

## **Episode 26**

**GLORIA (VO)**

**Previously on The Princess of South Beach:** Luisa is attempting to turn over a new leaf and be nicer to people, which lead her to have an awkwardly flirtatious interaction with my ex-fiance, Raul. Meanwhile, Estrella finally confessed that the missing girl she has been looking for, Gabby, was her girlfriend and disappeared from a gay conversion camp, one funded by none other than Esteban Calderon. Estrella is on a vendetta to find Gabby and followed Esteban to a hotel where she videotaped him in the throes of passion with his campaign manager Nacho, who happens to be in deep debt with the mob.

**INT. ESTEBAN'S OFFICE - DAY 26.1**

*SFX. sliding glass doors and footsteps.*

**KAREN**

*(On phone)*

Esteban Calderon's office, can you hold?

*(To Nacho)*

Oh, look what the cat dragged in. Why are you standing in front of me weirdly smiling?

**NACHO**

Buenos días to you too, Karen. I brought you a latte.

**KAREN**

OK..? What's going on? Why are you being so nice?

**NACHO**

I think things are trending up. Esteban's speech went great and we just got the poll numbers in. Everything is going according to plan.

**KAREN**

*(Sips)*

Ew. Is this...animal milk?

**NACHO**

I ... I'll see you later. Is he in?

**KAREN**

Mhmm.

*(Sips)*

Ew.

*SFX footsteps and a playful knocking.*

**NACHO**

Buenos días, Esteban.

**ESTEBAN**

*(Sternly)*

Close the door.

*SFX door closing*

**NACHO**

*(Smugly)*

Did you see the poll numbers?

**ESTEBAN**

Are you trying to ruin me?

**NACHO**

What? What are you talking about?

**ESTEBAN**

I just got an email with this...

*SFX footsteps and the playing of the sex tape. Nacho gasps in horror.*

**NACHO**

Who sent you that?!

**ESTEBAN**

I was going to ask you the same thing. YOU'RE the only one who knew about our little hotel rendezvous. What are you playing at?

**NACHO**

You think I did this?! Are you insane? This could ruin us both! This has to be the work of Alicia Mendez. It has to be. ~~You know she's playing dirty politics.~~

**ESTEBAN**

And how did they know where we were if YOU didn't tell them? Have you been playing both sides? Is that it? And now you think you can blackmail me with this?

**NACHO**

I cannot believe you would think that. After everything we've been through...

**ESTEBAN**

Is this about the conversation we had the other night? I already apologized, what more do you want from me? Money?

**NACHO**

Esteban - look at who you're talking to. It's me. I would never do anything to hurt you. What else does the email say? What are the demands?

**ESTEBAN**

*(Coldly)*

It just says: "What did you do with Gabby?"

**NACHO**

Who is Gabby?!

**ESTEBAN**

It's not important.

**NACHO**

Clearly, it is! I need to know everything if I'm going to protect you.

**ESTEBAN**

Protect me?! This is your fault! I can't believe I trusted you.

**NACHO**

Esteban, I did not do this.

**ESTEBAN**

Either you're guilty and you've been a spy this whole time, or you're the dumbest most useless campaign manager on earth. Either way, this is your fault.

**NACHO**

I can fix this. I can prove that I had nothing to do with this. I'm going to find who's responsible, I promise.

**ESTEBAN**

I hope so, Nacho, because if you don't, this will ruin us both. Now get out.

*SFX the door slamming.*

**KAREN**

It looks like the "good mood" didn't last long.

Nacho's phone starts ringing.

**NACHO**

Raúl this is not a good time to talk//

**RAÚL**

*(Sobbing)*

Papi, I know you're very stressed and I really didn't want to tell you, but I'd rather you heard from me than from TMZ...

**NACHO**

Oh god, what now?

**RAÚL**

*(Almost unintelligible)*

Gloria... Gloria broke up with me...

**NACHO**

No, no, no, Raúl...

**RAÚL**

*(Emotional)*

I don't know what happened, papi. We were in the middle of our "kissaversary" and //

Call waiting, beeps on the phone.

**NACHO**

Raul, wait, I'm getting another call...

**RAÚL**

Papi, what am I going to do?!

Nacho ends the call and dials his voicemail.

**NACHO'S VOICEMAIL**

You have one new message:

**MYSTERIOUS VOICE**

Nacho, we've given you plenty of time. Our patience is running thin. If we don't get our money by end of week... then you better start sleeping with your eyes open, *friend*.

We hear Nacho's stressed hyperventilating.

**GLORIA (VO)**

Ooff. I haven't been this stressed since Uncut Gems. I'm sure Estrella and María del Carmen didn't realize that the person who would end up being most affected by their blackmail was Nacho. And when people are under a lot of pressure, they tend to do dumb things, very dumb things... By the way, where's Maria del Carmen?

**INT. BEDROOM - DAY 26.2**

María and Estrella are watching TV.

**TMZ ANCHOR**

Looks like it's heartbreak central for The Princess of South Beach, Gloria Calderon, and her ex-bae fiance Raul Santana. Check out this footage from their boozy break-up

*Audio of the breakup from Episode 24 like it's shot from an iPhone.*

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

YA ESTRELLA! Turn that off.

**ESTRELLA**

I'm sorry it's just that, when I told you to try a little liquid courage I didn't think you would drink the whole bar.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

You didn't specify how much liquid courage...

**ESTRELLA**

Well, GLORIA, now you're free to ...

*SFX SMS from Maria's cellphone. One, two, three, four, five messages in a row.*

**ESTRELLA**

Ok looks like you didn't waste any time. Are all those texts from Andres?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

*(Cringing)*

No, it's Raul. He won't stop sending Arjona lyrics. UGH. And I don't think Andres is ever gonna text me again. I may or may not have called him courageously, I mean drunk, after I broke up with Raul. I do not remember what I said other than that I was falling in love with him.

**ESTRELLA**

You told him that you're in love with him?! WOW. OK. (makes a cringe noise) And you feel good about that?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Um no, I'm not psycho.

**ESTRELLA**

Well, you kinda came off as a psycho.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

It was just my first time getting drunk!

**ESTRELLA**

Well, you're lucky you're so hot because that would scare away anyone. Even an asthmatic reporter.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Ok, let's stop talking about my love life it's giving me hives.

**ESTRELLA**

You're right, there's much bigger fish to fry here. I sent the blackmail video to Esteban's email but I still haven't gotten a response.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

How long do we have to wait?

**ESTRELLA**

I don't know, this is my first time blackmailing someone.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Ok so then what do we do now?

*SFX iPhone clicking throughout*

**ESTRELLA**

I guess we just wait? I mean, he must be freaking out right now. We just sent him a sex tape - I'd be freaking out. And I'm not even in the closet. Are you listening?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

OH MY GOSH. It's Andres. I guess I didn't scare him off. He said "Your drunk voice is cute - heart emoji, smiley emoji, Russian flag emoji" What does that mean?

**ESTRELLA**

OK, so we're not talking about the blackmail?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Sorry - it's just exciting. I think I really like him.

**ESTRELLA**

Well according to drunk you, you are in love with him.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

I...I'm not IN LOVE with him. But I could see myself potentially, one day, being on the path towards...that.

**ESTRELLA**

I think you just need to get laid.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

*(Gasps)*

Estrella! I wouldn't do that! I grew up in a convent! I don't know if you remember.

**ESTRELLA**

You may have mentioned it countless times.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

The sexiest thing in there was the Joseph they put up in the nativity scene. He was jacked.

**ESTRELLA**

What are you saying right now?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

When Raul kissed me the first day I was here, that was my first kiss. Andres was my second. So, I'm definitely not ready to be *(Whispers)* getting laid.

**ESTRELLA**

MMkay well, as long as this school girl romance doesn't distract you from our plan to, you know, avenge your dead mother and find my missing girlfriend.

*SFX text message*

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

He says the Russian flag emoji was a typo.

*(Estrella sighs)*

**INT. CAR - DAY 26.3**

Radio is on. On a very low volume, a female voice is overheard in the background being interviewed by another female voice but the conversation is largely indistinguishable.

**ESTEBAN**

Jorge Alberto...

**JORGE ALBERTO**

*(Grunts as if nodding)*

Mmmmmh

**ESTEBAN**

A ver, turn the radio up...

Volumes is louder. Suddenly, a clear sense of who is talking and what she's talking about becomes apparent.

**ALICIA MÉNDEZ**

..."I don't care that we have differing views. It doesn't matter how much we might disagree. What matters is that we stop dehumanizing each other. We need to stop the partisan politics that have divided this country and pitted us against each other. I refuse to give in to hatred..."

**REPORTER**

Another strong speech by Alicia Méndez, who's running for Mayor of Miami against conservative candidate Esteban Calderon...

**ESTEBAN**

¡Agghh!, ¡aghhh! ¡Jorge Alberto! ¡Turn that off! I can't even stand hearing her voice. (mocking) "I refuse to give in to hatred..." She's such a hypocrite. Those liberals act like they are so moral and righteous but given the chance they will do whatever it takes, just like the rest of us. You wouldn't believe what she...nevermind.

*(A beat. Crinkling magazine under him)*

What is this? Oh. great, Alicia is on the cover of Vanity Fair... She's everywhere! And what is this garbage doing doing here anyway?

Clearly annoyed, Esteban throws the magazine towards the floor of the car.

**ESTEBAN**

Jorge Alberto! Who was the last person to use the car? Where's my Wall Street Journal?

**JORGE ALBERTO**

Mmmmhh...

**ESTEBAN**

Well, make sure you throw all this garbage out before I use the car again, understood? (beat) Stop the car. stop. STOP THE CAR I NEED SOME AIR.

Jorge Alberto grunts. The car rolls to a stop. Esteban hyperventilates, almost in tears.

**GLORIA (VO)**

Uh oh, looks like Nacho isn't the only one on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Will the race destroy him before Maria del Carmen and Estrella get their answers?