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General Hospital

**D**ecades after GENERAL HOSPITAL's Obrecht bore a man other than her beloved Faison's child, Victor set out to discover whether he was Nathan's father. And, thanks to the brilliant performances of Kathleen Gati and Thaa Penghlis, their interaction was riveting.

## Truth Or Consequences

As Victor sat behind his desk at Crichton-Clark, staring at a handkerchief covered in Nathan's blood — his DNA — the phone rang. It was Obrecht. Suppressing her worry, she turned on the charm and tried to obtain his help to find "a police detective — Nathan West," she said.

But Victor played her like a fiddle, yanking her chain to get a rise out of her. Finally, he backed off and said, of course, he'd help... on one condition. "Tell me, this Nathan West... is he my son?" he asked nonchalantly.

"Nonsensical" is what Obrecht called Victor's inquiry, a charge which fired him up but good! Her confession was unnecessary, anyway. To prove his theory, he already had what was needed — Nathan's DNA. He didn't realize, though, that he had slipped and given Obrecht a clue as to his and Nathan's whereabouts!

## Marching Into Battle

When Obrecht later arrived at Victor's office, she was armed with a microphone and earpiece so her nemesis, Anna, could

hear everything from a van parked nearby. "My son, Nathan, is here, isn't he?" Obrecht asked.

"You mean *our* son?" Victor replied.

## Confession Time

The mad doctor tried to charm her way out of the situation with a denial, but Victor didn't buy that for a second. "You don't need those [DNA test] results, Victor. I can give you the answer right now," Obrecht said finally. "Nathan West... is your son."

## The Ultimate Betrayal

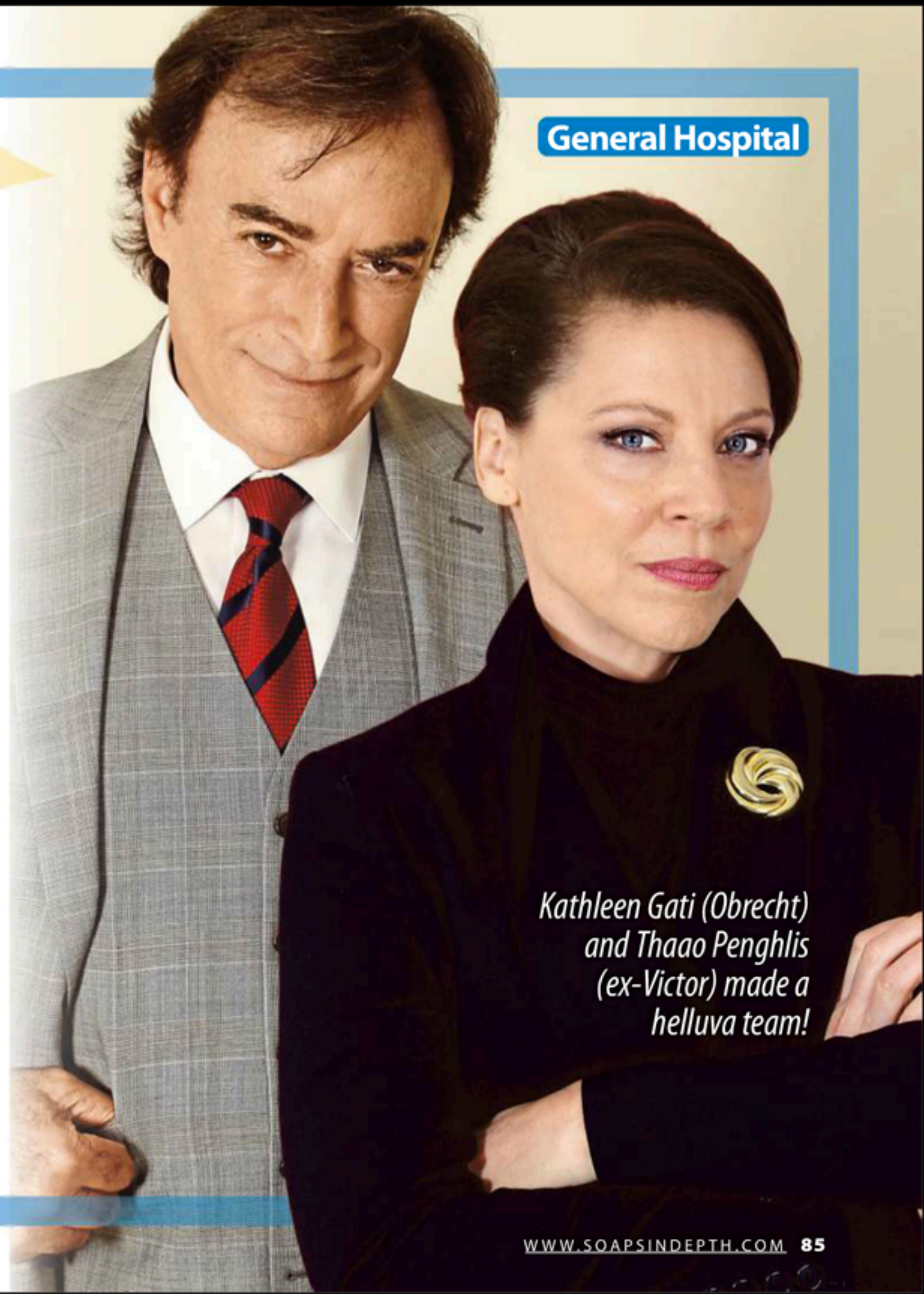
Victor's first reaction was hurt. He didn't understand how his lover could have kept that from him. But, of course, it was all because of Faison. The revelation that Obrecht had denied Victor his son because of "that imbecile" set him off. He grabbed her arms and shook her. Out of breath and frightened, she begged, "Just please show me where he is."

Just then, Nathan burst in, pointed the gun at Victor's chest and demanded he reveal where Maxie was. "Oh, come now, Nathan," Victor said confidently. "You're not going to kill your own father."

## Past Imperfect

Gati and Penghlis have an uncanny ability to create a picture of these characters' past. It's not difficult to imagine them 30 years ago, in a passionate — and potentially dangerous — romance. ★

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*Kathleen Gati (Obrecht) and Thaa Penghlis (ex-Victor) made a helluva team!*