

EL JEFE SYNOPSIS (INCLUDING SPOILERS)

The play takes place during February, 2002 in Salt Lake City, where the Olympic Games are underway. A gruff man sits at the desk of an athlete's dorm room and makes a call (in Spanish) to a person named 'Daniela'.

20-year-old Ryan Wedding, a Canadian snowboarder, enters the room, shocked to see the man there. The man reveals himself to be Ryan from the future, which his young counterpart is skeptical about. Young Ryan investigates by asking personal questions, and the man convinces Ryan that he is from the future.

Eventually, Older Ryan reveals why he traveled back in time — he warns Young Ryan that he will fail at the Olympics, and tells the young snowboarder that he needs to take a *steroid pill* to win the medal, to change the course of history. Young Ryan is hesitant, trying to convince older Ryan that winning is less important than the experience. Older Ryan tells Young Ryan that he is wealthy, and will pay off officials for a rigged drug test, insisting that there is nothing to worry about.

Older Ryan becomes impatient with young Ryan's hesitance, and starts to physically intimate him. After many refusals, Old Ryan takes matters into his hands, attempting to strangle his younger self and kill him. Young Ryan escapes Older Ryan's grip, wounding him. Older Ryan pulls out a gun, but decides not to shoot.

After Young Ryan deduces that the steroids were a ruse, Older Ryan reveals his true identity to be the famous Mexican cartel boss known as "**El Jefe**", and indeed Ryan from the future. Jefe comes clean about his violent history and illegal business operations, which Young Ryan struggles to believe.

Exhausted from their earlier brawl, Young Ryan and Jefe attempt to connect, drinking a beer together and talking about life. Jefe admits to Young Ryan that he is unable to go back to the future, but offers to stay and be a part of Young Ryan's life rather than killing him.

It is then revealed that Daniela is Jefe's girlfriend who passed away, and Jefe says that killing Young Ryan would save Daniela's life. Young Ryan deduces that Jefe killed Daniela, leverages Jefe's emotional state to lower his guard, then steals the gun from Jefe's holster.

Young Ryan tries to shoot Jefe, but the gun is not loaded. Catching Jefe by surprise, Young Ryan knocks Jefe to the ground and mercilessly beats his older self to death with the weapon. Ryan, in a state of exhilaration and despair, does a line of cocaine and cries.