

The Secret 691

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Chapter 691 Who Is He With?

Luciano's face darkened a little because of Andrés's response from him.

"Did he go to treat a child? Roxana could be with Jael or Leandro.

With the last shred of hope from him, he asked Andres and Bautista,

"Do you remember what that man looked like?"

The children looked at each other.

Bautista remained silent and let Andrés answer.

Then, the older twin brother replied seriously:

- The man was handsome and he seemed to get along with mommy.

With this answer, Andrés hoped that Luciano would not forget that his mother de él has many admirers and he wanted to encourage him to redouble his efforts de él to win over his mother de él.

However, it backfired on him. What the boys did not know was that things between Luciano and Roxana had become tense due to Leandro and Jael and Andrés' response only increased Luciano's suspicions about his relationship with the two men.

Luciano thought about asking the boys for more details, but noticing their confused faces, he decided not to.

Still frowning, Luciano asked,

"How will they get to school later?" Do you need a ride?

The boys shook their heads.

—Mommy already warned the school that we weren't going today.

Hearing this, Luciano looked at Estela.

The news that Roxana had left with another man left the girl sad and she was taking it out on her father by ignoring him.

«I told dad that we were to come see Miss Jerez earlier! But Daddy had to take all the time in the world to get out and we were late! Now Miss Jerez has gone off with someone else!"

The girl was doubting her father's abilities to win Roxana over and give her her mother that he had always wanted from her.

Luciano could feel his daughter's annoyance towards him and he couldn't do more than rub his temples because of the frustration he felt. Then, he asked Andrés and Bautista:

"Can I leave Estela with you?" I need to go to work, so I'm not going to make a tour to kindergarten. Do you promise me that you will behave?

Excited, the children jumped with happiness for the opportunity to spend time with their little sister.

-Clear! And we will take care of Ela too!

The man returned his attention to Estela and, seeing the smile on her face, he felt relieved. It seemed that the idea of spending the day with Andrés and Bautista had improved his spirits and he had forgotten about her displeasure with her father

Luciano knew his daughter well and knew that if he insisted on taking her to kindergarten, she would spend the rest of the day angry and the only thing she would be happy about was seeing Roxana. Because of this, her best option was to leave her at Roxana's house so that she could play with the boys and thus she would remain happy with her for longer.

Once he left Estela in the hands of Andrés and Bautista, Luciano said goodbye to them and got into the car.

Because he did not feel very confident leaving the children alone at home, he called Camilo and asked him to send some men to watch the house and keep the boys safe, to which Camilo immediately complied.

At the end of the call, Luciano searched for Roxana's number almost instinctively on her phone, but he wasn't sure if he should call her. After all, Roxana had never liked him meddling in her life and she had already explained to him many times the innocent nature of her relationship with Leandro and Jael.

But Luciano refused to believe her and her suspicions of her had already irritated her on other occasions. If he decided to call her now and question her about where she was, he would end up destroying her efforts to improve her impression of him. With everything and the frustration that ate at him, Luciano contained his jealousy of her and kept his phone from her.

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Chapter 692 Completely Unacceptable

Meanwhile, Roxana and Jael arrived at the hospital.

The orphanage director was already waiting for them in the hall and, seeing them arrive, he greeted them briefly and led them to the room where Jaimito was kept.

There they found Jaime being treated by a doctor who seemed to work for the Dorante family, who stood up and greeted Jael as soon as she saw him.

"Hello, Mr Dorante.

Jael nodded in response.

"How is the boy?"

—His fever of him has not wanted to subside and he suffers from diarrhea. I haven't been able to diagnose his condition yet," the doctor replied with a conflicted expression.

After hearing this, Jael looked askance at Roxana, who had her eyes fixed on Jaimito from the moment they entered the room; the pale appearance of the bedridden boy's face caused him great distress.

Noticing that Jael was looking at her, Roxana nodded a little, indicating that she was ready to attend Jaimito at any time.

Once the signal was given, Jael said to the doctor, "

This is Dr. Jerez." She was the one who treated the boy during the last medical consultation. Please allow him to review it.

The doctor agreed and stepped aside to give Roxana space.

Next, Roxana sat next to Jaimito and, worried, she took his pulse from her.

Despite the fact that the fever was making him delirious, Jaimito was able to recognize Roxana and smiled at her with the little strength he had.

His brave action from him melted Roxana's heart.

-Don't worry. We are going to cure you —said Roxana consoling him with a soft voice.

Jaimito only nodded obediently when he heard her voice from her.

Roxana felt that she would burst into tears if she continued to maintain eye contact with the child, so she immediately looked away and focused on treating him.

«Jaimito has lost a lot of weight since the last time I saw him during the medical consultation. He is boiling with fever and his face is as pale as a sheet of paper. Still, he finds a way to smile at me so I don't worry about him... As a mother of two little ones, it hurts my heart to see him in this state.

After taking her pulse from her, Roxana frowned and looked at Jael with panic and confusion in her eyes from her. For some reason, she felt unable to determine what it was that made Jaimito so sick.

He's in so much pain and there's nothing I can do to help him... she thought.

As time passed, her eyes were reddening.

Noticing her gazed at her, Jael walked over to her and patting her shoulder at her, said,

“Breathe. It's easy to overlook details when we find ourselves anxious. If you can't diagnose it at this time, we can focus on stabilizing your condition to prevent it from getting worse.

Jael was aware that if his condition worsened, Jaimito would not survive.

Jael's words snapped Roxana out of her desperate state.

"Is right! It's not the first time I've faced a situation like this. I can't believe I lost my concentration just because the patient is a little boy. As a doctor, this is absolutely unacceptable of me!"

"Miss Jerez..." Jaimito spoke with a weak voice.

Roxana turned to see him immediately and asked:

- I'm here. What's happening? Do you feel bad?

But Jaimito shook his head a bit and said:

—I trust you... You were the one who cured me last time...

His words from him felt like a blow to the heart of Roxana, who had red eyes and responded with a broken voice:

- Y-Yes. I'll do my best! You'll feel better soon!

Jaimito nodded with a smile.

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Chapter 693 Better Informed

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As soon as she received it, she went to work and administered acupuncture treatment to Jaimito to help stabilize her condition and keep her disease under control.

Luckily, this was not the first time that Jaimito experienced a treatment of this type, so he did not feel afraid when he saw the long needles.

Roxana also remembered that Jaimito had very particular acupuncture points, so taking into account his weak condition from her, she made sure to be more careful than usual when inserting the needles. By the time she finished the acupuncture procedure, her forehead was drenched in sweat.

"I just spoke with Jaimito's doctor in charge," Jael said from behind her.

Roxana tensed upon hearing this.

"What did she say?" Was she able to get any kind of relevant information?

"All we know is that Jaimito is malnourished," Jael replied with a frown.

Roxana also frowned and they both turned their eyes to the director of the orphanage, who was standing in a corner.

«Luciano had donated a large amount of resources to the orphanage on behalf of the Quevedo Group on the day of the medical consultation. We also made a personal donation after that, so this shouldn't be happening."

The orphanage director soon realized that he was being watched, so he sighed and said, "Since

the day Jaimito arrived at the orphanage, he has been refusing to finish his meals. He eats very little at each lunch. We have tried to convince him to eat more, but he does not listen to us.

Said this, the two directed their gaze to Jaimito, who smiled at them with great pity.

His smile of him was like a dagger in Roxana's heart.

She did not want to dig any further at the moment, so she sat down next to the boy again and felt his pulse from her once more.

With this information, Roxana already knew where to go and she soon determined the cause of her condition.

Jaimito had been skipping his meals a lot since he entered the orphanage, which ended up causing a lot of problems with his digestive system. And, although he had access to full meals at the orphanage, Jaimito's upset stomach had reduced his appetite for him. As time passed, the problem got worse. His body reached its limit and this brought him to the condition he was currently in.

Just thinking about everything Jaimito had been through made Roxana's eyes fill with tears.

-And well? Have you already figured out the cause of his condition? Jael asked seriously.

The director of the orphanage soon realized that they were watching him, so he sighed and said:

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Said so, the two directed their gaze to Jaimito, who he smiled at them with a lot of corduroy.

His smile pierces Roxana's heart like a dagger.

She didn't want to inquire any further, so she sat down again next to the child and took her pulse one more time.

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Jaimito had been jumping to her food very soon after he entered the orphanage, which ended up causing her many problems with her digestive system. And, even though she had been unable to eat full meals in the orphanage, the pain in Jaimito's stomach had reduced her to apatite. As she passed the time, she supported the problem. Her body reached its limit and thus brought him back to the condition in which she found herself today.

Just thinking about everything that Jaimito had gone through made Roxana's eyes fill with tears.

—And good? Has he already managed to figure out the cause of his condition? Jaal asked sardonically.

Roxana stood up, nodded, and said:

—I'm going to prescribe some medicine.

Jael immediately called for someone to bring her a pen and a piece of paper.

With this, Roxana frowned and began to write the recipe.

“Jaimito not only suffers from gastrointestinal disease. He also has anorexia problems that have been developing over time. If I don't treat that problem first, he'll soon have GI problems and the relapse may be worse. Jaimito is still a child, so I can't prescribe anything very strong for him.

With all these questions in mind, Roxana began to doubt if her recipe from her was the right thing for Jaimito.

Jael noticed her conflicted expression on hers and moved closer to her to ask,

"What's the matter?"

Roxana then looked up and explained what was worrying her.

As a member of the Dorante family, Jaime was much better informed regarding medications than Roxana, and after taking her concerns into her account, he was able to give her some suggestions and even tweaked the prescription a bit.

In a matter of minutes, Hey both managed to write the perfect prescription for Jaimito and handed it over to the orphanage director to prepare the medicine.

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Chapter 694 Eating Together

As soon as they managed to find a treatment, the tension in the room dissipated and, as soon as he heard that he would get better, Jaimito gave Roxana a grateful smile.

"Thank you, Miss Jerez.

Hearing her weak voice, Roxana responded with a serious expression:

—You don't have to thank me, I'm just doing my job. I guess you didn't have a good time, huh?

Jaimito nodded timidly; his face reflected some anxiety.

“This is the first time that anyone other than the director of the orphanage and the other children has cared for me in such a sincere way. Also, she is very pretty! She reminds me of mom »...

Roxana patted her head gently and said:

“I prescribed you some medicine. Promise me that you will take your meds exactly as the instructions say. If you do it like this, you will feel better very soon. You also need to start eating right as soon as you're discharged, okay? I know you don't really want to eat, but I need you to force yourself to. If not, you'll end up here again. Understood?

Jaimito nodded obediently in response.

After seeing him accept everything so obediently, Roxana chuckled in relief.

Watching her so patiently comforting Jaimito, Jael felt her heart race for some reason.

Not long after, the director of the orphanage returned with the medicines and thanked the two very much for the prompt help.

Roxana smiled back and said,

"We're just doing our job." I can't even imagine how difficult it is to take care of all these children in the orphanage.

Next, she took a wad of bills from her purse and gave them to the director.

"I left home in a hurry, so I didn't bring much cash. It's not much, but you can use this to buy Jaimito some food to replenish his missing nutrients from him. And don't hesitate to call me in case you need anything at the orphanage in the future.

"Both of you have already done enough to help the orphanage. I can't take your money! It's me who should thank you! the orphanage director protested.

But Roxana put the money in her hand against her will and said:

—I'm the mother of two boys and I can't bear to see any child suffer. Take it as my way of showing the boys a little motherly love.

Just as the orphanage director was about to reply, Roxana stopped him and changed the subject to Jaimito's medications. With this, the orphanage director realized that Roxana would not take no for an answer, so she had no choice but to accept the money from her.

Once she gave instructions regarding Jaimito's recipe, Roxana said goodbye and left the room with Jael by her side of her.

—I want to thank you for the advice from a while ago, Mr. Dorante. If it hadn't been for his help from him, he'd still be having trouble with the recipe," Roxana said gratefully as she walked down the hall.

In response, Jael raised an eyebrow and said,

"I was just doing my job.

Roxana pursed her lips for a moment before giving him a smile.

"But..." Jael added.

Hearing this, Roxana tensed immediately.

-What's happening? Is there a problem with Jaimito's condition?

"It's true that I was doing my job for her, but I'm not going to stop her if she wants to express your gratitude to me." I feel that the words of thanks are not sincere enough.

Roxana frowned; Those words seemed very familiar to her, but she didn't quite know why. Still, she knew that now she would have to do something for Jael.

"You're right, Mr. Dorante. Sorry I didn't notice before. The afternoon is already falling. How about we go eat together? Her," she asked.

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Chapter 695 We Are Not A Couple

Although Jael knew that she had only invited him from all the signs she had given him, her smile convinced him to accept the invitation.

Although Roxana was going to pay for the food, Jael was the one who did the driving and chose the restaurant in which they would eat.

Upon arriving at the restaurant, Roxana was speechless. Given Jael's social status, she thought she would opt for a fancy restaurant in the city, but they were in an old Chepanese restaurant.

The restaurant was very tastefully decorated, but the food was quite cheap. On the side of the diners, the majority were office workers and middle-class families.

—I am very familiar with Chepanese food because it is what I eat at home. I don't know if it's going to be to your liking," Jael said with a smile.

Roxana reciprocated the smile.

"To be honest, during my years abroad all I ate was Chepanese food.

Surprised, Jael raised an eyebrow.

-Oh yeah? I would have thought that he preferred foreign food.

The two continued joking with each other as they entered the restaurant.

Next, the waitress who greeted them at the door asked in a friendly tone:

—Good afternoon! Will they require a private room?

Hearing this, Jael turned to look at Roxana instinctively.

"What do you mean by 'private room'?"

"Couples who come to eat here usually request private rooms for more privacy," the waitress explained with a smile; she seemed convinced that these two were a couple.

Realizing the misunderstanding, Roxana smiled ruefully and apologized to Jael. She then turned to the waitress and said:

—I'm afraid you're wrong. We are not a couple, so we do not need a private room.

The waitress couldn't believe it and she looked at Jael in disbelief.

"How is it possible that these two are not a couple? They look so perfect together!"

Jael just gave her a smile and said,

"Give us a table near the window, please."

Her smile from her made the waitress blush, and shortly after, she led them to a table by the window.

Even after taking their order, the waitress still couldn't believe they weren't a couple.

"But they are a very attractive pair! I can't believe they're not a couple."

-Apologies. I don't know where she got that idea from," Roxana explained to Jael once the Waitress had left.

Jael chuckled casually and said,

"There's no apology for it. In fact, I think it's an honor to be mistaken for her boyfriend, Miss Jerez.

Hearing this, Roxana froze and looked at him somewhat apprehensively.

"Miss Jerez, it seems to me that you haven't realized how wonderful you really are. The fact that people mistake me for their boyfriend means they think I'm right up there. That's why I consider it an honor," Jael added calmly.

"Do you think it's an honor because people will form a good image of him?"

Thinking of this calmed her down, and then she said, "

I think you're giving me too much credit, Mr. Dorante." You are the one who is truly excellent. If I hadn't introduced myself, people would never have known about me.

Jael just looked at her with great admiration while she smiled without saying a word.

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Chapter 696 Do you remember me?

Roxana checked her phone and realized that it was already late and that she had not discussed the issue of food with Andrés and Bautista before leaving the house.

"I beg your pardon for a moment. I need to make a call," Roxana said apologetically as she stood up.

Although Jael didn't know what was going on, she chose not to ask about it and just nodded as he watched her retreat to a quieter part of the restaurant.

Back at the mansion, Andrés and Benito were watching television with Estela when they heard the phone ring.

Knowing that her mother would be the only one calling the landline, they ran to answer the phone.

"Mommy, are you coming?" Estela came to play! We are with her right now! —Bautista said while he looked at Estela.

He then passed the phone to the girl and motioned for her to say something.

"Hello, Miss Jerez! —Estela said with a big smile on her face.

Estela's adorable voice gave Roxana a lot of tenderness.

"Hello, Ella!" What brings you here today?

"I remembered that yesterday he had been drenched in the rain and I was worried that he had gotten sick, so I came to see how he had woken up," Estela answered.

"I'm so sorry, Ela, but it's going to take me a while to get back home. I'm going to ask someone to bring you food, okay?" Roxana said, asking for an apology.

-Alright! Estela replied, nodding.

Later, Roxana asked Andrés and Bautista to take good care of Estela and she ended the call.

Next, she called Magali, hoping she wasn't too busy.

"How are you, Roxanne?" Magali responded immediately.

- Are you at home? Roxanne asked.

Magali took a deep breath and said:

—That's right! Although I must say that it was not easy for me to get a couple of days off.

The woman had been insisting on the director for days to let her take a break.

Roxana felt relieved to hear that Magalí was home.

"I'm out at the moment. Andrés, Benito and Estela are alone in my house. I didn't have time to prepare food for them before leaving. Do you think you can bring them some of the food you prepare later?"

Magalí cared a lot about the three boys, so it was not surprising that she agreed to her request. But, the truth was that she hadn't planned on bothering to cook on her day off, so after thinking about it for a bit, he decided to order food for her and the boys; Shortly after, she arrived at Roxana's house with the bags of food.

Cautious as ever, the boys checked the intercom to make sure it was her before opening the door.

"Hello, Aunt Magali!

Bautista's eyes lit up when he saw her arrive with food.

Magalí wasn't quite sure what the children would like, so she opted to buy roasted chicken and hamburgers, which turned out to be Bautista's favorite food of hers.

"Her mother of hers won't be able to make it on time, so she asked me to bring food for the three of them." I hope they let them eat fried things," Magalí said as she put the things on the table.

Her gaze soon fell on Estela, who was sitting in a corner of the room; it was the second time she had seen her, so she didn't remember much about the girl.

"Mmm... Is it me or does this girl look like Roxana?"

—You are Estela, right? Remember me? —Magalí asked as he approached the girl to get a better look at her.

Estela blinked for a moment before nodding and answering:

—Yes, I remember you! It's nice to see you again!

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Chapter 697 Are You Sure?

Estela's adorable voice melted Magalí's heart.

«I remember how she refused to talk the last time we met; many believed that she was mute. She has already changed a lot since then! She not only already speaks, but also, she has an angelic voice and a very sweet smile! »

Amazed by how sweet and cute she was of hers, Magalí patted the girl on the head.

"What a good girl!"

Magalí then stood up and Estela's gaze went to the food that was on the table and she was very curious.

Growing up in a wealthy household where the food was prepared by a professional chef or her grandmother, Estela had no idea what it was like to order takeout or fast food in general. Because of this, she couldn't understand why Andrés and Bautista were so excited.

Magalí was sleeping when Roxana's call woke her up, so she hadn't had a chance to eat breakfast. By the time she arrived with the boys, she was already starving, so she opened the food packages and gave each boy a piece of fried chicken.

Estela, however, did not know what to do with the piece of chicken and, lost, she looked at Magalí.

Confused, the woman stopped for a moment, but she soon realized that it was very likely that, due to her social status, this was the first time that Estela had eaten a piece of fried chicken.

Given this, she got a pair of disposable gloves for Estela, put them on her little hands and taught her how to hold the piece of chicken.

Estela responded with a shy smile and said:

-Thank you.

Once again, Magalí's heart melted; she was so distracted with how adorable Estela was that she even forgot that she should eat. Magalí did not come to herself until the girl had finished her piece of chicken and she was finally able to eat.

She had barely eaten a piece of it when she felt her phone ring in her pocket, which made her tense and she reluctantly answered.

The person who called her was nothing more and nothing less than the director, who asked her to return to work.

Magalí rolled her eyes annoyed and hung up the phone. Immediately afterwards, she stuffed her mouth with pieces of fried chicken, said goodbye to the children and left the house.

After that, the children gathered at the table and finished eating the rest of the food.

For her part, Roxana had no idea how the boys were doing at home, but she was confident that Magalí would not let them go hungry.

After the two of them talked about medicine throughout lunch, Jael asked:

-By the way. I noticed you had problems with Jaimito's recipe. You're not very good at the medical part, are you?

Roxana gave a nervous giggle and answered:

—That's right. I specialize in acupuncture, so I'm not very familiar with medications. Actually, I think my skills and knowledge in that department are mediocre at best. I am grateful to be able to count on his presence of him at that time.

Jael nodded.

“We all have areas in which we specialize. Her impeccable acupuncture work from her left me speechless, for example. Regarding the medication use part, I have several medical journals and books that I could lend you if you wish.

Roxana didn't even know what to say at this moment.

"A-Are you sure?"

“One of the reasons why I decided to continue working with the Dorante family was that I wanted to have access to their ancient medicine books. Are you really offering them to me like it was nothing?

Jael raised an eyebrow.

-And why not? You are part of the Dorante family team. Any advance you can make in the medical field is beneficial to us.

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Chapter 698 Keep This Secret

Roxana couldn't believe what she was hearing.

She was puzzled, but it didn't take long for her to return a grateful smile.

—In that case, I will do my best for the benefit of our collaboration.

Jael raised her glass and said,

“Great! I want to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the rest of the collaborators for deciding to work with us. A toast to our collaboration!”

Roxana couldn't help but giggle as she toasted with him.

“Jael has helped me a lot during all this time. For some reason, when I'm with Jael and Leandro I feel like we could talk for hours and never run out of conversation topics. It may be because we all work in the medical area. On the other hand, my conversations with Luciano tend to end very badly... », thought Roxana while she faded the smile on her face.

"Oh, by the way..." Jael was about to say something else when he noticed a change in her expression. Although he didn't know what was going through her mind about her, he thought it would be best to change the subject to ease the tension a bit.

"What are the names of the boys from this morning?"

At the mention of her children, Roxana smiled again.

—Andres and Bautista.

Jael nodded and said,

"I've always known that she's the mother of little ones, but this is the first time I've seen those little angels in person." They are identical to you!

Her comment from her left Roxana speechless and a strange feeling invaded her heart from her.

Jael's words are somewhat ambiguous. For a moment I thought she was flattering me ».

At this, Roxana had to pinch herself under the table to get out of her head from her.

"No no no. I'm thinking? What's happening to me? Why have I been having these kinds of thoughts these past few days? Jael is fawning over my children, for goodness sake! Why should that link to my person? This must be Luciano's fault! His words about him have me paranoid!"

Immediately, Jael asked, “

Since this is the first time I've seen them, I think I should bring them some gifts. What should I give them?

However, Roxana politely refused.

"That won't be necessary." Andrés and Bautista are not used to this kind of thing. Besides, they already have everything they need.

Jael frowned and asked:

"Why are you so against my giving them some gifts?" We're collaborators, which means I'll be seeing you guys quite often in the future. I don't want them to hold some kind of grudge against me for not giving them something.

Roxana didn't know how to refute that argument, so she could only respond with a smile.

"If you insist, I'll have to gladly accept your offer." What you can give them is... —Roxana realized that she couldn't think of a suitable gift for them.

«The boys have never asked me for anything. In general, they buy what they want with the money Andrés keeps in his piggy bank. As for gifts, they've loved everything I've given them, so I don't know if they like anything in particular. Hum... The only thing I do remember is that they seemed to really enjoy the gifts that Luciano gave them».

With that in mind, Roxana continued hesitantly:

—I think Lego toys or scale models of airplanes could be a good option.

Jael raised her eyebrow a little and said,

“Good. Then I'll take care of your gifts. Let this stay between us, please.

In response, Roxana giggled and nodded.

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Chapter 699 His Company Is More Than Enough

Jael excused himself for a moment and got up from the table to answer a call.

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Not long after, he returned sadly.

-I'm so sorry. My grandfather needs me back, but he didn't explain why.

Roxana was considerate and gave him a smile.

—If Grandfather Dorante requests it, there is no time to lose. I'll go home on my own.

Jael apologized once more and went on to leave.

She, for her part of her, finished her meal and looked at the clock: one in the afternoon.

Then, she thought of her children from Ella who were home alone and she couldn't help but worry about them, so she left the table and went to pay the bill.

"The gentleman who just left already took care of the check," the clerk said with a smile.

This took Roxana by surprise.

"Aren't I supposed to treat myself to this meal as a token of appreciation? Why would I pay the bill?"

"Ah, this is a gift from the gentleman," said the employee as she handed him a bouquet of flowers and said enviously, "You are so lucky!"

Roxana was surprised that her relationship with Jael was misconstrued yet again.

She then directed her gaze to the flowers and prepared herself to have to explain the situation. While Jael's intentions of her were not entirely clear, her actions of her could lead to misunderstandings. But Roxana was afraid of entangling the situation even more by giving too many explanations, so she opted to just smile sadly and accept the bouquet before turning around and leaving the restaurant.

This done, he went to a crossroads and, after waiting for a while, managed to get a taxi. Then she hugged the bouquet and got into the car.

In that, she received a message from Jael:

"I'm home."

Roxana was about to respond to her message from her when another message came in from her:

"Did you receive the flowers?"

She glanced at the flowers out of the corner of her eye and frowned; Her fingers slid quickly over the screen of her phone:

"I did get them, but I'm not sure what the gift is for."

Logically, Jael shouldn't think of her as more than a co-worker, but with the flowers and her comments about her, it was hard for Roxana not to misunderstand things.

Jael, for her part of her, read her message and raised an eyebrow. Then she pursed her lips and said:

"Aren't the flowers a fitting gesture of thanks for taking me out to dinner?"

Her message from her puzzled Roxana and she replied:

"But didn't you pay for the food too?"

The man's reasoning made no sense and Roxana began to suspect that she had other intentions.

Jael found her message from her humorous from her and replied,

"A Dorante would never let a lady foot the bill. Having his company from her at lunch was more than enough for me ».

Roxana didn't know what to say, and moments later she received another message from Jael:

"Just kidding. The flowers are from Jaimito as a token of his gratitude from him. After all, the orphanage is the responsibility of the Dorante family and you have been a great help to us."

Then, as if she were afraid he wouldn't believe her, she added:

"The arrangement is accompanied by many lilies, which symbolize gratitude, so I hope that helps prevent misunderstandings when the children see it."

It was just at that moment that Roxana realized the number of lilies that came in the arrangement, accompanied by other flowers that she couldn't name.

At this, her look of hers was filled with disgust; not even Andrés and Bautista could have misread the situation, but for some reason, she did.

"What is wrong with me?"

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"I appreciate it, but I think that was something that was up to me. We still have a lot of work to do together, so I shouldn't be so polite every time."

Jael smiled somewhat reservedly and replied,

"He's right. It won't happen again."

After sending the message, he heard a creak upstairs. Then she put the phone in her pocket and looked up to see a middle-aged man helping Hector down the stairs at a slow, measured pace; the pair was absorbed in a conversation.

Seeing the man, Jael frowned, but being a polite person, she greeted him politely, "

Grandfather, Mr. Altamirano."

The man was Esteban Altamirano, Yesenia's father.

«I can already imagine why my grandfather sent for me. The only possibility is that he wants me to advocate for Yesenia because of the disaster the other day ».

Just thinking about this and the events of that night irritated him.

After greeting him, Hector and Esteban looked at him in his direction from her.

"You got home very fast," Hector said with a smile; it was evident that he was enjoying his conversation with Esteban.

In response, Jael nodded and, frowning, asked,

"Why did you send for me?"

At that, Hector looked at Esteban, who said with a concerned and apologetic tone:

—I hope we haven't interrupted anything by making you come so abruptly.

With Hector present, Jael decided not to escalate the situation and simply replied,

"No."

At this, Esteban sighed with relief.

-Excellent. I asked your grandfather to send for you because Yesenia told me that things between you are a bit tense. I would like to apologize on her behalf of her.

—You and Yesenia grew up together. I don't know what could be causing this in your relationship, but I'm sure whatever it is, you can talk about it with each other," Hector suggested.

Now that Hector had said his part of him, Jael was able to say, “

She was intoxicated that night. Tell her that it doesn't matter and that she shouldn't take it personally.

Then she thought of something else and raised an eyebrow.

«Wait... The person Yesenia has to apologize to someone else. The ruckus that was nothing more than a nuisance to me, but Roxana was the one who got the most of it. Yesenia should apologize to the real victim here.”

As if he had read her mind about it, Esteban continued:

—Yesenia mentioned that there was another lady involved in this situation and she said that she hopes to be able to meet her and apologize personally.

Jael looked doubtful and wondered when Yesenia had become so mature.

"I guess you must know that person, considering they were together that night." Why don't you arrange a meeting so that Yesenia can apologize to the young lady? Stephen suggested.

Hearing this, Jael was met with more questions than answers.

«As far as I know, Yesenia is a rather arrogant woman who would never admit to having made a mistake. Why would she voluntarily apologize, especially to Roxana, whom she hates? »

Before she could question the reason, she heard Hector's voice once more.

"You should be able to do Mr. Altamirano this favor now that he's asked you to." I have to assume that the other lady is Dr. Jerez. She's only met once, but I'm sure she's not a person who often holds a grudge against others.

Hearing this, Jael frowned and said,

"It's not that simple, Grandpa.