

EPISODE 8

GLORIA (VO)

Previously on: The Princess of South Beach. A ver, a ver what's happened so far? Bueno, my twin sister, María del Carmen, took over my life after I - Gloria - died in a boat accident. Shortly after, she discovered that my family, the Calderons, might not be our biological parents and that they might have something to do with our real mother's death. And now my boyfriend, Raúl, wants to take Maria to the doctor to check on her - or I guess MY - secret pregnancy. Oh, the drama!

INT. BATHROOM - DAY 8.1

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I'M PREGNANT?

RAÚL

Shhh. Gloria, I know you have temporary amnesia but I thought you'd still remember you are (*quieter*) pregnant. We have an appointment with the lady doctor. I don't know what they call them.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(*To herself*)

Gynecologist?

RAÚL

That sounds right.

Raúl's phone rings.

RAÚL

One moment, amorcito de mi vida, it's my daddy.

(*Answering the phone*)

Sí, papi?... What?!... No, I mean I can't right now...

(*A little whiny*)

Pero, papi... pero, l//

(Back to normal)

OK, sí, sí, I'm on my way.

Hang up the phone.

RAÚL

Mira, mi amor. My daddy just called... I have to help him with something rather urgent. But I don't want to go all by yourself to the lady doctor...

ESTRELLA

I can take her!

(Both gasp in surprise)

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Estrella?!

RAÚL

Estrella?!

ESTRELLA

Perdón, I didn't mean to interrupt but I was cleaning the room next door and I overheard about the secret.... *(quiet) pregnancy*. Don't worry, I won't say anything but if you need help I'm here.

Quiet for a moment as they process.

RAÚL

(Stern)

Mira Estrella, I don't like you spying and hearing conversations that are really none of your business...

(Relaxed)

But yes, we could use your help. The situation is quite delicate. Gloria is not ready to tell her family about the... *(quiet) pregnancy*. So we need to be very discreet about how we handle this.

ESTRELLA

Of course. My lips are sealed.

RAÚL

Ok great. Estrella, take Gloria to the lady doctor. Make sure that no one sees you two. The last thing we need is for the press to find out. I'll see you soon, mi amor, más amada. My radiant sun to my melanoma, my--

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

OKAY! That's enough. Thanks Raul.

SFX footsteps, door closing.

ESTRELLA

He's... very romantic, ¿no?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Is that what that is?... Oye, thank you Estrella. Sometimes it feels like you're the only normal person in this house.

ESTRELLA

You know you can trust me. It's not the first time. Ah, and that reminds me.

(Whispers)

Here's the hairbrush you asked me to take from your mother's bathroom.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Hairbrush?

ESTRELLA

Sí, I know you asked for it a week ago, but I had trouble sneaking in to her bathroom.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

This hairbrush... belongs to Luisa.

ESTRELLA

Sí, don't you remember asking for it? Oh what am I saying, you probably don't remember because of the...

Temporary amnesia.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Temporary amnesia.

ESTRELLA

Now let's move on. We have a lady doctor to get to.

GLORIA (VO)

Poor María del Carmen. You can fake appearances, but how are you going to fake a baby? Well, to be fair, Luisa did but anyway... Let's see what Raul's up to with his daddy Nacho.

INT. NACHO'S OFFICE - DAY 8.2

SFX Door shutting.

RAÚL

Papi. I'm here. What could possibly be so urgent as to tear me away from my dear Gloria's arms?

NACHO

Son, I hope all is well with your fiance?

RAÚL

Sí, papi, sí, everything is perfectly fine. She's just recovering from the accident.

NACHO

You know how crucial it is for our family and the Calderons to be joined by marriage. I'm counting on you.

RAÚL

Sí, papi, I know.

NACHO

This union will be the foundation on which we'll build our empire for generations to come. Pero bueno, that's not why I asked you to come. Raul, you know that Esteban has always dreamed of becoming Miami's mayor.

RAÚL

Sí, I know. He's always saying: "If I was mayor, things would be very different." And "When I'm mayor, everyone will see what I am capable of" and "If I was mayor, cargo shorts would be illegal" but I've really never understood why he says that cause some cargo shorts are nice.

NACHO

Pues, the time has finally come. He's going to announce his campaign tomorrow, and he's named me campaign manager.

RAÚL

Papi, what wonderful news! Congratulations! Do you think he has a shot at winning?

NACHO

Anybody can win when it comes to Florida politics.

RAÚL

Congratulations, papi. I know how hard you've been working with Esteban these past few months. I didn't know this is what you guys were up to.

NACHO

Sí bueno, thank you. Pero, there's one small thing I need from you. The bank is going to call to notify you about a pending transfer of funds and I need you to approve it.

RAÚL

Ah, ok. And what's it for?

NACHO

(Shrugging it off)

Oh, nothing. I promised Esteban I would contribute 50 thousand dollars to his campaign to get off to a good start. And, bueno, I'm a little strapped for cash at the moment. My assets aren't exactly liquid right now. So I'm going to have to take some money from your funds.

RAÚL

My funds... pero papi, that money is for the wedding.

NACHO

Sí I know. And you'll have it back in time for the wedding. It's a temporary loan. Besides, after you marry Gloria, we won't have to worry about money ever again. That's why it's extremely crucial for you to always be by Gloria's side. Our future depends on your marriage.

RAÚL

Sí papi, I understand. I swear I'm doing everything in my power to keep this marriage on track. And I think I have some news that'll make you very happy.

NACHO

Pues let me have it, son.

RAÚL

I can't tell you just yet. But soon, papá. Soon.

GLORIA (VO)

So it seems like Luisa and Esteban aren't the only one's with secrets. Now, let's see how the lady doctor, I mean gynecologist, is going..

INT. DOCTOR HIDALGO'S OFFICE - DAY 8.3

Gloria is sitting in the waiting room. THE NURSE(25) walks to her.

NURSE

Gloria Calderón? Come on in.

ESTRELLA

Señorita Gloria, they're calling for you.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Ah yes, Gloria, that's my name. Thank you.

SFX two chairs pull back.

Estrella gets up to go with her.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Estrella, thank you. I have been going through a lot and I'm just glad that there's someone else here whose, normal? I know you and I haven't exactly had a great relationship in the past but, I'd like to change that.

ESTRELLA

(Weirded out)

Oh um, you've never been this nice before.

NURSE

CAN YOU ALL DO THIS LATER? THE DOCTOR IS WAITING.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Right, yeah, sorry. Anyway, thanks Estrella.

SFX walking down a hallway. Doors shutting behind her.

NURSE

Name?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Hesitant)

Gloria Calderón.

NURSE

Date of birth?

(Pause)

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Somewhere around... June 13th?

NURSE

You don't know your birthday?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

I have temporary amnesia?

(Beat)

NURSE

Ok. I'll let the doctor know

SFX door shutting. María del Carmen nervously hums to herself the tune from episode 1. Heavy footsteps from the hallway precede the door opening.

DOCTOR HIDALGO (30) enters the doctor's office.

DOCTOR HIDALGO

Hola Gloria, how are you feeling today?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Well, um. Fine. Except for the whole...crashing my car into a seal boulder thing.

DOCTOR HIDALGO

I saw it's trending on Twitter. They're calling it "The Miami Miracle". And it really is a miracle that you're alive without so much as a scratch. Look into the light, please.

SFX of busy work throughout. Drawers opening, stethoscope etc.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Sí, bueno, I've been feeling a little dizzy...

DOCTOR HIDALGO

You might have a slight concussion. Nothing to worry about. And how are you recovering from... your treatment last week...

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

My treatment?

DOCTOR HIDALGO

Open your mouth, please.

Have you had any spotting? any muscle cramps? All of this is very normal after an abortion//

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

(Still with her mouth open)

ABORTION? *(takes things out of her mouth)* So there's no baby?

DOCTOR HIDALGO

(Worried)

Yes, Gloria, that's the whole point.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

So she wasn't pregnant when the accident happened. Oh, thank god. I mean, I am conflicted about the whole abortion thing, being raised in a convent but, what a relief. I thought I was gonna have to fake a pregnancy.

DOCTOR HIDALGO

...Are you disassociating?

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Huh? Oh, sorry, I forgot you were here.

DOCTOR HIDALGO

(Even more worried)

Did somebody accompany you here? I don't think you should be alone right now.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Sí, my maid. Estrella's here.

DOCTOR HIDALGO

I would really like to talk to her before you go.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Okay sure. Then, can I leave?

DOCTOR HIDALGO

One more thing before you go, I managed to find out where you can get that service you asked for last week.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Service meaning...

DOCTOR HIDALGO

DNA testing. You were very adamant about it last time I saw you. Something about a letter? I dunno, I have a lot of patients. Point is if you still need to compare some DNA, my colleague said she can help you out. She only needs a couple of samples.

MARÍA DEL CARMEN

Samples... samples like... the hair off of a hairbrush that a maid stole and gave to me right before this appointment.

DOCTOR HIDALGO

That's very specific, but yes.

GLORIA (VO)

Sounds like you're finally stepping up to the plate, hermanita.

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