

## **Episode 32**

### **GLORIA (VO)**

Previously On: The Princess of South Beach. María del Carmen and Estrella are on their way back to the convent after getting rid of Nacho's body, who, if you don't remember was accidentally killed by María del Carmen after he threatened to expose her real identity. Meanwhile, my ex-fiance Raúl and fake mom Luisa hooked up after a night of drinking. And the mayoral candidate Esteban has been... wait has anyone seen Esteban? We haven't heard from him in a while, have we? Well, let's keep this story moving people!

INT. Convent. Morning 32.1

SFX spoons stirring coffee, yawning. A crow roosts in the distance.

María del Carmen

(numb)

I feel... dirty.

Estrella

Me too.

HERMANA CLAUDIA

Well, maybe it's because you're both covered in dirt. Did you bury him with your hands? Why don't you go wash up.

María del Carmen

We don't mean dirty *like that* Hermana. We killed a man. Sure it was an accident and he was being...really mean but it's still wrong. Will God forgive me?

HERMANA CLAUDIA

María del Carmen - I'm going to tell you something, and you better listen to me, because I am only going to say it once: God doesn't care about your feelings.

Estrella

Whoa. Hermana that was pretty harsh.

HERMANA CLAUDIA

What did you think I was going to say?

Estrella

No sé, something compassionate or something that would make us feel better. Aren't you a nun?

HERMANA CLAUDIA

Sorry but I'm not like those perfect nuns from the movies who are always full of forgiveness and prayer and don't know how to dispose of a human body. I'm human, and the fact of the matter is, there's shades to everything including morality. It's not all black & white. María, I told you what you had to do. I warned you that continuing down this path would be dangerous. But you chose to live that lie. You chose to be Gloria. And now the three of us have to live with the consequences.

A long awkward silence. Someone clears their throat.

Estrella

Anyone want some gum?

Gloria (VO)

Well, this got weird. I mean it was already weird because they had just covered up a murder with a nun. But, still. Let's switch gears to someone else who's having a stressful morning. Esteban is about to do a radio interview with his nemesis: Alicia Mendez.

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P.A

Señor Calderón, Alicia Méndez just arrived, we're ready to start the interview in three minutes. Can I get you a cup of coffee?

ESTEBAN

No, I'm fine, thank you. I just have to make a quick phone call and I'll be ready to go.

We hear him dial numbers on his phone.

NACHO (VOICE-MAIL)

Hola, this is Nacho Santana's voicemail, please leave your message after the beep.

Beep.

ESTEBAN

(irate and under-breath)

Nacho! Where the hell are you? I'm at the interview YOU scheduled. The one for 94.9 FM. You told me you were going to bring me talking points and now I'm here, hands empty, about to debate freaking Alicia Mendez! Where the hell is my campaign manager?

P.A

Señor Calderón? We're ready for you.

ESTEBAN

(switches to a nice voice)

Ah sí, thank you very much.

He hangs up. We hear footsteps. Taking him into the booth.

P.A

You sit riiiiight here. Do you need anything?

ESTEBAN

Water, with two lime wedges and three ice cubes, muchas gracias.

P.A walks away. Door open. We hear a woman's footsteps coming in and a door closing.

PA 2

Señora Alicia, you sit riiiiight over here!

ALICIA

Muchas gracias.

PA 2

By the way, I'm a HUGE FAN! I loved your Twitch stream. It was hilarious.

ALICIA

Aw, thank you so much! People like you are the future of this country. Oh, and I looove those Converse you have on, by the way.

PA 2

Oh my god, gracias. Let me know if you need anything. Anything at all, like literally anything.

P.A footsteps walking way, door close.

alicia

Buenos días, Esteban.

ESTEBAN

Hola...Alicia.

Host enters.

EL MONSTRUO MAÑANERO

(profesional)

Señorita Méndez, Señor Calderón, thank you so much for joining me today. Normally, we wouldn't be conducting this type of interview on this show format but... since the election has become so... how should I put this... dramatic? We thought the audience of this program might be interested in what you have to say.

ESTEBAN

Pleasure to be here.

ALICIA

Thank you, Danny. Any opportunity to speak directly to the people of Miami is more than a privilege.

Esteban audibly groans.

ALICIA

Ah?

ESTEBAN

Hm?

ALICIA

Did you say something?

ESTEBAN

Me? No, nothing at all.

EL MONSTRUO

Ready? We're going live in 3....2....1

We hear a bunch of ridiculous radio sound effects of a trashy radio show. A complete contrast to the tone the host had before.

EL MONSTRUO

MIAMIROOOOSSS! IT'S YOUR BOY, EL MONSTRUOOOOO MAÑANERO!

More horrible sound effects.

EL MONSTRUO

You won't guess who I got in the studio with me TODAY! Esteban Calderón and Alicia Méndez! The two SEXIEST candidates for mayor in AAAALL of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

ALICIA

What did you just say?

ESTEBAN

Wow, bueno, muchas gracias eh, Monstruo.

EL MONSTRUO

The first question is for ESSSTEABAN.

(his tone turns serious)

How would you describe your political platform?

ESTEBAN

My platform is proudly conservative. God, as always, is my guide. I want to return our wonderful city to its traditional family values. You see, our country is under constant attack by the liberals and socialists who enjoy anarchy //

ALICIA

Oh, for God's sake.

ESTEBAN

Do you see how easily my opponent uses God's name in vain? That's exactly what I mean.

ALICIA

Fear-mongering to avoid speaking about the real issues isn't the-

EL MONSTRUO

-AAAAAAAAAALICIA, your question is...

(almost hitting on her)

boxers or briefs?

Ridiculous sound effects.

ALICIA

Are you serious? I'm not going to answer that.

EL MONSTRUO

Ok, next question for Esteban. What do you think is the greatest threat to society?

ESTEBAN

The lack of morality. We have to go back to a more decent way of life.

EL MONSTRUO

Alicia, your turn: if you ended up stranded on an island? What would you rather have handy: the constitution of the United States or lipgloss?

ALICIA

Both things would be useless in the scenario. I thought this was going to be a serious interview.

Sound effects.

ESTEBAN

Don't get emotional. You can't even answer a question without getting all agitated.

ALICIA

Oh, so that's how you want to do this, Esteban? You want to play dirty? I actually agreed to do this interview so that I could expose what you've been trying to hide for years.

EL MONSTRUO

Oooooohhh, GOSSIP!?!? I LOVE IT!

Sound effect.

ALICIA

Since 1991 you've been directing funds to conversion camps for LGBTQ youth, correct?

ESTEBAN

They're religious camps that instill Christian values.

ALICIA

Christian values? Like suicide?

EL MONSTRUO

Oh... this is not the kind of gossip I was expecting.

ESTEBAN

This is ridiculous, I don't know what you're talking about.

ALICIA

Ricardo Arangurén, Lia Salcedo, Enrique Fernández. Do any of these names ring a bell?

ESTEBAN

Never heard of them.

alicia

Well, Esteban. These are all minors who killed themselves after spending time at your so-called "religious camps". And how about Gabby Cabrera? A sixteen-year-old girl who vanished while she was enrolled in one of those camps. Where is Gabby, Esteban? She's just another one of your victims. Victims of the intolerance you work so hard to hide beneath this supposed "love for God and country."

ESTEBAN

What people do in their own time, is no concern of mine. I do hope that God forgives them, though.

alicia

When the truth finally comes out, Esteban... God will have a hard time forgiving you.

EL MONSTRUO

(trying to save it)

Bueno! Let's take a break! Here are the sweet sweet sounds of angel-voiced Christian Castro!

Sounds of headphones coming off.

ESTEBAN

How dare you accuse me of such heinous things?

EL MONSTRUO

(in normal voice)

Thank you both for participating in such a...compelling debate.

alicia

Mucho cuidado, Esteban. I know more about you than you think.

Footsteps walking away, door slams shut. Esteban sighs. After an awkward pause:

EL MONSTRUO

Oiga, Señor Calderón, can I get your daughter Gloria's phone number? I heard that Raul and her broke up and...

Esteban grunts and leaves. We hear him dial his phone for Nacho again.

NACHO (VOICE-MAIL)

Hola, this is the number of Nacho Santana, please leave your message after the beep.

ESTEBAN

Hijodelagran... Where the HELL are you?

GLORIA (VO)

Ay Esteban, if you only knew that Nacho is currently sinking deeper and deeper into a swamp, maybe you'd be more understanding. But sometimes we don't realize what we have until it's gone...

(pause)

OK! Let's go check back on the three accidental killers. Ooohhh sound like a cool band name.

-----AD BREAK HERE -----



Int. Convent. Morning. 32.3

Still.

Estrella

So no one wants gum?... Can someone talk this is really awkward.

HERMANA CLAUDIA

I said what I said.

María del Carmen

You're right, Hermana. This is all my fault. I'm sorry I didn't listen.

Estrella

Well, I mean, it's not completely your fault. I'm the one who asked you to keep being Gloria and stopped you from coming clean.

María del Carmen

(cuts her off)

Was I actually going to come clean? I was looking for any excuse to continue her life. I decided to. All by myself. Actually, it may be the only decision I've made for myself in my entire life. And I was wrong. But I finally had everything I thought I wanted.

Estrella

Honestly girl, I can't blame you. I would have done the same and not felt as morally conflicted about it as you....(clears throat) Hermana? Aren't you going to comfort her or something?

HERMANA CLAUDIA

Maria, you mean to say that you were never really happy here with me, I mean, us?

María del Carmen

I was, Hermana. Very happy. But I wanted more. I wanted something for myself.

HERMANA CLAUDIA

You wanted something for yourself but you stole it.

Estrella

(nudging Hermana)

Hermana, dude, lay off I think she gets it.

María del Carmen

No she's right. less than a month, I've lied, deceived, hurt people, and now... I murdered a man. Maybe this is who I really am, a bad person, like Gloria. Maybe it's in my blood.

HERMANA CLAUDIA

María del Carmen, I can assure you, you're not a bad person. You just made bad decisions. God knows what lies in your heart and-

María del Carmen

But said yourself God doesn't care about my feelings, he doesn't care about what's inside my heart, he cares about what I did...

(pause)

This whole time I thought I was pretending to be Gloria. But maybe I've been pretending to be the young innocent orphan girl.

GLORIA (VO)

Wow, this took a turn! Maria del Carmen accepting her darker side. What's up Walter White?! And while it's so adorable that she's embracing her inner Gloria, it wont be so cute when everyone finds out that Nacho is dead.