

Episode 19

GLORIA (VO)

Previously on The Princess of South Beach: María del Carmen is too busy making out with the hot reporter to continue with her and Estrella's plan to destroy the Calderons. Nacho has sent Raul to pay off some mobsters who he owes a lot of money to and as you can imagine, what's about to go down is not pleasant.

INT.CHINESE RESTAURANT - DAY 19.1

As Raúl walks into a lonely Chinese restaurant we hear some Latin music song in the background. He is greeted by a Chinese lady who walks him towards the back of the building. There, a table where four Mara gangsters are playing poker.

EL FIDEO

Tsss... look.

GONZÁLO

(Leaves the cards on the table...)

Look what the cat dragged in... Raúlito, Raúlito.. your daddy took his time, didn't he?

RAÚL

(Nervous and shaken)

Um, so sorry for the inconvenience? My dad gave me something that I'm supposed to give to you. So anyway, here it is! Goodbye!

"El Fideo" stands up from his chair and approaches Raúl. He takes the case from his hands and sets it on the table.

GONZÁLO

WAIT! Let's see what your daddy sent us...

Gonzalo starts counting the money but sees that at least half of it is missing...

RAÚL

Everything alright? Can I go?

The suitcase slides through the floor. We can hear the suitcase opening...

GONZÁLO

Tell me something, Raúlito, do you think I'm an idiot?

RAÚL

Me? No! NO! I mean I can't be sure because I just met you but you seem very smart and very... menacing.

GONZÁLO

(Clearly disappointed, he sets the case aside.)

Did you come here just to eat dumplings? What do you think about Fideo? This asshole came in here just to insult me...

RAÚL

Señor... no, señor... I... I came straight from the bank, there are 60 thousand dollars in there... I'm sure that whatever is going on is just a misunderstanding. My dad can explain.

GONZÁLO

Mira, vato pendejo, tell your pathetic papi that I'm keeping this just so I don't have to whoop your ass right now. I'm expecting to get everything I'm owed by this Friday or I'll cut both your necks and feed them to the crocodiles, understand?

RAÚL

(Gulps)

Yes. Actually, no, you're gonna feed our necks to the crocodiles?

EL FIDEO

If I were you. I'd leave. Right now.

(He starts thumping his fist against his other hand.)

Get out of here before I change my mind.

Raúl walks speedily towards the exit and nearly falls because he doesn't see some steps towards the exit. "El Fideo" laughs as he sees him walking out.

GLORIA (VO)

Welp, while Raul's situation feels very HBO, let's head over to La Casa Rosa where Maria del Carmen is STILL making out with the hot reporter.

INT. LA CASA ROSA - DAY 19.2

SFX the sound of lightning and thunder as the rain starts pouring outside. Kissing sounds. We hear a knock on the door and door opening

ESTRELLA

Just checking, does anyone need-

(Andres and Maria del Carmen GASP)

ESTRELLA

water?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Estrella this is not

ANDRÉS

What it looks like.

ESTRELLA

No, yeah, it definitely doesn't look like you guys were passionately making out...I didn't see anything.

Estrella walks away.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Dios mío, what am I doing? I can't get involved with you, I'm engaged to Raúl!

ANDRÉS

I know, I know. But I feel like... I don't know, Gloria. I don't think you have feelings for him. Every time I asked you something about Raul, it was like you were a completely different person.:-

I almost feel like you're not Gloria Calderon.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Andrés, mira, maybe I'm being impulsive here but I have to tell you something. You're right I'm not..//

SFX the door bursts open

ESTRELLA

WATER. I BROUGHT THE WATER.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Estrella!?

ESTRELLA

HERE'S YOUR WATER! I know how THIRSTY you get, and I didn't want you to make the mistake of being THIRSTY in front of a stranger.

ANDRÉS

Ummm...I'm going to go to the bathroom. It looks like you two are talking in code again, so... I'll leave you to it.

SFX Andrés leaves the room

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Estrella, you have got to stop doing that

ESTRELLA

You were about to tell him who you are, weren't you? I heard it all.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I wasn't going to tell him anything! We need to find you a hobby Estrella because the whole lurking behind closed doors is getting old.

ESTRELLA

Don't try to change the subject. Were you going to tell him the truth?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

No! I was going to ask him if he was willing to help us out on our investigation... into the Calderon family...

ESTRELLA

And don't you think that would seem a *little* suspicious?! Gloria Calderon wanting to investigate her own family?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

...I hadn't thought about it that way. I was distracted. His eyes, they're so blue. And they have this warm honey hue to them, they're completely -

ESTRELLA

WAKE UP GIRL! He could expose us, and then we'd lose our only chance at making things right.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

But I think he's not like the rest of them. I swear. I feel like he's genuine.

ESTRELLA

You've known him for less time than it takes to warm up a Hot Pocket! You don't think you have feelings, do you?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Over-acting)

What? Of course not.

(Nervous laugh)

That would be crazy.

ESTRELLA

You're a terrible actress. Until we can be sure we can trust him, don't tell him anything. Got it?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Okay. Alright. But nothing is stopping me from getting to know him better, right?

ESTRELLA

As long as that doesn't involve you choking on his tongue, then sure, go ahead.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

So you were listening to us the whole time, huh?

SFX Knocking on the door. The door creaks open.

ANDRÉS

So, are you guys done talking about me?

ESTRELLA

hahaha, what? No, we were talking about Gloria's hydration levels.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Ok, bye, Estrella! Thank you so much for the wateeeeeer...

ESTRELLA

(Sing-songy)

Okay... Leaving now. Don't forget what we talked about.

Estrella walks away.

ANDRÉS

You two seem close.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Yeah she's great. She's a good person. The question is, are you?

ANDRÉS

Me? No, I'm a terrible human being, obviously.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Oh really? What makes you so... "terrible"?

ANDRÉS

Pues, my mom always tells me I don't call her enough, even though I talk to her every single day.

(María del Carmen giggles)

My friends tell me I work too much, but they're just mad I can't play Call of Duty all day. Oh, and the real puncher, my grandma thinks I am a criminal for not liking raisins in my tamale.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Ew! That's disgusting!

ANDRÉS

I know, right?

María del Carmen laughs with him. They are flirting.

ANDRÉS

And what about you, Gloria Calderón? Are you a good person? Or a *bad* person?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Pues... I don't know what I used to be. And honestly, I don't know what I am right now. I think I have what it takes to be a good person - and I *want* to be a good person. But sometimes it's hard to tell which decisions are the right ones.

ANDRÉS

I think you're a good person.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

You don't even know me.

ANDRÉS

Then let me get to know you. What's your favorite type of pizza?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

That doesn't tell you anything about a person!

ANDRÉS

Of course, it does! If you say you like Hawaiian pizza, I'll know immediately that you're a monster.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

What is with the stigma against pineapples on pizza!

ANDRÉS

I knew it! You *are* a monster.

SFX they laugh there's a pause.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Andrés...

ANDRÉS

But why do you care so much about Raul? I've read the articles on your fights, you know. I don't know, I don't think he treats you right.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

He does! He might be a little corny, but he does love me, and it's not fair of me to betray that trust.

ANDRÉS

Are you sure Raul is who you want or is it just who everyone expected Gloria Calderon to want?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

That's a loaded question.

Andrés

Then... can I take you out to dinner? As friends, I'd like to get to know you. I'm sure I can find a place where they can ruin a perfectly good pizza with some tropical fruit.

They laugh together.

GLORIA (VO)

It seems like Maria del Carmen is falling head-over-heels for Andres... Poor Raúl, he's going to be heartbroken. But be careful María Carmen, not all frogs transform into princes. Sometimes when you kiss them, they just give you herpes.

INT. CAR - DAY 19.3

Raúl steps into his car and before doing anything he holds his head and starts bumping his forehead to the steering wheel. He calms down and dials the phone. Nacho doesn't answer.

RAÚL

(Leaves a message)

¿Papi? What the hell!!!!!! What was that place? Who do you owe money to? What have you gotten yourself into? They're gonna feed our necks to the crocodiles. I'm on my way home... I want you to explain EVERYTHING! Okay love you.

GLORIA (VO)

Ay, Raúl. What is your father up to now?

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