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Luz and Gerard are sitting on the front lawn watching Charlize reach for butterflies and birds. He does not stop caressing Luz's belly, with her warm hand under her blouse.

I think it's a little bigger. -It's the same, the clothes don't lie – she tells him laughing -. But soon it will look bigger. -When will we go to control? -I already have an appointment for next week – she tells him crossing her legs -. -Because I did not know? – Gerard tells her sitting in front of her with a frown – -Well... because the appointment is in the morning and you... you are busy in the mornings.

“Honey, I'll never be busy if it's about you,” he caresses her face. When you make an appointment with the doctor, he just calls Dorothy and tells her to add it to my schedule-he gives her a tender kiss and smiles at her-. I don't want to miss anything about our baby.

-You're wonderful – she takes him by the neck and forces him to stick his lips with hers – Gerard lays her down on the grass, without intensifying the kiss much, because he already knows what will remain.

Those feelings are the best, the ones you don't want to forget and keep in your memory, the way you started your relationship, after all.

For Luz it's the best thing that's ever happened to her and she doesn't want it to end, but nothing lasts forever.

Someone clears his throat and Gerard moves away from Luz a little, he looks up and sees his mother, her arms crossed and one of her heels hitting the floor repeatedly.

-What does this mean?! – she says in a shrill tone – I can't believe they're doing this in the garden of my house!

-According to you, mother, what are we doing? – Gerard tells him who stands up and helps Luz to do the same –

-They just need to take off their clothes, to end up like two indecent – she says upset and Luz laughs – Do you think it's funny, girl?! Charlize could come and see them like this!

At that moment, Charlize appears excited because a butterfly landed on her hand, but when she sees her grandmother, she runs towards her to hug her.

- Granny! - but the woman takes her away from her without any care -.

-Not now, Charlize, I'm berating your father! - The girl remains sad looking at the floor and puts her hands together. Luz is turned on by all that hasn't been necessary to take out in recent weeks -.

She walks over to the little girl and takes her in her arms, not letting Georgia kill her with a look. Feeling self-conscious, she walks over to Gerard and hands the little girl over to him.

"If you don't mind dealing with the consequences later, can you leave me alone with her for a few minutes?"

-As you wish, my life - leaves a kiss on the lips and looks at Charlize smiling -
Let's go for a chocolate popsicle?

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-Yes! -Georgia is shocked by the way her son leaves her place, without paying the slightest attention to her

- Gerard! - tries to go after them, but Luz gets in her way -

-Oh no, vieja bruja plastificada - la mujer abre los ojos y se lleva las manos al pecho, como si le fuese a dar un ataque de vejez -. Esa niña preciosa solo quería abrazar a la vieja de su abuela, pero en lugar de darle gusto, luego de varias semanas sin verla, usted solo la alejó.

-¡No puedes hablarme así!

-Le hablo como se me da la gana si usted lastima a Charlize, me prometí que la cuidaría del par de brujas de esta casa, una al menos se fue, pero la que no se puede ir tendrá que aprender a tratarla con amor...

-¿Y si no quiero? - le dice desafiante -

-¿Usted no quiere tratar con amor... a su propia nieta? - le pregunta Luz entrecerrando los ojos -. ¿Se le tostó el cerebro en el sol mientras se bronceaba o qué?

-¡Insolente! - Georgia levanta la mano para darle una cachetada, pero la tormenta apocalíptica que es la voz de Gerard la detiene -

-¡¡No te atrevas a tocar a mi mujer!! - llega a ellas, pone a Luz detrás de él y mira a su madre fulminándola, desollándola, descuartizándola con la mirada y ella se encoge -

-Tú... tú no has oído nada de lo que ella me dijo... me ha tratado muy mal – dice tratando de sollozar o de llorar, pero es muy mala actriz la desgraciada -.

– Escuché cada palabra, porque Charlize se fue con Evangeline a la cocina. Y de todo lo que dijo mi mujer, solo en algo se ha equivocado en una cosa -hasta Luz se sorprende de las palabras de Gerard

- Recoge tus cosas ahora mismo y te vas de esta casa.

-¡No puedes correrme de mi casa!

– Perfect, let's see with the lawyer whose house is – she opens her eyes wide
-. She is mine, my father left her to me as all that was his, because she knew what you would do with her life's work. The only thing you have is the account where I deposit the monthly money for you to survive, but if I take you out of here, it won't be enough for you to live as you like.

"If you stay, it will be under my rules. I have no idea why you don't want my daughter, but I'm telling you right now don't mess with either of my two women...

-That girl is not your daughter! – she yells hysterically at Gerard, who instead of getting upset, laughs -,

-That girl is my daughter, I don't know where you got that from.

– Margaret... she had a lover.

-Let's say I believe that, but Charlize came out of one of my testicles, I assure you.

-Rude!

Do you remember when Charlize got sick? Of course not, because you were on a trip! The thing is, I had to give my daughter blood... if I weren't her father, she would have died-the woman opens her eyes and tries to speak, but she can't-, Now, there is no mercy for you. You have two hours to get out of my house.

-Gerard, you can't...! Not enough time! "It's an hour longer than I gave Darcy, just because you carried me in your womb." Now go away. Gerard takes Luz by the hand, goes to the kitchen for Charlize and takes them out of there, because he wants her to stop.

Charlize is as if her grandmother had come from a trip and left again.

-Love... – she tells him when he helps her to get into the car -.

-Not now, my life – supports his forehead to hers and smiles -. I feel free for the first time in too long and I want to celebrate it with my women... and my son. "You don't know if he will be a boy," she tells him, laughing.

-It will be a boy and his name will be Ethan... – “like his father” -.

They both smile and leave to eat whatever their women want, because that's what it's for, to make them happy and please them. And no one will ever touch them again, without feeling the consequences.

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Everything was going well, far away the witches, there was only love in that mansion.

The weeks had passed slowly but happily. Luz's belly was already a little bulge and Gerard was more than excited because that night was the engagement party, after that they had agreed on three more weeks for the wedding.

Matías had confirmed that he would arrive with his parents, because they did not want to miss that event, they were willing to talk to Luz to *apologize and* make themselves available for whatever was necessary, including taking care of their grandchildren so that she could study.

And with grandchildren they talked about the baby on the way and about Charlize.

Apparently Matías had told them wonders about the little princess, although he had only seen her a couple of times.

-Highly strung? -asks Dan entering Gerard's office when he is about to go home

-Yes, especially because we are nowhere near finishing our investigation... -he looks at that photo on the desk where the three of them appear smiling and the other one where he goes out alone with Margaret-, I still don't understand where my mother got that she had a lover, but I think that doesn't matter anymore.

-Only someone who had information could tell him, I've already told you... and the only one who can have it is Darcy.

Gerard leaves that portrait on the desk with a tired sigh, especially since he knows he's right.

But is it true that his wife had a lover?

Perhaps that information, after so long, is no longer useful. But more than five years ago it might mean that he wouldn't have mourned his loss to such an extent.

-Anyway, I'm not going to ask. Now Luz is my present and my future, I don't want to think about the past... not today.

Dan nods and walks his friend to the elevator, both of them laughing at Dan's quips and who he's going with. -I swear I wear it just because I want to bother you.

-Did you seriously invite Alpha? Can you imagine a mobster in my house?

-No one would know. Only the men he trusts are supposed to know his face... and you.

-Are you crazy!

- Anyway, the girl is not bad and she told me that she would look for the most demure dress for tonight.

-I want to see that, see you in a few hours.

Gerard leaves the building and drives to his house, his home, that refuge that Luz has transformed it into. He can't help but stop smiling, knowing that all his friends and the circle in which he moves will already know that he will marry again makes him feel nervous, but he knows that it is a way to protect the family from he.

Because in this way they will know that nobody touches Luz Méndez and neither do their children .

When he crosses the door, he can see the transformation that his wife has made in the house, she has had the furniture removed from the living room, which has been replaced by a U-shaped table with a long white tablecloth and a path of pink colour.

The glassware already rests on another table, and although there are only about fifty guests, the glasses easily serve two hundred. She sees Evangeline walk by with one of the boys, as she gives them instructions, when she sees him she smiles at him and walks over to him.

-Good afternoon sir. The queen and princess are getting pretty in Luz's old room.

-Thank you, Evangeline.

He heads into the room with that smile that disarms even the seams of a jean. He knocks on the door and Luz tells him to come in, when she peeks through the door she stays...lelo.

Luz wears a gray dress with pink flowers, the yoke is silk and the skirt is tulle, it reaches her knees in the front part, but in the back it falls a few centimeters lower. She has tied her long hair in a simple, loose braid, which falls down the side.

Charlize, she's wearing the same dress, the same hairstyle, and they both look just gorgeous.

"I can't believe it," he says, approaching them. I must call God, because two angels escaped him and they are in front of me.

He kisses Charlize on the forehead, who takes the opportunity to give her a huge hug, then goes up to kiss Luz with all the love he has for her, which is infinite.

-Do you really like?

-They look beautiful... it was worth skipping lunch at home, because this surprise is... you left me speechless.

-Now, you must go to get ready, because in two hours the guests begin to arrive.

-Of course, although I'm going to feel like a beggar by his side. Charlize laughs at Gerard and hugs him.

-Daddy, you're very handsome, you're going to look cute... although not as much as my *Matías*.

-Uncle Matías – he tells him -. He is Luz's brother.

-Mmm... – she says pouting, which is funny to Luz and almost to Gerard's sleep -,

He leaves there to get ready, locks himself in the shower and lets the water wash away everything in his head, from the desire to kill a certain police officer to the fear that things will not turn out as expected.

When he goes out, he takes his new suit for the occasion, now he understands why Luz gave him that gray tie with pink lines. He looks at himself in the mirror, sighs a little and walks out, ready to finish the preparations for the evening.

Luz and Charlize are downstairs, he finds his wife, scolding Evangeline because she hasn't changed, since she will be at the party as a guest, both Luz and Rafael gave her that category for tonight, although Rafael wants to give her a higher category in her life, rather than accompanying her friend's engagement.

One that is closer to his left pectoral.

The couple hold hands, looking at how beautiful everything has turned out, while Charlize asks

one of the waiters if you can give him a piece of brownie.

An hour later, the first guests begin to arrive, the first surprise is Dan walking arm in arm with Alpha... Gerard knows because he knows her, but she makes a gesture with her index finger to her lips so that he does n't say nothing. He

laughs, because he has immediately realized what is happening, Dan does not know who he has arrived with. And so, the engagement party begins with the first surprise. We will have many more, several happy, emotional and comical, but only one will be a real disaster, the one that will mark the lives of a few people in the place.

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The Knoxes and Abraham Collins are already at the house, they come over to greet Gerard happily. The happiest is James, who tells him the benefits of being married and especially with a girl as intelligent as Luz. 1

-The biggest benefit for you is that you no longer have The Walking Dead fans after you. "Don't be an idiot, Knox," he tells her, amused. Says the one who leaves a trail of drool behind his wife, no offense, Elizabeth.

- And what's wrong with that? -he tells her, approaching Elizabeth and leaving a kiss on her-her cheek. I can drop whatever shows how much I love my woman, and you're not too far from that, my friend. Everyone laughs, but they get the best "aawww" when Gerard kisses Luz. In that Charlize comes running laughing, Gerard takes her in his arms and everyone is excited with the scene of the new family.

-What's up my princess? – asks Light –

-Nothing, I just wanted to be with my daddy and my mommy.

Those words leave Luz on the verge of collapsing with joy, Mommy told her in front of everyone, and that is a huge step forward for her.

The others leave, claiming that the family needs a moment alone, each new guest arrives with them to say hello and then they go to socialize with the rest.

Suddenly, George appears in the doorway and gestures to Gerard, who walks up to him to see what's going on.

-Georg E... -Sir, Miss Méndez's brother and parents are here.

-Let them pass, I'll take my wife outside.

As he walks toward Luz, he begins to look around for Evangeline, asking her to stay with Charlize for a moment. But he can't find it and Luz notices him upset.

-What's up love?

-I need someone to stay with Charlize for a moment, we have to go outside.

-Well, Evangeline is about to come.

A few seconds later the girl arrives, they leave the little girl with her and Gerard goes out with her to the entrance. He holds her by the waist, he is nervous and doesn't know how everything will turn out, the truth is that he didn't imagine that Luz's parents would come to the party, because when he met them he realized that they are too proud.

Although they are not so much anymore.

Matías gets out of the car and runs to see Luz, gives her a hug as if he hadn't seen her for a long time. She smiles at her brother's excessive affection and then realizes that she has that puppy face that she broke a slipper. – What did you do, Matt?

-I brought you a surprise, I just hope you don't mind – he says embarrassed –

He leads her by the hand to the car, the door opens and Luz's parents get out, their faces haggard, because after everything Gerard told them about Luz, they were simply struck down by remorse.

-Daughter... – her embarrassed mother tells her, looking down -. We know that we are late, but we believe that it is not too late if he is not dead. We want to ask your forgiveness... – The hysterical crying attacks her and Miguel hugs her –

-We are very sorry, we were very bad parents, the worst, especially because we should have remembered the kind of woman we raised and ...

-The fact is that, I forgave you a long time ago – Luz tells them -, but I don't know if you are going to forgive yourself so quickly. What made them change their minds? – The question goes to them, but she looks at it and directs it to Gerard, who keeps his hands in his pockets-

– Your boyfriend... he wasn't exactly kind and understanding with us, but there are no grudges – Miguel says, raising his hands to keep things down -. He was more gentle with us than we were with you.

-If mom can stop crying and they can behave like civilized people, who don't judge the rest, they can enter. Because in there there are friends of my husband and a few of mine, who are happy for us, but some of them do not lead the perfect and demure life that you expect.

-Yes, of course... we want to be with you, it's your night and your boyfriend's. We also want to meet Charlize, Matías has told us that she adores her like your daughter...

"She's my daughter," he tells them, puffing out his chest. Gerard feels proud of his wife and walks over to shake their hands. Now, come in, maybe tomorrow we can talk better.

Matías accompanies his parents and Luz pulls Gerard, looking at him with a mixture of happiness and annoyance.

-Don't hide important things from me again – and that stops all alarms to Luz
- But thank you, it's the nicest thing you've done for me.

-I thought you'd give them a stronger lecture – he tells her, drawing her into his body and walking to the house — – *And* who says I won't give it to them? That's why we'll talk later, now I want to enjoy. When Luz and Gerard enter they see the most comical or tragic scene, depending on which of the two is watching.

In the corridor, Matías holds Alfa by the arm, asking for an explanation of what he is doing at the party with Dan, but Charlize appears and pulls Matías' suit jacket to get his attention. He quickly releases Alpha, takes the girl in her arms to greet her, but Charlize gives the woman an annoyed look. 1

Matthias is mine! When I grow up, I'll marry him! – Gerard has the beginning of a drowsiness and Luz has to support him-. 1

-I wish you luck, little one, I hope that by then, you know how to treat women – she looks at Gerard and smiles mischievously -. Although here I am seeing someone who can help you very well with that, with permission.

The girl leaves and Charlize crosses her arms, looking at Matías with a frown, while he gives her an affectionate look.

-Princess, I can't be your husband, I'm too big for you and you're my sister's daughter, I'm coming

being like your uncle.

-No, no, no... – she throws a tantrum and Matías puts her down, but she takes him by the hand and pulls him to enter the room -. When I'm older, you won't be old, so you can marry me.

Seeing that the girl insists on this, Matías *crouches* down to her height and smiles at her.

-Okay, I'll wait for you. When you turn twenty, if I'm still single, I'll marry you.

-Over my dead body! -Gerard shouts, but Matías makes a gesture for him not to continue, it's a way to calm the little girl, but he doesn't intend to comply-.

-I know that face, you're lying to me! -Charlize says, but instead of crying, she snorts and goes to the living room-Men, they always promise things and then they don't keep them, I better go get another brownie.

Matías remains disconcerted, watching the little girl walk away and then looks at Luz, who laughs amused.

Behind them someone clears his throat and they see Rafael, who walks towards Luz to hug her. He spends a little more time in the hug and Gerard clears his throat too exaggeratedly. -It seems that I will prohibit you two from entering, one for falling in love with my daughter, and the other for hugging my wife too much.

-You don't forbid anyone anything – Luz tells him -. Let's better enjoy the evening, everyone's here.

-Good night – and Luz freezes, makes a lemon face and slowly turns around -. Now we are all.

Darcy, arm in arm with Georgia, stands in the doorway with the world's most lying smile. Luz's hair stands on end, but Gerard is the one who steps forward to confront the women.

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-What are you doing here? – Gerard's question comes out between clenched teeth and in an icy tone, which makes Georgia tremble to the girdle —

-Come *to* the engagement party...

– You didn't get an invitation.

"But I do and Darcy is my escort," Georgia says.

-Then the two of them are going, now,

"You don't want a scandal at your engagement party," Darcy tells her, pointing with his mouth at the few guests who are showing up.

Gerard goes to say something, but Luz touches his arm and he takes it back, she shakes her head, takes his hand and pulls him.

-Let them see that we are in love and that not even they can do anything to make us bitter.

She gives her fiancé a soft kiss on the lips and they return to the party, but they don't even look at them. Luz is careful not to leave Charlize alone at any time, because the truth is that nothing the witches say or do will be good, especially

against her princess. "I thought you vetoed it," Dan tells her, watching Darcy play nice with some of the guests.

-He's here only because of my mother and because Luz didn't let me run them. Maybe it's a good idea after all, so they stop thinking that what I have with my beautiful wife is going to end.

Dan's phone rings and he apologizes as the happy couple chats with some guests.

-Gerard told us that he wants to study law – Abraham tells him -,

-Yes, he was supposed to help me, but he only leaves reading assignments. The funny thing is that he is a very bad teacher-Gerard pretends to be offended and everyone laughs-. He is not able to correct my mistakes. I believed that, like the Latin system, our judicial system was based on the Roman...

"But that's not like that," James tells him.

"It's not like that," she replies. It turns out that our judicial system is based on English, which in turn is derived from other systems. The Roman influence was present until the 5th century, after that England was invaded by barbarian tribes and from there another system was formed.

"And me wanting to go to Rome, precisely for that reason.

-Then I take you to England and you forgive me for not wanting to correct my beautiful wife.

Everyone laughs, which draws Darcy's attention, who drinks annoyed. She needs to find a way for Luz to find out what she already knows, that will surely make her run away from her and give her the option to get rid of both of her hindrances.

She sees Dan arrive, who whispers something to Gerard, he apologizes and they leave the room passing close to her, she only manages to hear "tell Luz" and that leads her to follow them.

He excuses himself to go to the bathroom, but heads to Gerard's office, looks around and puts his ear to the door. She does not hear perfectly, but some of her words make her deduce that they are talking about the dead fly.

He leaves there, to find a way for Luz to go to the office, or listen to the conversation, whatever. While in the office, Gerard is happy because only a few pieces of evidence are missing to disrupt all of Bowman's operations, Rickon has sang like a bird and best of all, he himself begged to be taken to the police, because Alpha's men intimidated him. so much so that he preferred to feel more protected .

Dan negotiated a deal with the prosecutor, now he's the one who's taking care of the rat, the complaint for repeated violations is already under investigation, the

distribution of the drug too, and all without the damn Bowman knowing about it. "This is... magnificent," Gerard says with some regret. Though it looks like I won't get married. -You will, I assure you. Gerard takes off the mask and looks at her with a thousand mixed feelings. Dan encourages her and takes a deep breath.

We are finally going to end all of this.

-Papers?

-In my safe, as soon as all this becomes a troubled river, your children and your wife are insured.

-You are clear that the buffet...

-Yes, I will take care of him like a treasure, he is our baby, nothing will happen to him.

-Well – they stare at the mask, not realizing that the door opens, until a muffled cry catches their attention – Arriving at the room, Darcy heard Luz say that she would go for Gerard, the perfect opportunity to help him discover that truth.

– I saw them go into the office – he said kindly, Luz only nodded and thanked him
– Luz now walks towards the office, raises her hand to knock, but regrets it. She just turns the knob and opens the door, but nothing prepared her for what she has in front of her eyes. She stifles a scream, drawing the attention of the men and chaos breaks out at once in that house.