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Roxana guessed what he was planning and couldn't help but anticipate what Estela would say. Although she felt frustrated when she saw the girl take out a pencil and paper from her bag, she didn't show it in her eyes.

-Don't worry. She has just started to improve and still needs time to stabilize. She probably only talks when she's excited about something, so let's be patient.

Luciano nodded silently and agreed. The fact that the girl said something was already a good step forward; therefore, she should not demand too much from him, but let her improve naturally.

Estela wrote for a while and took time to think; then, she finally answered all her questions. Luciano and Bautista listened carefully and gave her encouraging answers.

The beluga performance was over, but the three children were still reluctant to leave. Roxana saw that they still had time and let them play in the marine park. The man wasn't sure why he had gone there that day; so he followed them and accompanied Roxana and the children on their journey. During that time, the three of them pulled Roxana as they ran to play with her; they seemed to have forgotten about Luciano. He looked at how happy they were and had an inexplicable feeling that they had forgotten about him. It was painful enough that Roxana, Andrés, and Bautista ignored him, even Estela did.

Meanwhile, Buck had been instructed not to disturb them; therefore, he followed Luciano silently from a distance. He had witnessed his family leave him out a few times. However, he followed them in silence; therefore, the assistant could not help but sympathize. «Mr. Fariña had never suffered such humiliation. Everyone in Horneros knows Grupo Fariña. Who would dare ignore it? Maybe just these four people that he has in front of him ».

Luciano could sense that Andrés and Bautista excluded him; after all, they were still disgusted by the conversation they had during that dinner. The man did not expect that they would still hold a grudge over that matter. After finding out the reason, he didn't say anything, instead he followed them in silence.

They stayed in the marine park until the evening, until almost closing time. By then the children were tired and had played on all the rides that were available.

Roxana did not expect to spend so much time there and she was exhausted. She was relieved that the children were finally tired and she decided to take them home. However, Luciano continued to follow them. She didn't care, he thought that he just wanted to spend some time with Estela and that she would leave soon. Then, she realized that she followed them even when they reached the underground parking lot, so she got frustrated and she said:

—Mr. Foriño, is there anything else today? Otherwise, I will wear or sew them.

Hearing this, the three children turned around to look at the man curiously.

"Please wait a moment. I have something for Estelo in the outhouse," Luciono felt and, after saying that, he went to look for it.

Roxono was not taken aback; I've been wearing this for a week in his clothes, I didn't think the child would take anything from him. Soon Luciono and Comilo approached, with one lame, one big elbow.

-What is this? Ello frowned slightly.

One of the lame contained limited edition robot figurines, while the other contained small outhouses and high-tech robot models; everything was expensive. Roxo didn't know all of that because his children liked those toys; Because of the foolishness, he instantly recognized what Luciono had been wearing and began to suspect. «Nothing about this seems to be something that interests you or Estelo; instead, they are toys that they like or Andrés and Boutisto».

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"Please wait a moment." I have something for Estela in the car —Luciano agreed and, after saying that, he went to look for it.

Roxana was puzzled; Estela had been in her house for almost a week, she didn't think the girl was missing anything. Soon Luciano and Camilo approached, each with a large box.

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One of the boxes contained limited edition robot figurines, while the other contained small cars and high-tech robot models; everything seemed expensive. Roxana knew all that because her children liked those toys; therefore, she instantly recognized what Luciano had brought and became suspicious. «None of this seems like something that would interest Estela; Instead, they are toys that Andrés and Bautista like.

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"They're not for Estela, are they?" Roxana asked after hesitating for a moment.

"I bought them for Andrés and Bautista," Luciano admitted immediately. I said something inappropriate a few days ago. After coming home, I thought about it and felt that I should apologize, even though it was children. I noticed that there were similar toys in your house and I thought that you would both like

them. After saying that, the man looked at Andrés and Bautista seriously and offered them the packages. I'm sorry for what I said. I hope you like it.

They both looked at the toys with delight; it was normal for children to like robots and racing cars. In addition, Andrés and Bautista had a much higher IQ than other children their age and therefore preferred more complex toys and were interested in high-tech ones. They used to insist Roxana to buy them, but some were too expensive. Although they liked them a lot, they were sensible and avoided asking their mother for them, so they were surprised that Luciano knew what they liked.

Bautista could not resist and approached the man to look inside the box; it contained all the toys he craved from the internet. He had even been about to use the small fortune Andres had earned in stock trading to get them, prompting his sister to scold him.

Although Andrés liked toys, he couldn't forget the fact that Lucien had left his mother. He stood still with a serious expression, but he couldn't resist looking into their brows; It is evident that both children want Lucien's gifts.

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Beutiste seemed to understand what her mother thought and looked at the toys eagerly before returning to Andrés. However, seeing the disappointment in her eyes, Roxene relented.

"That's very considerate of you," the man told him. My children light these toys, but they are too expensive, so tell me what their value is and I will transfer the money to you.

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For her part, Roxana looked at her children's expressions and began to relent. However, after looking at the toys in Luciano's hands, she doubted again. She had already noticed that Andrés and Bautista were looking at these toys and figures on the Internet and they were all highly coveted limited editions. The racing car model that Luciano had was priced at two hundred thousand, and what's more, the price kept

rising due to market demand. Since the man wanted to apologize, she would not prevent him from giving her gifts; however, those were too expensive.

Bautista seemed to understand what her mother was thinking and she looked at the toys longingly before returning to Andrés. However, seeing the disappointment in her eyes, Roxana relented.

"That's very thoughtful of you," he told the man. My kids love these toys but they are too expensive so let me know how much they are worth and I will transfer the money to you.

"I prepared the gifts as my apology, so how could I ask you to pay?" Luciano frowned upon hearing her request. Besides, he must have spent a lot of money for Ela. These toys are just a small gift from me. I'm afraid they're not even good enough to express my remorse. Therefore, if you insist on paying, there would be no sincerity left in my gesture.

Upon hearing that explanation, Roxana hesitated for a moment. Although the money that Luciano had spent on the gifts was no more than a tiny sum for him, the woman herself did not stop feeling uncomfortable when accepting them.

"If you insist on paying, then I should also pay you for taking good care of Ela," Luciano answered solemnly, understanding what she was thinking. Her condition has improved a lot thanks to you. Would you be willing to accept that I pay you?

In the end, Roxana gave up the idea of rejecting her toys.

"Since they are gifts from Mr. Fariña, you should accept them," agreed the woman as she looked at her children.

"Thank you, Mr. Fariña," Andrés answered in a courteous but distant tone.

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Luciano and Camilo took the boxes of toys to Roxana's car; then they said goodbye and left.

"Mr. Fariña, aren't you going to spend more time with Miss Estela?" Camilo asked after getting into the

car.

«Miss Estela has stayed at Roxana's house all this time and she rarely interacts with Mr. Fariña. She worries me that they will distance themselves due to the lack of interaction ».

Luciano shook his head, but didn't say anything. «Andrés and Bautista have not truly forgiven me. I already followed them for a day and finally managed to redeem myself a little through the gifts. If I continue to follow them, I would lose what little kindness I have received." Thinking about the children's attitude towards him, the man felt a headache.

Suddenly, the phone began to ring. Luciano recovered his composure and answered the call with a frown.

-What happen?

—Luciano, are you free in a few days? It was Jonathan. It will soon be my grandfather's seventieth birthday. At first, we did not think of organizing a banquet; however, since it has been much better lately, we plan to have a big celebration. You have to come!

"Sure, I'll take some time to go," Luciano answered with a gravelly voice.

Alfredo had always treated him well. Furthermore, the young man had struggled to find a way to cure the old man, and because of that, he had already planned to attend his seventieth birthday.

Due to her bearing, Roxono did not return or sew with the three children. As soon as they arrived, Andrés and Boutisto intensely wanted to open their lame for the toys and they played with them until midnight. Since they didn't have school the next day, Roxono didn't stop them, but he did convince Estelo to sleep.

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"Doctor Jerez," said the young man suddenly and asked, "Will you be free to attend your grandfather's birthday party in a few days?" I can include it in the guest list.

Roxono ocoobobo finished the medical tour and was surprised to receive an invitation. He had overheard the conversation between grandfather and grandson, and knew that it would be quite an event. They invited all or many prominent people from Homeros and prestigious families who were friends of the Quevedos. On the other hand, Roxono was just a recent arrival and a little-known doctor in the city, so he thought that he was a lucky winner at the birthday party. Because or so, he hesitated for a moment, but, in the end, he decided to reject the invitation.

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For her part, Roxana returned home with the three children. As soon as they arrived, Andrés and Bautista wanted intensely to open the boxes to take out the toys and they played with them until midnight. Since they didn't have school the next day, Roxana didn't stop them, but she did convince Estela to sleep.

The next morning, the woman let Catalina take care of the children while she went to the Quevedo residence for Alfredo's treatment. Jonatan was present during the process and discussed the details of his birthday banquet with his grandfather.

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Roxana had just finished medical treatment and was surprised to receive an invitation. She had overheard the conversation between grandfather and grandson, and she knew it would be quite an event. They had invited many prominent people from Homeros and prestigious families who were friends of the Quevedos. On the contrary, Roxana was just a newcomer and a little-known doctor in the city, so she thought that she would be out of place at her birthday banquet. Because of that, she hesitated for a while, but, in the end, she decided to decline the invitation.

"I think it would be better if she didn't attend." I'm not good at lavish social gatherings.

"Dr. Jerez, it's thanks to you that I can have a birthday banquet," Alfredo said immediately. If it wasn't for his efforts, he would still be bedridden! Therefore, I hope that he can attend, as that would make me very happy. Also, don't worry. If she doesn't like to socialize, I'll make sure no one bothers her.

Faced with the old man's enthusiastic invitation, Roxana did not know how to refuse.

"Even though she's not good at socializing, she's going to have to learn to do it at some point," Jonatan added, smiling. She is now in charge of a research institute, so she will have to interact with people. Also, she can take the opportunity to meet some important people. Who knows? She may get good business opportunities for the institute.

Those words seemed to have an effect on Roxana.

"Thank you for holding me in high esteem, great Mr. Quevedo," the young woman said as she nodded. In that case, I will accept the invitation and come on time. Before leaving, she explained to the old man the next steps in recovery. "You only have one treatment session left." Afterward, he just has to rest and recuperate. I will prescribe some medicines for him, so he must remember to take them on time. If he does, he will gradually recover.

Jonatan and Alfredo agreed and thanked him.

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—April, are you going to attend my grandfather's birthday? Frida asked mysteriously.

Abril had heard about the event and, since the Quevedo family was close to the Fariña family, the young woman thought that she should attend.

-I will go. Because? Her," she said as she nodded.

—Um... Will Luciano go with you? Everyone knows they're a couple," Frida asked.

Upon hearing the question, April hesitated before answering. She knew that Luciano would attend; however, she did not expect her to ask her to come with him. Although the man hadn't annulled her engagement in all those years, he did behave with indifference towards her.

"They must attend together," Frida continued without noticing her friend's concerns. That way you can show that woman who you are!

He hated Roxana because of her distant attitude towards her and that's why he had invited April to meet and talk about her birthday banquet. «Roxana is nothing without Luciano's protection. I want her to see who she really loves!"

Of course, April understood who her friend was referring to. When remembering how Luciano treated Roxana, the young woman felt anguished.

"Of course," he replied immediately. Luciono and I are in a relationship, so we'll go to the birthday party together.

—That's groovy! Frida was glad to hear that. You don't know how arrogant that woman has behaved

lately. She doesn't understand what is the place that corresponds to her, so I can't wait to see her face when you celebrate the birthday with Luciono!

April was also looking forward to doing it. Since Roxono had returned to the country, the situation had worsened for it. "Good. I can take advantage of this opportunity by making him resign or Lucio completely.

Then they both finished their coffee and went shopping before saying goodbye.

Once she came back or sewed, April got nervous thinking about the birthday party. Although Frida had promised him that he would resist with Luciono, he did not know how he could convince him to do so. After thinking about it for some time, the young man decided to pay lip service and called Sonio on the phone.

-What happen? —The woman's voice responded instantly.

"Señor Foriño, I heard that the rude Señor Quevedo will celebrate a birthday party soon," Abril said with an apologetic tone as she overwhelmed her emotions. Will Luciono resist?

"Of course," he replied immediately. Luciano and I are in a relationship, so we will go to the birthday banquet together.

-That is wonderful! Frida was glad to hear that. You don't know how arrogant that woman has been recently. She doesn't understand her rightful place, so I can't wait to see her face when you show up at her birthday with Luciano!

April was looking forward to it too. Since Roxana had returned to the country, the situation had worsened for her. "Good. I can take this opportunity to make him give up on Luciano completely."

Then they both finished their coffee and went shopping before saying goodbye.

Once she returned home, April became nervous at the thought of the birthday banquet. Although she had promised Frida that she would attend with Luciano, she did not know how she could convince him that she would. After thinking about it for some time, the young woman decided to pluck up her courage and called Sonia on the phone.

-What happen? The woman's voice responded instantly.

"Señora Fariña, I heard that the great Mr. Quevedo will be holding a birthday banquet soon," Abril said apologetically as she calmed her emotions. Will Luciano attend?



"Yes," Sonia answered firmly. Later, she remembered that Abril and her son had argued over Estela, so she tried to persuade the young woman. When the time comes, you should apologize to him. I will speak well of you. They shouldn't keep arguing like that.

"I think so too," he replied. However... Luciano continues to avoid me. I'm afraid he won't want to see me at the birthday banquet..." She said it so that she sounded pained.

Sonia had not thought about that and she was lost in thought after hearing the young woman's words.

-That's not going to happen. You just have to prepare. I'll tell Luciano to find you for the birthday banquet and to go with you.

"Of course, I'll be ready. April was happy to hear that, but she pretended to look nervous.

Later, Sonia spoke with the young woman about some other matters and ended the call.

April couldn't hide her joy; she didn't expect to find such an easy solution to her concerns. "I want to see Roxana's face when she appears at her birthday banquet with Luciano!"

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Before the banquet, Roxana carried out the last session of Alfredo's treatment. Although he could not stand for long, the old man was in a better mood and was even able to get out of bed and walk. Roxana had also prescribed some medications for her and had told her that she should take them on time. After that, the treatment would be complete.

The day of her birthday banquet, Roxana went to her house to get dressed after leaving work at the research institute. After putting on a dress and fixing her hair, she put on simple but elegant makeup before heading to the celebration.

Upon arriving at the Quevedo residence, the banquet was about to begin. There were many luxurious cars parked outside, and the residence was packed with guests; all leading figures of Homers.

Since Roxana had already lived there, she knew most of the people; however, very few of them knew her identity. Despite everything, as soon as she appeared on the scene, the young her became the center of attention.

Seeing her, the audience was amazed. With her long hair tied back, she flaunted her beautiful, slender neck. Furthermore, the audience could clearly appreciate her delicate facial features, even though she was only wearing a thin layer of makeup. When she smiled, she had a bright sparkle in her eyes that had nothing to envy to the stars in the sky. At the same time, she fell in love with the public with those long and slender legs of hers. Instantly, everyone started making guesses as to which family she belonged to.

Roxana looked around her and pretended not to notice that everyone's attention was on her. "Since no one came up to greet me, it would be impolite of me to strike up a conversation with someone on my own." After thinking about it for a moment, she decided to move away to a corner and relax by herself. However, she had only taken a few steps when Jonatan called her:

—Dr. Jerez, today you look splendid.

Indeed, whenever she went to treat Alfredo, Roxana would dress in a shirt and long pants, plus she never put on makeup. Although her beautiful facial features were still visible, she had never been seen as stunning as that day. Hearing that, Roxana stopped and nodded politely to express her gratitude.

"Since you're here, you don't have to hide. My grandfather is waiting for you. —Jonatan realized that she was trying to get away from the crowd, so he invited her to come closer to where Alfredo was.

As the invitation was to see the old man, Roxana had no choice but to accept. As she endured the strange looks from the crowd, she walked over and greeted him. The old man received her with an affectionate smile and they began to talk pleasantly among themselves. The crowd was intrigued to see the warm interaction between Roxana and the Quevedo family.

Meanwhile, Luciano had just left the office and was preparing to go to the banquet at the Quevedo residence when he received a call from Sonia.

-You left the job? He asked her. Could you come find me? I'm getting ready at the Neon clothing store.

After checking the time, Luciano accepted.

Neón was a store owned by the Landas, a family friend of the Fariñas. They specialized in making evening gowns and suits, and it was a business that had been passed down from generation to generation. Although his products were expensive, they were very popular among the high society of Horneros. All members of the Landa family were involved in the fashion design industry. Furthermore, they were pioneers in their respective areas, even the younger generations. Before each event, the Fariña family always ordered their outfits in Neon, so Luciano did not flinch when Sonia told him that he was there.

When the man arrived, the person in charge of the store came out to meet him immediately. By then, Sonia was ready, but she didn't get up when she saw her son enter.

-Take a sit.

"Aren't you ready?" It's getting late. Luciano was confused.

"Wait for April," Sonia answered as she raised her chin in the direction of a fitting room.

Hearing that, Luciano immediately frowned. "She does it on purpose, doesn't she?"

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April came out of the changing room after a while.

-Nothing bad. This is the one —said Sonia, satisfied when she saw her outfit.

After outlining a smile, the young woman turned to look at Luciano.

-You arrived!

He just nodded impassively; She pretended that she didn't mind his distant attitude and said smiling:

"Señora Fariña invited me to come and have my dress made." How about? Isn't it pretty? After saying that, she turned around to show him.

Luciano didn't like that his own mother was setting him up, so when he heard that, he responded with a brief nod and replied, "Yes.

"

April felt embarrassed to see the man's indifferent attitude; however, she maintained a smile. Sonia, for her part, finally got up and said:

—Since she also goes to the Quevedo residence, she should come with us.

The young woman smiled.

"Thank you, Mrs. Farina!"

After thanking him, she looked at Luciano shyly; he frowned and said,

"Come on." —As Sonia had already said that, she couldn't have refused, even if she had wanted to.

After that, he turned around, walked away, and didn't look at April. Seeing that, she lowered her gaze,

aggrieved. Sonia comforted her and patted her arm; she told him to ignore her. The young woman nodded obediently and wrapped her arm lovingly around the woman before walking out with her.

In the car, Luciano remained silent throughout the journey and did not bother to hide his distant attitude; in fact, he only responded when his mother asked him something. April was clenching her fists under her dress to vent her frustration. "I must impose my dominance on Roxana later."

At the Quevedo residence, Alfredo could only stand for a while, exchanging pleasantries with the guests, but then he ran out of strength. Jonatan then brought him a wheelchair so that he could continue with the other guests. Roxana thought that she could excuse herself after greeting Alfredo; however, the old man had a different idea; he told her to stay by her side.

—Since you are also going to chat with the guests, let me help you and I will introduce you to everyone. "Jonatan also wanted her to stay.

Roxana had no other option but to stay by Alfredo's side; she then followed him to greet each of the guests. Jonatan's parents soon appeared.

—Are you Dr. Jerez? We finally meet! Jonatan and Frida told me that you cured the great master Quevedo. Not only do you have excellent medical skills, but you are also very beautiful, Dr. Jerez," praised Hilda Cardozo, Jonatan's mother, with a smile.

Roxana smiled and thanked him kindly. The young man's father, Zacarías Quevedo, also thanked him.

"During all these years, we have sought countless doctors to treat my father's illness. Unlike you, no one was able to cure him, thank you. From now on, do not hesitate to ask the Quevedo family for help whenever you need us.

Upon hearing that, Roxana wanted to politely deny the gesture, but Alfredo intervened:

—Of course! Dr. Jerez will have to continue monitoring my health in the future.

She fell silent and smiled through pursed lips. Frida was not happy with her when she heard how her parents flattered her. Then, she scanned the surroundings as she searched for Luciano and Abril, and when she realized that neither of them was there, she looked expectantly towards the entrance. "Let's see if that woman can keep smiling when Luciano appears next to Abril!" However, she didn't have to wait long because a few minutes later, he appeared at the entrance of the mansion.

"Luciano is here!" Frida exclaimed to get everyone's attention.

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As soon as they heard that, everyone in the Quevedo residence turned towards the entrance; instinctively, Roxana also did the same. Luciano wore a tailored black suit, he was so well tailored that it highlighted his toned figure. With most of his hair combed back, everyone could see the perfect facial

features of him. At the same time, the few locks that hung from his forehead made his expression seem even more serious than he was; in short, he seemed reserved and distant.

Immediately, everyone looked at Luciano. April appeared behind him in a black dress; her curly hair fell over her chest and her red lips were striking. At that moment, they saw that the young woman was surrounding Sonia's arm while they followed Luciano behind her. With their matching outfits and affectionate interaction between them, it was as if they were telling the world that Abril was destined to be the future daughter-in-law of the Fariña family. Seeing that scene, Frida looked at Roxana out of the corner of her eye; however, she felt displeasure upon seeing her unfazed expression from her. Right at that moment, she deliberately grabbed her mother's hand and exclaimed,

"Wow! Luciano and Abril look so good together.

Hilda didn't know what they were up to, but she did know the close relationship between the Pedrosa family and the Fariñas; In addition, she always saw April with Luciano.

"Looks like they might be getting married soon," the woman said after nodding.

Roxana's expression changed a bit when she heard that; nevertheless, she immediately composed herself and raised her head again. Jonatan was next to her when he remembered the conflict between Roxana and Luciano, so he unconsciously looked at her and was surprised to see how calm she seemed from her. He wasn't happy with the attention he had received from the crowd, so he adopted an indifferent look and walked straight into the center of the birthday banquet. He just wanted to say hello to Alfredo before thinking of an excuse to part ways with Abril.

Hilda and Zacarías were close to the Fariña family; for this reason, they approached to welcome the guests with a smile.

-Hello! Welcome. This is...

As they spoke, they both looked at Sonia, who just smiled back. Beside her, April looked a bit shy as she greeted the seniors politely. After that, she just listened while they talked and in the meantime they went to Alfredo.

Roxana got scared when she saw them approaching, so she looked away and wanted to say goodbye to the old man before leaving. Just when she wanted to leave, some guests came up to her and greeted her, so she had no choice but to exchange greetings with them. "I've missed the perfect opportunity to get out of here."

Seconds later, Luciano and the others had approached Roxana, but she kept her head down to go as unnoticed as possible. She first heard the man greet Alfredo with a deep voice before hearing him respond with joy. Right after her, she felt the man stare at her, so she clenched her fists and looked up at him. When the old man introduced her, he nodded politely. When Hilda and Zacarías came up to greet him earlier, he had already noticed Roxana's presence and during all that time, Luciano couldn't

take his eyes off her.

When he saw her standing next to Alfredo, she seemed elegant, but somewhat indifferent. In her long white dress, she looked very distinguished and delicate. Although she didn't put much effort into dressing, she was still very captivating. On the other hand, she had been avoiding eye contact with him from the moment she appeared; the more she avoided him, the more Luciano wanted to look at her.

Sonia realized that her son was distracted, so she followed her line of vision; and when she fixed her gaze on that woman, her expression turned grim.

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Roxana remained silent after greeting them. Since Alfredo didn't give her the opportunity to leave, she had no choice but to stay and listen to her conversation. Sonia withdrew her gaze and addressed the old man seriously.

—What a blessing it is for the Quevedo family now that you are well!

The man smiled and nodded before turning to Roxana.

—It's all thanks to Dr. Jerez. Without her, he would still be bedridden.

As soon as she said that, everyone turned to look at the young woman.

"Indeed, Dr. Jerez is the savior of the Quevedo family," Hilda intervened.

With those few words, she made Sonia and the others direct her attention to Roxana, who frowned a little and smiled.

"However, I wouldn't call myself a savior. As a doctor, she was just doing my job. I am very happy to have cured the great Mr. Quevedo.

Alfredo felt more admiration when he saw how humble he was. Sonia's face was disfigured when she noticed the old man's attitude; however, she kept her smile and said sarcastically, "

Not bad for a young doctor like her." We have looked for many renowned professionals and none have succeeded. How surprising!

Although it seemed that Sonia was praising her, Roxana could perceive her hostility in those words, so she was disappointed and ignored her. April was not happy because everyone was fixing her attention on Roxana and, as soon as there was silence, she let go of Sonia's arm and approached Alfredo.

"Great Lord Quevedo, you are going to live a long and stress-free life now that you have survived the disease," he told him in a mischievous tone.

The old man turned his attention from her to her and smiled upon hearing that.

-Because you said so?

"Well, that's what people say!" I know that he will live a long life and with great prosperity. He smiled.

Alfredo felt euphoric when he heard those beautiful words.

-Thank you! Let's hope you're right.

After that, he looked at Roxana again; it was like he was trying to say that she deserved all the credit. April noticed, so she made a face on purpose and blamed herself when she said,

"It's a shame I couldn't find a professional as impressive as Dr. Jerez. If not, she wouldn't have had to suffer for so long.

Alfredo hastened to wave his hands to excuse her and pronounced kindly:

"Why do you say that?" Although I have been prostrate all these years, I was very aware of what was happening around me. During all this time, you did your best to get a lot of talented doctors, didn't you? I will always remember your kind gestures.

"However, all the ones I got were useless..." he replied with reddened eyes.

The old man was touched to see how kind he was.

"I know you're a good person and you deserve credit for seeking out those doctors over the years." Otherwise, I would have suffered more," he said, smiling.

Hilda hastened to comfort her as well.

"You were very considerate, April. In fact, you have treated the great Mr. Quevedo like your own grandfather! We are very grateful. After saying that, she remembered how, over the years, Luciano had also contributed to curing Alfredo. Luciano, you too; Thank you," she added.

In response, he nodded lightly,

"We were just doing our duties as the younger generation.

Hearing that, Hilda immediately looked at their outfits and couldn't help but say,

"The best things in life come in pairs, right? Since you've been together with April for so many years, I guess we'll meet again at your engagement party!

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Jonatan looked at Roxana again when he heard Hilda mention Luciano and Abril's marriage. At that moment, the doctor had lowered her gaze a bit and she was barely smiling; Therefore, she was unaware of what was going through her mind. During all the time, Frida fixed her attention on Roxana and of course she noticed a slight change in her expression when Hilda mentioned the marriage, so she felt very moved when she noticed that.

—Without a doubt, Luciano and Abril are a perfect couple, even though they aren't married yet! However, I bet everyone has considered them family for a long time," she commented.

When she pointed that out, he gave Roxana a haughty look. As Sonia had also planned it, she smiled and said:

"Of course, we've been putting it off for too long. Lately, both families have planned to speed up the engagement; I'm sure we'll talk about it soon.

Frida wanted to add more fuel to the fire, but Luciano suddenly said:

"Great Lord Quevedo, since it's his birthday banquet, maybe we shouldn't talk about my business."

Hearing that, the old man was stunned for a moment before looking at Luciano and Abril. "These two should be embarrassed." He then nodded with a smile and changed the subject.

After that, the others did not dare to bring up the matter any further. Just at that moment, Roxana calmed down and breathed a sigh of relief. However, she was starting to feel uncomfortable when the topics that followed had nothing to do with her and she felt annoyed after listening to the conversation for a while longer. Therefore, she wanted to find a place to hide and relax so, in the middle of the conversation, she uttered in a low voice:

—Great Mr. Quevedo, I am exhausted. If that's all, I'd like to rest a bit.

Hearing that, Alfredo turned to her worried.

-What happen? You feel bad?

-Oh no. It's just that I'm wearing heels and I've been on my feet for a while. I'd like to sit down," she replied after smiling shyly.

Since she didn't feel bad, she let him go and nodded. Roxana politely excused herself from the crowd and turned to walk to the corner. As she was walking away from her, she could still feel the man's gaze fixed on her, so she unconsciously quickened her pace.

—Great Lord Quevedo, please excuse me. —Luciano's gaze darkened when he saw how many people were paying attention to Roxana when she went to a sofa to take a seat.



Alfredo was perplexed.

-Where are you going?

Considering the Fariña family's status in society, it was safe to assume that the prominent figures at the birthday banquet would come up to Luciano to say hello, rather than the other way around. Therefore, he had to wait for the others to take the initiative and greet him. However, Luciano frowned and struggled to find an excuse. Sonia read his mind and knew that she was anxious to look for Roxana so she, upset, took his arm and smiled at him.

"There are a few older people out there who are helping out with our family. Logically, since you're here, you should go say hi.

He followed his line of vision and saw several people who were known to the Fariña family and, after hesitating a bit, he agreed to their request. Then, Sonia gave Abril a look and when she saw that she pronounced:

—Since I also know you, I was thinking of saying hello! —After saying that, she followed him behind her smiling.

Luciano, for his part, frowned. Without a reason to push her away, he had no choice but to let her follow him. To people, they seemed like a perfect match.

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Frida looked at the supposedly perfect couple before looking at Roxana, who was sitting in a corner. Satisfied, she found an excuse to get away from the guests.

-Hey! Why is she sitting here alone, Dr. Jerez?

Roxana finally managed to find a quiet corner to recover her composure; however, just when she was having a thousand thoughts, she heard the question in a sarcastic tone. As soon as she looked up, she saw Frida standing in front of her with a haughty posture, which made her angry and frown.

A moment ago, Frida had not stopped talking about how Luciano and Abril were perfect for each other in front of the adults. "It was obvious that she wanted me to hear her." However, Roxana never imagined that Frida would go looking for her, not even after she left the crowd.

The woman didn't realize how upset Roxana was so she looked at her mockingly and gestured for her to look at Luciano and Abril, who were in the crowd.

-See that? Luciano and Abril are destined to be together and that is what everyone thinks. Who does he think he is? Is she she jealous her now her? She better know where she belongs, okay? She is not worthy of Luciano, instead, April is.

Roxana couldn't help but laugh with disdain when she heard that. Then, Frida frowned and asked:

-What is so funny?

Roxane shrugged nonchalantly.

-It's no big deal. It just seems strange to me to see a minion so compromised.

"subject?" Frida was perplexed and, by the time she came to her senses, her expression turned somber. As she pointed to Roxana, she gritted her teeth and asked:

"Who do you call a subject?"

Roxana got up and answered calmly:

—Who else was she talking to if she's not you? Please stop showing off in front of me, Miss Quevedo. It doesn't matter who Luciano is with or who he pretends to be with, that's none of my business. I don't care in the slightest either. She already mentioned them many times, but has she ever seen her make me nervous?

Perhaps it was because Roxana had gotten up, but Frida could see that the person before her eyes had become more dominant. Flustered, she opened her mouth, but she couldn't utter a single word. Then, Roxana smiled and approached her.

"Therefore, stop appearing in front of me and talking about matters that do not concern me." Do you have any idea how annoying that is? —After those words, Roxana passed in front of her without even looking at her.

It took Frida a long time to recover her composure and, by the time she did, she was very angry because of what Roxana had told her. She wanted to throw a tantrum, but Roxana had already left.

Roxana fled quickly because she didn't want to hear any more nonsense from Frida; in fact, she didn't even know how she would react if she heard it again. Since she had found Frida in the farthest place from the crowd, she had no choice but to find a new quiet place to take a seat. This time, she was much closer to the crowd that was at the banquet and, coincidentally, that place was right in front of where Luciano was.

The man sensed her presence the moment he appeared in her field of vision, and from that moment on, her attention returned to her.

When Roxana was about to enjoy the silence, a figure suddenly appeared in front of her.

-Hello. Nice to meet you. May I know what prominent family you are from? A wealthy gentleman approached him kindly.

For a moment, Roxana was paralyzed before smiling.

I'm sorry, but I'm just a doctor. I'm not from a prominent family," she replied.

The wealthy gentleman also stiffened for a second after hearing that and then quickly smiled at her.

"Judging from her behavior, I thought she was part of a prominent family. Would you give me the chance to meet? We could be friends.