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PROLOGUE / PRÓLOGO



¿*Qué es la belleza?* What is beauty?

Is it something seen—sparkling eyes, a wide smile, and curling hair? Or is it something more—something below the surface? Is it kindness and compassion? Is it intelligence and curiosity? Is it humor and charm? Perhaps it is strength and resilience. Maybe it is courage. Or maybe it is grit.

Bella was a girl who had it all. Everyone who knew her called her beautiful. Her sparkling brown eyes, thick mane of curling dark hair, and

wide, gleaming smile were set against golden-brown, rose-tinted skin. She walked through life with a laugh on her lips, dancing and singing. At 10 years of age, she was open-hearted and sincere, treating everyone with kindness and compassion. And, although she was the ranchero's daughter, she worked the cattle, rode the horses, and loved the land alongside all the workers and her parents, whom she loved so much.

But by Bella's 11th birthday, everything in her world had changed. And so had Bella.

So, *¿qué es la belleza?* And who gets to decide?

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