

## The Secret 401

### [Chapter 401 We Have To Meet Up](#)

"I suppose Mr. Quevedo told you about the incident that happened at my research institute and I'm sure you know who was guilty, Mr. Fariña," Roxana declared and bluntly continued. Despite having avoided it as such, even so, Mrs. Fariña misunderstood things. As you can see, all she needed to do was say a few words; consequently, not only has my little research institute been thrown into turmoil, but it may not even be able to survive in Homers. I only came back this time for said institute, so I don't want any more trouble nor can I afford to get involved in one. So please be considerate of my problem, Mr. Fariña.

His words felt like a dagger that stabbed Luciano right through the heart. In truth, that was also the reason why he allowed her to avoid him in the past few days; he didn't want to see her get into unnecessary trouble because of her. When he was personally reminded of that fact, however, a peculiar feeling welled up in him: he was anguished by her dilemma and regretful that he was to blame for her, for if he had been more firm with her mother, he would not. He would have failed to protect her from her. Roxana no longer wanted to continue, nor did she have the strength to do so, so she only said one more thing.

"Please, make Mr. Lamas pull over, Mr. Fariña." We are far enough away to take a taxi back.

Luciano was silent for a long time and at the end, he raised the division and ordered Camilo to step aside with a tense voice; Camilo found it strange, but he also knew that there must be a conflict between his boss and Roxana, although the surprising thing was that Luciano gave in. Hearing the man's orders, he pulled over to the nearest intersection and after thanking him nonchalantly, Roxana opened the car door and got out.

"Shall we go, Mr. Fariña?" Camilo asked cautiously when he saw that the woman had already distanced herself from them. Luciano didn't say a word, because he had his eyes fixed on Roxana; Indeed, it was difficult to hail a taxi at that time of night, so Roxana waited a long time by the side of the road before managing to get one. She opened the door of that car and got in; after not having received an answer from Luciano for a long time, it was evident that the man was waiting and after seeing that Roxana got into the taxi, he asked another question again. Where are we going, Mr. Fariña?

"Follow that taxi," Luciano instructed curtly.

Although Roxana's words have made him very angry, he couldn't stop worrying about her; Muttering confirmation, Camilo started the car and followed the taxi from behind with a moderate distance. He followed every trace until he reached Roxana's mansion, who got out of the taxi and went inside before Camilo turned around and got into traffic, driving towards the Fariña residence. Roxana arrived home, it was already close to ten at night and since she had been with Luciano for a while, her concern was present all over her face; Andrés and Bautista had been waiting for her downstairs and when they saw that she had already entered her house, they immediately trotted towards her with concern.

-Mommy! You look too tired! Was the problem at the research institute very complicated?

"I'm fine, I'm just a little sleepy," Roxana answered comfortingly and forcing a smile. Bautista took the coat that she took off and just as he was about to hang it up, he noticed a familiar smell.

«It seems to be... Daddy's smell!», he analyzed and instinctively scrutinized Roxana, but she, being tired, physically and mentally, did not notice said abnormality; she apologized to them using a gentle voice.

"I'm sorry I'm so late. It's already late at night, so I'll take you both to rest," he commented, and Bautista frowned, intrigued, because he had perceived something different in her.

Considering the smell, Mommy must have met Daddy, he mused, seeing her worried face again and finally deciding to swallow the question on the tip of his tongue.

"Judging by the way it looks, it must have been something unpleasant, even if that's the case; so, asking her that question, nothing else will bother her», she meditated and after hanging up her coat, she obediently followed Roxana upstairs to go to rest.

#### [Chapter 402 Dream](#)

When Luciano returned to the Fariña residence, it was already late at night, so Estela had fallen asleep a while ago; Luciano's heart felt pain when he remembered how Roxana avoided mentioning Estela at all costs a moment ago. He climbed the stairs and went to her daughter's room, where she lay in a serene sleeping posture; she was lying on her side with half her face covered with a blanket, appearing to be sound asleep.

Luciano's gaze softened when he saw her, so he raised his arm and patted her head, then tucked her in, got up and left; just when he got to the door, suddenly, he heard a sound behind him, as if Estela was sobbing. She stopped short, turned around, and returned to her side, pulling the blanket from her face gently and looking down at her furrowed brows, eyes closed, tears streaming from her long lashes. . He wondered what kind of nightmare he was experiencing and felt afflicted to see his daughter in such a state, so he raised a hand, wanting to wipe her tears; however, at that moment, she talked in her sleep.

"Miss Jerez... Don't go, Miss Jerez...

Luciano frowned upon hearing that, because in recent days, he would leave right after convincing Estela to sleep, even if he went to check on her in the middle of the night, he would only check if she had kicked the blanket to one side before. to turn around to leave.

How many times has Estela experienced dreams similar to this without my knowledge? Ela misses Roxana a lot, however, she has been very ruthless, she did not even flinch at all when she heard Ela's condition ».

Thinking of that, the temperature dropped around Luciano; Estela, for her part, looked terrified of him in her dreams because she suddenly started crying loudly. He came to her senses and carefully picked up Estela, who was still covered in her blanket, and patted her awkwardly on the back.

"It's okay, Ela, daddy's here," he said to reassure her; however, she continued to cry without any consolation.

-No. Do not go. Wow...! she continued, causing Luciano's frown to deepen.

«How come I couldn't hear his sobs so loud?», he thought and just when he was blaming himself for his lack of attention, Estela woke up and hugged him by the neck, still feeling sleepy and staining Luciano's clothes with her tears; She didn't care about her and began to question her with concern.

"Don't cry, Ella, daddy is here. Tell me what you dream?"

Estela still had to calm down, at the same time she kept saying through tears the names of Roxana, Andrés and Bautista, without mentioning that she dreamed the scene where these three were leaving. Luciano no longer dared to inquire further about the subject, so he surrounded the girl with her arms and after a long time, she finally woke up completely. She pulled away from him and rested her arms on his shoulders, who released one to wipe the tears from her face.

"Did you dream of Miss Jerez?" She asked and the girl nodded sadly.

Estela dreamed that Roxana, Andrés and Bautista were boarding a plane, she yelled at them, but they ignored her, so she had no choice but to follow the plane behind her; however, she failed to catch up with him and even she tripped. When she recalled those scenes from her dream, Estela's eyes reddened again.

"Be good, even so, Miss Jerez has to go; I just met with her," Luciano commented, doing her best to suppress her discontent towards Roxana and affectionately console her daughter. Estela leaned on him more indecisively and sniffed her wrinkled nose; Her face softened little by little when she noticed Roxana's scent on Luciano, who asked again with concern. Do you dream something like that every night, Ela? he inquired, to which she pursed her lips and shook her head.

### [Chapter 403 Take A Trip](#)

"In recent days, Ela has not met Roxana, nor has she dreamed of her, so why today, right now, is she having these dreams and crying so desperately?" Luciano thought, after having frowned. eyebrows from the confusion he felt when he saw her.

—Andrés and Bautista told me that Miss Jerez was going to take them abroad once she finished her work at the research institute.

Estela broke down when she remembered her conversation yesterday with the twins in kindergarten; She thought that Roxana had only lied to her prior to that and that Andrés and Bautista also told her that they would not leave. However, both children informed Estela that they would not stay long in the country..., besides, since Roxana had told Estela that she would go abroad, the girl had

not seen her again. With that in mind, the girl couldn't contain the urge to burst into tears again and upon hearing her daughter's words, Luciano's face darkened little by little.

"According to Andrés and Bautista, Roxana would already be abroad if it hadn't been for the incident!" She reflected, then Estela pulled the hem of her father's shirt.

"Daddy, I refuse to see Miss Jerez leave," he mentioned in his childish voice, so Luciano came back to reality and took his daughter's small hands to comfort her.

"I know, I'll have a good talk with Miss Jerez," he suggested and Estela nodded her head, after her eyes glazed over when she yawned, so he settled her on the bed and tucked her in again —. Go to sleep, I'll stay here to keep you company.

Her head fell to the side and she fell asleep after lying on the bed for a short while; Complicated emotions stirred Luciano's heart as he caught a glimpse of his daughter's calm, sleepy face as he pondered the words she had spoken to him. Later, when Estela fell into a deep sleep, Luciano tiptoed out of the room and returned to his own; he finished washing and was ready to sleep, for it was already past midnight. Early the next morning, Luciano suffered from a huge headache; Camilo was already waiting for him at the entrance to his office when he arrived and hurried to go with him when he saw him.

"Mr. Farina?"

-What's happening? He answered with a gravelly voice and nodding, to which Camilo took out a document and turned the page before showing it to Luciano.

"There are some small problems with our project in Solare. The people there are requiring a person in command on our side to make a trip in person; However, in the last few days, Mr. Lazcano has been in charge of another project, so he is not available to leave his position. What do you think..."

Luciano received the document and took a look at it; the matter was not something serious and assigning a project manager to Solare should be enough. However, Luciano had a different idea when he noticed the place agreed by the other party.

"I'll contact you soon," he replied to Camilo, who nodded his head.

Upon entering his office, Luciano took his phone and called Jonatan, meanwhile, he had just confirmed the meeting time with the herbal medicine suppliers in Solare and was about to call Roxana, when Luciano's call came suddenly, so he answered it instantly.

"The matter you mentioned yesterday about deciding the time with Solare's suppliers, have you finalized it yet?" If you haven't... —Luciano spoke solemnly, but Jonatan interrupted him animatedly in the middle of a sentence.

"You're more impatient than Dr. Jerez, not even she has pressured me with this matter," he commented, and Luciano grunted in response. I just agreed on the time and I was about to call Dr. Jerez," he added, and Luciano inquired further into said information.

"When is the date?"

"In two days, why?" Jonatan questioned, after taking a look at the calendar.

"Understood," Luciano answered, nodding, and immediately afterwards, he ended the call without even offering an explanation to Jonatan; After that, Luciano sent for Camilo to his office. Book me a flight to Solare tomorrow. I'll make the trip myself.

Camilo looked at his boss, confused about him, because previously, he had only consulted with him on a matter because he had to make a decision; Camilo, in the same way, knew that, judging by the seriousness of the issue that arose in Solare's project, Luciano did not have the need to go there personally. However, since Luciano had given the order, Camilo did not dare to question him and quickly agreed to proceed to make the necessary preparations.

#### [Chapter 404 We Have To Leave The Country](#)

After hanging up the phone, Jonatan immediately called Roxana, who answered instantly and asked:

—Mr. Quevedo, have the herbal medicine suppliers already agreed on a time to meet?

"Yes, they hope to meet with you and discuss the details in two days, early in the morning; however, everything will depend on whether you are available or not," Jonatan answered with a smile. The biggest problem at the institute had to do with these vendors, so clearly Roxana prioritized the meeting and agreed to meet with them without hesitation.

"I'll be free, please let them know I'll be on time."

"You don't have to prepare anything. Once she arrives, there will be someone to go looking for her.

"Thank you very much, Mr. Quevedo, thank you for your help.

"Don't worry, you already did a lot for us by curing my grandfather back then," Jonatan replied with a smile. After all, considering the relationship between Roxana and Luciano, he felt as if it was his obligation to help them; At the same time, Jonatan tried to help Luciano by mentioning him in the conversation. Besides, Luciano already called me to hurry up, so it's only fair to give my best! —She exclaimed, hearing it, Roxana remained silent and remembered what had happened the night before.

«According to Jonatan, it seems that Luciano is still concerned about matters that concern my research institute. Didn't I make things clear last night? Besides, I already told you that Sonia is behind all this. What are you planning to do now?», He reflected and after receiving no response from her,

Jonathan knew that he had wasted her effort once again, so he cleared his throat to continue speaking.

—Since my work ends here, I will pay attention to the good news that comes out in these two days.

"If all goes well, I'll visit him and thank him again," she answered, pursing her lips and smiling; They both ended the call by complimenting each other and afterwards, Jonatan was confused thinking about how Roxana had reacted when he mentioned Luciano.

"I planned everything meticulously last night, didn't I? I gave them the perfect opportunity to be alone. Why does Roxana's attitude towards Luciano remain the same? What happened between them last night?"

Now the only remaining problem at the research institute is the supply of medicinal ingredients, Roxana thought, and she breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing Jonatan's words.

After finishing said call, Jonatan sent Roxana a message with the details of the suppliers in Solare and asked Conrado for help to analyze them that same day and find a business proposal; the only thing missing now was the meeting with them in Solare. When Roxana arrived at her house in the afternoon, she looked much more relaxed compared to the previous two days; Andrés and Bautista became more nervous when they saw how relaxed her mother was. During dinner, Bautista picked at the food from his plate without paying attention to it and asked something grumpily.

"Mommy, are you almost done with the matters related to the research institute?"

"I'll go to Solare in two days and if everything goes well, the problem will be solved," Roxana answered, nodding her head. In other words, they could leave the country in no time; Andrés and Bautista's faces fell as they exchanged glances with each other.

"Do we have to leave the country?" She asked and Roxana nodded her head in silence. She knew that the twins refused to leave Estala behind and somehow, Roxana felt the same way; however, she began to feel uncomfortable when she remembered how impressive Luciano had been the night before.

"If we stay here, who knows what will happen in the future?"

### [Chapter 405 Mutual Benefits](#)

Two days later, Roxana flew to Solare early in the morning, according to the agreed time; As Jonatan had said, by the time she arrived, someone was already waiting for her outside the airport. After getting out of the car, the driver of the car asked him a question in a respectful manner.

"Mr. Zazueta has already reserved a hotel room for you. Do you want him to take you there or do you prefer to go to the office first?"

"If Mr. Zazueta is available right now, maybe we should go to the office first," Roxana answered, since

she hadn't brought much luggage.

She just wanted to get it over with as soon as possible, so the driver nodded and immediately took her to the office; when they were on their way, he also called Jacinto Zazueta to keep him up to date. Upon arriving at the site, Jacinto was already waiting for Roxana in his office.

"Hello, Dr. Jerez. I've heard a lot about you," Jacinto greeted and stood up to take her hand and shake it as a greeting, she copied her action and after exchanging some compliments, Roxana decided to be direct.

—Mr. Zazueta, the reason she came today is....

"I know, he's here to talk about the possibility of working together, although there's no rush, after all, I'm not the only interested participant," Jacinto interrupted, leaving Roxana astonished, who believed that he had changed his mind and that's why He himself spoke hesitantly.

I already have the proposal ready. Would you like to review it first? We can make some adjustments according to your requirements.

—He misunderstood what I meant. Since Mr. Quevedo introduced us, I will not break my promise; he meant that our company will hold a banquet tonight and I hoped he could join us. The representatives of other companies will also be present —Jacinto explained, waving his hand dismissively and thus causing Roxana to let out a sigh of relief; however, she remained undecided.

"Oh, I see, I can wait. About her banquet... —he said, but since Jacinto didn't know what was going through her mind, he kept trying to convince her.

"According to Mr. Quevedo, you are well known worldwide, Dr. Jerez. We would be honored with her presence; In addition, prominent figures in the pharmaceutical industry from across the country will attend. You may even be able to get contacts when you meet them; By catering the banquet, we will both benefit!

Before Jonatan recommended Roxana to him, Jacinto had already investigated her background, so he knew very well what she did at the medical conference at that time; By mere coincidence, many of the prominent figures in the pharmaceutical industry expected her to attend said banquet. He believed that most of them would know Roxana and that is why Jacinto wanted him to be there.

"If I can get him to attend, not only will I be able to show how connected I am, but I can also show my appreciation for Jonatan and Roxana."

"Since you said that, then I must attend the banquet, Mr. Zazueta." I'll take the documents with me when I go in the afternoon," Roxana agreed without having any other option.

"It won't be necessary. We'll just discuss it with everyone tonight, okay? You don't have to be so

formal. Since you're not in a hurry, we can review the agreement tomorrow," Jacinto concluded, thus rejecting her suggestion. Roxana hesitated a bit before accepting his suggestion and then Jacinto told her about the time and place of the banquet before ordering her driver to take her back to the hotel.

#### [Chapter 406 Doubtful](#)

Meanwhile, despite being in Homeros, Jonatan had also received the invitation to Jacinto's banquet, but because he was busy with the Quevedo Group, he could not attend; however, he thought of Luciano and believed that he would be interested in going. After hanging up the call with Jacinto, Jonatan immediately called Luciano and as soon as he answered, he asked:

"Is Roxana here yet?"

"Yes, she's already there, besides, Dr. Jerez has a potential partner in Solare, she invited her to her banquet and she's already confirmed her attendance," Jonatan replied jokingly, after having frozen for a moment.

"Understood," Luciano answered with a gravelly voice and furrowed eyebrows. Then he hung up the call before the other could say anything else; A mocking smile formed on Jonatan's face when he saw how the light on his phone dimmed. Although Luciano didn't say it out loud, he knew for sure that he was going to go to the banquet; On the other hand, in Solare, someone knocked on Luciano's door when he hung up the call and the partner of Grupo Fariña de Solare entered with a smile on his face.

"Mr. Fariña, would you like to review our contract?" -asked

Luciano's partner in Solare felt quite helpless because they were the ones who noticed Grupo Fariña's mistakes in the first place, so they believed they could take advantage of it. However, they did not expect Luciano to show up personally and not only failed to gain the upper hand, but ended up facing endless demands from Luciano. In short, they almost lost the opportunity to work with said group; Over the past few days, Luciano had been cooperative, but remained hesitant about working with them. Thus, the person in charge took the initiative and humbly altered all the terms and conditions of the contract with respect to Luciano's requirements; however, they still could not get him to sign it. At the same time,

Despite Luciano's attitude towards the deal, they were glad they hadn't been rejected yet; in other words, there was still a chance to carry it out. With the slightest hope in his mind, the person in charge of the project had consulted with Luciano on a daily basis to measure his opinions; that day, Luciano had a hand in his pocket and sneered at the person in charge, who kept his head bowed and seemed to be wary of her own actions. Although she still hadn't received a response from Luciano, said person did not dare to rush him.

"From what I heard, your company is quite prominent here in Solare, right? Luciano asked.

"Our company ranks first in the industry in which we are involved," the person in charge answered



quickly and with that, he turned to look at Luciano cautiously because he was worried that he had found another partner to work with.

"I heard that the Zazueta Group is hosting a banquet tonight. Will your company attend? Luciano answered with satisfaction and nodding his head.

"Um... Our company isn't involved in the pharmaceutical industry, so the Zazueta Group didn't invite us," he replied subconsciously. As soon as he uttered that sentence, she managed to feel that Luciano was looking at him uncertainly, so the person in charge immediately came to his senses and continued. That said, I'm sure Grupo Zazueta would invite us if we asked.

"Have your boss show up there tonight with the contract," Luciano ordered, nodding.

In other words, Luciano agreed to sign the contract with them during the banquet and that left the person in charge full of emotion and he instantly agreed to then return and inform the superiors what Luciano demanded.

#### [Chapter 407 Get Away](#)

Roxana thought that she was only going to sign a contract and did not expect an invitation to a banquet; Since she was dealing with potential partners, she thought it would be disrespectful to show up wearing a suit, so she analyzed it for a moment and called Magalí.

"What's up, Roxanne? You're in Solare for work, right? Her," she asked. One day before leaving on a trip, Roxana asked Magalí to take care of Andrés and Bautista, so she thought that due to her sudden call, she was worried about her children. Don't worry, okay? I already took the children to the kindergarten and watched that they entered.

"With you in charge, I'm not worried, I just wanted to know if you know of any clothing stores in Solare." I will attend a banquet this afternoon, Roxana answered after letting out a giggle.

"Didn't you go to sign a contract?" How did you end up as a guest at a banquet? Magalí asked, frowning in confusion.

"It's a requirement of a potential partner and I shouldn't turn it down. Let me know if you know of any clothing stores, okay? It's the first time I've visited Solare and I don't know the place very well," answered the other with a forlorn tone, so Magalí didn't press her anymore and stopped asking questions about it; she pondered for a moment before speaking again.

—If I'm not mistaken, the Landa family has a branch there; look everywhere and see if you can find it, I think it's also called Neon. I'll call the person in charge.

After having worked for four years in Chepa, Magalí managed to make lots of friends and knew some of the small members of the Landa family; For her part, Roxana felt indecisive when she found out who the

owners of said clothing store are.

«The Fariña family and Landa are close and since I am avoiding the Fariña, I am also avoiding the prestigious families associated with them; however, I had no choice but to work with Grupo Quevedo».

"I think they have a requirement for clients to make a reservation before going, wait a minute, okay?" "I'll make some calls to see if I can get you in line," Magalí commented, having no idea of Roxana's concerns. With that, she hung up the call and Roxana did not reject the idea because she thought that she would not meet anyone from the Fariña family in a small clothing store owned by the Landa family; Shortly after, Magalí called her again. I already made you an appointment, just mention my name when you get there, okay? I need to attend to something, so I'm going to hang up now.

As soon as Roxana accepted, Magalí ended the call and since it was already getting late, she decided to eat something simple before heading to Neón by taxi; when she arrived, it was already one in the afternoon. Roxana mentioned the name of her friend and it was true that someone came immediately with her; Roxana chose an elegant look and took a seat, while she waited for the stylist in silence. She wasn't sure if she had imagined it, but she thought she had heard Luciano's voice while waiting, but since it was only a second, she didn't think too much about it. Meanwhile, the person in charge of Neón in Solare followed Luciano from behind when he spoke respectfully to him.

"Mr. Fariña, our head stylists are already waiting for you upstairs.

"Thank you," Luciano answered, nodding nonchalantly.

His partner did well and although they did not know why he wanted to attend the Zazueta Group banquet, they contacted them as quickly as they could and managed to get two invitations. Luciano was not prepared to attend a banquet, so he did not bring the necessary clothes with him, therefore, he called someone from the Landa family before heading to Neón.

#### [Chapter 408 Run](#)

The hair and makeup style that Roxana chose was quite simple, so they finished it up quickly; she then she chose a dress of hers and went to change hers, while the stylist waited outside the changing room and when he watched her get out of it, he was perplexed.

"Miss, the dress fits you like it was made for you!

He had been a stylist for many years and very rarely had he seen someone choose such a simple look at the Neon clothing store; before doing her makeup, he noticed how pretty she was. However, since he had only chosen something simple, the stylist did not have high expectations of the final results; to his surprise, he was stunned by Roxana's beauty. A lot of her hair was tied up in a simple bun at the back of her head with a simple pearl hairpin, while the rest of her hair was loose at the back of her head.

With her light makeup, she managed to show off her facial features and even the makeup artist took the initiative to put some lip gloss on her; Regarding his clothing, he was wearing a white dress that left his

shoulders exposed, thus showing off his perfect skin and his attractive clavicle and, in fact, he looked like an angel come down from heaven. If it weren't for the fact that the people who come to Neón to get ready are rich and powerful, the stylist would have recommended Roxana to join the entertainment industry and be a star. Upon receiving the compliments from the stylist, all Roxana did was smile and thank.

"Thank you," he said, and then looked at himself in the mirror and nodded in satisfaction.

"Okay, it's not very fancy, but it's enough to show my appreciation for the invitation."

Roxana turned around to thank the stylist once more before going downstairs and going to pay, then she left the place and noticed that it was time for the banquet, so she wanted to walk to the side of the road to have a drink. cab. Right at that moment, he heard a voice from behind her.

"Goodbye, Mr. Fariña," the person in charge of Neón said goodbye politely when he accompanied Luciano to the exit. He nodded a little before turning around and that's when he saw the lady standing on the side of the road. He recognized her just by looking at her back; She, for her part, clearly heard what the person in charge said and her entire being instantly stiffened. Right after that, Roxana wanted to run away from there as soon as she could and when Luciano noticed her, he shadowed her gaze and quickly walked towards her.

"What a coincidence, Miss Jerez! —He exclaimed, causing Roxana to stop dead, at the same time that she felt astonished.

How can this be a coincidence? Why is Luciano here? Also, why does he call me after what I said?», he thought and, on the other hand, Luciano was also surprised.

Who would have known that while she was upstairs fixing me, she'd been downstairs all this time? I thought we would only meet during the banquet; However, it's not a bad thing that we ran into each other before the event», thought Luciano, who was not bothered by the fact that he did not receive an answer from Roxana. He walked over to her and stood next to her before asking another question in a deep voice.

"You look very well dressed, Miss Jerez." Will she attend the banquet? Was she planning to get into a taxi dressed like this? she inquired, causing her to frown and take two steps back to keep her distance from him.

"Thank you for her concern, Mr. Fariña. He must be a busy man and he shouldn't take up your time.

With that, she turned to leave, stunned Luciano, who, a second later, noticed that she was trying to get away from him, so her gaze darkened and she suddenly grabbed Roxana by the wrist. She stopped short and turned around to look at him warily, and the other spoke to her in an authoritative voice.

-I will take you.

### [Chapter 409 A Perfect Match](#)

Roxana pursed her lips in annoyance and tried to free herself from the hold; However, her effort was in vain, but Luciano realized her effort and spoke to her with a solemn expression.

"Are you seriously going to get in a cab dressed like that?" Haven't you seen how the weather is?

"You don't have to worry about me, Mr. Fariña. I can take care of myself —Roxana answered coldly and that's when Luciano realized that her concern became very obvious, so he frowned and replied.

"I doubt I'll be able to find a cab at this hour, by the time I do, I'll be late for the banquet.

"Is right. The Neon clothing store is in a very secluded area and cars hardly pass by on the road. Hell, I haven't even seen a cab go by in the area, unless I walk further; Even so, I don't want Luciano to take me", she thought after checking the street.

So, she turned around and when she was about to speak to the man, her phone rang; She frowned and looked up from her to Luciano. In response, he slowly released her wrist and observed that Jacinto was calling him, when she answered, he spoke to her with an animated tone.

"Doctor Jerez, where is he?" The other partners have already arrived, even Mr. Linares has already arrived and he told me that he is excited to see her! —She exclaimed and Roxana checked the time.

«Although the banquet will not start soon, Mr. Zazueta said that Mr. Linares has already arrived. I can't leave him waiting for so long», she mused and after hesitating for a moment, she answered herself.

"Please tell Mr. Linares that I'll be here in a while," she asked. Jacinto confirmed with a giggle and hung up the call, so Roxana stared at her phone, while the screen dimmed and she began to feel worried.

"This trip to Solare is full of surprises! At first I thought all I had to do was attend the banquet; However, not only did I bump into Luciano, but Mr. Linares is also invited to the banquet. Last time I had already rejected Mr. Linares as my mentor and making him wait for me would be rude», Roxana reflected and with that in mind, she steeled herself to talk to Luciano.

"If you don't mind, Mr. Fariña, please take me to the banquet."

«A few moments ago he was avoiding me, wasn't he?», thought Luciano and a smile appeared on her face when he remembered the sudden change of attitude in her.

"Well, since you've changed your mind, Miss Jerez, it will be an honor to take you," he replied and with that, he turned around to guide her to the car and when he got in, Roxana indicated the direction to the driver.

"Please, take me to the Florence Hotel."

The driver was hired by Luciano's potential partners, so they did not know each other personally and therefore, the driver thought that Roxana was his partner for that afternoon, since they got into the car together.

"Wow! They look like the perfect couple! »Thought the driver, who was shortly surprised by Roxana's indication and without thinking much about her response, responded instinctively.

"Exactly, that's where we're headed."

For some reason, the temperature plummeted when the driver finished speaking and he subconsciously shrugged at the change in mood in the car; after that, he set out to drive. Meanwhile, the two people sitting at the back had different expressions on their faces; For her part, Roxana frowned and looked suspiciously at Luciano.

How can it be a coincidence? Mr. Zazueta said that all the attendees were prominent figures in the pharmaceutical industry, right? The Fariña Group is not involved in any way in it, so why did he invite him? », Roxana questioned in her mind. It was evident that Luciano noticed that he was looking at him, so he nonchalantly turned to her and said:

—It seems that fate brought us together.

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Hearing that, Roxana's expression froze, so she pursed her lips and remained silent the whole way; Then, the car slowly stopped at the entrance of the Hotel Florencia and when they arrived, it seemed that the banquet had already started, since there were a lot of luxurious cars parked in front of the hotel. Seeing that, Roxana got nervous and wanted to rush in, after getting out of the car; With her brows knitted, Luciano questioned her coldly.

"Is this how you show her gratitude, Miss Jerez?" —He said, causing Roxana to stop dead and turn to look at him with confusion in her eyes.

"Thank you, Mr. Fariña," she thanked after hesitating for a moment and with that, she turned to leave.

"Is that all, Miss Jerez?" Luciano asked again, in a sarcastic tone, she, for her part, felt defenseless and more nervous at the same time; however, she kept her composure.

"What do you want me to do, Mr. Fariña?" "I don't have time to buy him a coffee," she answered. The last time Luciano did her a favor, she showed him her appreciation by inviting him a cup of coffee, but it was evident that this time he didn't have time to do that, so the man gave her an ambiguous smile and walked towards her.

"What I want won't take up your time, it's just that I need a companion for the banquet." If you don't mind, please come with me, Miss Jerez," she asked and upon hearing that, Roxana pursed her lips and eyebrows, without saying a single word in response.

«If I accept your proposal, the others will misunderstand our relationship; however, I know Luciano well enough to know that if I don't do what he wants, he won't let me get away with it so easily. Besides, even if he rejected it, he would still try hard to make the rest of us think that we're involved in some way. Maybe just accept his proposal and put some rules ».

With that thought, Roxana accepted carelessly and when Luciano extended his arm to hook it with hers, she ignored the gesture, but he responded by smiling and letting her be. Thus, both walked shoulder to shoulder towards the entrance; the banquet was held on the second floor and when they entered, all eyes fell on them. That afternoon, one of them was dressed in white and the other in black and although they did not interact intimately with each other, it seemed that they all had the feeling that they were a match made in paradise. Just like that, they walked to the center of the event with all eyes on them, so Roxana endured the strange looks of the guests and took a look at them.

"Luckily, I don't see anyone from Homers here."

Then, she inwardly sighed with relief, but even so, she tried to distance herself from Luciano when they walked together; he, for her part, knew what he was doing, so in response, he did the exact opposite and she only stopped and forced a smile.

"You have to socialize with the others, right, Mr. Fariña?" I have to get to the side," she commented, she nodded her head and walked in the opposite direction of him. Luciano's gaze darkened when she observed her escape, but he didn't stop her because, in the first place, he didn't even expect her to comply with her request, since he only asked for her company and he didn't know if this one was going to accept.

"Is it just because we're not in Homers?" he thought, and with that in mind, he smiled self-deprecatingly; meanwhile, Roxana moved away from her and reached a corner, looked up and tried to locate Gerardo in the crowd and right after, she heard a familiar voice.

"Roxana, you and Mr. Fariña...?" Her," she asked. As he was one of the leading figures of the younger generation, Leonardo was also invited by Grupo Zazueta and as he was available at the time, he decided to attend. However, he was quite surprised to see Roxana there and even more surprised to see her accompanying Luciano.