

Yo soy valiente y determinada I am brave and determined...

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I was born into a family that values hard work and dedication
I was raised to be...

Respectful,
Independent,
Strong

Relying on no one but myself

Yo soy la única que puede lograr mis metas

But with all this comes...

Jealousy,
Madness,
And Negativity

From my family

I am brave and determined

Me pregunto cuando me aceptara mi familia

When will my family's jealousy and negativity subside?

Oigo mi conciencia en el fondo de mi mente

Trying to influence my every thought,

Replaying my family's poisonous words over and over again

Me veo en el futuro

Pushing myself through levels of stress I didn't know existed

Quiero demostrarle a mi familia que yo sí puedo, que ellos están equivocados

Tired of all this hatred

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Aparento estar bien cuando mi familia no me acepta

Knowing my family expects that I'll drop out of college, or that I won't reach my goal of
becoming a probation officer, discourages me every day

Knowing that my family is rooting for my failure instead of my success, haunts me every
night

I feel like a book without a cover

Struggling to find out who I am and where I belong

I can almost touch my future success... still...

I worry I might hear the word rejection one day

I am brave and determined

I know I will succeed with hard work and dedication
I say you can't lose what you don't have
I dream about helping kids when I become a probation officer
I put one hundred percent into everything I do
I hope to be... I hope to be....
Successful,
Independent,
Strong,
And an educated woman to make my parents proud
I AM BRAVE AND DETERMINED...