

## **Episode 35**

**GLORIA (VO)**

**Previously on The Princess of South Beach:** The police interrogated the Calderón family following the disappearance of Nacho, who of course didn't disappear - he was accidentally murdered by Maria del Carmen. Everyone acted very suspiciously because they all have secrets they are hiding: Luisa and Raúl are hiding that they recently had an affair. Esteban is hiding that he and Nacho were having an affair. And María del Carmen and Estrella are hiding that they had an affair - just kidding, they killed Nacho. ALSO, Maria showed Raul the video that she and Estrella were using to blackmail Esteban - you know, the sexy one? And if things weren't tense enough - today is Election Day.

**INT. LA CASA ROSA - DAY 35.1**

**TV ANCHOR**

Today's the day of the much-anticipated mayoral election. The ballot boxes are packed, and we will soon know who will be Miami's next mayor. In the latest polls, billionaire Esteban Calderón was within 2 points of his opponent, liberal candidate, Alicia Méndez. I am here outside La Casa Rosa, where supporters of Alicia Méndez have gathered to protest against Calderón, who has been involved in several scandals- including the disappearance of his campaign manager, Nacho Santana. Méndez has also accused Calderón of being responsible for the disappearance of Gabby Cabrera - a young woman who vanished...

Fade into the room.

**ESTEBAN**

Luisa, turn that off - I'm nervous enough without having to hear that trash.

The Tv shuts off.

**LUISA**

Good morning to you too, Esteban.

**ESTEBAN**

How did it go last night with Gómez?

**LUISA**

*(Sneering)*

Well, you obviously don't have to worry about him. He couldn't be a bigger fan of yours if you paid him. Oh, wait, I forgot. You *do* pay him.

**ESTEBAN**

You're lucky you didn't have to face Officer Hausmann. It was like being interrogated by a shark.

**LUISA**

What is that supposed to mean?

**ESTEBAN**

I don't know. She was unrelenting.

**LUISA**

Well, do you have anything to hide?

**ESTEBAN**

What are you implying?

**LUISA**

Tell me the truth - did you have anything to do with Nacho's disappearance?

**ESTEBAN**

How could you ask me that? No, of course not. And who are you to question me? You're not exactly the moral compass of this family.

**LUISA**

Esteban, LET IT GO. That was 22 years ago and I've been paying for it every day since. Now stop deflecting. Do you know anything about what happened to Nacho?

**ESTEBAN**

I said no. My god, I don't even know why I come home anymore.

**LUISA**

I don't either. It's clear you don't love me and maybe you never did. It took me 22 years but I finally see you for who you truly are.

**ESTEBAN**

Por Dios, as if I didn't have enough on my plate already. Now? You want to talk about your feelings, now? Isn't that why I pay that doctor of yours?

**LUISA**

I PAY FOR DOCTOR GOLDBERG. Everything in this house was paid for by ME and MY MONEY. You know, the only thing you wanted from me from day one? So I'll ask you just one more time: Did you kill Nacho?

**ESTEBAN**

Luisa, we might not love each other, but after all we've been through I would hope you know me well enough to know that I would never hurt Nacho.

**LUISA**

I hope that's true, Esteban, because I can't live with another lie.

**ESTEBAN**

Don't worry. In a couple of hours, we'll find out if all the lies were worth it.

Protestors are heard through the windows. Chanting "Where is Gabby", "Where is Nacho".  
Musical Transition.

**INT. BEDROOM - DAY 35.2**

**ESTRELLA**

Oh my god. There are like, hundreds of protesters out there. I never thought that so many people would care about Gabby.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

I'm happy for you, Estrella.

**ESTRELLA**

Well, you don't look happy...

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

I um I need to tell you something.

**ESTRELLA**

What is it?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Last night, after the police came by, Raul talked to me and...he was saying that he thought someone in La Casa Rosa was responsible for Nacho's disappearance and he said he'd do whatever it took to find out who did it and-

*SFX A phone beeps.*

**ESTRELLA**

What the...wait, something's happening.

The TV clicks on.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

*(Urgently)*

Pues, that's what I need to talk to you about//

**TV ANCHOR**

Breaking news - we're still waiting on confirmation but... we have just received a video of the mayoral candidate Esteban Calderon IN BED with his campaign manager, Nacho Santana. The same Nacho Santana that disappeared three days ago. The video comes to us courtesy of Teen Vogue reporter, Andres Reyes. This has many people wondering the potential motive behind Nacho Santana's disappearance...

**ESTRELLA**

*(Beyond shocked and quiet with rage)*

María del Carmen - tell me you didn't leak the video.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Estrella, I can explain I showed it to Raul and he wanted to go public with it so I helped him and...

**ESTRELLA**

Tell me it wasn't you - that Esteban's computer was hacked, that someone else did this...

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Wait, just listen to me. Now Raúl is convinced that Esteban is responsible for what happened to Nacho. So the police, the public - everyone will think that Esteban is to blame and we're in the clear!

**ESTRELLA**

CÁLLATE. How could you do this?! This was never part of the plan. I hate Esteban but I still would never have done this. We have to have him pay for what he did. Not for being a closeted gay man for christ's sake.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Wasn't the whole point of this to take down Esteban and Luisa?

**ESTRELLA**

*(Pissed, Aghast)*

No! The point was to find Gabby and hold the Calderon's accountable for the terrible things they've actually done. Not to frame them for something we did, using...this....

María del Carmen

Well I'm sorry but I had to get the heat off of us. You know, we just freaking killed someone! And this was the only thing we had!

**ESTRELLA**

Do you not get it? I AM GAY. And you know why Gabby disappeared? Because she was gay. And now you're weaponizing Esteban being gay just to cover your own ass? This guy has done some awful things. Really awful. And *this* is what you decide to expose to the world?

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Estrella...!... I didn't think about it like that.

**ESTRELLA**

You haven't thought about anyone but yourself since the moment I met you. All this time, you've been saying that you would be a better version of Gloria. But you're just as selfish as she was. No, you're worse. At least she was honest about being a bad person.

**MARÍA DEL CARMEN**

Estrella, I'm sorry, I never meant to...

**ESTRELLA**

*(Bitter)*

Just leave. Ah, what am I saying, this is your house. No, *Gloria*. You're the boss. So *I'll* be leaving.

Starts to walk out.

**ESTRELLA**

*(Biting)*

Ah, and don't think I didn't notice it was your little boy-toy reporter Andrés who released the video. You were angry at him until you needed something, right? Now who's using people?

Estrella closes the door.

**GLORIA (VO)**

Yeowch - a slap to the face would have hurt less. And what's up with that comment about me being a bad person? I take that personally. Just kidding. I was a bad person. Now let's check back on Esteban and Luisa after the earth-shaking Breaking News...

[Musical transition]

**INT. LA CASA ROSA - NIGHT 35.3**

We hear the news report in the background. A cell phone keeps ringing and getting ignored. This conversation overlaps.

**ESTEBAN**

No, no, no, this can't be happening.

**LUISA**

Dios mio..

**ESTEBAN**

*(Leaving a voicemail)*

Karen, why aren't you picking up your phone? I need to talk to you, NOW.

**LUISA**

All these years, I thought that I was the problem...Esteban, is this why you haven't touched me in so long? *\*whispers\** you're gay?

**ESTEBAN**

Luisa, I can't talk about this now my whole life is falling apart.

**LUISA**

ANSWER ME.

*(She shatters a dish)*

I matter! I'm a REAL person!

**ESTEBAN**

Ah, perfect, let's throw a hysterical woman in the mix.

**LUISA**

Ya basta, Esteban. For over 20 years you've made me think I was unlovable, that there was something wrong with me. But...you just never loved me.

*A beat.*

**ESTEBAN**

Luisa, we were just kids. And when you asked me out...I had never been with a woman like you. You were so glamorous and powerful. Everyone knew who you were and... You showed me a new world I didn't even know I wanted. And, I don't know, you asked me to marry you, and I... I

**LUISA**

But you never loved me.

**ESTEBAN**

No, I've never loved you. At least not... like that.

**LUISA**

Why didn't you tell me? Why lie for so long?

*A beat.*

Esteban, I did love you. I still do. And maybe, if you had just been honest with me we could've saved this somehow we //

**ESTEBAN**

Espera, espera - look.

**TV ANCHOR**

*(Shocked)*

Así es, the race has been called...and Esteban Calderon is officially the mayor-elect of Miami.

**LUISA**

Oh my god. I can't believe it.

**ESTEBAN**

I won?!

**LUISA**

There has to be a mistake...

**ESTEBAN**

THANK GOD FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA! I WON!!!

TV Anchor

We're coming at you live from La Casa Rosa, which is now the house of Miami mayor, Esteban Calderon. And here come the patrol cars, either to escort him to the stage where he'll be giving his victory speech...or to arrest him. We really aren't sure yet.

*SFX sirens approach the house. A knocking at the door. Esteban goes to answer.*

**LUISA**

*(She calls after him)*

Esteban this conversation isn't over!

*SFX the door opens.*

**ESTEBAN**

*(Grinning and overjoyed)*

Buenas noches, Officers, can I help you?//

**OFFICER HAUSMANN**

Esteban Calderón, you're being arrested for the murder of Nacho Santana. You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to an attorney //

**ESTEBAN**

Wait... what?! WHAT!? This can't be. You don't understand, I'm the mayor, I'm Esteban Calderón. You can't do this to me!

*SFX commotion at the scene, paparazzi*

**GLORIA (VO)**

After everything Esteban has done, there is a sweet irony of him being arrested for a crime he did not commit. But I don't think it's going to be this easy to get rid of Esteban, or should I say, mister mayor.