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MIJA ON THE MIKE - ¡SOÑAR NO CUESTA NADA!

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Welcome back to Mija on the Mike, a season of reflection on our experiences as daughters of immigrants. Each week, I will either be coming to you with a solo reflection or I'll be joined by a wonderful guest, another daughter of immigrants who inspires me and I hope will inspire you.

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If you haven't already check out the rest of the season over on your favorite podcast app. Searching on the Mija podcast English feed for these episodes.

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Now, for this week's solo episode, I want to talk about dreams.

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I like to ask my guests, what's their most embarrassing dream? What is something you'd do if nothing could stop you? So here goes the true story of my most embarrassing dream.

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I'm 14 years old and I am watching a movie in my living room.

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Sabrina.

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It's a classic movie about an American that goes to Paris and has their entire life changed.

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The poor Audrey Hepburn is a servant in this rich man's house and she gets sent away to do her studies in France. She comes back a woman and is transformed into this designer clothes, wearing and educated person that she wasn't before.

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And then she falls in love with the love of her life and happily ever after. It's a great story after I watched the movie.

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I spent the next few days imagining myself as Sabrina. I poor girl from Queens will go to Paris and come back a Parisienn.

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Somehow, some way, I imagine myself walking down the Champs Elysees.

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I see myself eating a croissant in a brasserie. I say bonjour to strangers. It is very silly because it's so impossible in this moment.

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My reality is something so different.

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A few days later it's the weekend and I'm helping Mami with errands.

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We sit at the kitchen table and I help her count coins, 1, 2, 3 dolars.

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We triumphantly say we have enough to buy soap.

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I walked to the store alone to pick it up.

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Edith Piaf's La Vie en Rose plays on my ipod as I walk dreaming about becoming Sabrina.

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I arrive and take out my headphones. Say hello to the bodega owner, and stroll through the aisles.

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I think there are so many options but only one possibility for me.

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I pay and put my headphones back in.

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When I get back from the store, I put away the groceries.

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I sit down and have cafecito with Mami.

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I tell her I'm starting French class at school and that one day I will go to Paris.

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This is delusion. Of course, there is no way we could ever afford that.

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But she says: "Mija, soñar no cuesta nada." Dreaming is free.

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I am so late. The metro is delayed again and I have to stop and pick up batteries from my recorder.

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I am 26 years old on my way to the champs Elysees to record an interview with a famous French chef. I am out of breath.

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I worry, I'll forget my French. I worry, I'll miss my stop. I speed walk at a New York pace and on the street I see a man playing La Vie en Rose on an accordion.

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Most people walk past and roll their eyes. I smile but rush to get to the studio.

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The sun is shining. I'm sweating but I make it on time.

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When I arrive. I sit down and set everything up.

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I am in Paris. This is my life.

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Now I take a deep breath and I press record.

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Thanks for listening. This is Mija on the mike, a season reflection on our shared experiences as daughters of immigrants. Over the next couple of weeks I'll be sharing stories like these, and inviting guests to share theirs.

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Don't forget this season is also about you! if you have a story you'd like to share, I invite you to reach out on instagram @mijapodcast and leave us a message with a short story or memory of yours that warms your heart. We'll read it out loud on the show.

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Thanks for listening. Ciao.