

# The Dark Secret of the CEO by Sofia de Orellana Chapter 14

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Gerard reacts before Luz can go much further and walks after her, grabs her arm and pulls the girl from hers, causing her body to collide with hers. She freezes for a moment against the man's body, her hands on his chest, looking into his beautiful honey-colored eyes.

But the shudder that runs through her body, not only because of her closeness to a man, but also because of the smell that she can perceive in him, of wood and apple. Immediately the vague memories of that night invade her, which makes her push him away and try to escape, but he holds her again, not wanting to let her go because the aroma that emanates, jasmine, just like that girl and a need to protecting her invades the depths of his heart.

-Luz, I don't know what makes you think I'm a bad man, who fires his best employees, but I want to tell you that I'm willing to clarify everything you want, as long as you stay with us... for my daughter.

-I-I have nothing to clarify, the facts are there as proof of his dealings with people, I don't want to be more fond of his daughter, so that one day she throws me out unceremoniously.

-I repeat, I'm not like that.- He separates Luz from her and invites her to sit down again-. Please tell me what makes you think so and give me a chance to defend myself, don't you think I have that right?

The man feels confused, because probably at any other time he could have let the person go with the wrong idea, however now it is different, because the girl inspires him to protect her, to keep her close and he is willing to beg her if it is necessary to that.

Luz is torn between doing it or not, but something in the man's gaze tells her it's best to listen to him before making any decisions, so she finally wins over her huge heart and takes a seat, causing Gerard to sigh in relief.

- Why do you think that of me? -Gerard tells him as soon as he sits in front of her- "Because you left my father without a job," she tells him without waiting any longer, with a certain air of fierceness that Gerard likes. He worked for you for four years, did an excellent job, until almost a year ago he fired you without much explanation. -What is your father's name?

-Miguel... Miguel Méndez, he was in charge of messaging, copies and organizing files.

-Oh, I remember! He was an excellent worker, but one day he left...

-He didn't leave - Luz tells him annoyed -. He fired him.

-Luz, I did no such thing, I appreciated his father because he was a diligent, kind and very responsible worker. Those are qualities that can make the work environment more pleasant.

-And then, who fired him? Because the letter bore his signature.

-Luz... I was informed that he left of his own free will, they even gave me his resignation letter, I can m\*\*\*\*ra look for it if you want - Gerard closes his eyes frustrated, which doesn't go unnoticed to Luz, who does not stop observing the man's gestures to discover if he is lying or not -. I miss him, because he always cheered me up with some song or with his joy, these years were very hard for me, he came just before my wife...

Gerard lowers his head, because he doesn't want to look vulnerable, however, it's not something that can be hidden so easily.

What happened to his wife?

"She died..." he says with all the courage she can muster. She died giving birth to our daughter. H\*\*o a complication and he was in a coma, he was supposed to get out of that, but something happened and he didn't... – Luz can see the pain in the man's eyes and, without thinking about it much, with a deep fear, takes his hands to comfort him -.

-Death is the only sure thing in our lives, it is the only goal that we will all meet and nothing can be done to change our departure – Gerard looks at her, because her calm voice produces a feeling that he was not able to feel for a long time : peace-. I'm sorry about what happened to his wife and I'm terribly sorry I behaved that way. I'll understand if he doesn't want to hire me...

-Is he kidding him? Your sincerity is genuine and I know that between my daughter and you I have a connection, so I need you with me... to help me with my daughter – she rushes to say, because those words that have escaped her Sincere and profound way, they cannot be a reason for her to give up – What do you say?

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Luz looks at her hands, linked with the man's, and withdraws them. She stares at the table and sighs, nodding with soft words and a smile.

-I accept, I'll help you with Charlize, because I feel I should be with her... I don't know why. -Thank you, if she wants she can start today. -Sure... I just have to go home for some things and then I can go in a taxi...

-No, I'll take her and then we'll go home.

-I'm sorry, but I don't know him well enough and, besides, someone came for me.

1 -I would prefer to do it as I told you, but you are right, you are very cautious.

Luz stands up nodding, because she doesn't want to say anything else about it. Before she was not address message. The girl points to a table at the back of the place, where a man is sitting with his back to her and in front of him is a beautiful blonde girl in a dress that makes her smile, she looks like a princess. She walks over to the table and stands in front of them with a smile. -Good afternoon, I'm Luz Méndez. Gerard stands up immediately, offers his hand in greeting and she, with some trepidation, accepts it. Because fear cannot make her impolite. But... Shaking her hand, her body reacts with a sea of contradictions. She could run right now or stay forever, her body shaking from a clear warning of danger, but also from a strange excitement. Her breath hitches at the looming anticipation that she'll find equal parts good and bad there, but she's willing to take the risk, because two sets of eyes deserve a chance.