

EPISODE 28

GLORIA (VO)

Previously on The Princess of South Beach: Nacho went to La Casa Rosa to confront the person who recorded a sex tape of him and Esteban, a tape that is being used to blackmail Esteban ... He thinks it was Luisa, retaliating as a jealous wife, but it was actually Estrella, who is looking for information about her missing girlfriend, Gabby, and using the tape as leverage. And María del Carmen broke off her engagement with Raúl to get closer to the gorgeous asthmatic reporter, Andrés, whom she is currently hooking up with. Spicy!

INT. LA CASA ROSA - NIGHT 28.1

NACHO

Move aside. I'm looking for Luisa...

ESTRELLA

Luisa?

NACHO

(Getting annoyed)

Yes, Luisa. Now tell me where that vindictive, lying, manipulative snake is.

ESTRELLA

Ok, tell me how you really feel.

NACHO

WHERE IS SHE?

ESTRELLA

Well first off, stop yelling. Secondly, I'm not obligated to tell you anything. But if you **MUST** know, she's at her weekly hairdresser appointment.

NACHO

Ah, she's at Dr. Goldberg's.

ESTRELLA

Yeah.

NACHO

I don't believe you.

ESTRELLA

Okay. Well, I don't know what to tell you, she's not here.

NACHO

(Ignoring her)

Have you ever heard her talk about someone named Gabby?

ESTRELLA

GABBY?! No...no I've never heard that name before.

SFX sexy music and giggling from upstairs.

NACHO

(Hearing something)

Wait - what was that? SHE IS HERE.

ESTRELLA

(Blocking his path)

No, that's Gloria.

NACHO

Oh, well good - I have some words for her too. Raul is in shambles. This girl thinks she can just play with his heart and get away with it?

ESTRELLA

Wait wait, you can't go up there. She's...occupied

We hear a male voice muffled from upstairs

NACHO

Is she up there with a MAN?

ESTRELLA

I don't see how that's any of your business.

NACHO

That little bitch just broke my son's heart and she's sleeping around already?

ESTRELLA

OK well I think this is your cue to leave...

NACHO

You're really mouthy for a maid, you know that?

ESTRELLA

And you're really bossy for a guy who ISNT MY BOSS. Goodnight!

NACHO

You better watch your mouth, MAID, I'm on a short fuse. I'll be back.

ESTRELLA

My name is Estrella, and you'd better watch YOUR mouth

NACHO

That's what I said to you...

ESTRELLA

I couldn't come up with anything on the fly.... Now leave! Or I'll call Esteban and tell him you're harassing his family. Something tells me you're not on his good side right now.

NACHO

(Suspicious)

Why would you say that?

SFX door opening

ESTRELLA

Maids intuition? Goodbye Nacho.

GLORIA (VO)

Whoa, Estrella, you get more badass everyday. But I don't think Nacho is going to take this lying down.

INT. GLORIA'S ROOM - NIGHT 28.2

GLORIA (VO)

Speaking of lying down...

SFX heavy breathing as they stop making out intensely for a moment

ANDRÉS

Wait, wait.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Oh, your asthma?

ANDRÉS

No, I just want to slow down for a second. I don't want to rush things with you.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I've been taking things slow my whole life. I'm ok with going fast. I've never felt this way for anybody before. I feel like... you're the one I've been looking for. You remind me of who I am. I can be my real self when I'm around you.

ANDRÉS

Gloria, I feel the same way. I just, I don't know, I...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I know we just met but I don't want to be coy and naive or whatever anymore. I like you, and I'm ready to start making decisions for what I want. Not what *Gloria Calderon* wants. What I want. And I want you.

He shakes his inhaler and takes a puff

ANDRÉS

You mean...you wanna...like...with me?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Yeah. And I know I have a reputation or whatever. But there's something you should know... I'm a virgin.

(He shakes his inhaler and takes two puffs)

And I want it to be you. You're the first person I've met who sees me. Who likes me for me. And you're really hot. Like, super hot.

(Beat)

What's wrong?... Is this too much? Did I make it weird? I made it weird.

(To herself)

Why do I always make things weird?

ANDRÉS

No, no. You haven't done anything wrong. You're amazing. And I would love to. Like a lot. But this is a lot of information to process. And I can't do this ... without telling you something first.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

You're a virgin too?

ANDRÉS

(Laughs)

Oh..uh, no.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

You also like Hawaiian pizza?

ANDRÉS

No. Gloria. I'm being serious. I... Never thought that we'd end up like this. I also didn't imagine that you were... you were...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Just say it Andrés.

ANDRÉS

Gloria, before saying anything else, I just want you to know that my feelings towards you are real. I also feel like I'm falling in love with you.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Where are you going with this?

ANDRÉS

You know how I always write articles about your family? Usually, they are just puff pieces, like, "9 tips to get cuticles like Gloria Calderon"

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Is that a real article?

ANDRÉS

Unfortunately. Point is, I want to be a serious reporter. And somehow I ended up writing these stupid gossip listicles no one cares about. And I kept telling my editor that I could do more. But they wouldn't let me cover anything important. Not until I got a scoop. And well, I did...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Ok...

ANDRÉS

So I started investigating your family and I've been writing a piece on your dad for months.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Why are you writing about Esteban?

ANDRÉS

Gloria, your father was a part of something very... ugly.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Yeah, I know, he's done some bad stuff. Why are you telling me this?

ANDRÉS

Uncovering the truth is what I've wanted to do my whole life. And I promised myself that I was going to find the truth, by any means possible and...when I was assigned to write up the article

for your wedding and then Raul didn't show up... I took the opportunity to get closer to you in order to-

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Incredulous)

-Are you saying you made me fall in love with you so that you could investigate Esteban?

ANDRÉS

AT FIRST! Only at first. I thought you were just some vapid, mean, influencer with no soul.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Is this supposed to make me feel better?

ANDRÉS

But you're not. And the more I talked to you the more I started to feel...things. Real things.

(BEAT)

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

IS THERE ANYONE IN THIS WORLD WHO IS WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE?

ANDRÉS

Gloria, listen to me.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

NO. Shut up. You used me. You were the only person I thought didn't want something from me. The only person who saw me for me. And now I find out you're just like the rest of them?

ANDRÉS

Gloria, please listen. I want to help you. Your dad... your dad is involved in some very dark, messed up stuff. He's a liar and...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

A liar... Just like you.....

ANDRÉS

Wait, but it was only a lie at the beginning. What I feel for you now is real!

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Realizes halfway that she's using Hermana Claudia's words)

To keep one lie afloat, you have to drown in a sea of countless others.

SFX knocking on the door

ESTRELLA

(Through the door)

Gloria? I need to talk to you...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Not now, Estrella.

ESTRELLA

It's... kinda urgent...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Estrella, it's not a good time.

ESTRELLA

Nacho just came looking for Luisa...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Okay?

ESTRELLA

And he was asking about... Gabby.

ANDRÉS

Gabby?! Who is Gabby?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Oh! Are you investigating now? Get OUT Andres.

ANDRÉS

Gloria, please.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Out.

ANDRÉS

Ok but...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND ENGLISH?

ANDRÉS

You're sitting on my jacket.

SFX of clothes rustling.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Why am I always sitting on your jacket. Goodbye!

ANDRÉS

(On his way out)

I'm really sorry.

Door closes. Maria del Carmen cries.

ESTRELLA

What the hell was that about?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Between exaggerated sobs)

Nothing. I'm fine.

GLORIA (VO)

Well, that's depressing... Let's switch from one broken-hearted mess to another.

INT. A BAR - NIGHT 28.3

GIRL 1

Excuse me, aren't you Raúl Santana?

RAÚL

Sí, that's me.

GIRL 1

Oye, is it true that you and Gloria Calderón broke up?

RAÚL

Why is everyone asking me that?!

GIRL 1

You've been crying all around Miami. There are photos of you trending on Twitter.

RAÚL

Ugh, sí, it's true. We broke up. Now leave me alone.

SFX phone snapping a pic

GIRL 1

What's up Live, I'm here at the Regent Cocktail Club, and look who's moping right behind me? Raúl SANTANA, the guy who just got dumped by Gloria Calderón!

RAÚL

Can't a guy get drunk at a crowded bar in peace?

SFX Raúl pushing his way through a crowded bar.

The doors of the bar open to paparazzi snapping.

PAPARAZZI 1

Raúl is it true that Gloria dumped you?

PAPARAZZI 2

Raúl it's been reported that more than 10 million was spent on your wedding, is that true?

PAPARAZZI 3

Raúl, do you think there's any chance of you guys getting back together?

RAÚL

LEAVE ME ALONE!

SFX Raúl running from the paparazzi as fast as he can. He runs down an alley and ends up in a very desolate street. He pants to catch his breath.

MAN 1

Raúl Santana?

RAÚL

For god-sake you people are vultures. Can't you see that I'm going through something right now//

He is cut off by the man punching him in the face. The sound of Raúl being beat-up for a few moments.

RAÚL

Stop, por favor. I'll give you whatever you want, please, stop.

MAN 1

Tell your "papi" that if he doesn't give us what he owes us before six PM on Friday, they'll need dental records to recognize you both.

SFX Raúl coughs as the footsteps recede.

GLORIA (VO)

Ooff poor Raúl - it seems like his heart isn't the only thing that got a good beating. And all of this because of Nacho's little gambling problem. But Raul isn't the only one who'll suffer because of Nacho's mistakes...

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT 28.4

María del Carmen is sobbing and blowing her nose.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

So, then he said he's basically been using me this entire time. Anyways I don't wanna talk about it anymore. What did Nacho say?

ESTRELLA

Oh, uh, he said he was looking for Luisa, and he asked if I had heard the name Gabby. So at least now we know they got the email with the tape.

SFX Maria del Carmen blows her nose.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Okay. Can you believe Andres seduced me like that? All to get information on Esteban?

ESTRELLA

Wait. The information he was using you for was about Esteban?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Yeah, he said Esteban was "evil" and that he was involved in "dark stuff" I dunno. I thought he loved me.

ESTRELLA

MARIA, don't you hear what you're saying. Andres can help us. If he used you, why not use him to help us crack the Esteban investigation?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Enough! No more using people! No wonder nobody really cares about me. Nobody. Everybody, including you, just want something from me. And I deserve it because all I do is lie. Hermana Claudia was right.

ESTRELLA

María del Carmen, I really do care about you. We're in this together.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

You only care about me because I'm helping you find your friend Gabby. My fake family doesn't know the real me. And Andres only cared about me to get information. I don't want to be Gloria... I don't even know who I am anymore.

ESTRELLA

Okay let's chill on the existential crisis for a second-

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

The only person that's ever really cared about me is Hermana Claudia and I basically told her to take a hike, so that I could play detective and eat lobster. I'm done with this. I want to see Hermana Claudia NOW.

ESTRELLA

Are you insane? It's almost midnight. You can't just roll up to a convent at midnight.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Why?

ESTRELLA

I don't know if the nun's are sleeping?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Take me there.

ESTRELLA

But-

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

If you really care about me the way you say you do, take me to Hermana Claudia. NOW.

GLORIA (VO)

Aw, Maria Carmen is running home to her nun mom. But watch out sis, because your secrets aren't the only thing following you wherever you go...

INT. CAR - NIGHT 28.5

SFX interior of a parked running car.

NACHO

(On the phone)

Raul! Raul! Why aren't you picking up your phone? You better be asleep and not out and about. I warned you we have to keep a low profile. I am outside of La Casa Rosa right now waiting for Luisa, I think she's the one behind all of this and... wait a minute...

We hear the front door close and María del Carmen and Estrella's voices in the distance. An engine turns over outside and the parked car starts driving.

NACHO

(On the phone)

I'll call you back.

SFX Hangs up

NACHO

(To self)

What are you two doing leaving the house in the middle of the night? No no no no, there's something off about this.... where are you going?

GLORIA (VO)

Watch out, ladies. Never underestimate the limits of a desperate man. Nacho is on a war path and you just skipped your way right into his sights.