

## **Episode 18**

### **GLORIA (VO)**

Previously on: The Princess of South Beach. Estrella and María del Carmen's plan to find something incriminating about Luisa and Esteban was interrupted AGAIN, this time by an unexpected photo shoot for Teen Vogue. Esteban met with Julián, an old friend, who agreed to fund Esteban's campaign for mayor. And oh yeah, Nacho got a threatening voicemail that said...

### **INT. OFFICE - DAY 18.1**

#### **MYSTERIOUS VOICE**

Why aren't you answering your phone Nacho? You know you can't hide from us. We know where you are. Where you live... Where your son lives. So you better pay us what you owe because we would really hate for another... accident to happen.

Nacho breathes deeply.

*SFX the phone ringing. We listen to this as a phone call.*

#### **RAÚL**

Hey, papi, what's up?

#### **NACHO**

Raul, where are you?

#### **RAÚL**

At home. I'm just getting ready to see Gloria. Papi my date was... not so great. I don't know how poor people do romance//

#### **NACHO**

*(Cutting him off)*

Raul, I need you to do me a favor. Go to my//

#### **RAÚL**

Ah, papi, I'd really like to help you but I'm about to head out. Gloria has a *Teen Vogue* photoshoot and they're going to interview us about the wedding and //

**NACHO**

THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT. Hijo, I wouldn't be asking you if it wasn't important. There's a key to a safety deposit box hidden under the bible in my nightstand. Take it to the bank and take all the cash you see. It should be about 60 thousand dollars.

**RAÚL**

60 thousand doll///

**NACHO**

DON'T TALK, JUST LISTEN. Put the money inside a briefcase and take it to the address I'm about to give you. Do you have a pen?

**RAÚL**

Sí, but why don't you just text me?

**NACHO**

No, it's better not to have a record of this. Ok, write it down: 557 Biscayne Blvd

*We fade out into the VO.*

**GLORIA (VO)**

Boy oh boy, Nacho, now what did you get yourself into? And where are you sending Raul? Well before we find out, let's check in on Maria, who will be flying solo at the photo shoot.

**INT. BEDROOM - DAY 18.2**

We hear Raúl on the other end of a phone line.

**LUISA**

Mmmhmm. Sí but// Mhmm. I'll let her know.

*SFX hanging up the phone*

That was Raúl. He said to send you his most sincere apologies. He's got some emergency, you're going to have to do the photo shoot and interview all by yourself.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Wait, there's an interview? So I'll have to answer questions about myself...by myself

**ESTRELLA**

Yes, well that's generally how interviews work//

A knock at the door as Andrés says his line. Andrés is polite and has a more grounded energy than the rest of this cast of characters.

**ANDRÉS**

Aló? Sorry I'm a little early. I'm Andrés Reyes - from *Teen Vogue*?

**ESTRELLA**

*(To María Carmen)*

Oh my freaking god, he is HOT.

**LUISA**

*(Flustered by his hotness)*

Ah, sí sí, the reporter. Andrés, it's so nice to put such a handsome face to a name finally. I wanted to thank you for your wonderful treatment of the Calderon family all of these years. Some reporters have no integrity but I have always found you to be very fair. Even in the article about the tragic incident involving our Shetland Ponies, may god rest their soles, you still treated us with the respect we deserve.

**ANDRÉS**

Oh thank you, Mrs. Calderon.

**LUISA**

Please, call me Luisa. By the way, did you say your name is Andrés Reyes? As in the San Francisco Reyes', the ones with the chocolate company? Great family. They once lent me their private plane to go to Vegas. The plane was small but charming.

**ANDRÉS**

-No, no. No, not the same Reyes. I'm of the Liberty City Reyes'...My dad's a mailman.

**LUISA**

*(Grossed out)*

Ah, I see. Wonderful, dignified work. Everyone needs mail, right? Anyway, I'm sorry to say that Raul won't be able to make it today.

**ANDRÉS**

Oh. Um ok. My editor was expecting interviews with both Raul and Gloria. Because of the wedding and whatnot.

**LUISA**

Yes, well it seems you'll just have to make do with just Gloria today. That won't be a problem, right?

**ANDRÉS**

No, no of course not. I will make it work. Seriously, I have to thank you for asking for me specifically to do this article. This will be my first time writing the cover story. Plus the whole office is jealous that I get to interview this year's sexiest woman. I mean, because of the article in Maxim, you know? Not that I don't think you're sexy. I do. I mean, I'm not trying to come on to you. This is coming out wrong. Oh gosh, is it hot in here?

Rakes out his inhaler and takes a puff.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Oh right you have asthma!

**ANDRÉS**

Yeah how did you know?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

I...I just, have a sixth sense for ...asthma

**ESTRELLA**

Gloria are you ok?

**LUISA**

Andrés, why don't you accompany me to the kitchen while Gloria finishes getting ready? I can tell you all about the remodeling we did. Right this way. Wow, these biceps are very strong for a reporter. Is it all the typing?

*SFX Luisa and Andrés' footsteps fade as the door shuts.*

**ESTRELLA**

What's going on? Why are you freaking out?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

*(Hyperventilating)*

Estrella do you remember that one time you helped me disguise myself and leave the house for a bit?

**ESTRELLA**

Um, vaguely? Was that before or after I found out you were Gloria's orphaned twin that took her place following a tragic-

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

-IT WAS BEFORE. Well, I ended up going to a park to clear my head and when I sat down on one of those benches, I ran into this handsome and wise and... handsome, very handsome guy. We talked for a while and he was so understanding and smart and, and... that was Andres! Andres the reporter. Andres the guy who's about to interview me about my life as GLORIA. What if he recognizes me? I told him my name was Maria? What if he realizes there's something off? What am I going to do?!

**ESTRELLA**

That sounds like a problem.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

What?!

**ESTRELLA**

You told me you were going to help me look for evidence. You could've canceled all of this. But once again, you chose to play princess for a day. So you can figure this one out all by yourself.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Estrella, please, don't be mad at me. I know I messed up and I should have stuck to the plan...

**ESTRELLA**

Yes, you should have.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

But if I mess this up then everyone will find out I'm not really Gloria and the whole plan will be ruined. Estrella, I need you. We're in this together. Help me, please.

*(Estrella hesitates)*

**ESTRELLA**

Alright. Fine. But I'm not just doing this for you, I want to see Andres one more time. I've never felt a sexual attraction towards a jawline before, but here we are.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

It's like Brad Pitt and Ricky Martin had a baby...and that baby grew up and met Ana de Armas and Shakira's baby. And then those two babies had another baby...

**ESTRELLA**

I'm not even into guys and I would hit it. Twice

**GLORIA (VO)**

Anywho, now that Maria and Estrella have made up, let's check in on Luisa and that asthmatic hotty Andres as she gives him a tour of our house.

*[Musical transition]*

**INT. KITCHEN - DAY 18.3**

**ANDRÉS**

Ah, Luisa, is this a portrait of your father?

**LUISA**

No, that's me...

**ANDRÉS**

Oh, obviously, hehe, I think it's the angle and the light that kind of... umm, do you know how much longer it'll take for Gloria to get ready?

*SFX heels click-clacking in an uneven rhythm.*

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Here I am!

**ANDRÉS**

Wow, you look very beautiful. I mean, like, you know you look good and stuff. Um, did you stub your toe? You're limping...

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Ah, no haha. No, I'm just not that good with high heels...

**ESTRELLA**

*(Laughing awkwardly)*

hahaha good one. She obviously knows how to walk in high heels because she is A PROFESSIONAL MODEL. She's always... joking around.

Estrella laughs a bit too long.

**ANDRÉS**

Ehm, why don't we start off with some photos right here in the foyer?

We hear her awkwardly walk over.

**LUISA**

Bueno, I'll leave you to it, I have to go see my ...hairdresser. Estrella, come along.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

NO!... Um, I mean...what if I get thirsty? I need her to stay here with me... to bring me water?

**LUISA**

Ok, but Gloria, but don't get too friendly with the help because she'll get lazy.

**ESTRELLA**

I'm right here...

**LUISA**

Bueno, bye.

*SFX door shutting.*

**ANDRÉS**

*(Sounding a little concerned)*

Ok, give me a sexy pose. Mmm,...no. That looks like it hurts... Try to smile... Oh, ok, or not.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Sorry, I'm not... I'm not used to being the center of attention.

**ANDRÉS**

But you've been doing this for years. Don't you like it?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Oh em... pues... yes? No. I don't know.

**ANDRÉS**

What do you mean?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

I sometimes feel like there are two Glorias.

**ESTRELLA**

METAPHORICALLY SPEAKING.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Yeah, *metaphorically*. the one in the magazines and the one in real life.

**ANDRÉS**

And which one is in front of me right now?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Pues, since the accident, I feel like the "real" one is the only one who made it out alive...

**ESTRELLA**

*W-AT-E-R? ANYONES NEED WATER?*

We hear the camera clicking as Andrés leads the shoot.

**ANDRÉS**

Tell me about the accident. How do you feel?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Good. Bueno, I still find myself forgetting little things like where did I leave the car keys what is my name hahaha... but generally I feel good.

**ANDRÉS**

I imagine it hasn't been easy having to keep up with appearances after such a traumatic experience.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

You have no idea...

**ESTRELLA**

EXCUSE ME but, isn't this article supposed to be about the wedding? So why don't we, um, shift gears here? \*makes bell noises\*

**ANDRÉS**

Ah, sí sí of course. One second, let me get to my questions. EM.

Andrés shuffles through papers.

**ANDRÉS**

How are things with Raúl?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Oh, he's been by my side, constantly.

**ANDRÉS**

Tell me about him. What's your favorite thing about him?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

*(Struggling)*

Bueno, he is...very romantic. And he loves a good metaphor....he's tall.

**ESTRELLA**

Sí, and he always brings her her favorite kind of bread in the morning. And he's very detail-oriented, he always remembers anniversaries, he even remembers the little things like the first time he brought her her favorite kind of bread. These two love bread. Oh, and he always

smells like ... like a field after it rained. You have my permission to use that description. I'm pretty good with words.

**ANDRÉS**

Yeah, thank you. But, I would love to hear this from Gloria.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Yeah, well. Everything she said.

**ANDRÉS**

How long have you been together?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Oh ummm..haha I feel like we've met in several different lifetimes...so, impossible to say exactly how many years...

**ESTRELLA**

But if you were to count them in normal human years: it'd be 7.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Yeah, exactly, seven...human years.

**GLORIA (VO)**

OOF I haven't seen a more awkward scene since that one time Luisa tried to kiss Kevin Hart at our Christmas party.

**INT. LA CASA ROSA - DAY 18.4**

**ANDRÉS**

*(Sensing the weird-ass vibe)*

Why don't we try something a little more intimate? Señorita Estrella, can you leave us alone for a little bit?

**ESTRELLA**

Interesting idea there, reporter man. But, what if she gets thirsty?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

It's alright, Estrella. I think I got this.

**ESTRELLA**

You sure about that G-L-O-R-I-A?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

I'm fine.

**ESTRELLA**

Ok well, I'll be right there in the kitchen. So, call me if you need...water.

**ANDRÉS**

Are you two speaking in code?

*SFX Estrella leaves*

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

No no I'm just chronically dehydrated. Um, what were you asking?

**ANDRÉS**

Right, Gloria, I've been reporting on your family for years now and I have to admit you're nothing like what I was expecting. At all.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

What? What do you mean?

**ANDRÉS**

I don't know, my colleagues had told me that you had a reputation for being kind of a...handful.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Yeah, no, I've heard I mean

*(Over-acting)*

HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO ME THAT WAY?

**ANDRÉS**

Wait, my point is I feel like that callous persona is an act. A big part of my job is reading people. Like you are...the opposite of what people think you are. This is going to sound weird but, I feel like I know you.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Oh, no.

**ANDRÉS**

No, no, I mean There's someone behind that façade and I would love to bring that out in my article. Beyond Raúl and your marriage and the dresses and the gossip. I want to see the real person behind Gloria Calderon. I like her better. There's someone here who deserves to be seen, for exactly who she is.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

I don't think that's a good idea...

**ANDRÉS**

Please? It doesn't have to be right now... I feel like I want to get to know you (saving it) for, em, for the article, obviously.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Just for the article?

**ANDRÉS**

...Bueno, maybe not *just* for the article. Maybe I'm interested in getting to know you.

*(Pause)*

**ANDRÉS**

Sorry. This is inappropriate. I don't know what got into me. I interview beautiful women all the time, not to brag. I'm not bragging I bring it up because I don't - connect with people this way. I- you're disarming. Which is a weird way to describe a woman considering it sounds like a war term but- there's something about you. Oh god, alright I'll have a co-worker reach out to reschedule this interview. I'm so sorry.

*(To self)*

What are you doing?!

Andrés starts packing his stuff up.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Wait, don't go!

**ANDRÉS**

I just crossed a line, no wait, not just one, several lines. I deeply apologize.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Stop. I... I feel like you're the first person in a long time who sees me for who I am. Did you really mean that you like me more than "THE Gloria Calderon"?

**ANDRÉS**

Absolutely.

We hear María del Carmen walk closer.

**ANDRÉS**

Why are you...walking towards me like that?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Shhh. Kiss me.

*[Fade out on sexy music and kissing]*

**GLORIA (VO)**

Ay, Dios mío. Now the Virgin Mary herself, María del Carmen, wants to get it on with the reporter? He's hot but has asthma and...glasses, ew.

Well, we will have to see how this plays out because I don't think Raul will like this at all

**END**