

Episode 26

GLORIA (VO)

Previously on The Princess of South Beach: Luisa is attempting to turn over a new leaf and be nicer to people, which lead her to have an awkwardly flirtatious interaction with my ex-fiance, Raul. Meanwhile, Estrella finally confessed that the missing girl she has been looking for, Gabby, was her girlfriend and disappeared from a gay conversion camp, one funded by none other than Esteban Calderon. Estrella is on a vendetta to find Gabby and followed Esteban to a hotel where she videotaped him in the throes of passion with his campaign manager Nacho, who happens to be in deep debt with the mob.

INT. ESTEBAN'S OFFICE - DAY 26.1

SFX. sliding glass doors and footsteps.

KAREN

(On phone)

Esteban Calderon's office, can you hold?

(To Nacho)

Oh, look what the cat dragged in. Why are you standing in front of me weirdly smiling?

NACHO

Buenos días to you too, Karen. I brought you a latte.

KAREN

OK..? What's going on? Why are you being so nice?

NACHO

I think things are trending up. Esteban's speech went great and we just got the poll numbers in. Everything is going according to plan.

KAREN

(Sips)

Ew. Is this...animal milk?

NACHO

I ... I'll see you later. Is he in?

KAREN

Mhmm.

(Sips)

Ew.

SFX footsteps and a playful knocking.

NACHO

Buenos días, Esteban.

ESTEBAN

(Sternly)

Close the door.

SFX door closing

NACHO

(Smugly)

Did you see the poll numbers?

ESTEBAN

Are you trying to ruin me?

NACHO

What? What are you talking about?

ESTEBAN

I just got an email with this...

SFX footsteps and the playing of the sex tape. Nacho gasps in horror.

NACHO

Who sent you that?!

ESTEBAN

I was going to ask you the same thing. YOU'RE the only one who knew about our little hotel rendezvous. What are you playing at?

NACHO

You think I did this?! Are you insane? This could ruin us both! This has to be the work of Alicia Mendez. It has to be. ~~You know she's playing dirty politics.~~

ESTEBAN

And how did they know where we were if YOU didn't tell them? Have you been playing both sides? Is that it? And now you think you can blackmail me with this?

NACHO

I cannot believe you would think that. After everything we've been through...

ESTEBAN

Is this about the conversation we had the other night? I already apologized, what more do you want from me? Money?

NACHO

Esteban - look at who you're talking to. It's me. I would never do anything to hurt you. What else does the email say? What are the demands?

ESTEBAN

(Coldly)

It just says: "What did you do with Gabby?"

NACHO

Who is Gabby?!

ESTEBAN

It's not important.

NACHO

Clearly, it is! I need to know everything if I'm going to protect you.

ESTEBAN

Protect me?! This is your fault! I can't believe I trusted you.

NACHO

Esteban, I did not do this.

ESTEBAN

Either you're guilty and you've been a spy this whole time, or you're the dumbest most useless campaign manager on earth. Either way, this is your fault.

NACHO

I can fix this. I can prove that I had nothing to do with this. I'm going to find who's responsible, I promise.

ESTEBAN

I hope so, Nacho, because if you don't, this will ruin us both. Now get out.

SFX the door slamming.

KAREN

It looks like the "good mood" didn't last long.

Nacho's phone starts ringing.

NACHO

Raúl this is not a good time to talk//

RAÚL

(Sobbing)

Papi, I know you're very stressed and I really didn't want to tell you, but I'd rather you heard from me than from TMZ...

NACHO

Oh god, what now?

RAÚL

(Almost unintelligible)

Gloria... Gloria broke up with me...

NACHO

No, no, no, Raúl...

RAÚL

(Emotional)

I don't know what happened, papi. We were in the middle of our "kissaversary" and //

Call waiting, beeps on the phone.

NACHO

Raul, wait, I'm getting another call...

RAÚL

Papi, what am I going to do?!

Nacho ends the call and dials his voicemail.

NACHO'S VOICEMAIL

You have one new message:

MYSTERIOUS VOICE

Nacho, we've given you plenty of time. Our patience is running thin. If we don't get our money by end of week... then you better start sleeping with your eyes open, *friend*.

We hear Nacho's stressed hyperventilating.

GLORIA (VO)

Ooff. I haven't been this stressed since Uncut Gems. I'm sure Estrella and María del Carmen didn't realize that the person who would end up being most affected by their blackmail was Nacho. And when people are under a lot of pressure, they tend to do dumb things, very dumb things... By the way, where's Maria del Carmen?

INT. BEDROOM - DAY 26.2

María and Estrella are watching TV.

TMZ ANCHOR

Looks like it's heartbreak central for The Princess of South Beach, Gloria Calderon, and her ex-bae fiance Raul Santana. Check out this footage from their boozy break-up

Audio of the breakup from Episode 24 like it's shot from an iPhone.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

YA ESTRELLA! Turn that off.

ESTRELLA

I'm sorry it's just that, when I told you to try a little liquid courage I didn't think you would drink the whole bar.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

You didn't specify how much liquid courage...

ESTRELLA

Well, GLORIA, now you're free to ...

SFX SMS from Maria's cellphone. One, two, three, four, five messages in a row.

ESTRELLA

Ok looks like you didn't waste any time. Are all those texts from Andres?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Cringing)

No, it's Raul. He won't stop sending Arjona lyrics. UGH. And I don't think Andres is ever gonna text me again. I may or may not have called him courageously, I mean drunk, after I broke up with Raul. I do not remember what I said other than that I was falling in love with him.

ESTRELLA

You told him that you're in love with him?! WOW. OK. (makes a cringe noise) And you feel good about that?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Um no, I'm not psycho.

ESTRELLA

Well, you kinda came off as a psycho.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

It was just my first time getting drunk!

ESTRELLA

Well, you're lucky you're so hot because that would scare away anyone. Even an asthmatic reporter.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Ok, let's stop talking about my love life it's giving me hives.

ESTRELLA

You're right, there's much bigger fish to fry here. I sent the blackmail video to Esteban's email but I still haven't gotten a response.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

How long do we have to wait?

ESTRELLA

I don't know, this is my first time blackmailing someone.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Ok so then what do we do now?

SFX iPhone clicking throughout

ESTRELLA

I guess we just wait? I mean, he must be freaking out right now. We just sent him a sex tape - I'd be freaking out. And I'm not even in the closet. Are you listening?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

OH MY GOSH. It's Andres. I guess I didn't scare him off. He said "Your drunk voice is cute - heart emoji, smiley emoji, Russian flag emoji" What does that mean?

ESTRELLA

OK, so we're not talking about the blackmail?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Sorry - it's just exciting. I think I really like him.

ESTRELLA

Well according to drunk you, you are in love with him.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I...I'm not IN LOVE with him. But I could see myself potentially, one day, being on the path towards...that.

ESTRELLA

I think you just need to get laid.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Gasps)

Estrella! I wouldn't do that! I grew up in a convent! I don't know if you remember.

ESTRELLA

You may have mentioned it countless times.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

The sexiest thing in there was the Joseph they put up in the nativity scene. He was jacked.

ESTRELLA

What are you saying right now?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

When Raul kissed me the first day I was here, that was my first kiss. Andres was my second. So, I'm definitely not ready to be *(Whispers)* getting laid.

ESTRELLA

MMkay well, as long as this school girl romance doesn't distract you from our plan to, you know, avenge your dead mother and find my missing girlfriend.

SFX text message

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

He says the Russian flag emoji was a typo.

(Estrella sighs)

INT. CAR - DAY 26.3

Radio is on. On a very low volume, a female voice is overheard in the background being interviewed by another female voice but the conversation is largely indistinguishable.

ESTEBAN

Jorge Alberto...

JORGE ALBERTO

(Grunts as if nodding)

Mmmmmh

ESTEBAN

A ver, turn the radio up...

Volumes is louder. Suddenly, a clear sense of who is talking and what she's talking about becomes apparent.

ALICIA MÉNDEZ

..."I don't care that we have differing views. It doesn't matter how much we might disagree. What matters is that we stop dehumanizing each other. We need to stop the partisan politics that have divided this country and pitted us against each other. I refuse to give in to hatred..."

REPORTER

Another strong speech by Alicia Méndez, who's running for Mayor of Miami against conservative candidate Esteban Calderon...

ESTEBAN

¡Agghh!, ¡aghhh! ¡Jorge Alberto! ¡Turn that off! I can't even stand hearing her voice. (mocking) "I refuse to give in to hatred..." She's such a hypocrite. Those liberals act like they are so moral and righteous but given the chance they will do whatever it takes, just like the rest of us. You wouldn't believe what she...nevermind.

(A beat. Crinkling magazine under him)

What is this? Oh. great, Alicia is on the cover of Vanity Fair... She's everywhere! And what is this garbage doing doing here anyway?

Clearly annoyed, Esteban throws the magazine towards the floor of the car.

ESTEBAN

Jorge Alberto! Who was the last person to use the car? Where's my Wall Street Journal?

JORGE ALBERTO

Mmmmhh...

ESTEBAN

Well, make sure you throw all this garbage out before I use the car again, understood? (beat)
Stop the car. stop. STOP THE CAR I NEED SOME AIR.

Jorge Alberto grunts. The car rolls to a stop. Esteban hyperventilates, almost in tears.

GLORIA (VO)

Uh oh, looks like Nacho isn't the only one on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Will the race destroy him before Maria del Carmen and Estrella get their answers?