorrow's protest is gonna be a big one, and most of us are gonna go on strike! Hope we can shut down that ruthless company if they don't agree to raise our wage of 1\$ per hour.

Fighting for workers' rights, he lodged some protests in the hope of owning a better life. Such hope was shattered after one message sent through a phone call,

(The phone suddenly rang, Will ran towards it for picking the phone up, when he did it, a strange and aggressive voice came out)

-OSVALDO : Will Mendoza. Protest? Are you sure? Alright. To live or die, you decide.

**-WILL**: Listen, whoever you are! This is not my first time to be threatened in this way. I will choose neither. The strike will go on.

**-OSVALDO**: Then you know what's gonna happen: YOUR BODY WILL BE RETURNED TO YOUR FAMILY IN A PLASTIC BAG .

(Osvaldo hanged up the phone.Instantly, Will freaked out and his wife approached him.)

- JULIETA : Threatening you again? This is too much! We are never going to live in peace. However, you know, I am always behind you. Don't give up on the fight, and never give!

-WILL: I know you're always here by my side. Everything is falling apart, but I know we'll be together till death do us apart. (Sigh...)Well, I need some time for myself. Julieta, wait for me here.

(Will, leaving fastly the house, once he spent some time walking outside, he encountered one of the Union workers that just had been laid off by the company)

-SOFIA: Hola Will!!! Hey, We need to defeat those slavers tomorrow, dude. I will be there to support the strike for sure.

- **Will :** Thanks for it, girl. But,I just received a final threat from.... you know, the people that have been threatening all Sinaltrainal since the beginning of the fight.SIGH. Honestly, ,I'm kind of scared right now.

**-SOFIA :** Don't be scared Will, you've been leading this since the beginning, it isn't time to give up on this. I was fired 5 days ago, after joining the Union 2 weeks ago. We are together on this, Will.

(Will said good-bye to Sofia. After, he started to head back to his home.)

-Will : See you tomorrow !

## turning out to be the last words for William, who was supposed to lead in the protest the next day, claiming a higher payment from Co... BANG!

(Suddenly, one noisy shot came across a dismal silence, Julieta got out of the house and found out Osvaldo staring the death body of Will )

-OSVALDO: Man, you can't win. You should know it.

William and other workers lodging this can finally take rest after being buried, but their momentum will never be under the ground.