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Luckily, the sadness of Andrés and Bautista did not last long. They knew that Roxana would be sad if she saw them sad and, after a few seconds of feeling that they had disappointed Estela, the boys smiled once more and hugged her mother.

Roxana also left her negative thoughts behind and smiled. She loaded the boys into the car one after the other, and Lisa joined them in the back seat.

"Mommy, why didn't you tell us you'd come for us?" Bautista asked cautiously.

Roxana started the car and, remembering her suspicious behavior a while ago, she couldn't help but feel a little guilty when she heard Bautista's words.

—Well... It was a spontaneous decision.

Bautista tilted his head showing his confusion.

"Didn't you say you'd be busy with work today?"

"I finished early and I thought I'd come for you," Roxana answered, trying to sound normal to avoid the boys suspecting her.

However, Andrés interrupted her with a childish tone:

—Mom is lying.

Roxana was perplexed and Bautista looked at Andrés wondering why he had said that.

"You've been around for a while, haven't you?" —Andrés asked with a serious tone while he saw the reflection of his mother in the rearview mirror.

Roxana did not expect the little boy to discover her and tried to get rid of him.

"I saw them as soon as I arrived.

But Andrés didn't give in and ignored her explanation to say:

—If you really wanted to come for us, you would have told Miss Lisa so she wouldn't come. But Miss Lisa did come and you were late when you also said you left work early. You're hiding something from us!

Also, Andrés had heard Estela call Roxana when Luciano came for her. This was enough for the little boy to suspect that his mother had been watching them from some hiding place.

Roxana could not believe that little Andrés reached such a correct conclusion and she felt ashamed.

"I'm not hiding anything. I tell them I just-

Bautista connected the dots and exclaimed with his usual innocence:

—So Estela was looking for mommy because she knew mommy was here!

Andrés nodded in agreement since he shared the same suspicion as his brother, but he didn't know why Roxana refused to admit it.

After being caught in her lie by the boys, she felt very helpless.

Lisa, who knew what was happening, turned to Roxana with a smile:

—No wonder you called me this afternoon. You would have already left work by then.

Her words implied that Roxana had arrived early, but that she was not present.

At this, Roxana smiled sarcastically and nodded while Andrés and Bautista looked at her accusingly from her back seat.

—Mommy, if you were already here, why didn't you come over to say hello to Estela? Bautista felt the need to ask.

Roxana didn't know what to say. She just knew that she couldn't tell the guys about her problem with Sonia, but she couldn't think of a good excuse either.

Just as she was about to pull something out of her sleeve, Bautista asked:

"Mommy, is it because you didn't want to see Mr. Fariña?"

"If not, why would he wait until both Mr. Fariña and Estela had left before showing up?"

Roxana breathed a sigh of relief and looked at Andrés and Bautista in silence as a sign of agreeing with her conclusion. After all, she wasn't lying; Luciano was also one more reason why she avoided appearing before Estela.

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After believing that they had hit the nail on the head, they stopped being upset and turned to Roxana to comfort her.

"Mommy, if you don't want to see Mr. Fariña, you don't have to." We will take very good care of Ela!

After all, Luciano had left the boys and Roxana behind and they didn't want to see him either.

Proud of her two children, Roxana smiled affectionately and said:

—I know they will. I checked it today.

The boys took her mother's words with pride and the atmosphere in the car soon came to life. Roxana also managed to relax and patiently answered each of her children's questions no matter what they told her.

Once home, Roxana went into the kitchen with Lisa, which was considered out of the ordinary, and together they prepared a great banquet for the boys. After dinner, Roxana played for a while with the children and, once they fell asleep, she returned to her bedroom.

Thinking of Estela's face after seeing her that afternoon, her emotions ran riot.

«Before, when Estela came to see me, she was always full of joy, but as soon as she left me, she became very sad. Now I understand why Andrés and Bautista were so down these last days when they returned home.

Roxana wanted to run to hug Estela, but she didn't want to lose her place at the doctor's office. After all, she had no way of knowing if Sonia was watching her.

As she was pondering this, she received a text from Jonatan that said, "My grandfather has his letter of recommendation ready. I will send it to him as soon as he asks me ».

After reading the text, Roxana came to her senses and replied: "I'll go pick her up in person. Can I come by tomorrow afternoon?"

Jonatan raised his eyebrows in surprise and answered yes, after which he went to his chat with Luciano. The last message in the file was from two days ago when he informed Luciano that Roxana had agreed to take part in the medical consultation.

Immediately afterwards, Jonatan touched the screen of his phone and sent a message:

«Luciano. How long has it been since you visited grandpa?»

Meanwhile, in the Fariña mansion, Luciano watched Estela while she slept. After leaving the room, he received Jonatan's message and, reading it, frowned. He wondered if maybe Alfredo had complained that he hasn't visited him recently. So he replied: "How is he healthy? I've been very busy these last few days."

Luciano had an outing to Solare two days ago and due to this many company issues had accumulated

waiting for him to resolve them. And not to mention the new projects. Work had overwhelmed him. He even had to make time in his busy schedule to pick up Estela from school. In fact, now that Estela had fallen asleep, he had to work for a while longer in her study.

Jonatan responded shortly after: "He is in good health. But Dr. Jerez will come tomorrow to pick up his letter of recommendation. Wouldn't you like to come visit him tomorrow?"

Luciano's gaze darkened when he read Jonatan's message. He hasn't seen Roxana for a long time. They had no valid reason to hit it off, not to mention that she had been deliberately avoiding him. He even refused to see Estela. He couldn't help but feel conflicted when he remembered how much Estela suffered during the afternoon because of how much she misses Roxana.

On the other side of the line, Jonatan despaired of not receiving a prompt response from Luciano. So he sent her another message: "Grandpa has been asking about you these days."

After sending the message, Jonatan was thoughtful. «I have put it all on a silver platter. The rest is up to you », he thought.

After a long time, Luciano finally replied:

«I will visit him tomorrow. Please let him know."

Jonatan responded to his request and let out a helpless sigh. He had even had to rack his brains to give his friend a chance to woo a lady. If it hadn't been for Estela, he surely wouldn't have even tried.

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There wasn't much to do at the institute the next day, so after lunch, Roxana took care of some business and took with her to the Quevedo residence some of the supplements produced by the research institute.

Once at the residence, Jonatan was already waiting for her in the living room and, after noticing that only he was present, she asked confused:

—Where is Mr. Quevedo?

Jonatan pointed his finger upstairs and said,

"He's taking his afternoon nap." We didn't expect you to arrive so early.

Upon hearing this, Roxana nodded and began to speak more softly:

—There isn't much to do at the institute today, so I wanted to come see him to see how he is and thank him for all the help he has given me these days. .

Jonatan nodded his head and answered:

—We'll have to wait a while down here until he wakes up.

Next, Roxana placed the supplements on the table and sat in an individual chair next to Jonatan before continuing to talk about Alfredo's state of health.

After a while, they heard the butler's voice talking to someone outside.

—Mr. Quevedo is sleeping upstairs. Please come in and wait a moment in the room, Mr. Fariña.

After hearing this, Roxana remained silent and instinctively looked towards the main door of the mansion. Then, Luciano entered the place wearing a very expensive suit. His head seemed to lean forward a bit, probably because he was listening intently to the butler's instructions. Finally, he nodded and said in a deep voice:

-Alright.

Saying this, she raised her face and looked at the hall. It was then that she realized who was sitting in the room and frowned as if surprised by what he saw. Roxana, in turn, also frowned, not knowing how to react to her sudden appearance. Meanwhile, Jonatan had been caught between this duo and although the situation made him a bit desperate, he managed to put on a surprised expression.

-Luciano! I haven't seen you here for a long time. What is your visit today?

Luciano, then, took his gaze away from Roxana and fixed it on Jonatan.

—I've been very busy with work these last few days, but just today I had some free time and decided to come visit Mr. Quevedo. How is the?

Jonatan just frowned and casually diverted the conversation to Roxana.

"Why don't you ask Dr. Jerez?" She's the one who's been keeping up with him. In fact, she's here to say hello, too.

Roxana felt very uncomfortable. She wasn't sure if she was misreading the situation or if this meeting with Luciano was really a big coincidence. It even seemed to her that Jonathan had been very careful in her choice of words.

On the other hand, Luciano's gaze had turned to rest on Roxana once more, but he didn't say a word to her. They were like two strangers who shared nothing in particular. Roxana had no choice but to keep her discomfort to herself and tried to look into his calm and smiling eyes.

—Good afternoon, Mr. Fariña.

Luciano, for his part, pursed his lips and said sarcastically:

—Dr. Jerez, please explain to me what Mr. Quevedo's condition is.

Once again, Roxana was perplexed. Since she returned to the country, Luciano had been behaving very differently compared to the treatment they had six years ago. Most of the time he was somewhere between ambiguous and annoyed with her. This cold attitude that he had taken towards her was very strange to her and made her feel uncomfortable. But she didn't let her thoughts control her and, clenching her fists, she managed to regain control of herself before proceeding to professionally explain Alfredo's condition to Luciano.

Alfredo's recovery was almost complete. The only thing was that, due to spending so many years bedridden, his bodily functions had experienced a setback and he would have to do a lot of exercises before he recovered to one hundred percent.

When Roxana finished giving this explanation, Luciano nodded without showing any kind of reaction and sat next to Jonatan without saying a single word.

[Chapter 454 Jealousy](#)

Suddenly, the atmosphere in the room became tense.

Seeing that neither Roxana nor Luciano seemed willing to start a conversation, Jonatan began to have a headache. After all that he had done to bring these two together, it seemed that his efforts had been in vain. He didn't even know why Luciano had agreed to come.

Despite the headache, Jonatan felt compelled to cut the tension a bit.

—The medical consultation with the Dorante family is this weekend. How are you doing with your preparations, Dr. Jerez? Jonathan asked, trying to start a conversation.

Roxana pursed her lips a little and then smiled.

"I already prepared as much as I could." Unless something happens, everything should be fine, even if my presentation isn't the best.

Then, Jonathan glanced sideways at the man sitting next to him, expecting him to try to add something to the conversation. But her hopes were dashed when she noticed that Luciano acted as if he hadn't even heard her speak. The man just sat on the couch with an expressionless face. Jonathan couldn't help but take a breath feeling frustrated. He didn't understand why Luciano had agreed to come if he was going to have this attitude.

Then, Jonatan returned his attention to Roxana and said in a serious tone:

—I don't think you should worry too much. The Dorante family is not so strict about these matters. Her talent will speak for itself and that will be more than enough for them to notice her.

Roxana felt flattered and smiled humbly and replied:

—Many of those who will be present at the medical consultation are brilliant doctors. I don't know if my medical skills are up to your experience.

Although Roxana did not doubt her ability, Chepa was the home of traditional medicine and she had developed her professional career abroad. If any of the candidates turned out to be local, she wasn't sure she had a chance against him.

Hearing this, Jonathan frowned and thought about what he was going to say for a moment before answering quietly:

-It's true. But I can assure you that no one is better than you when it comes to traditional medicine. Also, if I remember correctly, Mr. Morales will also be present. They are friends, right? With him by his side, he will not go unnoticed by the Dorante family.

The Morales were well known in Solare and Leandro himself was almost an international celebrity. It was almost certain that the Dorantes would know a thing or two about him. In fact, Leandro had spent the last few years abroad, so the Dorantes had not been able to contact him. They would surely be very interested in his work during the medical consultation.

Roxana agreed immediately.

-Yeah. Leandro told me that he would be there. In fact, we already made plans to go together.

After mentioning Leandro, Luciano was visibly upset and, with a somber expression on his face, he looked at Roxana.

«Again this Morales guy. It seems that they coordinate his schedules. What are they up to?»

Jonatan, for his part, did not give it much importance. After all, he thought that this would be to Roxana's advantage.

"That's good," he said with a smile.

As soon as he uttered these words, Jonathan felt a great tension in the room. Then, he turned to see Luciano, who seemed to be surrounded by a gloomy aura. Jonatan had no idea what could have irritated him so much. After thinking about it a bit, he realized that it could be Leandro. That alone would make sense.

"Is he...jealous?"

Jonathan couldn't believe it. He thought he had seen it all, but this was the first time he had seen Luciano jealous of a girl. Roxana also noticed the clear change in expression on Luciano's face and she didn't understand his annoyance. Suddenly, the atmosphere of the place seemed tense. Roxana clenched her fists tightly and did everything possible to avoid Luciano's gaze while she smiled at Jonatan as if nothing had happened.

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After seeing that Roxana was still smiling, Luciano's anger increased and along with it his gloomy aura. So much so that she couldn't help but ask in an annoyed tone:

—How close are you and Mr. Morales, Dr. Jerez?

The question took Jonatan and Roxana by surprise.

Jonatan was smart enough to feel that friction in the air and understand that he shouldn't open his mouth right now. Roxana, for her part, remained silent for a moment until she was able to look Luciano in the eye and say:

—Mr. Morales and I have been friends for many years. He has taken care of me all this time and I will always be grateful to him for this.

After her answer, Luciano pursed his lips.

-Really? More than the years we have known each other? she asked sarcastically.

Roxana felt her heart sink and, unconsciously, she glanced at Jonatan. From her choice of words, it was clear that Luciano was hinting that there was something between the two of them. Luckily for Roxana, Jonatan's expression didn't change and it seemed like she hadn't even heard him. This reassured Roxana, who took a deep breath before turning to Luciano:

—My friendship with Mr. Morales does not compare to my relationship with you, Mr. Fariña.

However, noticing that Roxana was avoiding talking about what had happened between them, Luciano responded with disdain:

—You are absolutely right. You and I have only seen each other a couple of times, haven't we, Dr. Jerez? How would you compare our interaction to the years of friendship between you and Mr. Morrison? I wonder how well Andrés and Bautista are accepting it.

Luciano insinuated that Roxana wanted Leandro as a father to her two children.

At this, Roxana frowned once more and with anger in her voice she replied:

—Leandro and I are just friends. Please stop making illogical assumptions, Mr. Fariña.

Luciano chuckled, and just as he was about to reply, Jonatan took his arm and cleared his throat a little.

-Ahem! It seems to me that the grandfather already woke up. Let's go say hello, Luciano.

Before Luciano had a chance to react, Jonatan pulled him by the arm again and signaled for him to follow him to the other floor. Immediately afterwards, Luciano took Jonatan's hand off of him and gave Roxana an annoyed look.

Seeing this, Jonatan felt his headache return just thinking that Luciano would not let go of this matter with Roxana. The initial plan was for this to be an opportunity to reconcile their relationship, not for them to argue at his house. But luckily for Jonatan, Luciano didn't say anything else and, after standing up in silence, he headed for the stairs.

Jonathan felt somewhat embarrassed.

—I apologize for your behavior, Dr. Jerez. He doesn't know what he says. Please don't mind. We'll go up to see Grandpa. Kindly wait here for a moment. We'll be down soon," he said as he smiled sadly at her.

After Jonatan said these words to ease the tension a bit, Roxana made up her mind not to bring it up again and kept all the anger she felt in her heart before nodding her head. For her part, Jonatan responded with a smile and followed Luciano.

"What's wrong with you, Luciano?" Didn't you come to resolve matters with Dr. Jerez? Jonatan asked Luciano desperately as they went up the stairs.

But Luciano remained silent with a somber expression. The reality was that he didn't know why he had come either. Besides, Roxana was the one who had distanced herself from both him and Estela; the girl had been very sad the night before because of her.

Although Luciano had agreed to appear to speak with Roxana on Estela's behalf, hearing Jonatan and Roxana talk about Leandro made him lose his temper. If it weren't for Jonatan interrupting just in time, Luciano wasn't sure what words would come out of his mouth.

After observing the furious face of his friend, Jonatan exhaled feeling a great impotence.

—I don't know what happened between you six years ago, but you should try to be more patient with Dr. Jerez if you want her to accept you.

[Chapter 456 Trust Yourself](#)

Luciano frowned and said in a low voice:

—It's okay. I will try to control myself.

Hearing this, Jonatan breathed a sigh of relief and walked towards Alfredo's room.

"Grandpa must be awake by now." I think we can go see it now. Actually, I think he will be very happy to see you after so long.

"I've had difficult days," he said as he brought Jonatan up to date on his situation.

"And even so, you had time to go to Solare with Dr. Jerez," Jonatan commented, trying to joke with him.

When evoking what happened in that city, Luciano's face darkened.

—It just happened that I had work in Solare that I had to take care of.

Jonathan just smiled without saying a word.

Then, the men went to Alfredo's room and Jonatan knocked on the door. Once they heard Alfredo's voice on the other side of the door, they opened the door and went to see him.

"Grandpa, Luciano came to see you," Jonatan said to Alfredo as he entered the room.

"A pleasure, Mr. Quevedo," Luciano greeted politely.

Alfredo had just woken up and was trying to sit up. Seeing this, Jonatan rushed to help him while Luciano served him a glass of water. This done, Luciano approached Alfredo and gave him the glass. Alfredo then took a sip and smiled at the young man who was standing next to him.

"How are things at the company?" There's not much to do?

Luciano nodded in agreement.

—Everything has been quite calm lately and that's why I took the opportunity to come visit him. How has he been?

-Better. You are young. Remember to take a break from time to time. So much work is not good — Alfredo commented.

"I won't forget it," Luciano promised.

After this interaction, Jonatan reminded him:

—Grandpa, Dr. Jerez is also here. She is waiting for you downstairs.

Hearing this, Alfredo glared at his grandson.

That's where you would have started! Help me get up!

With that, Jonatan helped Alfredo to his feet.

Meanwhile, Roxana was downstairs waiting for Alfredo and, seeing him come down the stairs, she stood up to greet him.

"Oh! There is no need. Please, take a seat," Alfredo said, waving his hand.

However, Roxana waited for Alfredo to sit in the chair before going with him. Jonatan also sat in silence, but decided to take the place furthest away from Roxana to leave the space on his side free for Luciano.

Realizing that Luciano was sitting so close to her, Roxana pursed her lips and settled in such a way that she was more separated from him, which Luciano did not like.

—The medical consultation will be next week at the orphanage located on the outskirts of the city. How are your preparations going?

The man was unaware of everything that was going through the minds of these young people and only looked at Roxana with interest.

I have almost everything ready. I have been researching congenital diseases in children these days — Roxana answered.

After learning that the Dorantes' medical consultations focused on children with congenital diseases, Roxana investigated the history of these diseases and analyzed the medical history of children treated by the Dorante family. Such research helped her to gain more knowledge on the subject.

Alfredo smiled gently at him.

"It sounds like you're putting a lot of effort into it." But don't push yourself too hard. Don't forget you come from Javier's school. Confide in yourself.

Roxana responded by nodding obediently.

Then, Alfredo turned to Jonatan and instructed him:

—Bring me the letter of recommendation that I left on the cabinet in my study.

Without fail, Jonathan complied and stood up. However, before walking towards the stairs, he glanced at Luciano worried that he might start another fight with Roxana in his absence.

[Chapter 457 It's Not The Right Time](#)

While Jonatan was away, Alfredo kept trying to persuade Roxana to consider Leandro.

-You are so young. You shouldn't give your whole life to work. I heard that Leandro will also participate in the medical consultation that is coming up. I remember how well they got along at my last birthday party.

Roxana didn't know what to say. Alfredo seemed more concerned with her love life. She first suggested that she look at Jonatan, two days ago she brought up the representative of the Dorantes and now Leandro. Roxana was impressed with how hard the man tried to set her up with someone.

"You and Leandro are compatible thanks to the fact that you both share a love for medicine," Alfredo emphasized, showing that he had already thought about this.

Although Roxana felt uncomfortable, she didn't want to reject his suggestions immediately, so she looked at the man somewhat embarrassed and answered:

—I'll consider it after the medical consultation has passed. That's all that matters to me right now. The truth is, I have no head for anything else.

Alfredo, however, gave him a disapproving look before saying:

"Maybe you can wait, but your children can't." They are very small. They cannot grow up without a father.

At the insistence of that man, Roxana's head began to ache and she could already feel how the tension in the room was increasing. The woman frowned and looked askance at Luciano, who had a somber expression; she could feel her temples throbbing.

Just as she was trying to think of how to end the matter, Luciano said,

"Mr. Quevedo, Dr. Jerez has done a great job raising her children herself these years. I think if she wanted to find a father for them, she would have to think it through. I don't think you need to worry about that.

Hearing this, Alfredo frowned and sighed.

-You're right. In fact, you have an advantage in this compared to Dr. Jerez. At least you have April taking care of Ela, plus they'll be getting married soon. If you know of someone who might be a good candidate for Dr. Jerez, I encourage you to introduce them to them.

Luciano's gaze darkened and, after looking at Roxana out of the corner of his eye, he answered curtly:

—Of course.

After meeting Luciano's eyes for a moment and listening to that conversation between the man and Alfredo, Roxana felt conflicting emotions in her heart. Alfredo, on the other hand, was satisfied with Luciano's response and decided to return to the subject of the medical consultation.

In that, Jonatan arrived with the recommendation letter in hand. However, as soon as he entered the room, he could detect the tension in the air. This gave her a bad feeling, so she rushed towards Alfredo and said:

—Here is the letter of recommendation, Grandpa.

After passing the recommendation letter to his grandfather, Jonatan took the opportunity to look at the two people sitting next to him and noticed that his expressions seemed darker than before.

Even so, Roxana kept a smile on her face as she continued to discuss the details of the medical consultation with Alfredo. Luciano, on the other hand, was expressionless and gave off a menacing aura. Since Alfredo was busy talking with Roxana, he didn't notice anything that was happening. Jonatan, then, sat next to his grandfather feeling a little nervous and confused. He wondered what had happened during his short absence.

Although Roxana had noticed that Luciano looked at her from time to time, she tried to hide the discomfort she felt inside and, when the conversation about the consultation came to an end, she took the opportunity to say goodbye.

—Señor Quevedo, if there are no more things pending, I will retire. He wanted to check his health condition, but it seems to me that this is not the most appropriate time to do so. I'll come back another day," she said to Alfredo.

Next, Alfredo gave the recommendation letter to the woman and, after reminding her of a few things, he said goodbye to her.

[Chapter 458 Spying On Me](#)

After seeing Roxana leave, Luciano's gaze darkened. Moments later he stood up as if nothing had happened and said:

—Mr. Quevedo, I just remembered that I had something pending in the office. I'm glad to see that her recovery is on the right track. If you don't need anything more from me, I'll drop by as well.

Alfredo felt surprised to hear him say that and frowned. Not long ago Luciano had said that he didn't have much to do these days and it seemed strange to him that he suddenly said that he was busy. But Alfredo was also aware that Luciano was responsible for the entire Fariña Group, so he was understanding with him.

"I wanted you to stay for dinner, but since you're very busy, I'd rather not bother you." Go. Work is more important —Alfredo said before continuing seriously— But don't forget to take a break and take care of

your health.

Luciano nodded and turned to leave. At the same time, Jonatan got up to accompany his friend.

-Wait! I accompany you to the exit.

As the men left the house, they saw Roxana, who was already near the entrance to the mansion. Jonatan was going to say something at that moment, but Luciano beat him to it.

"I know what you want to tell me and I've already taken note of it," Luciano said and, without waiting for his friend's response, he continued on his way.

Jonatan couldn't help but let out a sigh while he watched his friend approach Roxana.

Meanwhile, Roxana was waiting for the maid to open the front door for her when she heard footsteps approaching from behind. Immediately, Roxana instinctively turned around and met the cold gaze of that man. As they exchanged glances, Roxana froze for a moment, but it didn't take her long to recover her senses and, after nodding in greeting, she stood aside from her.

Despite the distance that still separated them, the woman could feel the gloomy aura emanating from that man. At this, she clenched her fists, digging her nails into her palms to try and stay calm. She couldn't wait for the door to open so she could run to the car and not have to see Luciano again. But Luciano was not going to let her escape so easily.

The doors opened and with them Roxana's eyes. But after taking the first step toward her freedom, a large hand took hold of her wrist.

"Miss Jerez, are you in such a hurry to avoid me?" Luciano was heard to say, looking somewhat annoyed.

Upon hearing this, Roxana's expression froze. Moments later, Roxana stopped her steps and turned around to face the man.

"Mr. Fariña, if you have something to tell me, we can discuss it in a civilized manner, but you have to let me go," Roxana said as she tried to get out of Luciano's hand.

Roxana did not want to cause a scene in someone else's house nor did she want to cause misunderstandings. But the man only squeezed his wrist and said:

"Miss Jerez, do you really plan for Mr. Morales to become the father of Andrés and Bautista?"

Luciano's voice was so cold that it made her shiver.

Roxana found this question completely ridiculous and, seeing the man, she said to him with disbelief:

—I already told you. Leandro and I are nothing more than friends. Mr. Fariña, please stop talking nonsense!

Luciano laughed sarcastically and replied:

—Nonsense? Miss Jerez, but you seemed very comfortable wearing Mr. Morales' clothes. What more proof do I need? Also, Mr. Quevedo mentioned Mr. Morales a moment ago and you did not reject.

Roxana was perplexed.

"When did I wear Leandro's clothes?"

The only time she remembered doing that was when she was in Solare when he lent her his jacket because she was freezing to death. But, Luciano had already retired by then.

"How does he know about that?"

Suddenly, Roxana thought of a hypothesis and threw a furious look at the man.

"Did you send someone to spy on me?"

It wasn't the first time she'd asked him this question. She did it to him when they were in Solare, but he denied it and Roxana came to the conclusion that she was imagining things.

"But if you hadn't spied on me, how would you know about this?"

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Luciano ignored her question and, with his eyes fixed on Roxana, continued questioning her:

—How far have you progressed in your relationship?

Roxana could not understand the reason for her questions and she replied with a serious tone:

—Luciano! Stop nonsense! There is nothing between Leandro and me and, if there were, it would not be your business. Who do you think you like to interfere in my personal life?

Luciano couldn't help but clench his fist trying to contain his fury. The atmosphere couldn't be more tense and Roxana was tired of talking to such a stubborn man.

"Mr. Fariña, please remember what her place is," Roxana said before turning her face and saying sharply, "I have to go now." Please let me go.

As soon as she felt Luciano stop squeezing her wrist, she withdrew her hand immediately and looked at

him.

—Mr. Fariña, Leandro and I are just friends. So I ask you not to cause him trouble. And I would appreciate it if you would stop watching me.

After these words, and without waiting for Luciano's response, Roxana turned around and immediately got into the car to get away from the man.

Luciano, on the other hand, did not come to his senses until Roxana's car disappeared in the distance, after which he clenched his fists. Although he recognized that Roxana was right when he said that she had no right to interfere in her personal life, he couldn't help but feel this rage when he imagined her in the arms of another man!

-Luciano?

Frida, who had just returned home, recognized Luciano at the door and ran towards him excited to see him. But when she got closer to him, she felt the gloomy aura surrounding him and she got a little scared and for a moment she forgot what she wanted to tell him. However, by this time, she had already caught Luciano's attention, who looked at her indifferently.

After meeting his glances, her mind went blank and her smile froze.

-You're leaving now?

"Yes," Luciano answered indifferently.

Frida was very nervous and she squeezed the bag in her hand before asking in a moment of panic:

—And... erm... How is Abril? I haven't seen her in a couple of days and I'm not sure if-

Luciano didn't wait for the woman to finish her sentence and gave her a cold look before opening his car door and getting into it. Frida fell silent as soon as Luciano slammed the car door in front of her and, seconds later, he moved away from her at full speed, almost brushing against her.

At this, Frida was startled and took a few steps back. She was only able to regain her peace of mind after Luciano's car disappeared into the distance. She stayed a few more minutes at the entrance until she regained her composure and, moments later, she turned around and entered the mansion.

Inside, Alfredo and Jonatan were sitting in the living room talking about work matters when they saw Frida come in.

"Grandpa," Frida said, waving before sitting next to her and affectionately encircling her arm.

Alfredo adored Frida. Although they had had a disagreement, a few days had passed and the issue with

Roxana had also been resolved, so he had no reason to continue being angry with her granddaughter and he greeted her with a smile.

-Where were you? —Jonathan asked his sister, frowning.

"Shopping with my friends," Frida answered with a sweet voice.

Having said this, she looked at her brother and prudently asked:

—Was Luciano here with you recently?

Jonathan frowned again and asked,

"How did you know?"

At that, Frida remembered what had happened a few moments before at the door and complained:

—I just ran into him at the entrance. She was in a very bad mood. I wonder what she put it like that.

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After hearing Frida's account, Jonatan turned his gaze to Alfredo, who did not understand what was happening. They had a nice chat recently and then Luciano said that something had come up at work and left in a hurry. Why did Frida say that she saw him upset?

«Judging by Frida's attitude, Luciano must have seemed quite angry. Has something happened at work?»

Jonatan, on the other hand, already figured out what had happened. He was sure that Luciano had argued with Roxana again. No matter how hard he tried to create opportunities for them to meet, his efforts were in vain and they ended up fighting every time they saw each other.

Frida also did not understand the expressions on Jonatan and Alfredo's faces. At first, she imagined that perhaps she had been annoyed with the two of them, but she soon realized that this was not the case.

Why would he have been so upset? He didn't even react to my comment about April ».

After leaving the Quevedo residence, Roxana looked at her watch and realized that the research institute was still open and decided to return there. Luciano's words echoed in her head without ceasing throughout the entire journey. She felt almost tormented. It was not the first time that Luciano questioned her relationship with Leandro. If she went back in time six years to when they were still married, Luciano would never have asked her those questions. Back then she wouldn't have minded her being around other men, in fact, she probably would have been comfortable with it. But now that they are not together, Luciano did not stop insisting on the subject and he was upset with her. Roxana felt completely lost.

When he arrived at the research institute, he found Conrado working in the experimentation area. When Conrado turned around, he was surprised to find Roxana there.

—I thought she was at the Quevedo residence! Did she come back so soon?

Roxana acted as if nothing had happened and shrugged.

“I finished my business and decided to return.

But Conrado felt that something was not quite right with Roxana and he looked at her with concern. Roxana, however, immediately went to work and, noticing that Conrado was watching her, she only smiled a little. Despite this, Conrado was saddened. Judging by Roxana's expression, he didn't seem to want to share any more information and Conrado was forced to drop the subject and watch Roxana with her spirits on the ground. The only thing he could help her with was her workload at the research institute. Aware of this, Conrado decided to take care of the work that Roxana had begun to do, which took Roxana by surprise.

"The Dorante family's medical office is already very close, isn't it?" —Conrado reaffirmed— That should be your priority right now. Leave these institute tasks to me and go prepare for your event.

Upon hearing this, Roxana pursed her lips and, after hesitating a bit, she said:

—Thanks for the help.

Conrado responded with a smile that gave him the calm he needed.

Everyone at the research institute knew that Roxana would participate in the Dorantes' medical consultation, so they did not hesitate to offer her help.

—Dr. Jerez, you only worry about being well prepared for the medical consultation and raising the name of our institute.

—Don't worry, Dr. Jerez. We are here to help you with your work so you can concentrate on your medical consultation in peace.

The Dorante family was highly respected in the traditional medicine scene in Chepa. Currying their favor would bring prestige to the institute.

Roxana was touched by the words of support from her colleagues and, after thanking them, she returned to her office.