

Episode 24

GLORIA (VO)

Previously on The Princess of South Beach: We found out that Nacho has a gambling problem and is in deep with the mob. Meanwhile, Estrella and Maria del Carmen's spying finally paid off, but not in the way they were expecting. Now let's check in on Nacho and Esteban, who just got done with their day of marathon lovemaking

INT. HOTEL ROOM - DAY 24.1

Esteban is buckling his pants, getting dressed. Nacho is in bed.

NACHO

Do you have to leave so soon?

ESTEBAN

I have to finish signing some documents at the office before my dinner with Julian.

NACHO

(A tinge jealous)

Ah... I didn't know you two were going to meet up again.

ESTEBAN

(Dismissive)

He wants my help with some permits or something, I don't know.

NACHO

Esteban, I need to talk to you about something... it's about money.

ESTEBAN

(Drinking water)

I already told you not to worry. Julián has put us in contact with some of his business partners and they're going to //

NACHO

It's not about the campaign, it's something more... personal.

(Beat)

Esteban, I need a loan... of 100 thousand dollars.

ESTEBAN

(Chokes)

100 thousand dollars?! For what?

NACHO

It's complicated...

ESTEBAN

I think if you're asking me for 100 thousand dollars, I have the right to know why, even if it's "complicated".

NACHO

Mira, I wouldn't be asking you if it wasn't urgent. In all the years that I've known you, I've never even asked for a penny. I need you to trust me. I promise I'll pay you back as soon as possible.

ESTEBAN

Nacho, what do you want the money for?

NACHO

I owe money to.... someone. And I thought I was going to be able to pay them back easily, but things didn't turn out that way and //

ESTEBAN

(Concerned)

Who do you owe money to?

(A silence)

ESTEBAN

(Almost angry)

WHO do you OWE money to, Nacho?

NACHO

They're going to kill me, Esteban.

ESTEBAN

Don't tell me you're gambling again.

NACHO

Things got out of control. One minute everything was fine, and the next, well, the debt just kept growing... Esteban please, I'm scared.

ESTEBAN

I can't believe this. Nacho I trusted you. If this got out it could derail my entire campaign. I don't want anything to do with this.

NACHO

Esteban, please.

ESTEBAN

No, no, no, no, no. Not one more word. I don't want to know more about it than I already do. Nacho, figure it out. And leave me out of it.

NACHO

So you don't care what happens to me?

ESTEBAN

Of course I do, you're my best friend. But I can't help you with this.

NACHO

Your "best friend"? I think I'm more than your "best friend", Esteban.

ESTEBAN

Here we go again.

NACHO

I'm tired of you acting as if I don't mean anything to you. You spend more time with me than you do with your own family. I know you better than anybody. We've been lovers for more than FIFTEEN YEARS! When are you going to admit that this is real?

ESTEBAN

Por Dios, Nacho, you sound like Luisa. I've told you before: if it bothers you so much, we can put a stop to this right here and now.

NACHO

That's not what I want, and I know that's not what you want either.

ESTEBAN

(Cold and vicious)

I was always very clear with you. I never lied to you. I never lead you on to believe that this was going to be anything more than just fun between friends. Nacho, I have a wife, a family, a career to think about. Do you think I'm going to jeopardize all of that just to satisfy your weakness?

NACHO

It's not me who is being weak.

ESTEBAN

What are you implying?

NACHO

You don't have to hide anymore Esteban. It's 2021, things aren't like they used to be. Even the Pope is OK with it.

ESTEBAN

(Sudden rage)

For the last time, I AM NOT GAY.

NACHO

Then what are you? What is this? Esteban you haven't touched your wife in YEARS. That marriage is a sham and you know it.

ESTEBAN

Just because Luisa and I are no longer intimate doesn't make me gay Nacho. You had a wife. But you don't see me throwing that in your face. Was that a lie?

NACHO

How dare you. I loved Susana, and when she passed I mourned her. But that doesn't make what you and I have any less real. I'm bi, and I've never hidden Esteban. But you... I've never seen you feel any sort of attraction for a woman. Why is it so hard for you to admit that you're attracted to me? That we're in a relationship? That you love me?

ESTEBAN

This is not a relationship. This is a game. A way of releasing stress. And if you're too weak to handle that, I'll find someone who can. I have to go.

NACHO

Esteban wait//

He is cut off by the sound of the door shutting suddenly.

GLORIA (VO)

Jeeze, Esteban. Way harsh. But don't worry, Nacho, because this secret won't remain hidden for long...

INT. LA CASA ROSA - DAY 24.2

ESTRELLA

I can't believe this son of a bitch has been financing Christian conversion camps while being a closeted gay man.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Yeah, that's nuts but I haven't gone one single day since I got here that I haven't discovered some crazy secret or read a mysterious letter. And now I'm blackmailing someone...

ESTRELLA

Yeah it wasn't like this before you got here. It might be you...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Sigh)

So how do we do blackmail?

ESTRELLA

I'm not sure, but I think I'll use a fake email and tell him that I'm going to release the video of him and Nacho having sex to the press unless he gives me information on Gabby's whereabouts.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I hope you know what you're doing.

ESTRELLA

Yeah well you too - I can't believe you're breaking up with Raul. You know he's not going to take this well...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Yeah well, we've gone through this. I can't keep pretending to be in love with him

ESTRELLA

Because you're falling in love with Andres...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

That's not what this is about! Anyway, I'm gonna do it tonight so wish me luck...

ESTRELLA

Word of advice - drink a little liquid courage before you do it.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

But I've never had a drink before

ESTRELLA

Trust me tonight is as good as any night to start. You're gonna need it. Raul is an ugly crier.

GLORIA (VO)

Wow. Esteban isn't the only one who's about to receive some bad news.

INT- FANCY BAR/BALCONY - DAY 24.3

Generic house music, it's a small and luxurious bar, not a lot of people around. The sound of the waves in the background.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Slurring)

I'll take another Malibu bay breeze please?

RAÚL

Wow you're going through those fast... Are you sure you don't want to wait for the champagne Bollinger La Grande Annee Brut vintage 2012?

Sucking through a straw

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Hiccups)

I'm good. I like these. They're sweet

RAÚL

Well ok, we are celebrating. It is our "kissaversary" after all!

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Groans)

Ugh Kissaversary?! You celebrate a kissaversary???? You know what, nevermind, lets not unpack that

Raul, I need to talk to you about something

RAÚL

Ah, Gloria... Do you remember our first kiss, it was right here on this very balcony. The sun was setting, I asked if I could kiss you, you were like "just do it already." It was so romantic.

María del Carmen

(Drunk)

Raul can you stop reminiscing? I really need to tell you something

The waiter arrives with the drinks.

Waiter

Champagne Bollinger La Grande Annee Brut vintage 2012, aaaand a malibu bay breeze for the lady.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Gulping the drink)

Thank you!

(To self)

How much courage per liquid are in these things.

(Full voice)

OK - BREATH - I can do this... Raul - the past few months have been a challenging time

María chugs it down. Hiccups

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Oh God this is hard - You know what? Can I get another one of these, please?

RAÚL

Gloria are you ok?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Claro... I just...I want you to know that you are great.

RAÚL

Thank you my sweet love melon. And you are//

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(So drunk - beyond wasted)

No no no no please dont do the metaphors. Raul you are very ... creative. And caring, and...I want you to know that this is a very difficult...//

//No nononoo shhhh no metaphors. I have the liquid courage. I don't know how long it lasts.

Waiter

Another malibu bay breeze. Also, heads up, the paparazzi are arriving out front so you might want to leave through the back

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

OH GOOD. (Slurps it down) Ok Raul here it goes. I've been thinking about///

~~Thank you mister waiter man. Ok. Raul you and I really need to talk about//~~

RAÚL

//Our honeymoon! I know. I still can't decide between Fiji or Greece...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

No, no, not that.

RAÚL

Oh! The flowers for the wedding? I thought we decided on orchids

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

No, not, that either

RAÚL

Is it about the guest list because I already told Tiger he can bring a plus two.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I CANT MARRY YOU. I'M SORRY I YELLED THAT. Oh no I'm still yelling. (whispered) Raul I'm sorry but I can't be with you anymore.

SFX the restaurant goes silent

RAÚL

What? Is this a mean Gloria joke? I don't get it

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Stuttery throughout) No it's not a joke. I'm justgoing through some changes in my life. I mean, I need to focus on me right now?.... Uhh, I need space? No - you know what, Raul? Im not good enough for you....Im holding you back! (Hiccups) Actually - It's not you, it's me. I

mean, it's literally not me, and it is kind of you ... oh god this awful, how do I make this not mean?

(Sigh)

What I'm trying to say is - Raul, I'm breaking up with you

Raúl sobs uncontrollably with the most ridiculous sobs you've ever heard.

RAÚL

You can't do this to me. Gloria, you're my everything. You're the rose to my garden, the hoof to my horse.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Oh please don't cry. Raul - You're going to make someone very happy someday. It's just not me. I'm sorry ... I have to go....

RAÚL

No, don't go! Gloria!

We hear her stumbling out and paparazzi cameras flashing.

GLORIA (VO)

Oh. Por. Dios. María del Carmen, I know this is your first time breaking up with somebody, but this still has to be the worst break-up I've ever seen in my life. It looks like my little sis has to go and throw up a truckload of tropical scented alcohol. Well, see you next time when //

INT. FANCY BAR/BATHROOM - DAY 24.4

María is calling someone. She can barely speak.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Aló?

GLORIA (VO)

What? The episode is over, what is she doing?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Andrés?

GLORIA (VO)

Oh no. No, no, Are you drunk dialing?

(Over her should)

She's drunk dialing somebody stop her! Hang up that phone Maria del Carmen!

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

HEy Andres, UGH Ive haD thE WORst Day. HAve YoU evEr BrOken Up wIth SomEoNE? Its really hard!

(Pause)

No, I'm not drunk. You're drunk. I just have something really important I need to get off my chest.

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GLORIA (VO)

Oh God. This is embarrassing. I'm out.