

## The Secret 521

### [Chapter 521 Sleeping At His House](#)

After several days of rehearsal, it was finally Friday. In the afternoon, Roxana went for the little ones and saw the children carrying a pile of clothes in her arms; their faces were full of emotion.

-Look Mom! They are our changing rooms!

Bautista showed her the changing rooms as she walked towards them. Roxana nodded in response and took the clothes. Meanwhile, Estela was also waiting while carrying two costumes, one for her and one for Luciano. Estela had always been physically weak. And for that reason, she seemed to have trouble carrying the costumes and the backpack on her back. Once Roxana took Andrés and Bautista's costumes, the children ran to help her with her clothes.

Estela gratefully passed the clothes to the children and then the three of them lined up in front of Roxana, waiting for her to take them to the car. During the last days, Roxana took the children with her, so Estela thought that today would be the same. Seeing them so excited, Roxana leaned over, caressed Estela's head and said in an uncomfortable tone.

"Since the performance is tomorrow, we won't need to rehearse today."

That answer took Estela by surprise. She was saddened and lowered her head. If there was no rehearsal that day, Estela would not be able to go to Roxana's house or play with the children. Roxana's heart melted when she noticed how sad Estela was. She looked at the girl and said affectionately.

—But, Ela, you can wait for your dad in our car.

Roxana straightened up and extended her arm to Estela. Although she was still sad, she took her arm and got into the car. Luciano arrived not long after and Roxana saw him walking towards Pilar. And knowing where Estela was, she walked in her direction.

-Dad! —Estela opened the car door and greeted Luciano.

Luciano responded by nodding and when he was about to ask why Roxana didn't take them to her house, Estela said in a low voice.

—Senorita Jerez says there will be no rehearsal today.

Luciano frowned and looked at the woman in the pilot's seat.

—They shouldn't rehearse anymore because the presentation is already tomorrow. I hope that you can rest today and that you are not anxious for tomorrow," Roxana explained calmly.

Luciano had no choice but to agree with her. Despite that, Estela was not happy with her decision,

because she wanted to stay with Roxana. She was afraid that after the introduction, Roxana would avoid them as she had done before. Estela could only look at Roxana with sad eyes, but Roxana had her back to her so she did not see her expression on the little girl's face and she kept talking.

"Here is Ella. She can take her home now. I also have to go with my children.

Suddenly, she heard the man's voice.

"Please let Ela stay at her house tonight.

Roxana was surprised by her request.

—I won't be able to help her with her makeup or her wardrobe, since the presentation is tomorrow. It would be easier if she helped her with the preparations at home because I'm afraid everyone will be very busy in the kindergarten," Luciano explained with a calm voice.

Upon hearing her reasons, Roxana hesitated for a moment, but in the end she accepted. Estela smiled wide when she found out that she would stay the night at Roxana's house. They gave Luciano her wardrobe and said goodbye to him to go home.

#### [Chapter 522 I Like It Very Much](#)

Estela had not slept outside her house for a long time, so she was excited when she entered the house and began to run with the two children. They didn't stop until Roxana called them for dinner. After eating, Roxana played with the children for a while and then asked them to try on their clothes.

The kindergarten was a quality establishment. You could see the dedication in the changing rooms for the anniversary celebration. The children transformed instantly when they put on the clothes. Andrés and Bautista had the same wardrobe, but in different colors; one was blue and the other green. The costumes also included a pair of wings and pointed ears. Even though they had no makeup on, the kids looked like a pair of elves in just the costumes.

On the other hand, Estela received a long black witch dress, a black hat and a magic wand. However, she looked so strange in her dressing room because of the innocent look on her face. She looked like an angel was wearing a witch costume. The children were excited to see themselves in her outfits. They bowed their heads and addressed Roxana.

"Where's your costume, Mom?"

They looked like they came out of a fairy tale with their outfits. They couldn't wait to see how Roxana would look with hers. Roxana smiled weakly and went into the room wearing her outfit. Some time later, she came out. When they heard the door open, the children turned to see her with great emotion, but confused they noticed that Roxana was wearing the same clothes as her before.

"The outfit suits me very well." —Seeing her expressions, Roxana smiled—. I'll put on my costume

tomorrow. Alright kids. It's time to sleep, take off your outfits.

Andrés, Bautista and Estela ran their fingers through the changing rooms and went to the room. When Roxana was about to take Estela to the bathtub, the girl asked her a question.

- What will dad's wardrobe be?

Roxana paused and was silent for a few seconds. She then gave him a smile and answered him.

"It's a prince's wardrobe, of course." You can see it tomorrow.

Estela nodded, but she seemed a little distracted. Roxana could not identify what was going through her mind, but she decided not to investigate further and took her directly to the bathroom. While she was bathing her, Roxana told her the story of Sleeping Beauty and Estela had a question.

"Does sleeping beauty like the prince, Miss Jerez?"

Her question left Roxana speechless. According to the fairy tale, Sleeping Beauty lives with the prince after he wakes up with his kiss. However, she does not mention anything about their relationship. She had no idea if Sleeping Beauty cared for the prince. While Roxana continued to think of an answer, Estela asked her another question.

"And you, Miss Jerez?" Do you like dad?

Estela was bombarding her with questions to such a degree that Roxana couldn't answer any more.

"Could you stop avoiding us, Miss Jerez?" Estela's voice echoed in the bathroom. I like him very much, but you don't seem to like Daddy. What did daddy do wrong?

Roxana was silent for a moment and then she responded doubtfully.

"No, he didn't do anything wrong.

"Then why are you avoiding us?" Stella insisted.

"I don't avoid anyone. I've filled myself with work and besides I don't hate your dad. We've gotten along very well these past few days, haven't we?

### [Chapter 523 Fairy Tale](#)

Estela was about to say something else, but Roxana interrupted her.

-It's too late. We have to get up early tomorrow, so we have to hurry up and go to bed.

It was evident that Roxana did not want to continue with the subject. Estela's gaze darkened, but she obeyed and said nothing more. That night she slept with Roxana and, since it wasn't something that happened often, she slept soundly. For her part, Roxana could not forget Estela's innocent question.

«What wrong did Luciano do?».

There was only one answer she could think of to that question. Besides the fact that he didn't want her, it seemed to her that he hadn't done anything else to hurt her. However, that was enough for Roxana to keep her distance from him. Not to mention also that Sonia and Abril were watching her closely.

Roxana couldn't sleep well that night due to the thoughts that flooded her mind and ended up waking up early the next day. Meanwhile, Estela was still curled up next to Roxana, sleeping soundly. Roxana's gaze turned soft and her heart sank when she saw Estela by her side. He didn't understand why Estela was so dependent on her from the first time they met. She even came to feel that she was doing something wrong, because, no matter what, she couldn't be hard on Estela.

- Miss Sherry.

While Roxana was submerged in her thoughts, Estela woke up in a daze. Roxana recovered her senses and stretched out her hand to touch Estela's small face.

—You woke up.

Estela nodded in response, struggling to open her sleepy eyes. Roxana couldn't help but giggle. She wanted to let Estela sleep a little longer, but when she thought that she had to help the children change and put on makeup, she had no choice but to wake her up. Estela obediently followed her to the bathroom to wash up.

After that, Roxana began to do Estela's makeup. She first applied something simple, but later she added darker colors and drew some patterns at the corners of her eyes, which made her look more like a little witch. When she was done with the makeup, Roxana braided Estela's curly hair and secured it on her head, then she added the black witch's hat.

-Good. Let's wake up Andrés and Bautista!

Roxana took Estela with her and knocked on the door of the children's room, but they were already awake and had their clothes on. When they opened the door and saw the little witch in front of them, they were amazed.

"She looks like a real witch!"

Estela shyly stood next to Roxana upon receiving the compliment from the children. Roxana caressed her face and hurried the children.

"It's her turn." We do not have much time. We must hurry up.

Andrés and Bautista hurried and followed Roxana to do her makeup. When she was done with the children, Roxana did her own makeup and put on her outfit. Then they had a quick breakfast and headed to the kindergarten. When they arrived, Luciano's car was in the driveway and when he saw them arrive, he got out of the car. Luciano was not wearing makeup, he only had on the costume and had a hair done. He also wore a shining sword strapped to his waist, making him look like a fairy tale prince. Andrés, Bautista and Estela were amazed by his appearance.

#### [Chapter 524 Dad Is Very Handsome](#)

-Dad!

Estela ran into Luciano's arms as soon as she saw him. She was delighted by his surprising appearance. Luciano bent down to embrace Estela and lifted her up while he watched Roxana. Roxana was wearing simple makeup and wearing a white princess dress. Her long hair was tied up and secured with a small crystal tiara. It seemed that her gaze was shining and she looked dazzling. Roxana smiled vaguely at him as her gaze met hers and he couldn't take his eyes off her.

Andrés and Bautista stood silently behind Roxana as they looked at Luciano before them, imagining what they would look like when they grew up. Even though they didn't like him, they couldn't deny how handsome Luciano was.

"Will we be as handsome as him in the future?"

"Let's go inside," Luciano said, breaking the silence and turning around to lead the way.

Roxana nodded and walked after him along with Andrés and Bautista. The anniversary celebration was about to start. Children and their parents who were already made up were walking around the kindergarten. The theme of the celebration was fairy tales, so the whole kindergarten was decorated accordingly. At first glance, Roxana imagined that she was walking in a fantasy world.

When they entered the kindergarten, they first saw a world of snow and ice. There were pumpkin lanterns everywhere and several pumpkin carriages and one of them had a glass slipper on top of it. Then they went further and saw a colorful candy house. At the entrance there were several exquisite-looking baskets and they had sweets. As soon as Andrés and Bautista saw the sweets, they stopped short.

When Roxana was about to take two sweets for the children, Luciano was already walking towards the basket of sweets. He returned right away with his hands full of sweets.

-It's not much? And the children that come after? Roxana asked.

Luciano looked at her in astonishment.

"Someone will come to fill the basket later."

Realizing the foolishness of her question, Roxana pursed her lips and smiled awkwardly. Despite the fact that Andrés and Bautista did not like him, they could not resist the temptation of sweets. After thinking about it for a few seconds, they cautiously took two candies from Luciano's hand and said sweetly.

Thank you, Mr. Farina.

Luciano nodded and took two sweets for Estela, then put the rest of the sweets in the big pocket of Estela's costume, instantly, her pocket bulged. As they continued on their way, they saw many parents and children who were also dressed in fairy tale costumes.

Each child held hands with their parents as they walked. In the distance, Roxana saw a little girl who looked like Little Red Riding Hood, the adult next to the little girl looked at her in the direction of Roxana and Luciano. Roxana couldn't help but be surprised when her eyes met. She greeted the woman with a smile.

- Miss Cano.

Cristina took little Camila's hand as they walked towards Roxana. Camila was surprised when she saw Roxana, Andrés and Bautista.

—Miss Jerez, she looks beautiful today! Andrés and Bautista also look very adorable!

Roxanne smiled.

She—she was trying to find out who the beautiful Little Red Hood was. I can't believe it's Camilla.

The role that Cristina played was that of the wolf grandmother, so she was disguised as an older person. As a result, Camila looked more energetic and adorable next to her.

"Kindergarten gave him a nice cape.

As Cristina spoke, she unconsciously watched as Luciano walked in front of her. Luciano had passed in front of her without realizing that he was there.

### [Chapter 525 She Is Close To Mr. Fariña](#)

Suddenly, Camila, who was holding Cristina's hand, observed that Andrés and Bautista were eating something and asked curiously.

—Andrés, Bautista, what do you eat?

-Sweet.

Andrés and Bautista opened their mouths to show him, then they looked in their pockets and saw Camila embarrassed.

"We don't have any more. But if we had we would have shared you.

Camila's face was filled with disappointment when she heard her words. Roxana's heart sank when she saw how sad Camila became, but she remembered the sweets that were in Estela's pocket and called her.

—Ela, you can give Camila sweets.

Estela turned around when she heard Roxana's voice, nodded, and tried to get a few sweets out of her pocket. But, since Luciano was holding her hand, she couldn't move her hands much, besides her, the pocket of her costume was very deep. After trying hard she couldn't reach the candy and she looked to Luciano for help.

Luciano did not notice Estela's movements and continued walking. Camila looked at Estela with pity. After waiting for the sweet and not seeing any, her countenance fell even more. Roxana entered into a dilemma.

«If I talk to Luciano, I will give Camila sweets, but it will seem that we are very close and Miss Cano will see it, but poor Camila...».

After thinking about it for a moment, Roxana called out to the man in front of her.

—Mr. Fariña, can you help Ela with the sweets, please.

Hearing that, Luciano stopped in his tracks, causing everyone behind him to become flustered. A few seconds later, Luciano had a few sweets in his hand, he walked towards Camila and told her to open her hands. Luciano's aura frightened Camila. He tried to reach out for her hand several times, but she didn't dare, even though her eyes showed how much she wanted the sweets.

Cristina was ashamed to take the sweets directly from Luciano's hand. Then the atmosphere became uncomfortable and Roxana realized that. And she, after hesitating for a moment, she walked towards Luciano and took the sweets from his hand, then she bent down and took Camila's hand.

"Here's some sweets for you, Little Red Hood," he said softly.

Camila's eyes lit up.

"Thank you, Miss Jerez!"

Roxana smiled and then moved to the side and reminded her of Camila.

—Don't forget to thank Mr. Fariña as well. He was the one who gave you the sweets.

Camila became self-conscious again when she saw Luciano and said in a low voice.

Thank you, Mr. Farina.

Luciano nodded in response, then saw Roxana, who was still crouched down, turned around and continued walking. When she saw that Luciano had moved far enough away, Cristina asked cautiously.

—Miss Jerez, are you close to Mr. Fariña?

Roxana was surprised to hear her question and tried to stay calm while she explained.

—She gets along well with the children, so she, she related me to Mr. Fariña a little more than you did. Maybe that's the reason why we seem close.

Cristina agreed with a smile.

—Mr. Fariña and Estela had never participated in events like these, much less seen them in changing rooms like these, because of Estela. Thanks to you, Andrés and Bautista, we have the pleasure of seeing such a beautiful sight.

Indeed, since Andrés and Bautista appeared, Estela began to accept group activities and play with other children. Roxana felt a warmth in her heart when she thought of Estela and she did not deny Cristina's words.

### [Chapter 526 My Nose Will Grow](#)

Roxana and Cristina talked all the way to the main auditorium of the kindergarten. Arriving there, they saw that it was also decorated like a fairy tale and the seats were filled by parents and children. Pilar was waiting at the entrance. She first saw Luciano and greeted him kindly, when she was about to indicate her seat, she saw Roxana and the others behind her.

- Miss Sherry. Miss Cano.

Pilar thought that Roxana was coming with Luciano, so she greeted them all together. Roxana and Cristina smiled at him in response.

—Did you do your children's makeup? They look adorable! —Cristina exclaimed when she saw Andrés, Bautista, Estela and Camila.

Although she was aware of how good-looking her students were, it wasn't until she saw them in their fairy tale costumes that she realized how beautiful they were. The children smiled wide when they heard Pilar's compliments.



"Our class will be in the front rows. Please move forward. Pilar pointed to her seats.

They all nodded and moved on. As they walked towards their seats, Roxana could feel everyone's eyes on them. People were shocked by such a scene. Although they were all dressed like fairy tale characters, Roxana and Luciano looked like a prince and princess and Andrés, Bautista and Estela had the elegance of royalty. But they were used to the gaze of others, so they continued walking. Andrés, Bautista and Estela sat down between Roxana and Luciano; they looked like a family.

The celebration began minutes later and one fairy tale after another was presented on stage. The effort that the kindergarten had put into the celebration was evident, as the set design was very realistic, making each story seem more vivid. Andrés, Bautista and Estela felt very attracted to the performances because the stories were new to them.

When they saw Little Match Girl freeze to death in the streets, they cried and when they saw Little Red Hood's wolf grandmother, they covered their eyes in fear. The three of them looked very shocked due to the change of emotions on their faces. Roxana's emotions were also a bit mixed, but seeing how funny they looked at each other, she couldn't help but rejoice.

-Mother.

When the work of Pinocchio was presented, Bautista took Roxana by the sleeve. She looked down at him. He was anxiously touching his nose as she asked in a muffled voice.

"Will my nose grow if I lie?"

Roxana gave a small laugh and Bautista's eyes filled with confusion. Roxana didn't expect him to ask her something like that.

"He is very intelligent and computer programming is not even a complicated thing for him. I can't believe he actually believes that kind of thing."

However, when she saw how nervous she was, she couldn't help but tease him. She smiled and answered him confidently.

-That's how it is. Look at Pinocchio's nose.

Bautista pouted and turned to Andrés and Estela to check his nose. No one knew what he said to Estela, but when she heard it, she couldn't stop laughing as she covered her mouth. When Roxana watched them whispering among themselves, she was overjoyed.

### [Chapter 527 High Expectation](#)

There was dim lighting on the stage, Luciano could hear the children laughing next to him, he was curious and turned in his direction. The three children kept secrets from who knows what with secretive

looks on their faces and every once in a while they covered their mouths to stifle their laughter. Behind them Roxana looked at them with a sweet smile. It was a very moving moment.

However, when she locked eyes with Luciano, her adorable smile faded slightly. Roxana lowered her gaze and recovered her posture to later withdraw her gaze, leaving Luciano to see her profile. Luciano's gaze darkened and with his brows knitted, he also looked away.

They were the last to perform, so when the penultimate performance was about to end, Luciano and Roxana took the children backstage and got ready to perform. They thought that the children would be a little nervous because it was their first time in front of the public, but to their surprise, all three children were very excited. For Roxana it was a relief to see their smiles wide open and their eyes full of shine. When they were introduced, Roxana led the children onto the stage. The first seconds went perfectly, everything was the same as in rehearsals. As the scene began, the children did not show any signs of stage fright, in fact, they were much more confident than the other children. Even Roxana could hear the commotion from the audience.

When Estela's turn came, the audience erupted in applause when the girl's voice was heard reciting her first line. Everyone knew Estela's condition, she was even known as the little mute, so when they heard Estela speak clearly, they were surprised and excited. In the same way, the moment in which she met Estela for the first time appeared in Roxana's mind and she remembered that before she had not said a single word. Roxana watched the small silhouette on the stage and her heart filled with emotions and pride to see Estela acting with such confidence in front of so many people.

After a while, the scene had come where the princess pricked her finger on the spinning wheel and fell into a deep sleep. When the curtain rose, Roxana was lying on a bed made of wood. Her long hair, which she previously wore tied up with a tiara, now found itself falling on the bed, displaying her perfect profile to the audience. The lights were dimmed giving the feeling of serenity. The light shone on Roxana's fair skin, giving her a slight glow. In that light, she looked like a princess from a fairy tale, a noble princess in a deep sleep.

When the curtains opened again, Luciano and Estela appeared on stage. Luciano had a long build and legs, wore a knight's outfit, and held a shining sword in his hand, showing the nobility of his character. On the other hand, Estela gave Luciano a threatening look. Her posture indicated that she was about to ambush him. They both acted out a fight, throwing fake punches and kicks until Estela fell to the ground, defeated. As the girl fell to the ground, Luciano strode off the stage.

The curtain closed once more and when it opened again, only the sleeping princess and the prince were there. Seeing them, the crowd fell silent, the scene so impressive that they almost didn't want to move for fear that any movement would affect the atmosphere. The prince stood by the wooden bed and looked lovingly at the sleeping princess. With one hand he held her sword and with the other she held onto the headboard and leaned slowly. The distance between both beautiful profiles became less and less. Then the crowd caught their breath and their eyes filled with expectation.

Roxana was lying on the bed and she could feel Luciano's breath close to her face. Despite the fact that

they had rehearsed that scene twice, Roxana could feel her rapid breathing. In addition to the nerves that flooded her, she could feel that Luciano did not turn as they had rehearsed. Instinctively, Roxana frowned, but remembering that she was watching them, she forced herself to remain calm and resisted the urge to open her eyes to see what was happening. Instantly, she felt something warm and soft on her lips.

### [Chapter 528 An Illusion](#)

Roxana was perplexed. It seemed that Luciano knew that he wouldn't make a fuss on stage, so he kept her lips on hers for a few seconds and after she moved away from her and straightened up from her. Silently, Roxana clenched her fists to calm down and not lose control in front of the audience. Her eyelids moved and she then slowly opened her eyes. Luciano was standing next to her with a small smile, but all traces of happiness disappeared when she looked at him.

From an angle where people couldn't see her face, Roxana allowed herself to frown before getting out of bed. The rest of the play, Roxana did not know how she was able to keep her sanity. Luciano's sudden kiss disconcerted her, leaving her in chaos. It wasn't until the children carried her to the edge of the stage that Roxana was able to come to her senses and curtsied to the audience and the auditorium was filled with applause. People were mesmerized by the incredible atmosphere of the play and no one knew if the kiss was real or fake. They only knew that the scene had been beautiful without a doubt. Roxana stirred to the applause and rushed offstage to return to her seat.

—Miss Jerez, both of you were amazing! Cristina exclaimed from behind.

Roxana had finally managed to calm down a bit, but when she heard Cristina's comment, her mind went crazy again. The warmth of Luciano's lips remained on her lips. Throwing an apologetic look at Cristina, Roxana apologized.

"Sorry, I feel a little sick. I think I need fresh air. Excuse me.

"Do you want me to come with you?" Cristina offered worriedly.

Without being able to hear her words, Roxana had already turned around to leave. The presenter was still on stage ending the celebration. Andrés and Bautista followed with their eyes the direction in which Roxana had gone; worried they wanted to follow her. They had seen what had happened on stage. They knew that Luciano had not stuck to what they had rehearsed and that he had really kissed Roxana. They assumed that her mother's sudden attitude was due to Luciano's kiss. They both rose to their feet, but a tall figure stepped in front of them, blocking their path. Luciano looked down to see them.

“Stay here, children. I'll see how she is. —Luciano bowed and returned them to their seats to then follow Roxana.

Outside the auditorium Roxana sat silently on the slide in the playground. Her mind was a mess. The kiss that Luciano had given her kept burning in her brain, no matter how hard she tried, she couldn't erase it from her memory. During the rehearsals for the play, Roxana had tried to avoid the final scene between her and Luciano, but he had convinced her that rehearsing the scene would help her to better fake the kiss, so she had accepted and believed him without knowing her reasons. intentions.

But she had no idea that Luciano was going to kiss her for real after all those days of rehearsal. Her mind went blank and if it hadn't been for the audience that was watching them, Roxana didn't know how she would have reacted.

«Besides, Luciano's expression when I opened my eyes was... it was...».

Roxana closed her eyes concentrated, as if she were looking for the images in her mind, hoping to see a glimpse of her expression at that moment. But, no matter how hard she tried, she couldn't remember. Luciano's expression seemed so natural as if that was the correct way to have done the scene. Roxana began to question whether the kiss had been an illusion. Thinking so, without noticing her, she placed her hands on her lips.

"The kiss was real."

However, she couldn't understand the meaning of Luciano's kiss.

"Or could it be that the kiss was just an accident and I'm just overthinking this...".

While all those thoughts overwhelmed her mind, a tall figure approached, but Roxana was still absorbed in her thoughts that she didn't realize.

### [Chapter 529 What Should I Do](#)

Luciano stood behind Roxana and watched her silhouette for a long time.

What is she thinking? She doesn't even realize I'm here and she hasn't moved at all either.

After a while, Luciano walked in front of her with a frown on her face. It wasn't until a shadow formed in front of her that Roxana realized she wasn't alone. Coming to her senses, he looked up from her to see the person standing in front of her. When her eyes met, Roxana frowned sleepily and immediately stood up defensively. She took a few steps back to get away from him.

"What are you thinking, Miss Jerez?" Why did she leave Andrés and Bautista inside and go out alone?

asked Luciano worried as if nothing had happened.

Roxana looked at the man and answered him.

Didn't you also leave Estala alone to come here?

Luciano's expression fell for a moment, but he quickly smiled at her.

"She was worried about you. I only came for her.

A wave of frustration invaded Roxana when she remembered how anguished she was because he couldn't stop thinking that this man had played with her. After a few seconds, she decided to talk about it.

"Thank you for her concern, Mr. Fares. She just wondered...why didn't she stick to what we had rehearsed for the final scene?"

Roxana noticed a slight movement in Luciano's eyebrows, he looked surprised and that filled her with confusion.

"Did she feel it?"

Roxana frowned and confirmed that the kiss was not just a figment of her imagination. Luciano had really kissed her in front of everyone.

"Did everyone see it? If so... Luciano has a fiancée and almost all the parents in the kindergarten know it. But, even so, he kissed me in front of everyone ».

Roxana was perplexed. She had no idea what Luciano was thinking. And, even worse, she didn't know what people thought when they saw the scene. Panic seized Roxana's heart as she imagined all the possible reactions of the public and, for a moment, she lost control of her emotions.

"Did you really think she was asleep, Mr. Fares?" Explain to me, why in front of the public you did not stick to what we rehearsed?

Luciano saw Roxana's panicked expression and her gaze darkened.

"You seem to be very annoyed, Miss Jerez."

Roxana looked at him incredulous.

-Yeah. She annoys me a lot. So please, Mr. Fares, I want a reasonable explanation!

Luciano nodded and with a calm voice asked him.

"If I tell you it was an accident, would you believe me?"

Roxana couldn't believe it, she was very suspicious.

—I wanted to continue what we had rehearsed, but unfortunately, due to the lights, a shadow was formed on her face that prevented me from seeing well and I did not calculate the distance and I kissed her by accident. Luciano looked Roxana in the eye. I was surprised just like you, Miss Jerez, but, as I saw that he didn't react, I continued. I didn't think it would bother you so much.

In other words, he was saying that Roxana had allowed him to continue the kiss. She looked at him incredulously, not only did her explanation seem like a joke to her, she also found it absurd.

"Then tell me, Mr. Fares, what was I supposed to do to let her know that she bothered me?"

"There were so many eyes watching us. Harassment expected me to get out of the role and push him?"

Luciano meditated in silence for a moment and then answered frankly.

"To be honest, even I don't know what to do. But he is already in the past. There is no need for us to continue arguing.

### Chapter 530 A Brilliant Performance

Once again, Roxana found her words ridiculous and her expression darkened even more. He had kissed her in front of many people and now she was telling him that there was no need to discuss it because she was already in the past. She made it sound like she was overthinking things. But seeing her so angry, Luciano said seriously.

"Believe me or not, the kiss really was an accident. Besides, I have no reason to kiss her.

Hearing her words, he felt as if someone had removed the burning fire in his heart. And even though she didn't want to believe him, she had to accept that Luciano was telling the truth. She had no reason to kiss her. After all, it was April that Luciano had been in love with all those years, they were even engaged. He wouldn't have left April alone or done anything that would cause a misunderstanding in front of a crowd. However, the more she thought about it, the more she became annoyed with herself.

"That's the truth. Why did I overthink things? Surely I looked like a fool in front of Luciano ».

Roxana lowered her head, laughing softly at the absurdity of her thoughts. But Luciano interpreted her silence as if he were angry and after a few seconds, he smiled at her.

"I've come to apologize. If the fact that I stole a kiss bothers you so much, you can steal one from me. She" He raised an eyebrow, then added, "I promise I won't move.

Roxana suddenly raised her head to see him incredulous. She couldn't believe what she had just heard.

"What is this guy talking about? A moment ago he explained to me that the kiss had not been intentional, but now he tells me something like that. Does he not realize the misunderstanding that he can cause? ».

Roxana could not understand her thoughts.

"So what do you say, Miss Jerez?" Does he forgive me or will he kiss me back? Luciano pressed her.

Seeing how carefree he looked, Roxana nearly burst out laughing in frustration. Not wanting to continue

talking, she told him:

—Now that it's explained, we can pretend that this never happened. Thank you, Mr Fares. I'll go back inside.

He turned and walked straight into the auditorium. As for the people, she could only pray that they didn't see the kiss and even if they did, she hoped they would think it was all for the play. Luciano stayed behind, standing by the slide with his eyes on Roxana's silhouette. Seeing that she didn't turn to look at him, a mocking smile appeared on her lips and then she followed her into the auditorium. By the time they both got back inside, there was the award ceremony and when the three children saw them come in, their eyes lit up with excitement.

"Mom, we won first place!" —Bautista whispered in Roxana's ear the moment she sat down.

Roxana smiled and stroked Bautista's head.

"Thanks to his great effort!" You all were amazing!

Bautista puffed out her chest with pride and, her face full of emotion, she looked back at the stage.

"We even won a prize!

Roxana didn't care much about it, because she thought that the prizes would be toys for the children, so she just smiled and waited like everyone else. On stage, the presenter had finished announcing the winners' names and was about to present the awards.

Prizes were given according to the number of families in each group. Third place received two kids' mountain bikes, second place received three limited-edition sets of Legos, and first place received two family vacation packages to a hot springs spot; one for Roxana and another for Luciano.

Roxana was surprised when she heard what the prize was. It was so different than the other two awards. She thought that the first place prize would also be children's toys, but, to her surprise, it was a vacation to a hot springs place.