

Talking Points Song of the Water Saints

Graciela and Silvio's Relationship

Graciela and Silvio's relationship seemed to be an intense one. She really loved him but Silvio obviously only wanted to have sex with her. I was surprised at how he felt forced to get her a home because of a duty? It was a bit confusing how he managed to disappear at the right, or rather the wrong, time once Mercedita was on her way. Could he really have been killed, or did he just not want to take up another responsibility? I feel that Graciela is really dumb for thinking that maybe Silvio would return. Her impatience and demands definitely brought her doom.

Daily Routine

Graciela took her trip to Santiago in an effort to free herself from her duties and aches for adventure. Ever since we first met her at the beginning of the book, it was obvious that she was a tough and passionate girl, so it wasn't surprising that she was selfish and willing to leave both her daughter and her man. Of course, her yearn for exploration probably went down some degrees after her horrible experience in the whorehouse and the rich home. I mean, Casimiro even had to try to fool her into thinking they were in Puerto Rico because that's how demanding she was. I mean, I don't blame her for wanting to do more than her daily routine, but especially in her state of finances and family, there is a very low limit.

Casimiro's Patience

It was very entertaining to see Graciela's temper rise every time she had an argument with her Casimiro. It's hard to find a man to be so calm and controlled and find other ways of getting rid of his own anger other than physically hurting Graciela. It's totally against the stereotype and I am not sure that Rosario did that on purpose, or maybe Dominican men are like that. The way that he took care of his home and his stepdaughter when Graciela left is very indicative of his value, and it was a smart way of making Graciela feel ashamed and regretful for what she did.

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