

Episode 13

GLORIA (VO)

Previously on: The Princess of South Beach. O-M-G!!! Talk about secrets! Not only is Esteban, my supposed father, being unfaithful to his wife, Luisa, with his campaign manager, but we also just found out he's responsible for the death of Luisa's father Severo! DARK. Meanwhile, my twin sister María del Carmen found out that our family maid, Estrella, is not actually a maid but a, well we don't know what she is exactly, all we know is she is undercover at the Calderon's Estate to investigate the disappearance of a girl named Gabby. WHEW. This is getting so complicated!

INT CAR - LATE DAY 13.1

GLORIA (VO)

When we last left Maria del Carmen she was choosing between coming clean to the Calderons about usurping my life, because you know, I'm dead. OR continuing the facade to help Estrella and herself get closer to the truth.

We hear the sounds of a car idling.

ESTRELLA

Are you sure about this?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Definitely not but none of these are great options. I'm just doing what I think is right. Whatever that means.

We hear a car turn off.

An awkward silence.

ESTRELLA

So... should I keep calling you Gloria or do you prefer María del Carmen?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Well what about you? Should I keep calling you Estrella or are you going to tell me your real name?

ESTRELLA

Good point...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

María del Carmen

What type of alias is Estrella anyway? Couldn't you choose something more normal?

ESTRELLA

How many times in my life can I choose my own name?! If I'm going to have an alias, I want it to at least be a cool one.

Another pause.

ESTRELLA

Mira, I'm not angry with you. I understand why you don't want to keep this... charade going. I'm disappointed, but not angry.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Believe me, this isn't an easy decision. Hermana Claudia is right. Gloria is dead, and it's just...not fair for them to not know.

ESTRELLA

I'm not second-guessing you but... what about the letters? What if that guy is your real father? Are you really so concerned about coming clean to the people who literally destroyed your family?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Look. I don't know if those letters are real, but I definitely know that Gloria is dead. Because I saw her. Dead. And telling them is the right thing to do.

(Beat)

ESTRELLA

For the record, you were a better Gloria than Gloria.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Well, to be fair it wasn't that hard, from what I gather these people are terrible. But thank you. Honestly, I'm gonna miss you. I've never really had a friend before.

ESTRELLA

You've never had a friend?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I mean, I guess the nuns were my friends? But they're like...old.

ESTRELLA

Well we can still be friends.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Too excited)

Really!?

(playing it cool)

I mean, yeah that sounds cool, dope, yeet. whatevs.

SFX Car parking. Car door opening.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Um, now that we are officially friends, can I be honest with you?

ESTRELLA

Yes but you can't ever say yeet again.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I kinda liked it. The past few days. Sure they were overwhelming and stressful and overly dramatic but... it felt good to be someone. And to be someone people cared about. Also, have you ever had lobster? It's amazing. I am embarrassed to admit this but, I'm jealous. Why did Gloria get this and I ended up with nuns and Spam sandwiches? I know this is wrong cause, you know, she's dead but...I dunno...I guess I'm just sad to be giving it up.

SFX car door shutting.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Sigh)

But it's the right thing to do.

GLORIA (VO)

That was cute. And I'm not surprised Maria is jealous, everyone is jealous of me, duh! But now that she has finally decided to come clean, let's see how the Calderons take the news.

Footsteps to SFX door opening

INT. CASA ROSA ENTRYWAY - AFTERNOON 13.2

RAÚL

Gloria, moon to my night, Sun to my day...I've been waiting for you for hours...what did the doctor say? How's the

(Whisper)

pregnancy?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

The what?! Oh god, I keep forgetting about that. Uhh there is something we need to talk about first. Where are my parents?

RAÚL

They're getting ready for the event. You also have to get ready, mi amor. We're going to be in front of the cameras in less than an hour. You need to get ready too, you can't be seen in comfortable clothes.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Hold on - What are you talking about?

RAÚL

Didn't your dad tell you? Esteban is going to announce that he is running for mayor.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

RUNNING FOR MAYOR?! Can there be 10 minutes where I don't get new information?!

RAÚL

The press is already arriving. OH and my dad is going to be announced as his campaign manager. Isn't that so good for papi?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Raul: They have to stop this. Please, I can't do a press conference. I need to talk to them right now.

RAÚL

You're scaring me, amor, my sweet morning songbird.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

NO - less metaphors, more you getting people.

RAÚL

(A little butthurt)

Ok fine I'm going.

SFX footsteps

ESTRELLA

(Whispering)

Are you sure you want to do this?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

No. Not at all.

INT. STUDY - AFTERNOON 13.3

ESTEBAN

Gloria if this like that time you gathered us all just to tell us you reached 10 million on Instagram
I swear to Go- //

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

What!?! No, I asked you to come here because I have something to tell you. It's about the
accident.

LUISA

Estrella, please leave, this is a private family matter.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

No. I want her to stay.

ESTRELLA

(Whispering)

Don't worry. You got this.

SFX phone buzzing.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Hesitates)

Ehm, I want you all to know it was never my intention to hurt you and, and, and well...

ESTEBAN

Gloria, what are you trying to say?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

The night of the accident, something happened the night of the accident, something happened. And.. um... it's complicated... and I ...was there and...

RAÚL

Just say it, amor, my sweet rose, my creamy Oreo filling...

ESTRELLA

Not the time Raul. I'm sorry to interrupt but, Gloria, there's a call for you and I think you should take it...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Now?

ESTRELLA

(Urgent voice)

Yes, now.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I'm in the middle of a dramatic moment, Estrella. Do you think it could wait //Estrella //

ESTRELLA

They are calling with the *results* of your *test*, *Gloria*.

RAÚL

Are you two doing a skit? I love comedy. I think you should practice a little more, though

ESTEBAN

I don't have time for this...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Sorry, just give me a second.

RECEPTIONIST

Aló? Gloria Calderón?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Yes?

RECEPTIONIST

I'm calling from the office of Doctor Hidalgo. We have the results of your DNA test. The two samples you gave us are not a match. They're not from the same family.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

They're... They're not...

RECEPTIONIST

They're not a match.

The words echo and ring in María's ears.

SFX María del Carmen drops the phone.

Maybe put echoes from Antonio's letter here.

GLORIA (VO)

Then it is true. Luisa and Esteban are not our real parents. That explains why I don't look like Luisa, thank God. But now that Maria del Carmen knows the truth - that they are murderers - what is she going to do.

SNAP BACK INTO SCENE.

ESTEBAN

So what is it Gloria?

(A beat)

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I lost the baby.

Gasps around the room. Raúl goes nuts sobbing.

RAÚL

Noooooooooooo!

LUISA

WHAT!?! Baby? You were pregnant?!

ESTEBAN

What a mess, who else knows of this? Why didn't you tell us before? This could ruin the campaign.

LUISA

Really Esteban?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I was pregnant but I lost the baby in the accident. They just confirmed it. But I'm OK, the doctor examined me and he said there's no permanent damage.

LUISA

Gloria, how could you hide this?

ESTEBAN

Imagine the damage you could've done if the press got ahold of this...

(To himself)

Relax, Esteban, relax.

Esteban tries to chill.

ESTEBAN

If nobody else knows, then let's just stop talking about it. Go and get dressed. The press conference starts in half an hour.

LUISA

But we have to talk about//

ESTEBAN

(Firm)

There's nothing to talk about. Nothing happened. Understood?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Yes. Estrella, can you help me get dressed?

ESTRELLA

Of course, señorita Gloria. Just confirming, you said everything you wanted to say in front of everyone here and there is absolutely no other information you wanted to share.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Nope! ¡Nada! That's it!

We hear Raúl, who is sobbing on the floor, sniffle.

RAÚL

(Sobbing)

My heart is shattered like a plate at a greek wedding.

ESTEBAN

Raúl, por Dios. Get a hold of yourself please.

GLORIA (VO)

Ok um, that was unexpected. But I guess unexpected is sort of our M.O. Welp, looks like little orphan Maria gets to play dress up for a bit longer. Oh, shhh, it's time for Esteban's big moment.

[Musical transition]

EXT. LA CASA ROSA - DAY 13.4

SFX we hear the sounds of cameras snapping.

A mic feeds back as he clears his throat to begin his speech. Esteban speaks to the crowd.

ESTEBAN

Hello everyone. Buenas tardes. Thank you, thank you so much for coming. Firstly, I am thrilled to share with you that my daughter Gloria has made a full recovery from her accident.

Applause

Yes, thank you. She is feeling better than ever and we are so grateful to God for watching over her and our family. The Calderon's have been a part of this community for many generations. As you all know, where we stand today, La Casa Rosa is a historical monument in Miami. For over a hundred years, it has been a symbol of the prosperity our great city is capable of and achieving the American dream. I am here, with my dear wife and my beautiful daughter, to share an important message. That our community is stronger when we are united. That our values: hard work, love of family and above all faith in God ... are what will carry our city into a brighter future. In a world where Christian values are increasingly challenged, especially by politicians that are seeking to change what we hold dear, this city needs leadership that represents traditional values. So today I am announcing my candidacy for mayor of Miami. And since I am a family man, I also want to announce that Nacho Santana, the father of my future son-in-law, will be my campaign manager. I will now open for questions.

The crowd erupts into a frenzy of reporters and cameras.

ESTEBAN

Por favor, one at a time. You there.

REPORTER 1

Hi, Susana Collins, People magazine. A question for your daughter. Gloria, how are you feeling after your accident? What do you say about the rumors that you were navigating intoxicated?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Nervously)

Hola. As my father just said, I'm feeling better than ever and um those rumors are false. The accident was exactly that, an accident. For now, I'm focused on planning my wedding with Raul and supporting my father's campaign. Gracias.

We hear reporter frenzy again.

ESTEBAN

Yes, you, ajá?

ÁNDRES

(he hates his job)

Hi, Andrés Reyes, Teen Vogue. Another question for Gloria. Gloria, did you know that Maxim just named you the sexiest woman of the year?

ESTEBAN

(Annoyed)

Por favor, we're not here to talk about my daughter's personal life. Are there any questions about my campaign?

REPORTER 2

Hola Esteban, Mario Sanchez, El Diario. There have been reports that your family acquired its fortune through dirty money. That you're involved in drug trafficking, that in your factories in other countries employ underaged workers. How do you respond to these accusations?

ESTEBAN

Bueno, I can assure you that none of that is true. We have no ties to drug trafficking. Our factories are in excellent condition, and those kids who were in the building were there on a school trip.

APARNA

Hi, Esteban, Aparna Lakshmi, BuzzFeed. Mr. Calderon, as a self-proclaimed conservative politician, what is your stance on conversion therapy? You have been funding ultra-religious Christian camps that-

ESTEBAN

Yes! And I am proud to be a man of faith. Muchas gracias!

APARNA

Wait, I'm not done. Those religious camps that you donate to are accused of implementing controversial gay conversion therapy on children. It shows in your academic records that you

were enrolled in these religious Christian camps as a young man. Were you subject to these practices?

Gasps from the crowd.

ESTEBAN

Ms.Lakshmi, I am appalled by your insinuations. I am a God-fearing, Catholic man. I believe that the sanctity of marriage is inviolable. I have been married to the love of my life for 23 years and I wish every man and woman the happiness our marriage has brought us. Thank you

APARNA

That was not my question.

ESTEBAN

Ms.Lakshmi I am trying to be polite but I'm losing my patience. I don't know where Buzzyfood-

APARNA

-Buzzfeed

ESTEBAN

Whatever - gets their information, but you should check your sources. Now, if you'll excuse me, my daughter needs rest and I'm sure you'll have many more opportunities to ask me questions on the campaign trail. Thank you, everyone. Buenas noches!

SFX the sound of cameras fades as the door to the house closes behind them.

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT 13.5

ESTEBAN

What was that?! Nacho, why didn't you warn me they were going to ask questions like that?! Those....insinuations could ruin this campaign.

NACHO

(Stuttering)

I'm sorry, Esteban, I have no idea how they got those records, but I'll find out.

LUISA

What records? What was that woman talking about? Are you saying that's real?

ESTEBAN

No. It's all a misunderstanding I assure you. Nacho get to the bottom of this. I need to know what else they know about us. And if another surprise like this pops up, believe me, I'll be expecting your resignation letter.

SFX Esteban marches off and slams the door.

NACHO

Esteban! Esteban, wait!

GLORIA (VO)

Well, that was awkward. This campaign is off to a messy start. Hopefully Nacho knows what he's doing because it's only gonna get messier.

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