

EPISODE 12

GLORIA (VO)

Previously on The Princess of South Beach: Esteban is getting ready to announce that he's running for Mayor of Miami - a fact that he is about to delightfully share with his trusty driver, Jorge Alberto. Wait, have we talked about Jorge Alberto? How is that even possible? I thought you knew everybody already? Bah, well, it's simple ... Jorge Alberto is the driver, whom I suspect is mute. He NEVER speaks, he just communicates through weird growls. Maybe that's why Esteban enjoys spending so much time with him. And look at that! Here they are, spending quality time together right now.

EXT. ESTEBAN'S OFFICE - DAY 12.1

SFX Glass doors slide as Esteban exits his office building and heads towards the garage.

ESTEBAN

(Happily)

Jorge Alberto, it's a big day. Get me home, asap. I've gotta get ready for the announcement.

JORGE ALBERTO

Mmmmh...

We hear two sets of footsteps, a car door opening, Esteban gets in the car and Jorge Alberto closes the door and walks to the driver's door, opens it, gets inside, and closes it.

Jorge Alberto starts the car, we can hear the engine humming. The wheels slide through gravel.

INT. CAR - DAY 12.2

ESTEBAN

What announcement do you ask? Didn't I tell you I'm running for mayor?

JORGE ALBERTO

(Hums) Mmmmhh.

ESTEBAN

Exactly. Today's the first day of MY life. Living my dream. Finally getting out of the Calderon shadow and getting what I want.

JORGE ALBERTO

Mmmmhh..

ESTEBAN

Exactly. It's been a long road to get here, but I always had a clear vision of who I wanted to be, what I wanted to achieve, and I knew that if I just stuck it out it would happen...

JORGE ALBERTO

Mhmm

ESTEBAN

(Chuckles)

The press calls me privileged. They have no idea what it took to get here. What I had to do. I'm not proud of all the choices I made - but if this all works out - it will have been worth it.

JORGE ALBERTO

Mmmmmhhh.

GLORIA (VO)

Choices you're not proud of? Sounds like the perfect opportunity for a flashback. To the last time you saw Luisa's father, Severo, alive.....

[Musical cue for: flashback]

INT. SEVERO'S ROOM - DAY 12.3

A young Esteban walks into Severo's room.

SFX his footsteps on the marble floor.

He knocks gently on the wooden door and very gently pushes for it to open. The wooden door creaks.

ESTEBAN

Good afternoon, Severo, you asked for me?

We can hear a man snoring...

NURSE

Shhhh. He's sleeping.

ESTEBAN

Okay, okay, when he wakes up, can you let him know I was here?

The snoring suddenly stops due to some loud coughing. Severo evidently has woken up. The nurse stands up and approaches the bed.

NURSE

Míreme a los ojos. Relax. Look into my eyes. Try to control your breathing...

The coughing stops.

NURSE

That's it, that's it. Muy bien, Don Severo. Here, drink some water.

We hear Severo gulping the whole glass of water and then the nurse leaves it on the nightstand.

NURSE

Look, Don Severo, your son-in-law is here...

SEVERO

(With still a faint voice from the drowning that happened just seconds ago) That useless, worthless shell of a man...

ESTEBAN

Por favor, nurse, I would like to speak with my father-in-law in private. Is that alright? I'll take care of him, I promise...

NURSE

(Hesitant)

Are you sure?

SEVERO

(Slightly weak)

Leave us.

NURSE

Bueno, *(To Esteban)* please let me know if he needs anything.

We hear the nurse's footsteps walking towards the door and the wood creaking out as she leaves the room.

ESTEBAN

Well, I'm here, what is it that you want?

SEVERO

(With a very low voice)

Come closer...

SFX Esteban's footsteps as he approaches the bed.

I asked you to come so you could see the new draft of my will.

A shuffle of a piece of paper

ESTEBAN

(Reading to himself)

What...what do you mean a new draft? I just came back from the notary with a will that leaves your estate to your family.

SEVERO

(Starts to laugh softly but the warning of a new coughing fit makes him stop)

My family?! Do you and my pathetic daughter think I'm stupid?

ESTEBAN

(Nervously)

What? What are you talking about?

SEVERO

(With a low voice)

Do you think that I was born yesterday? That I'm blind? ... You miserable swine...

(Starts to cough and then continues)

I know Luisa wasn't pregnant. I know that baby isn't my blood. So my money? You won't get a dime.

ESTEBAN

Don Severo, please, how could you say that? You yourself have seen her belly grow, that was your grandchild in there... That's precisely why I brought you the new will, to ensure the future of your heir.

SEVERO

(Enraged)

SHUT UP, SHUT UP! You, you... *(starts coughing)* you snake... You.. you good-for-nothing piece of ... You'll never amount to anything... *(coughing)*. You don't have the stomach for this world...to make the hard choices... You're not a man.

A violent coughing fit starts.

ESTEBAN

(Suddenly more confident as he sees the coughing won't stop). Shut up! Decrepit old bastard... Fine! It's true, Luisa wasn't pregnant. But you have no idea what it took to get that baby.

SEVERO

(Coughing)

Useless. Weak.

ESTEBAN

You're wrong about me. I'm going to accomplish a GREAT deal of things and and ... I'm gonna do it all with your money.

SEVERO

(Keeps coughing violently) Water... I need water...

ESTEBAN

Ugh here

(Pours a glass)

Wait - Sign the will.

SEVERO

Water

ESTEBAN

You think I'm useless. That I won't let you die? Sign the will

SEVERO

(Coughs)

Never!

ESTEBAN

SIGN IT.

SEVERO

FINE!

The sound of a pen scratching.

SEVERO

The... water.

The water glass shatters on the floors.

ESTEBAN

Oops! Dropped it.

SFX Electrocardiogram flatlines.

ESTEBAN

(To himself and quite amused)

How is that for a choice?

SFX Sounds of footsteps approaching in a hurried manner.

NURSE

(To Esteban)

Don Severo! Step aside!!!

ESTEBAN

(Feigning concern)

I.. I.. I don't know what happened. He was fine a minute ago.

NURSE

Don Severo. Don Severo, can you hear me?

The nurse rips off Severo's pajamas. Sound off electroshock charging.

NURSE

One. Two. Three.

SFX Sound of electroshock discharging in Severo's chest.

NURSE

Again. One. Two. Three.

Repeated sound of electroshock discharging in Severo's chest again. As Esteban walks out of the room, his footsteps become farther away.

NURSE

Don Severo, Don Severo...

GLORIA (VO)

Boy - death by toxic masculinity. Rough. And now Esteban might become the Mayor of Miami? Honestly, for Florida, it's not the worst I've seen. So now with me, Ana and Severo - the death toll is up to three. Who else will fall victim to Esteban and Luisa's machinations?...

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