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As the elevator went up, Gerard had an unbearable dog face, but Luz paid him no attention at all. It was one thing for him to get upset with Johny's throw and quite another for him to do it with her, because he didn't even give the boy time to m \*\*\*\* fly.

– Daddy, I love your office, it's very nice. I want to come more often, to learn with you.

– We can learn at home, baby, I don't think it's good that they come so often.

The doors open, Charlize sees Dan, runs up to him and asks him to show her his office, (This novel will be daily updated at ) while Gerard walks to his with Luz by the hand, almost pulling her. Walking in, he slams the door shut and pulls her in for a kiss, but Luz puts her hand over her mouth and pulls him away from her, leaving Gerard wide-eyed.

Luz takes a seat in one of the chairs and looks at him with a serious expression.

-Love... for something?

-You tell me, Gerard Finnick, because I don't understand anything about what happened down there.

-Luz, you can't tell me that you don't understand what was happening, when it's evident that that boy was flirting with you – he tells her annoyed, almost beside himself, Luz holds back her laughter –

-I understood that perfectly and I was about to send him to drink coffee with my grandmother, but you came along, like any other jealous person and you ruined my image – he looks at her surprised and sits next to her -. It took me my whole life to make myself the image of a dissatisfied girl, that she sends everyone flying and you take it away from me in a second.

-Did it bother you that I made it clear that you are mine, only mine? – He says incredulous and offended-

-Well yes – she says standing up in front of him -, because I don't need you to separate other men, I can do it by myself, you know? And that I'm only yours... well you're wrong, there are at least three more people to whom I belong.

–Like this? – He tells her pulling her and sitting her on her-her lap. I thought he was the only one.

-No, there's Charlize, my brother, the baby...

-Nuestro bebé – le dice Gerard contra sus labios, haciendo que el cuerpo entero de Luz se estremezca -. Y si tengo que sentarte en ese escritorio, hacerte el amor allí mismo y en cada espacio de este edificio para que quede claro que eres mía, lo haré.

Luz pasa saliva, porque la voz grave de Gerard y esa dureza que siente en su muslo le dicen que está hablando muy en serio.

La puerta se abre y entra Dan con Charlize en brazos, Luz se pone de pie y sale de allí, encuentra a Dorothy, a quien le pregunta dónde quedan los sanitarios.

– Por ese pasillo, al final – Luz camina de inmediato en esa dirección, sin dejar terminar a Dorothy decirle que en la oficina de Gerard hay uno –

Se mete allí, se moja el rostro y trata de respirar. Aunque no es la primera vez que Gerard se pone celoso, (This novel will be daily updated at )si es la primera vez que ella se siente...

No sabe cómo sentirse, porque toda la vida tuvo que ser ella quien espantara a los buitres y tal vez, solo tal vez, la actitud de Gerard le gustó un poquito... algo... ¡mucho!

Siempre pensó que los hombres celosos eran enfermos, pero la manera de Gerard no es solo botar espuma por la boca, sino que además es todo él mostrando que es su novio, su hombre.

Y dejando claro que nadie se puede acercar a ella. – Por cierto, anoche no hablamos nada de lo mío... – se mira las manos y decide que hoy sí o sí tienen que hablar sobre lo que pasó esa noche — Sale del baño, mirando el lugar con una sonrisa, hasta que llega frente a una puerta y una discusión le llama la atención, porque reconoce las voces y una de ellas nombra a Gerard. -Lo que sienta por Gerard es mi problema, no tuyo.

-¿Sabes lo enfermo que es estar enamorada de tu primo? – Luz se lleva las manos a la boca, para ahogar un jadeo de sorpresa -. Solo espero que no se te ocurra meterte entre ellos, mi amigo al fin es feliz.

-¿Le tienes envidia? – la voz de Darcy es burlona ya Luz le dan ganas de barrer el piso con ella —

– Por favor, claro que no. Por Gerard haría lo que fuera, incluso parar una bala... o a la loca de su prima.

-Ya te dije ¡No es asunto tuyo! Así que déjame sola, rumiando mi tristeza, no puedo creer que se metiera con esa muerta de hambre, que está embarazada ve a saber tú de quién.

-Eso no le importa a nadie más que a ella, ni siquiera Gerard puede decir nada al respecto.

-Pero conociéndolo... seguro ya le tiene asegurado el apellido y todo el maldito futuro. (This novel will be daily updated at )A ella, una aparecida... mientras que a mí, hasta me corrió de la casa, estoy sola y nadie me quiere.

-Sin embargo, alguien te quiso una vez y lo despreciaste.

-Lárgate, Dan... no tengo intenciones de revivir lo que tuve contigo, porque solo me deprime más, no puedo creer que me involucrara con alguien como tú...

Luz follows the path, because she has already heard enough.

Dan and Darcy... what a stomach Dan has.

But Darcy in love with Gerard is sick, dirty and dangerous.

Luz knows that this woman is crazy and that she must keep her away from her new loves.

He arrives at Gerard's office, where he finds the father and daughter sitting at the desk. Little Ella holds a page, which she reads without much difficulty and Gerard smiles seeing her so concentrated, Luz carefully approaches them and takes a seat in front of them.

Seeing them like this, so happy, in Gerard's office fills her heart with joy. They both look beautiful and he sees in that image a vision of the future, father and daughter working together for justice.

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After a thorough tour of the building, the girls say goodbye to Gerard and agree to meet at the house in a couple of hours.

-Take care – Gerard tells her at the entrance of Finnick and Abbot, taking her by the waist and leaving a kiss full of desire and possession, right in front of the noses of several onlookers -. Talk to Evangeline so she can take care of Charlize in the afternoon, I want to kidnap you so we can talk in peace.

– I think it's perfect... and don't think I didn't realize that kiss is to mark me as one of your acquisitions – he tells her, feigning annoyance –

-You do not like? I can try...

-Shhh... I like it, you just have to measure yourself, but I like that you want to tell everyone that you and I are something, that you want to take care of me. I'm sure one day I'll get used to it.

He kisses her again, then says goodbye to Charlize with a kiss on her head and a hug. (This novel will be daily updated at ) The girls go to the car under the protection of George and the watchful eye of Gerard, he stands there watching as the vehicle goes around a corner and enters the building another time.

He shoots Johnny a dirty look, who buries himself in his desk and gets into the elevator. As soon as the doors open, he goes into his office, where Dan is sitting there smiling and waiting for him.

-You don't know how happy it makes me to see you like this, with that silly smile and surrounded by your beauties – Gerard sits smiling and says radiantly –

– *Better* yet, that woman is tremendous. She got upset because I scared away a vulture, saying that she can do it alone and now she told me that she liked it that way... Dan I'm in love.

"Enough to ask him...?" – Dan waves his hands for Gerard to finish the question –

-From here I'm going to the jewelry store – his friend can't help but open his eyes wide in surprise —

– *Are you* at least sure that she does love you?

-He hasn't told me in words – he shrugs to downplay it, because for him it doesn't matter. He's sure that her love for now is enough and that at least Luz does feel a lot for him, but last night she told me love and it came out so... natural.

-Are you crazy. I'd tell you to wait until she at least tells you that she loves you...-Dan sits back in the chair and looks into his eyes-. Did you talk to her last night?

-Eehh... no – he says smiling to him when remembering what they did -. But today we will... talk!

-And *to* .. do I have to worry? -she asks raising an eyebrow- (This novel will be daily updated at ). I'm not offering you condoms, because they don't need them, but make sure you slow down, lest I do something to the baby.

-I have it under control – he tells him amused, but the change in expression tells Dan that they will talk about something more serious -. *Now* tell me, anything else?

– *Alpha* is already waiting for your orders.

– Perfect, as soon as I know something today, we'll look for that unhappy man.

Siguen hablando un poco más, acuerdan ciertos cambios al retorno de Gerard y luego de eso, se despide de Dan, quien no deja de decirle que le dé tregua a Luz. Se va con rumbo a la joyería, pensando en la recomendación de Dan... pero no la del sexo, sino esa de esperar a que ella le diga que lo ama.

Al llegar a la tienda, una chica rubia con perfecta dentadura le da la bienvenida y le pregunta en qué puede ayudarlo.

-Estoy buscando un anillo de compromiso.

- Tenemos unos modelos nuevos que llegaron hace unos días, de todo tipo – la chica lo guía a la vitrina y le señala los anillos que mencionó -.

Gerard ve los más variados diseños, pero hay uno que le llama particularmente la atención, es un sol con un bello rubí en el centro, hecho de oro blanco. Lo toma y se da cuenta que es muy delicado, realmente una hermosura, el anillo perfecto para su Lucecita. Ella es su sol propio, llegó para darle calor, iluminarlo y ayudarlo a crecer más en todos sentidos.

-Este es, me lo llevo.

La chica lo coloca en una fina caja de terciopelo azul oscuro y le desea suerte al futuro novio. (This novel will be daily updated at )Se sube al auto con las ganas de pedirle en ese mismo instante a Luz que sea su esposa, por él se casaría al día siguiente, sin embargo, hay algo que se le viene a la mente y que es muy importante.

-No estará realmente feliz ese día si sus padres no están presentes.

So he begins to think what would be the best way to reunite Luz with her parents. For that he needs the help of *Matías*, because he is more aware of the situation.

For now, getting home is the most important thing, he just wants to see his women, hug her and give them his love.

But after that, it's time to relive that night that has tormented him so much. She just has to avoid yelling at him to forgive him, that it was he who hurt her and the father of her child, because that would advance many things and ruin the investigation that he and Dan are carrying out against that mobster. It only remains to wait a little longer, until he has evidence and more pieces of a puzzle that only becomes more difficult, but that he hopes to solve soon to see the image of his happy family ... at least that of his women and his baby .

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As soon as they get home, the girls go to the kitchen to prepare a delicious lunch. Evangeline helps them with the ingredients, but at Luz's request, she remains only a spectator,

Suddenly, when the best part of the sauce is on, the guards at the entrance announce a visit for Luz, she is surprised, but indicates that they let pass whoever did not want to say anything, so that it is a surprise.

-Evangeline, can you receive the person? You bring it here.

-Of course.

The girl leaves singing the melody of a ballad that talks about impossible love, the one that sticks with her for the rest of her life when she sees a tall man with beautiful blue eyes and light hair.

She can't help but keep her mouth open, Rafael smiles and that completely disarms her.

-I can pass? – She tells the girl, who has remained static.

-Yes! Excuse me – he moves away from the door and allows you to enter (This novel will be daily updated at ) – Luz is in the kitchen and asked me to take him there.

-Are you cooking? – He asks him surprised, because that is not supposed to be part of his functions.

-Yes, today she wanted to do it herself, she says she gets bored of not doing much. As the girl almost takes care of herself...

They go into the kitchen and Rafael finds it the most tender scene he's seen in his life. Charlize is sitting on the counter while Luz tells her a vegetable story and stirs what smells like a delicious Bolognese sauce.

-Luz, here is the young man who was looking for you – Evangeline looks at Rafael approaching Luz and the way he hugs her, thinking that she would love to be hugged just the same – Do you need me to continue?

-No, thanks. Rafael can sit over there while I finish here.

– I thought you wouldn't cook here – he tells her, taking a seat near the little girl  
-,

"I can't sit around doing nothing, especially now that so many things have changed," he tells her, stirring the sauce and receiving some basil leaves from Charlize.

-I want to know... we haven't talked for days, is your phone wrong?

- No... jay sorry! It's just... - he puts his hand to his forehead, he didn't say anything to Rafael about the trip or anything -. (This novel will be daily updated at ) I took care of seeing Matias and now I'm worried about... you know.

- Princess! - Evangeline says animatedly and the adults are startled - Shall we go to the garden to look for flowers to decorate the table?

-Yes! - The girl takes the little girl and they leave thinking about the flowers they will cut, Evangeline winks at Luz before leaving and gives her a silent "thank you" -.

-¿Sigues con las pesadillas? - Rafael se levanta preocupado y se acerca a Luz -

- Ya no... luego del viaje a Orlando se terminaron - no quiere decirle la razón, eso no lo necesita -. Solo volví a tener un episodio, fue horrible. Pero Gerard me ayudó y terminé diciéndole cómo... me embaracé.

-¿Qué te dijo?

-Que me ayudará. Hoy hablaremos mejor, trataré de decirle todo lo que pasó esa noche, trataré de recordar y así poder empezar a buscar la verdad.

-¿Y tú quieres hacerlo? - le dice él girándola para verla a los ojos y buscar esa cercanía que tanta falta le hace -.

- Tengo que hacerlo, si quiero buscar justicia para las mujeres que han pasado por lo mismo que yo, debo empezar por buscarla para mi primero. Y Gerard me ayudará con eso.

-¿Acambio de qué? - le pregunta Rafael, que viene del mismo círculo que Gerard y sabe que en él nada se hace gratis -.

- A cambio de nada, Gerard solo está ayudando a su novia a buscar al culpable...

-¿Novia? - le dice Rafael retrocediendo por esa bofetada ficticia -

- Sí... - le dice ella pasando saliva -. Rafael, sé que esto puede ser difícil de entender, pero... (This novel will be daily updated at ) me enamoré de Gerard. Eso él no lo sabe y no quiero que lo sepa hasta después de hablar sobre esa noche. No podría soportar que me rechazara.

-Luz, esto es - se sienta, tratando de respirar y cuando va a decirle que le duele, Evangeline entra riendo con la pequeña Charlize, con un par de flores en el cabello y eso a Rafael le provoca algo... diferente -

-Mira, Lucecita, trajimos rosas amarillas y blancas - Charlize le acerca el ramo a Luz, ella las huele y cierra los ojos -

-El aroma es delicioso, busquemos un florero pronto.

-Yo me encargo – le dice con alegría Evangeline –

Camina a un mueble alto, donde se guardan varios trastes de loza y cristal, como los floreros. Pero estos han quedado arriba y ella nos los alcanza, así que acerca un banquito para ayudarse. Rafael se da cuenta que una de las patas quedó mal apoyada y corre hacia ella antes del desastre.

En cuanto se sube Evangeline, el banquito se mueve peligrosamente, haciéndola perder el equilibrio y caer de espaldas, pero Rafael llega a tiempo para sostenerla contra su cuerpo.

– Te tengo – le dice casi sin aire, por el susto ante la posibilidad de que se lastimara —

-Gra-gracias – le dice ella con un hilo de voz -.

-¿Estás bien? – Luz llega a ella, que sigue rodeada por los brazos de Rafael -.

– Sí... solo fue el susto – trata de ponerse de pie, pero se le vuelven gelatina y no cae gracias a que Rafael la sostiene aún –

Este no espera a nada y la levanta entre sus brazos, para dejarla sentada en la silla que él ocupaba, se arrodilla frente a ella para verla si tiene algo más que susto, y así es.

Evangeline tiene un colapso ante la cercanía con aquel hombre tan lindo, sentir su cuerpo firme y cálido rodearla para no dejarla caer, no es algo que se supere del todo.

-¿Segura que estás bien? – le pregunta él acomodando una de las flores que Charlize le colocó en el cabello –

– Evie, ¿quieres una galleta de animalitos? Eso siempre me ayuda con los sustos – (This novel will be daily updaed at )le dice con ternura Charlize y ella sonríe –

-Ya estoy bien, princesa, gracias – se pone de pie y se dirige al mueble otra vez, pero Rafael la detiene y saca él uno de los floreros – -No soportaría que algo más te pasara – le dice con sinceridad mientras le entrega el florero -,

Evangeline, Luz y Charlize se quedan con la boca abierta, el tono y el rostro de Rafael las deja al borde de un suspiro colectivo. Él no se da cuenta, porque está llevando el banquito al rincón donde estaba.

La chica se gira con el florero y le sonríe a Luz, Charlize lleva el ramo con ella, llenan el recipiente, colocan las flores y ambas se van al comedor a adornar la mesa. Mientras que Rafael se queda embobado viéndola caminar sonriendo con la princesa de la mano.

-Es linda, ¿verdad? – le dice Luz volviendo a la salsa, sonriendo porque conoce a esos dos lo suficiente para saber que serían la pareja perfecta, ambos



completamente dulces – –¿Eh? -Evangeline, es una chica muy linda, muy cariñosa. Ella me ayudó desde el momento en que llegué aquí.

-Sí, eso creo – dice algo sonrojado y nervioso -. Creo que me iré, supongo que no tengo mucho que hacer aquí.

-Quédate a comer. Que yo tenga novio, no quiere decir que nuestra amistad se termine.

-¿A tu novio le va a gustar que sigamos siendo amigos?

-Si mantienes tus manos alejadas de mi mujer, no tengo problema con que te quedes a comer ni que vengas de visita.

Gerard walks up to Luz and gives her one of those kisses to take anyone's breath away, then walks up to Rafael to shake his hand in greeting and approaches Luz again.

-You shouldn't be here. -When you taste my food, you won't tell me anything about it, I assure you.

The men stare for a few seconds, but Rafael is the first to look away. Not because of intimidation, but because he hears Evangeline's sweet voice singing a song for Charlize they force him to do it.

And this is where another love story begins to be born, one so sweet that they will end (This novel will be daily updated at ) wishing it never ends. 3

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Lunch is quiet, especially because for Gerard that look from Rafael to Evangeline did not go unnoticed and he does not feel that he is already a danger in his relationship with Luz. Moreover, he is convinced that this will not be the last time that Rafael comes home.

But what he will do now has two intentions, to facilitate his love life and to keep him under surveillance, the more he knows him, the better he will be able to determine if he has to do with the distribution of drugs in the

events your agency participates in.

– Rafael, I think you are someone very important in my wife's life – (This novel will be daily updated at ) Luz leaves the glass of juice halfway and sees it as if she

had a third eye -. For this reason, I tell you that the doors are open for you to come and visit her whenever you want.

-Thank you... – Rafael tells him surprised by his attitude -. In truth, Luz is very important to me, she is special and she deserves only to be loved.

-I assure you that here there is only love for her and that I am willing to do anything for her.

The men look at Luz and she blushes, because having those two in front of her, with the clear intention of making it clear that not a bullet will touch her in her life, is not something she can easily bear. All of her can be seen as a big, mature woman with clear things, but everyone always forgets that she is only eighteen years old.

The three of them say goodbye to Rafael at the door, when he is far enough away, Charlize breaks the silence.

– Little light, he is very nice, but I like your brother better.

– But he is too old for you – she tells him, going down to his height –

-It doesn't matter, when I grow up, he won't be so old and I can marry him. two

Gerard magically goes into a coughing fit, picks up his daughter and carries her to Evangeline.

– *Better*, stay with Evangeline for a couple of hours, Luz and I have to go do something important.

-Can we make cookies? – She asks Gerard, but Evangeline answers-

– Of course, princess. With the shapes you want.

The little girl's happy face lights up everyone's face. Luz goes to her room to get her bag, brushes her teeth and looks at herself in the mirror, looking down at her belly with a smile. According to her calculations, she was already eleven weeks pregnant and in about four more surely her belly was going to show.

Matías estaba cambiando su trabajo para estar con ella y no perderse su embarazo, (This novel will be daily updtaed at )Gerard ha planeado acomodar toda su agenda por ese bebé que ni siquiera es de él, pero sus padres...

Aquellos consejos que solo las madres pueden darle a sus hijas embarazadas, la tranquilidad, el darle e 1 gusto en sus antojos, nada de eso tendría porque sus padres la creían una zorra.

Y sin poder evitarlo más, Luz se derrumba como una represa que lleva tiempo aguantando más de la cuenta, se deja ir lentamente al suelo y se abraza las piernas, los espasmos de su cuerpo la van agotando, pero no los puede detener.

No hay nada que pueda hacer en ese momento para detener el llanto que lleva acumulando desde hace mucho tiempo. 1

Gerard sube las escaleras, hablando por teléfono a un restaurante a donde quiere llevar a Luz luego de caminar con ella por alguna parte de la ciudad, pero los sollozos que salen de la habitación le llaman

a atención, corta la llamada y corre hacia el lugar de donde proviene el lamento. Nada lo ha preparado para ver esa imagen tan desoladora, se lanza al suelo, a su lado y la abraza.

-Mi Lucecita – pero ella no reacciona, así que la toma entre sus brazos y la lleva a la cama –

Allí la cobija entre sus brazos y acaricia su cabello, buscando que se calme. Se ha prometido no presionarla para que hable, así que solo espera a que ella hable.

– Perdona... debes estar cansado de lidiar con los problemas de una niña mimada y asustada de la vida.

-¡No, Luz, por favor! Estoy para eso y estoy seguro que cuando ya puedas sacarte todo eso de adentro, vamos a encontrar la manera de seguir avanzando – le da un tierno beso en los labios y se sienta frente a ella — ¿Quieres salir conmigo?- ella asiente y se aferra al cuello de Gerard –

Gerard sabe que mucho de eso que ella está pasando es por causa de lo que le hizo.(This novel will be daily updtaed at ) Pero ya no es tiempo se seguir pensando en lo mismo una y otra vez. La toma de la mano y la saca de allí, hablándole palabras dulces.

En cuanto se suben al auto, Luz suspira un par de veces y se mira las manos.

-Mis padres... me odian por todo esto y lo peor es que se van a perder todo mi embarazo, tal vez toda a vida de su nieto, porque no creyeron que a su hija pudo pasarle algo malo... – Gerard le toma las manos y ella lo mira con el dolor retratado en el rostro -. Son mis padres, las personas que se supone me conocen mejor, pero ni una sola vez pensaron en preguntarme cómo estaba, si tenía miedo...

-¿Tienes miedo? – ella hace un puchero que a Gerard lo desarma y asiente -. Mi Lucecita, ya no lo tengas más, estoy contigo, mi amor. Te juro que haremos pagar a quien sea – le besa las manos -. Lo haremos juntos, mi amor.

Ella sonrío un poco, Gerard le limpia las lágrimas y deja un beso en su frente, pero antes de que él vuelva a su asiento para salir de la casa, ella lo retiene con su rostro entre sus manos y lo mira a los ojos.

– Gerard, thank you for giving me your love. -Don't thank me, I'm the grateful one, you came to turn my life upside down and now I'm very different from what I used to be... much better person. I love you, my Little Light.

-And I love you, my knight errant. two

Gerard's heart doesn't have time to jump with emotion at Luz's sincere words, because she seals her words with a kiss loaded with that love she just told him she feels for him.

She loves him and now nothing matters, not even that the earth keeps turning.