

Episode 16

GLORIA (VO)

Previously on The Princess of South Beach: My long-lost twin, María del Carmen, and my maid, Estrella, want to get revenge on my fake parents Luisa and Esteban for murdering our biological mother and stealing me as a baby. Wow - what a sentence. If that wasn't enough, we found out that Raúl got me pregnant on purpose because his dad, Nacho, wants access to our family fortune. Yes, that is the same Nacho who happens to be sleeping with my "dad" Esteban, the "conservative" candidate in the upcoming elections for mayor of the city of Miami. Ay Dios mio, all this plot-twisting is so dramatic...

INT. BEDROOM GLORIA - DAY 16.1

Birds chirping, the sun rising, yawning. María is waking up on a peacefu-

ESTRELLA

María Del Carmen!

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Shhh, they're going to hear you!

ESTRELLA

Don't worry, there's nobody here. Luisa is at the club and Esteban is off doing some rich person sport like badminton or lacrosse or something. The house is all ours to snoop around and investigate.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Oh, finally! That's grea//

Someone knocks on the door, doesn't wait, and goes right in. Both Estrella and MDC gasp!

RAÚL

Gloria! Mi amor, the Kit to my Kat, the hakuna to my matata, the/

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Raúl, you can't just walk in here, what if I was asleep or in the bathroom or even like...

(Trying to whisper)

naked?

RAÚL

(Bursts into laughter)

Ay, Gloria, I love that you haven't lost your confusing sense of humor despite the temporary amnesia... Sorry, for bursting in, I was just so excited to see you. I feel like I haven't seen you in weeks, amor de mi vida.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

We saw each other forty-eight hours ago.

RAÚL

(Kind of ignoring her and just keeps up ranting)

Hours, days, months, years. What is time for a man in love? You know what we need? A proper date. Something deeply romantic.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I'm a little busy today, Raúl.

RAÚL

That's not true. I took a peek at your calendar, you are completely free.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I have a calendar?

RAÚL

I can't hold it in any longer: I have a wonderful date all planned out for us! SURPRISE!

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(She is excited)

Oh my god really? I've never been on a date! I mean since the temporary amnesia.

Estrella clears her throat.

RAÚL

We're doing something we've never done before. Something you couldn't have dreamt up in your wildest dreams.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Gasps)

like...GoKarts?

RAÚL

Even wilder!

Estrella clears her throat again.

ESTRELLA

Actually, señorito Raul, Gloria still isn't feeling good enough to go out on exciting dates.

(Through gritted teeth)

Right, *Gloria*?

María hesitates.

RAÚL

She looks perfectly fine to me.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Ummm...

RAÚL

Will you give me the pleasure of taking you on an incredibly romantic day of thrilling adventures, my sweet love rose.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Hesitant)

Ehm...ok! Yes, alright, I'm in.

RAÚL

Perfect. I'll come to pick you up around 2. See you then, mi amor, the icing to my donut, the milk for my raisin bran, th...

He leaves the bedroom still saying vague romantic metaphors and closes the door.

ESTRELLA

(Trying to hide she is pissed)

Oh hey Maria del Carmen, did you forget I exist? You promised we were going to investigate today.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Yes, but...did you hear what Raúl said? He has a surprise-filled, and I quote, thrilling adventure.

(Gasps)

What if he takes me to Disney...

ESTRELLA

I've heard it's overrated...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

...Or what if he takes me on a hot air balloon.

ESTRELLA

Those things are pretty dangerous...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Or a pony ride at sunset by the beach.

ESTRELLA

You can't ride ponies as an adult...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Estrella... The most exciting thing we'd do at the convent was go on a picnic. Which is just eating but outside and with ants. Can I enjoy being Gloria just for today? Please.

ESTRELLA

Alright, alright FINE... but tomorrow we work on our investigation and revenge and sabotage the WHOLE day, got it?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I PROMISE! Oh my god, I wonder what this date is gonna be like. I have a good feeling about the ponies.

ESTRELLA

Seriously, you can't ride ponies as an adult unless you work at the circus.

GLORIA (VO)

So while Maria del Carmen gets ready for her big day, Luisa is across town with her therapist Dr. Goldberg, planning one of her own

INT. DR. GOLDBERG'S OFFICE - DAY 16.2

Scribbling on paper.

LUISA

And then he turned over and told me he couldn't because he had a headache.

DR. GOLDBERG

And how did that make you feel?

LUISA

I mean, he's had a headache every night for the last six years so I wasn't *surprised*. Honestly, it's fine, I don't even care. My life is perfect.

DR. GOLDBERG

Mhm, right. Luisa, if you really want to reconnect with your husband maybe you have to try something new. What if you surprise Esteban with something. Something unexpected. You know, break up the routine.

LUISA

A surprise...I guess I haven't stopped by Esteban's office in quite a while. I could drop in for a quick visit.

DR. GOLDBERG

Sure, even something simple like taking him lunch can shake things up and spark a change.

LUISA

You know, doctor, despite the fact you aren't a real doctor-

DR. GOLDBERG

A Psychiatrist is a real doctor.-

LUISA

Sometimes you do have good ideas.

DR. GOLDBERG

(Sighs)

Thank you, Luisa. We're out of time.

(Whispers)

Thank god.

(Normal)

See you next week.

INT. STORE - DAY 16.3

A quiet clothing store with obnoxiously "classy" music.

LUISA

And give me 10 of those suit jackets, one in each color. Quick, I am dropping these off as a sexy surprise for my husband.

CLERK

Yes, Mrs. Calderon. We also have ties that go with each one.

LUISA

Perfect. I'll take all of them.

The Clerks' footsteps recede, someone else approaches from behind.

NACHO

Hola, Luisa.

She is startled.

LUISA

Nacho! What are you doing here?

NACHO

I was on my way to your husband's office and I saw you through the window, I thought I should say hi.

LUISA

Ah, well.....hi.

She turns around

NACHO

Look, Luisa, I think we got off on the wrong foot. I know you don't like me much. But it's been ten years, don't you think it's time you and I bury the hatchet? I mean, after all, we're going to be family soon

LUISA

Look, Nacho, let me make one thing clear. Gloria may be marrying your walking cliché of a son, but you and I will never be family. You will never be a Calderon. Let's not pretend that isn't what you're after.

Luisa walks away. He follows

NACHO

Wait, Luisa. No need to be so hostile. You and I want the same things. A happy union for our children . A prosperous future for our families. A happy Esteban. Don't you want Esteban to be happy?

LUISA

Are you suggesting that I don't know how to keep my husband happy?

NACHO

No... Of course not.

LUISA

Then what are you implying?

NACHO

I'm not implying anything, I'm just trying to be friendly.

LUISA

You're not being friendly, you're a snake and I'm the only one that sees it-

They get heated and start talking over each other.

NACHO

A snake? I am Esteban's best friend. I don't know what you think I'm up to but I've never - I don't understand why you assume the worst of me and of everyone. I built myself from nothing, there's no shame in that. Oh, jeeze, You're impossible.

LUISA

Don't think you're getting away with it. You may have tricked Esteban and Gloria but I see you for who you are. You're a climber who started from nothing and steps on whatever it takes to get what you want. Ugh, it's like you and your son have taken over this family!

Clerk comes and interrupts.

CLERK

Sorry to interrupt this...reunion but um, Ms. Calderon did you want the ties in silk as well.

LUISA

Yes. I said ALL of the ties.

CLERK

Got it. Sorry.

Clerk walks away. Luisa takes a breath.

NACHO

Luisa, I'm not going anywhere. So I'm just saying both of our lives would be easier if we could get along.

LUISA

(Chuckles)

If you want to play this game Nacho, be my guest. You wouldn't be the first to underestimate me. Now, if you'll excuse me, my Hermes suits are waiting. Don't worry, I'm sure you can find something for yourself in the clearance section. It's in the basement.

She walks off

GLORIA (VO)

Tssssss, sick burn, Luisa. While you make your triumphant "badass bitch" exit, let's see how Maria del Carmen's surprise date is going.

EXT. PARK - DAY 16.4

Sounds of birds, dogs barking, people chatting in the background. María del Carmen stumbles while she walks. Raúl is right behind her.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Raúl slows down, I can't see anything.

RAÚL

Well, that's the point of the blindfold, my caramelized lump of sugar.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

So what's the surprise date? Where are we going?

RAÚL

You'll never guess, it's a place where you've never been before. Enough with the hot air balloons, enough with those beautiful sunsets, and enough with those relaxing cruise ships to the Caribbean. I wanted to get back to basics, just you and me. So I brought you to a...

Raúl takes off the blindfold.

María gasps.

RAÚL

public park!

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Aha... and, where's the surprise?

RAÚL

This is the surprise, mi amor. You've never been to anything public!

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I don't understand.

RAÚL

We're AT A PUBLIC PARK...

(Whispering)

Like a poor person.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

What?

RAÚL

Today we're going to see how the other half lives! Really get to know each other outside all the glitz and glam! That's why I planned this poor person date. Because I want you to know that I would still love you outside of all the money and the fame.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Disappointed)

So we're here to just walk and talk in the park?

RAÚL

And have a picnic! In a public Park!

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

YOU HAVE GOT TO STOP SAYING THAT PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO STARE

So where's the food, I'm starving.

RAÚL

(Seriously concerned)

Wait, I was supposed to bring food? Can't we just buy a picnic somewhere around here?

(Shouting)

Hey, you! Common person. How much do you want for that picnic?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Disappointed)

Raúl, stop. You can't just buy someone a picnic. Let's just go home.

RAÚL

(Turned on)

What a wonderful suggestion, my tender bed kitten. A little solo time with you is exactly what I've been craving.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

WHAT? NO! No, no, no. I'm not referring to THAT.

RAÚL

(Sexy voice)

Let's go home and you can tell me *exactly* what you're referring to.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Raúl, I'm not ready to...

(Trying to find an excuse)

You know, I've been thinking... and there's something super romantic that I want to do... I think we should wait until we're married.

RAÚL

What for what?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Wait to...you know...

(Whispers)

to sex...together.

RAÚL

(Horried)

What?! Why?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I, I... I read it in a magazine, there are couples who just put a pause on all that a month before getting married... to, uh... increase the anticipation of it.

RAÚL

(Disappointed)

Oh...of course. If that's what you want, but you can tell me if you don't like if you wanted to interrupt right now and say you were kidding....(sigh) Okay, we will wait then.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Gracias Raúl. You're the bread to my, uh, my bakery.

GLORIA (VO)

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INT. ESTEBAN'S OFFICE - DAY 16.5

Nacho and Esteban kiss enthusiastically. They sit on the desk, papers fly around. A pause.

NACHO

You won't believe who I ran into today.

ESTEBAN

Less talking, more kissing.

He kisses Nacho. Nacho stops.

NACHO

Your wife.

ESTEBAN

Ugh, why are we talking about her? Are you trying to kill the mood?

NACHO

That woman has always hated me and I wonder if she suspects something and we need her to-

ESTEBAN

(Laughing)

Don't be ridiculous.

They kiss and giggle between each sentence.

ESTEBAN

I've been married to that woman for 20 years and she's never suspected a thing. Anyway, I don't think she would believe it if she saw it with her own two...

A door opens.

LUISA

Esteban! I brought you a surprise!

GLORIA (VO)

Uh, oh. What's that you were saying Esteban? This is gonna get good. Popcorn anyone?

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