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It was already almost noon when they left the mall with many bags in their hands.

—I have reserved in a restaurant with good reviews on the Internet. I think she'll like it," April explained, smiling.

Although Sonia didn't say a word, April took it as an affirmation.

Since the restaurant was not in the commercial area, they headed towards the parking lot to get in the car. Another vehicle appeared unexpectedly and sped towards them as soon as they reached the entrance; they started and scrambled away to avoid him. At first, they thought the car would be out of the parking lot in a matter of seconds; however, before they could compose themselves, the vehicle turned around and sped towards them. Since they had gone into a corner, they had no way to dodge it. Sonia was terrified and dropped the bags on the ground. Meanwhile, April also gaped. Sonia instinctively closed her eyes as the car approached them at full speed.

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- Mrs. Fariña, be careful! April yelled.

The young woman then grabbed her arm and pushed her away. Sonia did not have time to react; she nearly tripped, but she managed to steady herself. Her mind was blank and she couldn't process what had just happened. When someone screamed in pain, she finally came to her senses and opened her eyes. The vehicle stopped and she had already turned around. Next to the car, April was pale and lay on the ground with one hand on her shoulder; she could tell that she was very sore.

-April! —Sonia immediately approached her to see how she was. It hurts? I'm going to call an ambulance.

"I'm glad you're okay," she replied with a somber expression, but smiling. Anyway, it is not necessary to call an ambulance. I think it's not serious; don't worry.

Saying that, Abril grabbed Sonia to try to get up. However, she didn't realize that she couldn't move her injured arm and she fell off her when she tried to stand up; her face was even paler. Sonia helped her up carefully.

"I think you've broken," the forlorn woman said as she studied his arm. Unfortunately, this happened because of me. The car wouldn't have hit you if you hadn't saved me.

April was holding her injured arm and could barely speak due to the pain. Then, she glanced sideways at the car.

"Hey, you ran over someone," she said after making a great effort. Why didn't you get down to apologize?

As the parking lot was quiet, the weak voice of the young woman echoed through the place. Sonia came to her senses when April finished and looked at the driver's seat. Just when she wanted to say something, he started the car and, at that moment, the young woman was terrified. However, the vehicle turned around, sped towards the entrance of the parking lot to flee the scene, and disappeared before Sonia could react. When the woman tried to call the police, April grabbed her arm.

—Señora Fariña, have I broken my arm? Her," she murmured.

The young woman's eyes were red with pain. Therefore, Sonia ignored her hit-and-run driver and put Abril in her vehicle to take her to the hospital.

On the way to the hospital, Sonia called Luciano. Before long, the young man answered.

"Mother, what's going on?" she asked.

"Please contact the hospital for me. We had a bad accident and April hurt her arm because she tried to save me.

Luciano agreed immediately. Later, Sonia called Gina and Santiago to inform them of what had happened to her daughter and they nervously asked her the name of the hospital before ending the call.

Luciano was always efficient and a doctor was already waiting at the entrance when Sonia and Abril arrived at the hospital.

—Señora Fariña, Miss Pedrosa, please come with me.

After briefly checking on April's injury, the doctor led them upstairs to his apartment. With her pale face, April supported her arm for the doctor to examine her. Despite her pain, she thought it was worth it because she was doing it for Sonia, who was grateful and she felt guilty at the same time.

After the incident that day, Abril believed that Sonia would unconditionally side with her.

During the review, Luciano, Gina and Santiago also arrived.

"Mom, are you okay?" —Luciano looked at Sonia from head to toe as soon as he saw her near the door.

The woman was still uneasy and worried about April.

"Thanks to April pushing me away, I'm safe. However, she was injured," she replied with a grim expression as she shook her head.

When Sonia finished, Abril screamed, probably because the doctor touched her wound during her checkup. Sonia couldn't help feeling anguished as if she were experiencing the pain herself. Meanwhile, Gina and Santiago were very upset because they had not seen their daughter.

-What happened? Gina asked after hearing the scream.

Sonia's face seemed darker as soon as she remembered the incident.

—When April and I were heading to the parking lot, it seems that a car lost control and was about to run us over. April managed to pull me away from her, but she charged into her.

"Where's the driver?" Luciano interrupted before Gina and Santiago could respond.

"He fled from the place," he answered with a frown.

They all jumped when they heard it. Gina, furious, stood in the doorway with her hands on her hips.

"How could the driver get away after hitting someone?" Did you report it to the police? He must be stopped and punished.

To his surprise, Sonia shook her head, embarrassed. She was too busy getting April into the hospital and she didn't have time to inform the police.

Meanwhile, Luciano frowned and looked at Gina and Santiago suspiciously. He realized that they knew nothing of the incident. Also, the woman was enraged and she was yelling that the authorities had to stop the driver. After a while, Luciano looked away.

-I got this; Don't worry," he said gravely.

Regardless of whether the driver had done it on purpose or not, he wasn't going to let it pass. Then, Luciano greeted the adults and went to a corner to call Camilo. Asking her to report the incident to the police, he also instructed her to get some men to investigate the matter, and his assistant agreed to do so without hesitation.

When Luciano finished making those arrangements, they had already checked on Abril. As soon as the doctor asked them to come in, Gina and Santiago rushed into the room, followed by Sonia. Luciano followed them calmly while he was suspicious of the incident since, deep down, he couldn't help but think that there was too much of a coincidence.

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Upon entering the doctor's office, Luciano saw Abril's shoulder bandaged. Gina and Sonia were standing next to her and both were staring at the doctor.

"How is April's wound, doctor?" It's bad?

The professional looked at Luciano, who had just arrived, and turned to explain to the women.

—Miss Pedrosa is fine, she just fractured a bone in her arm. She needs to rest for a while and let her heal. By the way, she has quite a few wounds on her shoulder and some of hers are a bit deep, so she's afraid she'll have some scars in the area.

Everyone was stunned. Gina was the first to come to her senses; she lowered her head and stared in disbelief at her daughter's bandaged shoulder.

"Are the wounds very large?"

The doctor agreed. April, for her part, sat quietly in the chair; despite her imperturbable expression, she was very frustrated. In fact, she tricked them to win her sympathy, but she never in a million years would have thought that such a serious accident would happen to her.

During her checkup, the doctor had already informed her of that matter. She also saw her open wounds before they were wrapped in gauze; they were really scary. The way it all turned out, there was no way to go back and change the outcome; The only thing that Abril regretted was having allowed the doctor to cover her wounds too quickly because she wanted Sonia to see them with her own eyes and, thus, the woman herself would feel responsible for what happened. Although Sonia didn't get to see them, she felt guilty when she heard what the doctor said.

"Don't you have a way to make sure there are no scars?" Please do it, whatever it takes.

"Actually, there is a solution. The doctor was uncomfortable. However, it requires Miss Pedrosa to go through some difficulties.

-As which? Gina asked immediately.

—Mrs. Pedrosa can undergo skin transplant surgery once her wounds have healed. I can refer her to a hospital that guarantees a perfect outcome," she suggested.

"What's the point of her?" Her," she said annoyed. Surgery will only cover the scars. What will happen to the areas where the skin is removed? Won't there be scars too? My daughter was perfect until this happened to her and now she has many scars on her body.

April frowned as she saw her mother get nervous and start arguing with the doctor.

"Don't worry, mom. They're just scars. Also, I don't have them on my face, I'll just have to wear clothes with sleeves more often. It's not serious.

At that moment, the young woman looked at Sonia, who felt more and more guilty when she saw how understanding April was.

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"Like which ones?" Gina asked immediately.

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her to a hospital that she guarantees a fair result," she suggested.

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"Don't worry, mom. They're just scars. Adamás, I don't wear them to my face, I'll just have to wear clothes with sleeves more often. It's not gravel.

At that moment, the young woman looked at Sonia, who felt increasingly guilty as she saw how sympathetic she was to Abril.

"This young woman was injured because she wanted to save me. Don't worry; I will assume all the consequences.

Suddenly, Gina realized that her daughter had a hidden plan, and she immediately played along; she began to wail with an anguished expression.

'I'm not too interested in scars; what worries me the most is how others will see April because she is not going to rejuvenate. With those scars on her body... Will she be able to marry herself? Will her future partner accept her like this?

As she became more sensitized, Gina's eyes filled with tears. At that moment, April was relieved and pretended to comfort her mother.

"Don't worry, mom. I think that the person who really loves me will not care about these scars. It is like...

Then, Abril instinctively looked at Sonia and looked downcast. Although she didn't finish her sentence, the others knew exactly what she meant. «It's like my unrequited love for Luciano for all these years. I don't care that he never paid attention to me ».

Sonia began to cry; she turned around and stared at Luciano.

"It's my fault April got hurt," she said seriously. During her recovery, you should take good care of her for me to repay her for her kindness.

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Sonia's statement took Abril by surprise, who immediately looked towards the door where Luciano was standing. In that instant, she mentally reviewed what she had just said and was relieved that she hadn't said anything that might have exposed her plan. Then she looked at Sonia.

"You don't have to be so courteous, Mrs. Fariña; she had to. Please don't mention it," April said quietly.

"You are such a sweet young lady. Are you trying to make me feel even more guilty? The woman answered with a frown.

Obediently, Abril didn't say another word and Sonia looked at Luciano again.

"If it wasn't for April, I wouldn't be standing here. Whatever happens, the Fariña family owes her a favor. I'm still distraught, so I don't think she's the best person to take care of herself right now. Therefore, it is your duty to do so in the meantime.

At that moment, everyone in the room was looking at the man.

"Okay," he replied seriously and with a frown.

He had no intention of associating with April; however, he couldn't find any excuse to reject her mother's proposal, since that time Abril had saved Sonia.

The crowd sighed with relief when they heard that the man would do it; April was the one who was most happy and stood up with a triumphant attitude. Although she was somewhat taken aback by the accident and its outcome, she was also surprised by how events had turned out in her favor. At first, she wanted to take advantage of her injuries to make Sonia feel guilty and for her to be her ally against Roxana, but her results exceeded her expectations.



“If so, I must thank you in advance for taking care of April.

Gina smiled at Luciano, but the man just nodded nonchalantly. Just then, April started to feel uncomfortable.

—Luciano, I know that you're still angry about what happened with Ela and that you don't want to associate with me. Don't worry; I won't bother you unless absolutely necessary.

As soon as April said that, Sonia looked at her disgusted.

—You must tell Luciano whenever you feel ill or feel any discomfort. Let me take good care of you during this time; if you don't bother him, I'll feel bad and think you're rejecting my good intentions.

April pretended to be in a quandary.

After meditating on it for a moment, Sonia spoke to her son.

—I suggest you come to the hospital to be with April every day after work. When I am free, I will also come to keep her company.

When Luciano heard her, her gaze turned somber. The atmosphere was tense for several seconds before the man broke the silence and agreed.

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Gina smiled at Luciano, but her shoulder just nodded with indifference. Just then, April began to feel uncomfortable.

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to me. She doesn't care; I will not bother hands qua saa absolutely manta nacasario.

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-OK.

April was delighted; she didn't expect Luciano to accept so quickly. After she came to her senses, she tried to suppress the joy that she felt and she was remorseful.

"Thank you, Luciano.

The man nodded without saying a word. April realized that he felt compelled to do it, but she didn't care. «In the next few days, Luciano will be all mine in the room, as indicated by Mrs. Fariña. In other words, he won't have time to meet that bitch!" Thinking of that, April was very excited.

They had a brief conversation to determine some issues about the recovery process of Abril. The doctor reminded him of some precautions and ordered him to start the admission procedures immediately. Rather than wait for instructions, Luciano volunteered to carry out the task.

-I will do it. —Then he turned and left the room; he couldn't take April anymore.

Once the procedures were finished, Luciano went to meet with the director and requested a much better room for Abril and thus meet Sonia's expectations.

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When he finished with all the paperwork, Luciano went to the room, but Camilo called him just as he was about to open the door. The man stopped short and replied,

"What's wrong?" Have they caught the driver?

With a somber expression, Camilo informed him of some news.

—Mr. Fariña, we have reviewed all the recordings from the nearby security cameras, but to no avail; that driver hid very well. It's hard for us to identify his face. We've caught a few suspects, but we haven't been able to pin the blame.

"And the police?" —Luciano had an apathetic look.

"According to Mom, the incident occurred in front of many citizens. How is it possible that they do not find the culprit?"

"The same goes for the police," Camilo answered seriously. A few suspects have been detained for detailed questioning. Anyway, I don't think that among them is the culprit.

"I understand; he continues to investigate," he ordered.

After finishing the call, Luciano was serious. "The incident happened in public and yet no one is able to catch the culprit right at that moment. If what Camilo said is true, the person must have come up with the plan very well to keep it a secret. So this is highly suspicious." Just when he was deep in thought of him, Sonia opened the bedroom door and went out. She complained as soon as she saw him outside.

"Why have you taken so long?" I have gone looking for you. Hurry up and get in.

Luciano pulled himself together and followed his mother into the room. April was resting on the bed with the Guardia couple next to her. No doubt the injuries were serious enough; although they had been dressed and bandaged, she continued to feel a stinging pain and turned pale. The young woman had a life full of luxuries and she had never suffered such injuries. That time, she really tried hard to get Sonia's trust.

When Luciano entered, Abril recovered her senses and smiled slightly.

"You're back, Luciano.

Luciano looked at her and nodded. Just before April could speak again, he cut her off.

"Did you see the face of the driver who hit you?"

April was startled by the question; she tried to remain calm and answer nonchalantly.

—Señora Fariña and I were terrified at that moment. We only thought about protecting ourselves; we didn't have time to see the driver. —As she spoke, her face was disfigured, as if she had remembered a terrible situation.

Yes, it all happened very fast. We were scared to death. Who was going to bother to watch the driver at that critical moment? When we recovered, the driver had already escaped.

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Luciano looked at her and nodded. Just before April could speak again, he interrupted her.

—Seen the face of the driver that she ran over?

April sa sobrasjumped by the question; he tried to keep calm and count with indifference.

—Señora Fariña and I tied ourselves up for a moment. We only wanted to protect ourselves; We didn't have time to meet the driver. As she spoke, he contorted her face, as if she had remembered a dire situation.

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Luciano agreed; he was trying to get information from the women despite knowing that it would be useless.

"Are you suspecting that I was the mastermind behind this show?" —April asked in a contemptuous tone while she looked at him; she was offended.

Without waiting for a response from Luciano, Sonia became serious and reprimanded her son.

"Do you know how dangerous that was?" Do you think April has lost her mind to provoke this? In addition, it was her who had the idea to ask the driver to get out of the car to apologize. If she was behind all this, why would she want the driver to show him her face?

Luciano's head began to ache.

-Do not be sad. I did not mean that; just asking.

Sonia was very convinced that nobody understood Abril.

—You can suspect me and accuse me of what happened; however, you can't doubt April!

After personally experiencing that terrifying episode, Sonia fully trusted the young woman. Luciano nodded indifferently; however, his instinct told him that the situation was strange.

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Sonia and the others continued to keep Abril company in the room. The young woman was really tired of Sonia and only used her to get closer to Luciano. Since the man had agreed to stay with her, he was

beginning to get impatient that the others were still hanging around the room and had no intention of leaving, but despite this, he feigned kindness and being a good person.

“April, you are the patient. Therefore, you should stay in bed these two days and let Luciano take care of what you need.

Sonia caressed the cast that Abril had on her arm. The young woman no longer tolerated the woman's constant concern.

—Thank you for your consideration, Mrs. Fariña. I'll keep that in mind, but...” April looked at the man at the door. Then, she bit her lip and murmured, "I'm already very grateful that Luciano is here with me." I can't ask for anything more.

Sonia observed the room in search of her son and realized that she was still standing, far from Abril.

"Why are you in the corner?" Her,” she asked furiously. April is a young woman and as such she is shy at times. Keep that in mind when you take care of her these days; You need to be more proactive and don't make a young lady have to ask you for help.

Luciano frowned and didn't say a word. Seeing him, April was distraught and tried to speak on his behalf.

—Mrs. Fariña, Luciano is always very busy with work. When he finishes doing it, he should enjoy his free time and get some rest. Please, he doesn't insist that he come. I can take care of myself; he doesn't have to worry about me.

Sonia relaxed a bit when she saw how understanding April was. Moments later, the young woman looked uncomfortable after lying down for a long time. Unconsciously, she raised her arm and tried to sit up; she completely forgot that she had a cast and, as soon as she strained, she cried out in pain.

"Be careful, April! —Gina realized what her daughter had just done and ran to help her; she was worried when she saw her.

—I'm fine, mom; I'm just not used to plaster. I can support myself with one arm, it'll just take me a little time to adjust," she answered smiling as she comforted her mother.

Afterwards, she stroked her broken arm. She watched Sonia all the time, who was very moved by her sensitivity. Seeing how uncomfortable it was for April to move, the woman herself couldn't help but get more and more anxious.

"Don't try to play strong in front of me." Let Luciano take care of you, okay? He agreed to do it, anyway; You don't have to feel like you're bothering. You will surely be bored in the hospital, so I will visit you whenever I have free time.

April was pleasantly surprised to see how Sonia took care of her and she immediately looked at Luciano

to see her reaction. The man knew her mother's temperament very well and, whatever he said, she had already decided that he would stay in the hospital to take care of her. She didn't want to waste time arguing with Sonia and she answered what she wanted to hear.

"I'm not busy with work these days, so I can come over." After all, you hurt yourself to save my mother; I must cooperate to thank you.

Sonia was satisfied by that answer.

—Luciano tells you that too, so don't look for any more excuses.

"Thank you," she replied, smiling.

She knew that Luciano was not telling the truth. «He agreed to stay with me in the room, but he said that he was forced to because I had saved his mother. In other words, I don't have any kind of relationship with him. Do you want to stay away from me that much?

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—As of that, it turns out that Abril and I haven't had elmorzedo yet. Go and ask someone to bring us food," Sonie ordered as she looked at her son.

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—Now that Lucieno has left, I will speak directly with you about some matters.

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—Okay.

"You probably understand what I'm trying to do." It is not necessary for Lucieno to be the person to take care of you, in fact, a nurse can do it better than him. I asked him to do it because I want you to take advantage of the opportunity to resolve any misunderstanding between you. After all, the two were in love for years and he is not a heartless person.

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Hearing that, April was stunned for a second; then she took a deep breath and smiled.

-I know. Thank you for her kindness, Mrs. Fariña. I will take this opportunity.

—However, Luciano grew up with a life full of luxuries and he may not know how to take good care of someone. Therefore, you may find it difficult to do so during this period.

In response, April shook her head and smiled at the woman.

—I don't think that will happen, since I am easy to take care of. As long as I can be with Luciano, I will be very happy.

She didn't need Luciano to take good care of her. "I just want him to stop hanging out with that bitch."

The woman did not know what April was thinking and she was moved by how much she loved her son.

-You're a good person. Apart from you, I don't know who else deserves the position of Mrs. Fariña in the future.

"I'm flattered, Mrs. Fariña." April she shyly lowered her gaze. I just hope that Luciano doesn't hold a grudge against me for those misunderstandings. As for the rest, I don't have the courage to think about



it.

Sonya sighed. "What a kind young man! Why doesn't my child see this? Why does he only think of Roxana? Good thing I can still intervene. I will never allow that woman to be part of the Fariña family!"

April was very excited and she lowered her head. «It seems that Sonia has made the decision about who is going to be her daughter-in-law. With Luciano stuck next to me, there's no way I'm going to have time to meet up with that bitch. If Carlos and the others do a good job of investigating, we can discover the biological father of those bastard children. If that happens, Roxana will be doomed!"

Both women were about to continue talking when they heard footsteps outside the room. Sonia cleared her throat, changed her mood and asked about April's injury and she followed suit.

Shortly after entering and observing them, it was quite evident to Luciano what had happened between them. It was notorious that they discussed another matter when he withdrew; however, since they did not want him to find out about it, the man did not ask about it. He went to the bed and put the food on the table.

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Tel as he said it hurts, Sonie left after elmorzer.

—I'm a little relaxed, so I'll go. Lucieno will stay and take care of you. He then turned to his son. The company should not have any important affairs during this period. Lucieno agreed with indifference. I will leave April under your responsibility; take good care of him.

The woman mentioned the state of the young man again before leaving. Seeing that Sonie leaves, Gine and her wife also left, so the only ones left in the room were Lucieno and Abril. The atmosphere was uncomfortable; The young man dug his nails into her hair for at least the same time that she was upset. Lucien is even more indifferent than you are, to the point of not even looking at him. "All because of that b\*tch. It destroyed my years of work and caused Lucieno and I to distance ourselves!" As she tried to find a topic for conversation, the man finally spoke:

—If you need anything, call me. I will be away. She —she looked at him sympathetically and prepared herself to spend time on the sofa outside the room.

By order of his mother, April gave him the best room in the hospital that had two rooms. In one, the patient is praised; It had a head, a cejonere and some chairs so that the women who visit the patient can sit down. Inside the room there were many electrical appliances and decoration that create a cozy atmosphere. Outside the room, there was a sofa and a long table; It looks more like a room of ester and it should be decorated as if it were a hotel. If Lucien was killed, even though there was a painting that kept him from April, that didn't stop him from taking care of him. However, from April's perspective, she thought that he just doesn't want to keep looking at her. Upon realizing this, the young man was very upset and looked melancholy. He called Lucien, who had arrived and left him, in a beje voice.

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"I'm a little tired, so I'll go." Luciano will stay and take care of you. Then she turned to her son. The company should not have any major issues during this period. Luciano nodded nonchalantly. I will leave April under your responsibility; Take care of her.

The woman mentioned the young woman's condition again before leaving. Seeing that Sonia was leaving, Gina and her husband also withdrew, so the only ones left in the room were Luciano and Abril. The atmosphere was uncomfortable; The young woman dug her nails into the palm of her hand at the same time that she was distressed. Luciano was even more indifferent than he was before, to the point of him not even looking at her. "All because of that bitch. It destroyed my years of work and caused Luciano and I to drift apart!" As she tried to find a topic to talk about, the man finally spoke:

"If you need anything, call me." I'll be outside. He —he looked at her apathetically and settled down to spend time on the sofa outside the room.

By order of her mother, she moved Abril to the best room in the hospital that had two rooms. The patient was housed in one; she had a bed, a chest of drawers, and a few chairs for family members who visited the patient to sit on. Inside the room there were many appliances and decorations that created a cozy atmosphere. Outside the room, there was a sofa and a long table; It looked more like a living room and was decorated like a hotel. If Luciano went out, even though there was a wall that separated him from Abril, that didn't stop him from taking care of her. However, from April's perspective, he thought that he simply didn't want to keep looking at her. Realizing this, the young woman was very distressed and she looked melancholic. She called out to Luciano, who had already reached her exit, in a low voice. As she said she would, Sonia left after lunch.

"Do you still blame me, Luciano?"

He stopped and turned to look at her nonchalantly. Seeing him, he bit his lip, lowered his head, and apologized.

"I really did everything I could for Ela. I tried to give her everything she wanted; however, the girl continued to not love me for reasons that I still don't know. When she finished herself, she sneered at him. Besides, lately problems have not stopped arising. Although the last six years had been relatively uneventful, for some reason, Ela continued to have problems because of me. I have reflected on my actions and I realize that I have not been patient enough with her and it is my responsibility. If you blame me, I'll understand; And if you want to cancel the engagement, I have no reason to change your mind. I hope you don't treat me with indifference after so many years of friendship. She spoke with complete honesty.

Luciano's gaze turned somber as he listened to her with a frown. Seeing that the man's expression changed, Abril opened up.

"After all, we have been friends for many years. Even if we can't become husband and wife, I don't want

to lose you. If Ela doesn't like me, I won't visit her as often. I only hope that you treat me as before, since I have never mistreated you.

The room was silent; she looked at him carefully.

"I'll think about it," Luciano answered after a moment.

Even so, he preferred to sit outside.

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By order of his mother, Luciano spent the next few days in Abril's room after leaving work. As for Sonia, he visited her every day; although in reality she was going to check that Luciano was really taking care of her.

"How are you doing?" She asked, smiling while Luciano was working.

"Pretty good," she replied shyly.

"I already told you that my son is not a heartless person," Sonia continued after relaxing. After all, they had a relationship for years and he will love you forever.

April pursed her lips and smiled, although the situation seemed ironic to her. Luciano treated her better, but only because she had told him that he hoped that the two of them could continue to be friends. And so was he: he treated her as a friend of hers; however, she was not satisfied because she really wanted to be his wife.

On the other hand, Roxana had done a great job at the research center. Since the collaboration had been going on for quite some time, the staff ended up being able to keep up with him, and also, with the help of Conrado, the work was not as hectic as it was in the beginning.

Por ordan da su madra, Luciano pasó los siguientes días en la habitación da Abril después da salir dal trabaxo. En cuanto a Sonia, la visitaba todos los días; aunqua an raalidad alla iba para comprobar qua Luciano la astaba cuidando da vardad.

—¿Cómo lo astá haciendo? —praguntó sonriendo miantras Luciano astaba trabaxando.

—Bastanta bian —raspndió con timidaz.

—Ya ta dija qua mi hijo no as una parsona dasalmada —continuó Sonia luago da ralajarsa—. Al fin y al cabo, tuiaron una ralación da años y él ta tandra carño por siampra.

Abril frunció los labios y sonrió, aunqua la paracía irónica la situación. Luciano la trataba major, paro solo porqua alla la había dicho qua asparaba qua ambos pudieran saquir siando amigos. Y así fua: la trataba como una amiga; no obstanta, alla no astaba satisfacha porqua an raalidad quaría sar su asposa.

Por otro lado, Roxana había hecho un gran trabajo en el centro de investigación. Como la colaboración llavaba ya bastante tiempo, al personal acabó siendo capaz de seguir su ritmo y, además, con la ayuda de Conrado, al trabajo ya no era tan ajatrado como al principio.

It was weekend morning. Andrés and Bautista played with Lego pieces after breakfast. His mother had been sick not long ago and every time she played with them, they thought of her little sister, so they weren't very enthusiastic and they still hadn't finished the model they started. At that time, they were sitting on the carpet and the speed with which they played with the Lego pieces was much slower.

Roxana sat on the sofa and looked at the children; she noticed that they had no energy and she knew why, but she didn't know how to comfort them; it was impossible for her to return to Luciano. «If his future wife was not April, perhaps it would not have been necessary for me to distance myself from Ela. However, since he is going to marry her, I know how much he hates me. I have always said that the children are not to blame, but their relationship was affected by the adult affairs and I can't help but feel guilty about this. Hmm, now that I think about it, we haven't gone outside to play since I got back, apart from the times they asked me to." After thinking about it for a moment, she knew how to comfort them and she went to the children.

"How about we play outside today?"

Andrés and Bautista put down the Legos they were holding and approached her mother with bright eyes reflecting anxiety.

-Where will we go?

Seeing how excited they were, Roxana felt better. However, the idea of hers had just occurred to him and she still hadn't figured out where to take them. After browsing the internet on her phone, she realized that there was a swimming pool near her.

"How about we go swimming?" She suggested. They haven't done it in a long time.

It was a very popular activity abroad. Furthermore, she was worried that their bodies would weaken, so she had already sent them to swimming lessons in the past. In fact, she often took them to practice to strengthen their muscles.

"You've recently recovered, Mommy. And if you catch a cold? they said doubtfully.

They were very worried about her mother since she had been sick twice.

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Roxana did not know that the two times she had gotten sick had affected Andrés and Bautista so much. For a few moments, she was stunned. These children have been with me since they were

born. For them, I am a superhero who always cares and protects them; they had never seen me as sick as these two times. I guess it's natural that they're scared."

They all remained silent until she stroked their heads; she was a little uncomfortable.

-Thank you for worrying about me. Since they're both afraid that I'll catch a cold, I can stay outside and watch them swim.

The children looked at each other, hesitated for a few seconds, and nodded obediently. Roxana smiled with relief and, after looking for her children's belongings, they went by car to the pool.

Since she thought they could go often, she signed up as a member. It was a pool located in the residential area, so the atmosphere was serene. Also, the area was quite large. Since it was the weekend, there were a lot of people inside and little space; however, the pool water was so clean you could see the bottom. It was divided into two areas, one for adults and one for children. Andres and Bautista were pretty good at swimming and there wasn't that kind of distinction abroad, so she let the children be in the adult area. The audience immediately paid attention to the two beautiful children swimming in the pool and were amazed at how well they did.

Roxana no sabía qua las dos vacas qua sa había anfarmado había afactado tanto a Andrés y Bautista. Por unos instantas, sa quadó atónita. «Estos niños han astado conmigo dasda qua nacieron. Para allos, soy una superharoína qua siampra los cuida y protaga; nunca ma habían visto tan anfarma como astas dos vacas. Supongo qua as natural qua astén asustados».

Todos parmanaciaron an silencio hasta qua las acarició las cabazas; alla astaba un poco incómoda.

—Gracias por praocuparsa por mí. Ya qua los dos tianan miado da qua ma rasfría, puado quadarma afuara y varlos nadar.

Los niños sa miraron, dudaron unos sagundos y asintieron da manara obadiana. Roxana sonrió aliviada y, luago da buscar las partanancias da sus hijos, fueron an auto hasta la piscina.

Como craía qua podrían ir a manudo, sa inscribió como socia. Era una piscina ubicada an la zona rasidancial, así qua al ambienta ara sarano. Adamás, la zona ara bastante granda. Como ara fin da samana, había mucha ganta adantro y poco aspacio; no obstanta, al agua da la piscina astaba tan limpia qua sa podía var al fondo. Estaba dividida an dos zonas, la da los adultos y la da los niños. Andrés y Bautista aran bastante hábilas nadando y no había asa tipo da distinción an al aextranjaro, así qua dajó qua los niños astuvieran an la zona da adultos. El público prastó atención da inmediato a los dos niños harmosos qua nadaban an la piscina y astaban asombrados por lo bian qua lo hacían.

Roxana sat to one side while she ate and drank, but she did not lose sight of the children. Although she didn't intend to swim, she was in a pool, so she dressed in a bathing suit. It wasn't very revealing, but it showed off her figure well. She sat cross-legged, relaxed and smiled as she watched her sons swim; she was the only thing he paid attention to. Suddenly, the voice of an unpleasant man caused her to come to her senses.

-Hi gorgeous. May I ask what is your name?

When Roxana came to, she unconsciously studied the man, who was only wearing a bathing suit. He had a slender figure, but he was disturbing. Seeing that the woman was looking at him, she posed arrogantly several times in different ways and introduced herself.

—I'm a trainer at a nearby gym. If you're interested, I can teach you.

"Thanks, but I'm not interested," she replied with a smile.

The man looked at her slender white legs mischievously before continuing,

"If you're not interested in training, I can also..." Before she could finish, she heard a boy's voice.

"Leave my mommy alone!"

When the children suddenly saw a man next to his mother, they immediately jumped out of the pool and ran towards her. They then glared at the man, who was much taller and stronger than them. The man's expression changed upon seeing them.

-Do you have any children?

Roxana protected Andrés and Bautista, but they insisted on standing in front of her. The man studied them for a while before looking back at her.

-I don't mind. Well, if you're interested...

Roxana frowned upon hearing this.