

THE DUCHESS GOES WILD | Extract

XII

In the palace.

VIVIANA .- *Entering.* You called me? Is something wrong? *Seeing the DUCHESS kissing BUTTERFLY's stomach as at the end of scene IX.* But you're fondling your own granddaughter?... Maria Fernanda, you're a nympho!... An incestuous one! Always excited by someone in the family or the aristocracy! You got tired of your cousin and now you moved on to your granddaughter? You have no boundaries! And I have to witness this! Have you no shame?... And you're drunk! *She takes her glass away.* *To RIKI who is peering.* What are you looking at, brat! Turn around and go away! Men are all alike! *To the DUCHESS.* If you drink again I'll report you! *To BUTTERFLY.* And you too an accomplice! Do you want to kill your grandmother like the rest of your family?

DUCHESS .- The girl is pregnant.

BUTTERFLY .- It's a secret, Grandma!

VIVIANA .- Who is the father?

DUCHESS .- She says the devil.

VIVIANA .- *To the DUCHESS.* Are you nuts too?

DUCHESS .- It's a tragedy, Vivi. The future Duchess of Villa Sodomia is pregnant with Satan's child...

BUTTERFLY .- *To the DUCHESS.* He's very good. It makes me suffer and my life falls into an endless spiral ...

VIVIANA .- *To the DUCHESS.* You don't need me anymore to have a good time!...

BUTTERFLY .- *To VIVIANA.* You must open your mind... Enter the new millennium ...

VIVIANA .- I'm going to open something else... Do your parents know about your pregnancy?

DUCHESS .- *To VIVIANA.* What a question? If that beast knew he would kill her...

VIVIANA .- *To BUTTERFLY.* I'll take you to have an abortion right now!...

BUTTERFLY .- Never!

DUCHESS .- It's a great idea! Butterfly, don't worry. We have a friend who does exquisite work. *RIKI reappears.*

VIVIANA .- *To BUTTERFLY.* I haven't introduced you to Riki! *To RIKI.* Come in, child, meet Butterfly.

RIKI .- *To VIVIANA.* So, really, I'm superfed up... I'm not a child! *To BUTTERFLY.* How's life?

BUTTERFLY .- *To RIKI.* Endless!

VIVIANA .- Do you know each other?

BUTTERFLY .- Maybe in another lifetime.

NUÑO .- *Entering.* With all of this stress, I forgot her! Butterfly, let's go now. This is not the proper environment for a girl of our class. *NUÑO grasps BUTTERFLY to leave.*

DUCHESS .- Butterfly is staying with me!

NUÑO .- Over my dead body! Do you want her to be ruined for ever? *Exiting. To BUTTERFLY.* Come on...

DUCHESS .- In that case, Viviana bring me my will. I'm going to change a few things.

NUÑO .- *Reentering.* Wait a minute! *To BUTTERFLY.* Go outside! *To RIKI.* You, young man, please leave!

RIKI .- For supersure, Baron...

BUTTERFLY .- Daddy, this is...

NUÑO .- Nobody! *To BUTTERFLY.* Wait for me outside! *To the DUCHESS.* Mom, we have to talk.

DUCHESS .- We have nothing to talk about!

NUÑO .- Please, mom! She has exams and all the things to do for the ball...

DUCHESS .- The kid isn't going anywhere!... And you go to church with Linda! I know you like it very much!

NUÑO .- Yes, we do and we are very proud of it! Shame on you to be so far from God when all the Villa Sodomias have always been soldiers of Christ...

DUCHESS .- *Looking through the will.* Let's see... The chateau in Normandie, who

should I leave that to?...

NUÑO .- Please, Mom, don't bother with those trifles! We'll postpone the ball if you don't think it's appropriate during your painful illness...

DUCHESS .- If you are lucky, I'll kick the bucket and I won't be a bother to anyone.

NUÑO .- But who would you bother?

VIVIANA .- María Fernanda, who would you bother?

DUCHESS .- Let's get back to the chateau...

NUÑO .- I don't need to remind you, Mom, that the castle has traditionally been in the possession of the eldest, the Duke, since our Saint Nuño conquered the French.

VIVIANA .- Maria Fernanda!...

DUCHESS .- I couldn't give a damn about traditions!... Is the girl staying with me?... Yes or no?

NUÑO .- Of course, Mom! What can be more loving and Christian than a granddaughter caring for her grandmother on her deathbed?...

VIVIANA .- To fuck her!

NUÑO .- *To VIVIANA.* What did you say, Miss?

DUCHESS .- *To NUÑO.* Nothing! She said nothing!... Out! *To VIVIANA.* Viviana, please show the Algae out...

NUÑO .- I know the way. *Exiting.*

DUCHESS .- *To NUÑO exiting.* And don't come back to this palace until I'm a mummy and you'll have to pay an entrance fee to see me!

VIVIANA .- Marifer, the chateau of Normandie for me!...

DUCHESS .- If you bring back the cognac.

VIVIANA .- Drunk!

DUCHESS .- Bitch!