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Chapter 331 Something Is Wrong

April looked down at her casted arm, then returned her attention to Roxana as if nothing had happened.

-My injury is not important. I was accidentally hit by a car when I was out shopping with Mrs. Fariña about two days ago. Luckily for her, she escaped unharmed. -It was more than clear that Abril was indicating that she ended up injured when she tried to save Sonia, although Roxana could see what she meant and she showed an impassive smile and then responded with a superficial tone:

—It seems to me that you have a very close relationship with Mrs. Fariña, Miss Pedrosa; I'm sure this will be a piece of cake for you once you join the Fariña family. Anyway, if there is no more, I have to go; It's already late and my children are tired. —Abril didn't even have a chance to answer when Roxana turned to leave, but she still hadn't taken a step when she felt someone grab her wrist; Roxana frowned and turned to see Abril, who looked back at her with a pitiful expression.

"To tell you the truth, I do have something else I want to tell you." I owe you an apology. —Roxana was suspicious as soon as those words entered her ears, because she didn't know what April was up to.

"That won't be necessary." Roxana pursed her lower lip. There is nothing for which you should apologize, Miss Pedrosa.

She didn't seek her apologies, even after causing harm to herself and her boys before her; After all, there was no apology big enough that she could make up for all the atrocities April had committed in the past. In addition, Roxana had already made the decision to establish a limit with Luciano to put an end to any type of future interaction with him and Abril, so she would feel more relieved as long as those two did not cause her more problems from now on. forward. Despite all this, April persisted in wanting to apologize and continued to hold her wrist firmly.

"It was an impulsive mistake on my part, getting the boys expelled from school. Just thinking about the relationship you had with Luciano six years ago fills me with fear, fear that he is going to return to his side and that is why I had the idea of creating a bit of distance between you two. I can't deny that it was wrong of me to hurt the children. Would you forgive me for what I did? —Even after feeling the mocking tone in April's words, Roxana nodded nonchalantly.

-Okay, I can forgive her on the condition that she will never hurt Andrés and Bautista again. Above all else, you have nothing to worry about because you are the one who has always had Luciano's full interest. Besides, there has never been the slightest chance of him returning to my side, so there is no reason why you should continue to pursue me so tirelessly. —With those last words, Roxana lost any desire to continue the conversation, but she realized that Abril still refused to let go of her, so, with a furrowed brow, she raised her hand to forcefully free her wrist from Abril's hands. ; However, it wasn't expected that she would let go of her so suddenly as soon as she made contact with her hand and April stumbled in her next step, so he leaned against the wall from his side. The expression on Roxana's face turned somber the moment she thought about her injury. What is she doing?

Once Abril regained her balance after leaning against the wall, she felt stunned by Roxana's words and it was for this very reason that she looked at her confused.

-My apologies. I've been having trouble keeping my center of gravity ever since I hurt my arm. I lose my balance very easily because of that. —Abril had hardly finished speaking when she continued with a considerate tone, without even waiting for Roxana to answer her—: I'm fine, but I'm also glad that he forgave me. Hadn't I mentioned that children have to rest? It would be better if she hurried to take them home.

It was so that Abril ended the conversation with a cordial smile and then returned to the corridor, although Roxana felt engulfed by an unsettling sensation of fear as she observed how Abril's figure moved away; despite that, she could not deduce that something was out of the ordinary and since April said with her own words that she was fine, she did not give much more importance to that matter and hurried downstairs to take the children from home. back home.

Chapter 332 Trouble Prepares For Roxana

The expression on April's face changed drastically as soon as she stepped out of the stairs and briskly walked towards the washroom; While she gritted her teeth, she slammed her cast arm gently against the wall, but the impact of it caused her face to instantly contort in agonizing pain. She checked the time right after and realized that it was already the time that Sonia used to visit, so she hurried up the stairs to her living room. April ended up drenched in sweat when she returned as she climbed six to seven sets of steps at full throttle, plus she had to endure excruciating pain in her arm.

Luciano was waiting inside and was about to call her when he heard the scandal coming from the other side of the door; He went to the orthopedics department to look for Abril after seeing Roxana leave with the children, but he didn't find her there and decided to return to her room, but she still didn't appear anywhere.

"Luciano, you're back. April's voice sounded a bit lonely, but he just nodded.

-Where did you go? April brought her lips together to draw an awkward smile.

—Once I left the orthopedics department, I went to the pediatrics department because I thought you would be there, but since I couldn't find you, I asked the doctor what the condition of Miss Jerez's son was because I hoped to help him. —Luciano did not delve into Abril's response very deeply and replied impassively:

"If she needs someone's help, then hopefully she'll let it be known." —Even with the answer he gave, he knew that Roxana would never ask for her assistance unless she had no choice. April nodded before laying back on the bed.

"I realized that she had beaten me to it when the doctor told me it was nothing serious. —Someone knocked on the living room door in the middle of her conversation and Sonia entered as soon as she

opened it with clear concern and then took a seat on April's bed.

-How do you feel today? Does your arm still hurt? Did Luciano take good care of you? —After casting a meek look at Luciano, Abril responded with a cordial smile:

-Yes actually. Thank you for your concern, Mrs. Fariña. I imagine it must be exhausting coming to the hospital every day for you, but you don't have to put so much weight on yourself now that my injury is not as severe. —But Sonia protested:

-I can't accept that, I have to make sure that you have fully recovered. —Abril responded with a grateful smile and Sonia caressed her cast affectionately.

"Usually, fractures take about a hundred days to heal. I know you'll be bored lying in the hospital all day, so I don't mind coming to visit to keep you company. —Suddenly, when realizing the sweat that drenched Abril's forehead, Sonia felt disconcerted. Why are you sweating so much? What, you weren't in bed all this time? Is your arm hurting again?

April squirmed self-consciously in the hope that she would be able to move her arm away from Sonia's gaze and calmly explained:

-I had gotten bored of lying down, so I went up the stairs recently. -Through Sonia's look she could see her suspicions after having heard her answer and then she turned to see her son. Luciano was not aware that Abril had gone up the stairs and only frowned at her in response; despite that, the excuse April gave sounded reasonable.

"Luciano wasn't by your side?" —Sonia continued with a question and April had barely heard her when she turned to look at Luciano as an act of instinct; His eyes twinkled like stars, as if she was trying to get an excuse out of her. Sonia was able to perceive that Abril was in a bad position and directed her attention to her son with an annoyed face to ask her even more—: Where were you when she went up the stairs?

Luciano narrowed his eyebrows in silence, because if he were to tell his mother the truth, it was to be expected that he would cause problems for Roxana.

Chapter 333 I Was Careless

"April, I want you to tell me," Sonia told her because she was aware that it would be impossible to get the truth out of her son. April couldn't hide the panic on her face and she glanced at Luciano and then frowned resignedly; After hesitating for a few moments, she let her head hang from it and explained, "

A few moments ago we ran into Miss Jerez when she brought the two boys to the hospital." Seeing her son in bad shape reminded me of Ela and made me worry. That's why I decided to take Luciano to see how they were doing. —For fear that Sonia would not believe her, Abril added—: It was my idea, Luciano had no intention of going there.

As soon as the words left her mouth, she glanced at Luciano to signal him to keep up with the excuse she had made. Sonia obviously didn't believe it one bit and she looked annoyed at her son.

"Is what he says true?" Or did you go to check on someone else's child while she was injured? —But Luciano remained silent and frowning hard. Sonia knew her son like the back of her hand and was aware that he was implicitly admitting that he went to see Roxana's son and that he was refuting the events of April, where he said that she was the one who had the idea that he was.

"It doesn't take a genius to know that he went there of his own free will." Sonia was furious at the very idea that her son had abandoned Abril, who had been injured when she saved his life.

—Even in these cases, April keeps trying to show her face for you, but what about you? Have you ever considered her feelings? How can you let an injured girl like her wander around the hospital on her own? What would have happened if someone had collided with her and worsened her injury? —Abril reacted to Sonia's anger and didn't take long to take her hand to calm her down:

-I'm fine, Mrs. Fariña, my injury doesn't have much left to heal. As far as Miss Jerez is concerned, she knows that being a single mother is not an easy task and despite the fact that she has made many mistakes, her children are innocent in all of this; Because of that, I was just as worried as Luciano about Miss Jerez's son. With that considered answer, Sonia's heart softened for her; in fact, she wondered if Roxana had put a spell on her son to blind him and prevent him from realizing all of April's virtues.

"Don't you need it to take care of some pending things at work, Luciano?" You should go back to it while I talk to Mrs. Fariña," Abril suggested to Luciano with an understanding tone. Luciano looked at both with a frown and had not the slightest intention of continuing to listen to his mother's sermons, so she turned to leave and closed the door behind him. That he left the room so suddenly made Sonia's guilt towards April increase.

"I'm sorry you have to go through this, April. Why do not you tell me before? To which April smiled impassively.

—It doesn't matter, I'm already satisfied with the way he treats me now. —But Sonia felt outraged by Abril and assured her that she would never allow Roxana to marry into her family; however, she noticed that April's face was gradually losing color in the middle of her conversation.

"What's going on, April?" Did someone bump into your arm a while ago? —Sonia frowned at her with clear concern. April forced a smile, despite the throbbing pain in her arm.

"No, it was my fault for not being careful. —Abril admitted in an indirect way that there was something wrong with her arm and Sonia stared at her with considerable suspicion in her eyes.

"What the hell happened?" Did you really hurt yourself? She couldn't believe that April had gotten careless after staying in the hospital for so long without an incident.

Chapter 334 Seeking Justice For You

April did not dare to turn to see Sonia in the eyes and nodded while biting her lip, then Sonia stood up.

"Come, we'll go and have the arm examined." —She was about to open the door to call Luciano when Abril took her hand to stop her.

—Señora Fariña, it would be better if we didn't tell her. It was very difficult for our relationship to finally get better, and I'm worried that it might get worse for me if we push him. —Sonia looked at him for a few seconds and then nodded in agreement; after that, April got out of bed with her help and they both continued to leave the room together. Luciano had stood up to follow them, but Sonia turned to see him.

"I'll take April outside to get some fresh air." You should keep doing what you were doing, I'm not expecting you to care about her in such a meticulous way. —Luciano had no intention of arguing with his mother about something like that; after all, for him, taking care of April in the last days was nothing more than his duty. He nodded relieved and pleased when his mother had removed the responsibility for that task from him and then returned to her seat.

Sonia took Abril to see her attending physician when they arrived at the orthopedics department, but the results of the exams caused a big change in Sonia's appearance.

"Miss Pedrosa, did something bump into your recently injured arm by any chance?" Because it seems that her wound has worsened. The doctor frowned at the X-rays that were taken. Abril was about to answer when Sonia stopped her:

"Doctor, do you think she could have accidentally hurt herself?" To which the doctor shook his head at her.

"From what I'm seeing, her injury wasn't caused by accident. I'm going more for the scene where someone collided with her. —In a few words, April was lying and Sonia turned to see her seriously.

"April, what really happened?" Who hurt you? —Abril looked distraught all of a sudden, but Sonia continued to stare at her. The hospital is full of security cameras and I will go through them one by one until I get to the bottom of this matter sooner or later if you don't tell me. You were injured because of me and it's for that very reason that whoever laid a finger on you is messing with me. Go ahead and tell me the truth, for I will not let this matter go unaddressed!

Sonia's reaction left Abril very satisfied and she considered that all the pain she had to endure was worth it. Meeting Sonia's gaze, she admitted with a reluctant tone:

"Miss Jerez was the one who accidentally pushed me into the wall, but she was in a hurry to get her kids home, so I can understand her urgency. Also, back then I didn't pay much attention to it because I didn't feel any pain. —She kept creating excuses for Roxana, while the repudiation on Sonia's face became more and more noticeable. "Roxanne again! If it were not enough that I have seduced my son, now April's injury has also worsened! But despite that, she continues to defend her. Sonia understood why Abril wanted to prevent Luciano from knowing about that matter after finding out who she was that hurt him. "There is no doubt that Abril considers that Luciano still has feelings for Roxana and fears that he, on the other hand, is going to blame her." Sonia felt even more sorry for April when she thought about how considerate she was being of her.

-Don't worry, you can be sure that I will seek justice for you! -Sonia left the consulting room as soon as she finished speaking and April hurried to catch up with her.

—You have misunderstood, Mrs. Fariña. Understand that it really was an accident, she wanted to take me to have some tests done, but she didn't leave until I told her that I was fine. —It was obvious that Sonia was not going to believe those kinds of excuses, which made April look like a kind person, given the image she had of Roxana; turning around, she caressed April's hand.

—Say no more, all you have to do is rest your arm so you can recover. Go back to your living room, I'll be back tomorrow to visit you. —With that last, Sonia left in a jiffy and Abril observed how her silhouette went away, at the same time that she kept her malice hidden behind her gaze.

Chapter 335 She Can't Defend Herself

It was already late by the time Sonia left the hospital, so she retreated to the Fariña residence despite her anger.

«I must demand an explanation from Roxana for what happened and give her a very severe warning, but first I must think carefully about what I will tell her». Sonia could not sleep a bit that same night because that matter did not leave her head; The next morning, she had a simple breakfast and then had the driver take her to Roxana's house.

Meanwhile, Roxana was having breakfast with her children and Bautista, who already felt much better after taking his medicines, was enjoying his breakfast very much and Roxana sighed with relief when she saw that he recovered his spirit from before. She had just organized a plan to take them to the research institute after they finished eating when an unexpected guest arrived at her home; Roxana stood up when she heard the doorbell, while her children were still having breakfast and she went to the door, but her heart sank as soon as she saw who it was. She turned back and asked Lisa:

—I'm going out for a while; please take care of the children. —Which was recognized by Lisa instantly. The children had no idea that there was a visitor at the door and they said goodbye to Roxana with the assumption that she would go to work; She smiled at them as if nothing had happened, but after turning around, all that was left on her face was an emotionless face. Mrs. Fariña, whatever the reason she came, you have to discuss it outside.

She could recognize that Sonia was there with bad intentions and she did not want that to affect her children; Sonia returned to her car without saying a word after looking at her with contempt, and

Roxana hesitated for a moment before accompanying her. The car didn't stop until it reached a nearby cafe, but Sonia kept her silence with a straight face, although Roxana could clearly feel the animosity emanating from her.

"Surely he wants to talk to me about Luciano." Once they both took a seat inside the cafe, Sonia finally broke the silence.

"I'm sure you know why I'm here. —Roxana recognized her words implicitly with tight lips and an indifferent look. Six years ago, you left the Fariña family suddenly, leaving behind a divorce settlement, ruining the family's reputation. But I no longer had any intention of holding you responsible for it because of all the time that had passed since then; To everyone's bad luck, you had to secretly return to the country and you even got involved with Luciano. —Sonia's voice sounded extremely apathetic. As she had mentioned before, you will never be part of the Fariña family. I had already warned you once when you first partnered with Luciano, but in the end all you did was disrespect me by continuing to go after him.

Roxana squeezed her forehead a little.

-Let's make it clear that all my interactions with Mr. Fariña are for Ela's well-being and in the same way that you don't want me to get involved with him, I can say the same thing by not wanting to get into any trouble. What reason would I have to go after him with such persistence?

"You mean to tell me that he was the one coming after you instead?" —Sonia looked at Roxana as if he were making fun of her. But, even if that were true, you shouldn't have done it, especially when Luciano is engaged and his future wife will never be you, because I will never allow him to marry you! —Roxana was not surprised by Sonia's words and it was for this very reason that she did not even feel bothered by them; however, Sonia added—: The previous time I turned a blind eye to your interaction with Luciano for Ela's sake, but having caused harm to Abril is something that I cannot tolerate; she had been injured when she tried to save me, but, just when she was close to a full recovery after a tedious process, you decided to make her injury worse.

Those words made the expression on Roxana's face change a bit.

Make her injury worse? Is it because of what happened last night? She knew that April was just acting, but she still didn't have the words to formulate an answer that could defend her. Sonia supposed that her silence was an implicit confession to her accusations and she looked at her with more intensity.

"You'd better behave yourself, because I don't mind having to send you back where you came from!"

Chapter 336 The Final Decision

Faced with Sonia's haughty behavior, Roxana accepted the reality that there was no way she could reverse the image she had against him, although that was not going to be necessary anyway, since they would not be related again. some way; That same idea allowed Roxana to begin to calm down little by little and she responded with an emotionless tone:

"You don't have to worry, Mrs. Fariña. Not everyone is interested in your child, or at least I'm not. The type of interaction we have is based solely on Ela and now that you have made your position clear, I will be much more careful to keep my distance from Mr. Fariña. As for April's injury, she had no idea how she was going to prove her innocence, but she hadn't contemplated bringing up that topic either. Sonia listened to her words and inspected her carefully, as if she were trying to see if she was telling the truth; moments later, she pressed her lips together in an icy way.

"Well, I hope you remember well the same words you said today." Roxana nodded slightly.

—If there is nothing else, I will retire to return to my children; By the way, I invite the coffee. —With that last, she stood up to leave before Sonia could answer her, but she had barely gotten up when she saw that Luciano was standing outside; She hadn't realized when he had arrived, in the same way that she didn't know the reason why, and all she could see was that serious expression on her face. As soon as their glances collided, Roxana felt a tightening in her heart and she took her eyes away from her to quickly control that restlessness that seized her and then collided glances with him again; it wasn't until that point that she greeted him with a distant tone. Mr. Farina.

Luciano's forehead was furrowed just a little while he looked at Roxana with great intensity, who wore an apathetic face. He had received a notification from his subordinate at first light that her mother was going to meet Roxana in a cafe and since he knew of the events that took place the day before, he expected her mother to be to confront her; At that, he put aside whatever else he was doing and hurried to get there as soon as possible, but, to his misfortune, what he least expected to hear were those scathing words that came out of Roxana's mouth.

"Not everyone is interested in her son or at least I am not." Those words echoed inside Luciano's mind and he, who felt as if he was being mocked, instantly stopped in his tracks.

"I used to be everything to her six years ago, but now she can say something like that with complete confidence." Luciano swallowed as he looked at Roxana, who seemed distant towards him.

What did you mean with those words? —After taking a look at Sonia, who was sitting on the opposite side of them, Roxana showed an impassive smile.

"I don't know what you heard, but I was telling the truth about things, and considering how attentive you are, I'm sure you know very well what I meant." Therefore, we better not hinder each other's lives from now on. —As she spoke, Roxana nodded to the people in front of her and then left with rigid steps, but as soon as she passed Luciano's side, she felt that a big hand held her wrist; she frowned intensely and lowered her voice to warn, "Let go of me!"

Luciano was staring at her with a furrowed brow while emanating an intimidating aura, but Roxana turned around while gritting her teeth to see him with clear annoyance; Luciano tightened his hold on her for a few moments as soon as their eyes collided and then released her little by little until her slim wrist was completely free of hers. The determination in her eyes made him understand that whatever

she had to say would be in vain. After looking back, Roxana went to the cashier to pay the bill before leaving without even looking back.

Chapter 337 The Matters Between Us

Of course Sonia also heard that exchange of words they had; Despite that, and after having warned Roxana, she didn't feel worried that she was going to disobey her, especially after she had decided a long time ago that her son would marry Abril. As such, she couldn't have cared less about their interaction and she continued to graciously sip her coffee.

It's always easy to scare away worthless women; Furthermore, I am not going to allow a woman like her to become a member of the Fariña family."

-Take a sit. —Sonia finally turned around to take a look at Luciano when she invited him to sit down; He was scowling and her gaze guarded a searing anger as he walked over to her mother to take a seat. In front of him was the untouched coffee that Roxana had ordered moments before and her forehead wrinkled even more after remembering the words she said to her mother a few moments ago.

- Waiter, I ask for another cup of what I'm drinking. —Sonia raised her hand to call the waiter. And remove this cup, please. After removing Roxana's coffee, the waiter brought a new one for Luciano. What are you doing here? Who asked you to come? —Sonia looked idly at her son while she drank her own coffee. She couldn't think of anyone other than Roxana that she would have informed him of her presence, for there was no chance that he would know she was there, unless someone had reported it to him; however, she didn't see when Roxana had the chance to send Luciano a message. She had barely finished speaking when she saw the gloomy aspect on her son's face that was becoming more and more intense and she Sonia wrinkled her forehead. What's with that angry face of yours so early in the day? What did I do wrong?

"What did you see her for?" —Luciano asked him with a deep voice, but it could also be seen that Sonia was upset after scanning her son from head to toe.

—If you can leave April, who is injured, to go see her, why can't I have a talk with her? Besides, didn't you hear it with your own ears? She is not interested in you in the slightest, why are you still mad at me for her? —But Luciano ignored her words and continued with her questioning.

"What was that you just told him?" —He chose to believe that her mother's words had caused Roxana to give such an icy response, but Sonia got angry instantly when she heard her son's question.

"I was just clarifying the truth for her. But in the end she went to complain to you so that you would come here to show me such a disrespectful attitude. When it comes to a woman like her, there is nothing I can say that is enough! —After looking at Sonia, Luciano refuted her in a low voice:

"She didn't call me over.

"And why would she believe you?" —Sonia's expression was full of disdain, but what Luciano would say

next was going to leave her devastated:

My men have been keeping an eye on her, they were the ones who informed me that they were here.
Luciano told the truth with an expressionless face and that left Sonia incredulous, who stared at him for a long time to be sure if she had heard correctly.

"What's so good about her?" Don't forget what she has done to the Fariña family and to Ela! Sonia furiously slammed the table. I have no idea what was on your mind before this, but you better disperse your men right now. From now on, the two of you are prohibited from contacting each other! For God's sake, you're going to marry April someday, what's going to happen if word gets out about this?

Despite Sonia's outburst, Luciano looked straight into her eyes firmly.

"Let me be clear once more. This matter is between me and her, so I'll solve it on my own, so you should stop interfering in this.

Chapter 338 You Can't Let Her Down

Sonia's heart sank to her stomach when she saw Luciano's face, for she knew her son perfectly.

"The calmer and more composed he appears, the more determined he is." This was not the first time that Luciano had warned her not to intervene in her relationship with Roxana, but Sonia could not understand the reason why Roxana had such a special place in the heart of her son. "I can't believe my own son would be so rude to that woman!"

Sonia frowned and took a few minutes to calm down, then she ground her teeth and questioned him:

—What is April before your eyes? She has been waiting for you for so long, but now you want to get rid of her? What was it that she did wrong? Do you think Roxana can do a better job? Or have you already forgotten that that heartless woman abandoned Ela? April was the one who raised her together with you! And not only did she do a good job of taking care of her, she also respected the elders of her family. Seriously, what else could you ask for? -Luciano's gaze turned icy at that time.

"Are you sure everything he did didn't cause trouble?" —Sonia froze for a moment upon hearing that and doubted her own words for a few seconds, but she soon regained her composure and nodded with certainty after remembering everything April had done and how she had cared for the family over the years. —. Have you ever wondered why Ela refuses to accept April even after all these years for no apparent reason? —Luciano continued to ask with a deep voice, which again left her speechless, although she ended up patiently defending Abril when she explained:

-April had told me that she likes children, but she doesn't have much experience dealing with them and it's clear that she would be expected to make some mistakes along the way, but I'm sure her relationship with the girl will improve once they spend enough time with her. Then she looked angrily at Luciano and expressed what dismayed her: "How many times have I told you to let Ela spend more time

with Abril?" But all you do is keep her by your side.

A smug smirk was all that Luciano showed, who recognized that there was no point in continuing this discussion with his mother and no matter how he explained, he knew that she would blame him and give him a good image. to April.

"So what you mean is that I have no choice but to marry April?" Sonia nodded incredulously.

-You cannot disappoint her, she has been waiting for you for years. -But Luciano asked him another question:

-And what if I refuse? - Sonia frowned, because her reaction had clearly left her unhappy.

—If not with April, who else would you marry? With Roxanne? You better listen to me, I'm not going to let her set foot in our family, so stop fantasizing! April was seriously injured when she saved my life from her, so you will have to marry her because she is our benefactor! -Luciano continued to look at his mother impassively, but the atmosphere was soon dominated by an uncomfortable silence. Also, Roxana said that she is not interested in you and she may not agree to marry you even if you insist. — Sonia continued to discourage her spirit and Luciano's forehead wrinkled, although he kept himself under control.

"I wouldn't marry Abril even if Roxana were to reject my proposal." —A sea of anger hit Sonia as soon as she heard that and she gripped your coffee cup tightly to avoid making a ruckus in the cafe. I am indebted to the Pedrosa family, but at Grupo Fariña we have done everything in our power over the years to repay the kindness they showed us; As for all the sacrifices she's made for you, that's a matter between the two of you. I can take care of her while she recovers from her and give her the best doctor to make sure that her injuries don't leave any permanent scars, but it's not going any further; this is all I can do," Luciano clarified.

Chapter 339 Who Can Be To Blame

In other words, Luciano was not going to commit to Abril. Sonia felt the need to massage her temples while she glared at her son.

"Did you come all the way here at such a time of the morning just to get mad at me?" —But Luciano remained firm.

"I can take you to the hospital if you don't feel well, but there's no way you can force me to marry April." —Both her mother and her son were silent for a while until Sonia waved her hand to indicate that she should leave her.

"Go away, get out of my sight." —To which Luciano nodded, but he told him before leaving:

-I put a few men by the door, you can call them if you need their help. —Sonia didn't have time to react when he had already left the cafe.

"Are you heading back to the office right now, Mr. Fariña?" the driver asked respectfully when Luciano got into the car, but he frowned when Roxana's house crossed his mind.

I wonder how she is doing right now. Was she serious what she just said? ». Luciano navigated deep into his own thoughts, but came out of them before long to reply to the driver,

"Back to the office." —The car began to move slowly and headed in the direction of the Fariña Group. Camilo had been waiting for him in his office all morning and went to greet him as soon as he saw him get out of the elevator:

-I have new information for you, Mr. Fariña. Luciano's gaze darkened.

"Did you manage to locate the driver?"

"Not yet, but we've found the car," Camilo answered. We reviewed security camera footage from all the crossings and were finally able to trace the route of the car after it left the parking lot; the driver took it to the outskirts of town and my men managed to locate the car after a thorough search of the junkyard. —After having entered Luciano's office and closed the door tightly, Camilo turned to look at him and continued—: The license plate number of the black car is false and it doesn't have an owner; The car was supposed to be destroyed in the impound, but the perpetrator took the vehicle to commit his crimes. From the recordings we could see that the driver had his face covered, which makes me believe that everything that happened was not accidental.

Luciano nodded when he agreed upon hearing the new information.

Camilo is right. It is clear that the driver was familiar with the route and his taking the car to the junkyard right after the incident could also be considered destruction of evidence."

"How should we proceed, Mr. Fariña?" We've been researching this for a few days and this is all we could come up with at the moment. Who do you think is to blame? —The information that Camilo had obtained was limited and there was no other trail that could be followed, besides that the policemen did not know what else to do because the driver had his face completely covered. Camilo had gone there to present the new information to Luciano because he wanted him to advise him what action he should take next; after all, Luciano was the only person who knew what to do if there was some personal conflict between him and the culprit. After being silent for a moment, he ordered her:

—Investigate all the companies that have a grudge against the Fariña Group. —Sonia and Abril were the only ones present in the parking lot at that time and it seemed that the driver had set Sonia as his target when he drove the car towards her, although Luciano considered that his mother would not offend any other person first.

"So the culprit must be one of my business rivals."

Camilo nodded upon hearing his order and immediately began to make all the necessary preparations.

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Bautista's health still worried Roxana, even though he already felt better after taking his medicine, so she didn't take him to school that day so he could rest at home and Andrés also stayed to keep him company.

Meanwhile, Estela became very depressed after not seeing the two brothers in kindergarten for two consecutive days, not to mention Roxana. At first, the other kids in the class would take her with them to play when she had Andrés and Bautista acting like role models, but they began to alienate her once again due to her pushing them away equally for the past two days. She used to sit at her table after class with her spirits on the floor as she pouted and looked at Andres and Bautista's seats hoping they were going to materialize out of nowhere at her place.

"What are you doing, Stella?" —One of the children couldn't contain her curiosity for a second longer and she approached him to ask, but Estela seemed as if she hadn't heard her voice and she kept scratching the table. Come and play with us! She —she invited her, but then someone who was to one side of her called him with a childish voice:

"Ignore her, Joel. Estela is not going to play with us! Joel looked at Estela with some uncertainty. He often used to invite Estela to play with him long before Andrés and Bautista arrived and even though she didn't pay much attention to him, she would still react somehow back then when she spoke to him; sometimes she used to write to him and chat with him. However, he still behaved as if she couldn't hear her voice for the past two days, no matter what she said to him; the child found her behavior very strange and he was somewhat worried about her.

Estela saw that the boy's hand was getting closer to her and she finally reacted by frowning and avoiding it in disgust; Joel became cheerful and thought that she was playing with him, so he reached out her hand once more to take her arm, but it was then that Estela gave her hand a resounding slap to get her to get away from him. she. Many of the children who were around her heard the noise and they all gathered around the two when they saw that Estela hit Joel, so they began to reprimand her feeling outraged:

"Children can't hit people. Estela apologize to Joel right now! —Estela didn't react until after she hit him, but she also felt very wronged, because she had already made it clear to him that she didn't want him to touch her when she avoided her hand a few moments ago; Still, he persisted in reaching out and touching her, but she only hit him because it made her uncomfortable. The back of Joel's hand was all red and he was stunned for a few brief moments.

"I just wanted to play with her, why did she have to hit me?"

-Apologize right now, Estela, or we're going to tell the teacher! Someone else warned as she stood with her arms on her hips; It didn't take long for others to approach and Estela turned to see the

aggressive looks of the children around her and then directed her gaze towards the empty seats of Andrés and Bautista as she felt wronged with teary eyes.

"If they were here, I'm sure they would raise their voices for me...". Thinking of the days when she was protected by her brothers and remembering how distant Roxana had been with her and her father during that time, she felt the fear that Andrés and Bautista might never come back again. ; At that thought, Estela began to cry anguished.

The other children were upset when they saw her cry, so they kept quiet and looked at each other confused. They only had the intention of seeking justice for Joel, besides that the right thing to do was to apologize when someone else was hit; however, they did not expect Estela to cry as if she had been the victim. They were all dumbfounded, but they didn't dare say a word when they saw how hard she was crying.

The class bell rang and the children returned to their seats, but with a feeling of guilt; despite that, tears did not stop falling from Estela's eyes, who felt devastated.