

## I am Esmeralda

(A monologue, suitable as a radio play. Strong wind sound effects.)

Cast: Esmerelda – A Hurricane.

My name is Esmerelda; I started life on a little known island southeast of Barbados. Daughter of Eduardo and Emma, who have long since departed for bigger shores. The last words my father Eduardo said to me was, "You are a feisty one my dear child, gather your strengths dear one and reign chaos on this world, for soon your time will come. Be patient for now little one. Make us proud and teach them a lesson they will never forget, for you are stronger than your parents combined."

I wait, I grow, I change, I learn to spin, I learn to pick things up and throw them around me, I learn to create a mess. Slowly I master the art of chaos and I love it!

I'm off! Northwest I travel, by my own means, head down I give it everything I have, gathering speed and momentum. Wait! This is incredible, with this momentum I also quickly grow in size! By the time I reach Martinique I have doubled in size and power. The sea rises below me and batters her shores. This is fun! In no time at all I have left many islands soaked in my wake. I reach the Dominican Republic where I gather yet more strength over its land mass, breaking trees and tearing off roofs, I'm having a whale of a time! I see Florida ahead of me, it's golden shores which have no idea of their impending doom. I spin faster, sucking up the power of the sea before I hit more beautiful land. I soon realise that land gives me more power, more speed, more intensity and I grow immeasurably. I am now bigger than my father Eduardo, he must be so proud of me as I wreak havoc across Florida's shores. America thinks I am angry, I am not, how can I be angry when I'm having so much fun! I am now the size of my parents combined, I am bigger, stronger and faster than all of my predecessors. I batter the hell out of everything I see, space centres, theme parks, nothing and no one is safe. I pick up entire buildings and throw them where I like, the boats on the shores my parents left for me I dump onto the land. I laugh at the devastation in my wake. Oh such fun, I'm having the time of my life! What's that I see in the distance, the bright lights of New York? This spurs me on even more and I summon yet more strength. I grind my way inland, through South and North Carolina where the land lies low, simply aiding my progress to the Big Apple!

Those who find themselves in my eye, enjoy the calm and silence for these are your last moments on earth, your time has come!

I AM ESMERALDA, DAUGHTER OF EMMA AND EDUARDO, BOW BENEATH ME AND TREMBLE! FOR I AM CHAOS!

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