

## **Episode 14**

**GLORIA (VO)**

**Previously on The Princess of South Beach:** My long-lost twin, María del Carmen, has decided to continue living as me, Gloria, after the DNA test confirmed the Calderon's aren't our real parents. And Maria isn't alone in her search for the truth. Estrella, our maid, is also undercover in La Casa Rosa to find out what happened to her friend Gabby whose disappearance she thinks has something to do with Esteban. Oh, and Esteban is secretly sleeping with my fiance's father. Yes, the same Esteban who just announced his very conservative campaign for mayor of Miami in a disastrous press conference.

**INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT 14.1**

**GLORIA (VO)**

And right now? María del Carmen and Estrella are in the kitchen of La Casa Rosa figuring out their next steps...

**ESTRELLA**

Maria - what happened back there? You were convinced you needed to come clean. Why did you suddenly change your mind?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

I don't know, when I heard the DNA results, it's like something clicked. What are the odds that all of this happened? That I was there at the exact moment that Gloria died, that I found the letters? That just as I am about to confess the truth I get a call confirming these people aren't my real parents? It can't all be a coincidence. It feels like fate, like I am supposed to be here. I knew I had to do something. So here I am, Estrella. What's the plan?

**ESTRELLA**

Ok, well, I don't know about all that fate stuff but I'm glad you're still here. Now let me think. Ummm, first off if we are going to go all-in on you being Gloria then we've got some work to do. We have to really turn you into Gloria.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Yes, yes! Like get my ears pierced.

**ESTRELLA**

I mean that's the least of our worries. You don't dress like her, you don't act like her and you don't talk like her.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Okay, well what should I do?

**ESTRELLA**

First of all, stop being so nice. Gloria was not nice. Stop saying please. Stop saying thank you.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

That's good advice, thank you.

**ESTRELLA**

*(Sighs)*

Stand up straight, and push your butt out. And trying to look like you're disappointed in everyone.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

*(Confused)*

Um like this?

**ESTRELLA**

You look like you're in pain, don't do that. Here, open your lips a bit and raise your eyebrows - no God I don't even know what face that is.

*SFX the sound of footsteps approaching.*

**ESTRELLA**

Shhh, wait, I think that's Luisa and Esteban! Here, get in the pantry. Quick!

The sound of them shuffling into the pantry, quietly shutting the door behind them. Esteban and Luisa are fighting. Estrella and María del Carmen whisper the following.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Ow! My foot! Why are we here?

**ESTRELLA**

Shhh. Haven't you ever spied before?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Not really, Estrella. Most people don't practice spying.

**ESTRELLA**

Well, it's not rocket science. Just don't move and stay quiet!

**INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT 14.2**

We hear them through the door at first, then move into the room.

**LUISA**

Well, I hope you're happy. I didn't think I could be more unhappy in this marriage but somehow you managed to pull it off. I told you this campaign was a bad idea. Why don't you listen to me?

**ESTEBAN**

Oh, here we go again. You think you're the only one in this family allowed to make decisions? Allowed to want things? You're just like your father.

*SFX of Esteban pouring a drink.*

**LUISA**

Excuse me? My father is the reason you're getting to live out your little political fantasy. He left us all this and without it, you'd be nothing.

**ESTEBAN**

Luisa, how can you defend him? That old man hated you.

**LUISA**

HE DID NOT.

**ESTEBAN**

He hated you. If we hadn't done what we did he would have left you with nothing.

**LUISA**

But he didn't. And everything we have is thanks to him.

**ESTEBAN**

You know what? I spit on his grave.

Luisa gasps and slaps him across the face.

**ESTEBAN**

How classy Luisa.

**LUISA**

Jesus. How did we get here? Wasn't there a time when we actually loved each other?

**ESTEBAN**

Luisa, if there ever was love between you and me, it died the night Gloria was born. And you know why.

**LUISA**

*(Deeply hurt)*

How could you say that? Gloria is the one good thing to come out of all of this.

**ESTEBAN**

Then go keep pretending to be mother of the year and let me do what I want to do.

**LUISA**

Fine. Maybe it's best if we go our separate ways.

**ESTEBAN**

Wait, what do you mean?

**LUISA**

Let's just end this. This isn't a marriage. You don't touch me. You don't talk to me. Why don't you go live your life and I'll live mine.

**ESTEBAN**

Are you crazy? I just announced that I'm running for mayor. I can't win an election - as a conservative candidate - while I'm in the middle of a divorce.

**LUISA**

And what do I care if you're a mayor or not?

**ESTEBAN**

Oh I don't know maybe because it's my dream? I did what you wanted so you could get your dream. Is it too much to ask for you to stand by my side while I get mine?

**LUISA**

Are we forgetting that I am not the only one who got something out of that night? Yes, I got to be a mother but you also got to be RICH. You got to be a CALDERON.

**ESTEBAN**

AND YOU'VE NEVER LET ME FORGET IT. All of my life I have been YOUR HUSBAND. The useless man who married THE Luisa Calderón. I even changed my last name to be a part of your world. Now, I finally have a chance to stand on my own two feet. To do something I can be proud of and you're not going to take it away from me.

**LUISA**

And what exactly are you going to do? You can't force me to be by your side.

**ESTEBAN**

I'm warning you Luisa. If you kill my dream, I'll tell Gloria the truth.

**LUISA**

... You wouldn't.

**ESTEBAN**

You think she'll still love you after hearing the truth? I wouldn't.

**LUISA**

*(Starts to softly weep)*

Esteban, What are you saying? You know I still love you. The only thing I have ever wanted is for us to be a family.

**ESTEBAN**

Por Dios, Luisa. Stop the crocodile tears. Take one of those pills Dr. Goldberg gave you and relax. I don't have time for your tantrums.

Esteban walks out as Luisa cries. She takes out her cellphone and dials. We also hear a faucet, a pill-bottle shake, and a gulp.

**LUISA**

*(Covering up her breakdown)*

Aló? Dr. Goldberg? It's Luisa. I wanted to check if you could see me? As soon as possible?

WE hear Luisa start walking out of the room.

**LUISA**

*(As she walks out)*

No, no! Everything is alright, I am Luisa Calderon after all! It's just that I wanted to talk about a tiny incident...

Luisa's voice disappears in the distance and we move back into the closet with María del Carmen and Estrella.

**ESTRELLA**

*(Whispering)*

Oye, this woman is beyond unbearable... but I think I'm feeling bad for her? Ew.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Can we get out of the pantry now? It smells weird.

**ESTRELLA**

Yeah someone who should really clean up here.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Um isn't that your job?

**ESTRELLA**

Yeah but like ugh...

**GLORIA (VO)**

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**INT. CAR - NIGHT 14.3**

We hear the sounds of a car speeding down the highway.

**NACHO**

That press conference couldn't have gone worse.

**RAÚL**

Huh, I thought Gloria did great...

**NACHO**

I'm not talking about her. Didn't you see how angry Esteban was?

**RAÚL**

Oh, yeah. I guess he was a little angry...

**NACHO**

(Clearly panicking)

A little angry? He was furious. I need to keep him happy. *We* need to keep him happy.

**RAÚL**

Don't worry papi, he'll get over it.

**NACHO**

Do you really not realize the gravity of this situation? This is our only opportunity to become one of the Calderons. We need their money. If everything doesn't go exactly according to plan, we could be left with nothing.

**RAÚL**

Papi, what do you mean we need their money? We're doing fine. We still have the yacht. Right?

**NACHO**

Mira, I didn't want to say anything because I didn't want to scare you... we've been having... a few financial problems lately...

**RAÚL**

Wait, does this have to do with the money you took out of my trust fund?

**NACHO**

Sí, bueno...In a way, yes... I owe some money to some really... unpleasant people. And if I don't pay them soon...let's just say I'd rather not find out what they'd do to me.

**RAÚL**

Papi, you're scaring me. You're talking like we're in Goodfellas. Tell me what's going on.

**NACHO**

For your safety, the less you know the better.

**RAÚL**

That's even more like Goodfellas.

**NACHO**

The only thing you have to know is that Esteban has to become mayor and you have to marry Gloria. I can handle the Esteban part. I just need you to continue to keep Gloria happy and make sure that nothing gets in the way of your wedding.

**RAÚL**

Ok but Papi I'm not marrying Gloria for her money.

**NACHO**

Of course not mijo - You're marrying for love - it just so happens that that would really help us out.

**RAÚL**

Bueno, papi, I think there's something I think you should know...

**NACHO**

I hope this is good news.

*SFX of the car parking as they pull into a driveway.*

**RAÚL**

Um it's not.. Gloria's accident... I think it was my fault.

**NACHO**

What are you talking about, son?

**RAÚL**

Pues, I did what you told me, Papi. I made a little hole in the condom, without her noticing. And it worked. Gloria was pregnant and I was going to become a father.

**NACHO**

Pregnant?! But that's amazing news! That is exactly what we need right now.

**RAÚL**

WAS. Papi, the night of her accident, she and I got into an argument. When she told me about the baby, I was ecstatic. But she kept insisting that she didn't want it.

**NACHO**

What do you mean she didn't want it? Don't tell me she was considering an abortion?

**RAÚL**

She kept saying that the timing was off, that she wasn't ready to be a mother, that her career was just getting started.

*(Starts to cry)*

We started yelling at each other. She kept saying it was her body and her decision. That I couldn't stop her from doing what she wanted to do. I couldn't understand why, why she was so against having our baby. And I don't know. I don't know what happened. I saw red.

*(Choking on his tears)*

And... And...

**NACHO**

And what happened?

**RAÚL**

Well, she kept saying she wanted to leave and I grabbed her. I just wanted to explain - for her to understand but she kept pulling away and I let go and she fell. I didn't push her but she looked at me with these eyes

*(Starts truly sobbing)*

like I was a monster. I would never hurt her.

**NACHO**

*(Gently)*

And then what happened?

**RAÚL**

She broke up with me. I told her it was an accident, that I would never have hurt her on purpose. But she said she was done with me, that she would never be able to see me in the same way again. And then she ran to the pier where her boat was. I tried to stop her. I was following her in my car. I was on the phone with her. Begging her to stop, to be careful. And I...I saw her boat crash. I saw her crash, papi. I don't understand how she came out alive. I didn't think anyone could survive that.

A moment while Raúl sobs and Nacho takes it all in.

**NACHO**

But then, how is it that you two are so close now?

**RAÚL**

That's what's strange, papi. She doesn't remember anything. She hasn't mentioned our fight once.

**NACHO**

And what about the baby??

**RAÚL**

She lost it. She told us today. She lost it in the accident. Papi, All of this is my fault.

Raúl starts to weep again.

**NACHO**

Ay, Raul come here.

We hear Nacho pull Raúl into a hug, as Raúl weeps into his shirt.

**NACHO**

Mijo, don't cry. Everything will be alright. If you got her pregnant once, you can do it again. Focus on the future. The wedding is what's important.

Raúl weeping loudly into his father's shirt.

**NACHO**

Hijo, you're getting my shirt all wet. And it's a Lacoste.

**GLORIA (VO)**

(sigh) The old hole in the condom trick. So it seems that Luisa and Esteban are not the only ones with their secrets. And I wonder if Maria del Carmen can figure out who she can really trust.

**END**