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Sean returned just as Eloise's wounds were redressed. She immediately rushed forward to ask, "How did it go, Sean? How's Meredith—"

"Evidence is conclusive. The judge ruled Meredith a 12-year time in prison."

"No!" Eloise's expression paled as her vision went black. She almost fainted over.

Sean immediately went to hold her. "We've done everything we can, Eloise."

"So what? We still couldn't save our precious daughter in the end!" Eloise cried heartbreakingly. "The lawyer said he could 100 percent guarantee that Meredith would be able to get out of it! How could it end like this?"

"Vera came out with a final piece of evidence and Meredith's foster parents suddenly came forward to testify against Meredith as well."
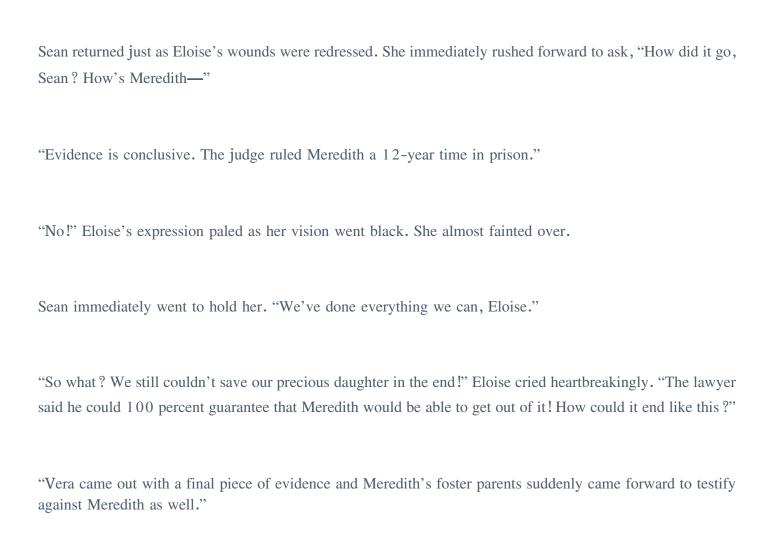
"What? That Vera Quinn again!" Fury flared in Eloise's eyes. "To think that I had invited her over for dinner last night, hoping she would let Meredith go. I can't believe how cruel she is! Why did she have to force Meredith to a corner? I should never have held Diana back last night! This would never have happened if she had died!"

"Have you gone mad from the anger, Eloise? How could you say such a thing?" Sean felt both shocked and exasperated. "Don't you know who donated blood to you last night? Had it not been for Vera, you wouldn't be well and alright here now!"

Eloise was stunned by his words.

Eloise clenched her teeth when she remembered Meredith's current situation and replied disdainfully, "I don't need her to save me! How much did she donate? I'll just give it back to her!"

"You may be able to return hers, but how will we return Madeline's?" Sean asked dejectedly.

Eloise stared at Sean in confusion. "Madeline? Why are you reminding me of that wretched woman? Death is the smallest penalty for all the horrible things she has done. What can we possibly owe her?"

Sean frowned bitterly and sighed. "You lost an unexpectedly huge amount of blood during an appendicitis surgery you did three years ago, do you remember?

"Meredith and her foster mother even told you that Meredith was the one who donated the blood that brought you back to safety, but that was far from the truth. Meredith wasn't the one who donated the blood at all. In fact, she actually rejected to do so."

"What… Why?" Eloise's eyes widened in disbelief. "What are you saying, Sean? Why would Meredith refuse to donate blood to me? And… And if it wasn't Meredith, then whose blood was it?"

"It was Madeline's."

"…" Eloise was gaping in shock. She felt the air around her suddenly turn into a vacuum, making it hard for her to breathe. "What… What are you saying, Sean? After all those horrible things she's done, why would Madeline donate blood to me? You must be mistaken!"

"I'm not. I contacted a friend to help me check too. From the records back then, Madeline had saved not only you, but she saved our grandson, Jackson, as well."

Sean exhaled a long sigh, leaving the guilt and regret he felt to simmer in the silence around them.

"It seems like we've been left in the dark for too long, Eloise. I can't possibly imagine how many wrongdoings our daughter has done behind our backs. It's all our fault for not being there to nurture her. She's been led completely astray by her foster parents."

"…" Eloise was still dazed while her eyes were blankly staring ahead. "It can't be. It can't. It just can't…"

Eloise could not bring herself to accept the truth, yet the evidence that was laid bare in front of her had guilt and remorse bubbling from within anyway.

Both Madeline and Vera had saved her without asking for repayment, yet all they got were such horrible words in return…

Sean persuaded her to rest and heal, but Eloise could not hold back the need to see Meredith.

Eloise turned to Sean just before she alighted the car. "Won't you come with me? Meredith's still our daughter, after all."

"I don't think I'm ready to meet such a daughter yet." Sean frowned conflictingly. "She may be our only daughter, but her actions…"

Eloise understood without Sean needing to say more, so she turned and got out of the car herself.

Eloise still found it impossible to believe that this was Meredith's true appearance now that she had calmed down, but Eloise admitted that Meredith had indeed taken it too far.

As a mother, she felt the responsibility to rein Meredith back.

After walking inside, she was informed by the police that someone else was currently visiting Meredith.

When she asked him, she found that it was none other than Rose and Jon.

Thanks to a small tip from Sean, Eloise was allowed in.

However, she was met with Meredith's agitated shouts just as she arrived at the door of the conjugal room. "Are you happy now that I'm in jail? You've gone mad! How could you betray me?"

The corners of Meredith's eyes were dyed red as she glared at Rose and Jon.

Eloise had never seen such a ferocious look on her.

Rose explained herself with her head drooped down. "We didn't have a choice. It was either you or us."

"Then it should have been you!" Meredith banged on the table harshly.

"Calm down, Meredith. Being upset won't get you anywhere. Just hold off for a little longer, okay? I'm sure Eloise and Sean will get you out of here," Rose brushed her off exasperatedly.

Meredith ground her molars together impatiently. "Just who are my parents, you or them? I can't believe you'd indict me just to save yourselves. Did I not bring you enough advantages these few years from the Montgomeries? How could you betray your biological daughter? Or are you telling me that you've forgotten that I'm your daughter after all the luxuries you've sucked off me!"