Chapter 20 Serena , her hands trembling , clutched the leaves of the housekeeper ' nearby , her lips pressed tightly , together , refusing to Moriarty come?Hill she be real I've only been in Lindergarten for two days , and I've already caused trouble ...

g to speak .

What now! Will And I hit Sonny but I didnt mesle hurt him .

He was the one helping that girl pick on me .

Thats why Excratched him .

I dont want him to be my brother anymore .

I dont like him anymore The soul of footsteps outside grew louder, and before long , the door to the principals ' ... ce created open .

Stella was the ... nd to lock up , her eyes lighting up with surprise and joy as she saw Dominick .

Dominick , she cried , her voice bubbling with excitement .

She leaped o the coach and dashed toward him , her two pigtails bouncing with every step . Dominick bent down and scooped her up into his arms .

This gaze , however , immediately shifted toward Grayson , scanning him carefully .

When he saw that Grayson seemed to be unharmed , the tight frown that had been etched on his face relaxed , his tension easing for the ... nd time that day He walked over to the coach and gently ser Stella down , turning his attention to Grayson .

With a steady , measured gaze , he checked the injury on his sons neck .

How can you say its nothing ? How did these wounds happen ! Marissas voice was sharp , full of concern and irritation .

Well it seems like it was caused by a childs nails .

Michelle wiped a bead of sweat from her forehead , anxiety creeping into her voice .

Nails Marissa shrew grew even more furious .

Do you even know if there could be any viruses under those nails ? His neck is full of nerves , blood vessels , and even the major arteries .

What if that childs nails carried something ? What would we do then ? The bite in Marissas words le Michelle feeling cornered ; her mind racing .

What had she hoped would be a small incident was now spiraling into something much larger than the anticipated .

Her frustration shifted toward the troublemaker Serena wasnt just Michelle .

Every teacher in the room was now seething with anger at Serena , Serena could feel the weight of their hostile glares bearing down on her .

Her small body ... inched , instinctively shrinking back , trying to hide behind the nearest housepint like it might protect her Dominick , however , remained una ... ected by the tension in the room .

With a calmness that contrasted the chaos , he carefully unwound the bandage from Graysons neck .

He checked the injury two small , shallow cuts .

The area had been cleaned and treated .

It looked minor .

A sigh of relief escaped him as he re bandaged the wound .

When Julian had told him about Graysons little ... ght and injury at school , his expression had been so tense that Dominick had feared the worst .

Hed imagined it was something far worse .

But now that he was seeing it ... nothand , Dominick realized the injury was far less serious than hed feared Its my fault , Dominick thought .

This is the ... nd time Ive ever faced something like this as a father , and I overlooked so much .

If the injury had really been that severe , the school would have sear him to the hospital already , not wasted tor me to come .

Daddy , it hurts , Graysons small hands clutched at his neck , his face scrunched in pain and looking so vulnerable .

Now that Dominick could see Graysons red rimmed eyes , it was clear he had been crying .

Dominick Le expression darkened , brows knitting together in disapproval .

Since when did I raise such a soft child ? Crying over a few small scratches and demanding attention like this ? Marisa , sitting on the other side of Grayson , scooped him up into her arms , gently rocking him .

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Dont worry , Sonny , Ill take y soon .

Well make sure everything okay Her voice was soothing , beat it was clear that dit was pouring all of her attention into comforting Grayson .

you to the hospital Dominick didnt agree with this kind of indulgence .

But as he watched Grayson cling to Marissa , seeking her out with such need , and seeing the others in the room , he didnt comment 1/2 Chapter 20 Stella , feeling neglected and de ... ated , thought to herself , I was hurt too .

No one cares about me .

Aunt Marissa and Dominick are all fussing over Sonny , but no ones paying attention to me .

Determined to shift the adults attention to herself , Stella turned to look at Serena , who was still hiding behind the money tree .

Aunt Marissa , Dominick , that mean kid hurt me and Sonny She pointed at Serena , eager to make sure everyone knew who was to blame .

The accusation was like a spark in dry kindling .

Stellas voice was full of drama , her words ensuring the focus of everyone in the room would shift , just as she wanted .