

Episode 10

GLORIA (VO)

Previously on The Princess of South Beach: María del Carmen decided to visit Hermana Claudia, and confess that she's been pretending to be me, Gloria, her dead twin. Meanwhile, my possibly-fake mom, Luisa, went to therapy where she revealed she thinks Esteban is cheating on her. Now let's get back to the convent, where Sister Claudia just heard the whole juicy story...

INT. CONFESSIONAL BOOTH - AFTERNOON 10.1

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

And then he told me that Gloria had just had an ABORTION!

HERMANA CLAUDIA

SANTO DIOS!

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I know! And that's when I came here. Hermana, I don't know what to do.

(Silence)

HERMANA CLAUDIA

Well - I always look to scripture for guidance when I'm feeling lost.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Ok, is there a passage about meeting your long-lost twin moments before seeing her drown and then finding out her family might have murdered your biological mother?

HERMANA CLAUDIA

Not off the top of my head. No.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Well I need to know what to do right now. I don't know how much time I have before they start looking for me.

(Bitterly)

Well, they won't be looking for ME, they'll be looking for Gloria. Gloria who had a perfect life. Gloria who had everything she ever wanted: A family, a big house, ponies. Did I mention the ponies? Gloria who//

HERMANA CLAUDIA

(Cutting her off)

//Is dead. Gloria's dead. Are you jealous of a dead girl?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Well when you put it like that...

(Pause)

SFX Church bells ring distantly.

HERMANA CLAUDIA

María del Carmen. I've known you your whole life. I know your heart. You didn't come here to ask me what to do. You already know what the right thing to do is. It doesn't matter what these people have done, they deserve to know the truth? Gloria, who is dead and she's never coming back home. You need to tell them what happened.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Pero, what about all the evil they've done? I think they killed my biological mother, they had my father deported, they lied to Gloria her whole life/

HERMANA CLAUDIA

And what? You're going to be Judge, Jury, and Executioner? That's not your job, mija. That's God's job. María del Carmen, you know what you have to do.

(A beat)

María del Carmen is ashamed.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

You're right. I... I don't know what I was thinking. I got caught up in all of this. I guess it was nice while it lasted. I'll go back to La Casa Rosa and I'll tell everybody the truth.

ESTRELLA

DON'T DO IT

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

ESTRELLA!?

HERMANA CLAUDIA

¡DIOS SANTO QUE ESTÁS EN EL CIELO! WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?! EXCUSE MY LANGUAGE, GOD.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Estrella, what are you doing here?! This is the maid I told you about, Hermana.

ESTRELLA

Forgive me, señorita Gloria or, ehm, María del Carmen. I... followed you here. I followed you after you left the clinic and I've been listening this whole time.

HERMANA CLAUDIA

Señorita, God would not like this. The confessional booth is sacred.

ESTRELLA

OK well, I'm an atheist but I'm pretty sure you're not supposed to be in there either. Aren't priests the only ones who are allowed to take confessions?

HERMANA CLAUDIA

...THAT'S NOT THE POINT.

ESTRELLA

OK, whatever I'm sorry. But Maria del Carmen you cant tell the Calderons the truth.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Why?

ESTRELLA

Because you're my only hope to find Gabby.

SFX GASP from María del Carmen y Hermana Claudia.

HERMANA CLAUDIA

Wait, wait, wait, who's Gabby??

GLORIA (VO)

Yeah, who IS Gabby?! I'm supposed to be an omniscient narrator, how do I not know who Gabby is?! OK well, while Maria del Carmen and Hermana Claudia process all of that, Esteban and Nacho are hard at work in an office downtown...

INT. OFFICE - DAY 10.2

SFX phone ringing.

KAREN

Esteban Calderón's Office....yes, she's recuperating and The Calderons thank you for your concern.

SFX Click.

KAREN

UGH, Esteban the press won't stop calling about Gloria's accident.

ESTEBAN

(Charmig)

Well get ready Karen because soon we're gonna give them something else to talk about...

KAREN

Oh God, not another boat crash.

ESTEBAN

What? No, I'm running for Mayor

KAREN

Oh right.

SFX a knock at the door, and the door opening.

NACHO

(With a smirk)

I hope I'm not interrupting?

ESTEBAN

Ah, ¡Nacho! No please come in. Karen, please cancel my afternoon meetings. Nacho and I have some catching up to do.

KAREN

Yes sir.

SFX the door shutting behind her.

NACHO

Canceling your entire afternoon? For me? Do you think this will take all afternoon?

ESTEBAN

If it was up to me it would take all night too. Get over here and kiss me.

SFX of rustling clothes, kissing. A belt buckle unbuckling.

NACHO

Whoa, in here? Aren't you worried about (whispers) Karen? And I want you to be prepared for today's announcement.

ESTEBAN

Exactly. I want to have a clear head, and I can't do that if I'm constantly thinking about how much I want you.

SFX kissing again.

[Musical transition, sexy music]

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INT. CHURCH - DAY 10.3

HERMANA CLAUDIA

Alright so? Who's Gabby?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

And what does she have to do with the Calderons

ESTRELLA

Well It's kind of a long story

HERMANA CLAUDIA

It's not like I'm late for a nun conference ...

ESTRELLA

OK - I guess I'll start from the beginning....

SFX Dreamy memory music cue.

It all started when....

SFX Memory music cue

HARD CUT.

ESTRELLA

Wait a second! I don't even know you. I don't even know if I can trust you. I'm not going to tell you the full story... not yet. The only thing you need to know is that a few years ago, someone I care about disappeared. Her name is Gabby. And no one knows what happened to her, but I'm convinced that Esteban Calderon had something to do with it. That's why I've been undercover at La Cosa Rosa. To try to figure out what happened.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Wait, you're not really a maid?

ESTRELLA

Have you ever seen me clean? I don't know what I'm doing. Anyway, I need your help

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

What does this have to do with me?

ESTRELLA

They think you're Gloria. You're one of them. You can get places that I can't. Get the evidence that I've been looking for. I'm telling you, they're bad people and we can bring them to justice. I've been there for three years and I've gotten nowhere. All I found is some shady tax returns and some offshore bank accounts. But you, you're the real dirt.

HERMANA CLAUDIA

Absolutely not. María, you cannot keep lying to these people.

ESTRELLA

THEY'RE NOT PEOPLE THEY'RE MONSTERS. I'm not surprised to hear about what they did to your family. I'm sure you and I are not the only people they have hurt. They don't care who they trample on to get what they want.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I don't know -

ESTRELLA

Please. I know its a lot to ask but it's the only way to get to the truth.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Ummmmm...

GLORIA (VO)

Estrella! When did you become such an intriguing protagonist? You were *just* the maid! But now it's up to Maria del Carmen to decide what to do.

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