

The Return 21

Chapter 21

Stories about Joanna had been cooked up. One by one, they were posted online.

Overnight, it was all about Joanna Haynes all over the internet.

Every day, downstairs in Joanna's office, there were reporters and strikes against her.

Despite this, she still insisted on coming to work daily.

Back in the Hilbert Hotel.

Early in the morning, Jaydon came to see Joanna with a bunch of flowers.

"Oh, hey, Jay!" Joanna greeted him as she opened the door. She had been preparing breakfast for the kids.

Even with three nannies, she still cooked for her children from time to time.

"Have you eaten anything? Sit down and let's eat together," said Joanna.

She poured Jaydon a glass of milk and went to make another sandwich.

Jaydon did not say no. He just sat down and started digging in.

As a matter of fact, he had always hated sandwiches. However, since it was made by Joanna, that changed everything.

"Joann, I've found a good house. The neighborhood is friendly, and the facilities will protect your privacy just fine. You should move in with the kids recently," said the man.

"I will. Thank you, Jay," Joanna replied. She was still making the sandwich, looking a little exhausted. Jaydon stared at her thin back, feeling so sorry for her.

He rose from his seat and went to give her a gentle hug from behind. "You shouldn't go to the office. these days," he was saying.

"It's alright. I'm fine!"

you. How much sleep did

flipped her hair a little. "I'm really fine," she said confidently.

little tired."

convince Jaydon. He looked at her side face, concerns in his eyes. "Don't you forget that you have three children

her eyebrows and paused. Then she shrugged

sigh and spoke up again, "Joann, you can't put

not going to allow Ingrid and the others to do whatever they want

to see you pull yourself together,” said Jaydon with a smile. “I’ve got my PR team working on it. We shall see a

Joanna was not sure how

in, “no, you

“Why?”

you. And we would want

rebound

“Just in time. I can

all, staying in the hotel was not a long-term solution. She was

kids.

to take a set of photos,” Jaydon

Jaydon in bewilderment.

must show some positive images before your reputation is ruined completely. Also, the Haynes Group’s share price has plummeted

whatever you say!” Joanna had

person whom Joanna trusted

at the office. No

kill herself or what?”

heat. People are mad with her. Who knows if someone will attack her all of a sudden if she’s

Haynes

phone. “Mom, look at the comments

make her pay the most painful price. But then again, it feels good to see

when Shaun came downstairs. “What’s so exciting?” he asked.

answered

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Not long after that, another shocking news was posted on social media.

“An Easy Prey—the Story of Joanna Haynes with Her Bloodsucking Family!”

It mainly talked about Joanna’s mother.

Even Shaun’s background had been revealed in the article, too.

It turned out that he was just Raymond Haynes' adopted son. And Joanna's mother was Raymond's own niece!

That meant only Joanna was really related to Raymond. So, it was not hard to explain why Raymond left Joanna 51% of the Haynes Group.

Meanwhile, Shaun and Ingrid's affair had exploded as well!

"Joanna and Roxanne's birthdays are only ten days apart."

"In other words, Shaun was having an affair with Ingrid when Joanna's mother was still pregnant!"

"That's amazing! Ingrid Haynes was a homewrecker?"

The netizens were all taken aback!

All these years, Shaun and Ingrid were known for their happy marriage. No one could ever imagine that their marriage was a mistake in the very beginning.

This news disgusted every Netizen badly.

would not say too much about such affairs.

for such things. Jaydon's PR team made good use of Ingrid's past. And it took them

to Be a Homewrecker; Shaun Haynes Abuses His Eldest Daughter" and "What You Don't Know about Ingrid Haynes – A Mean

everywhere, and with no

has a big birthday party every year! The Haynes family never holds any birthday

wonder how many filthy stories

is so mean! How could she treat

the netizens were enjoying the stories, nearly half of them started to side

a horrible, scheming woman for too long, and it took more

a shameless woman. I mean, who wouldn't?"

Man, if I grew up in a family like this, I might

in the

dashed over with her phone, and she showed it to

giving herself facial care when

and didn't even open her eyes.

Go on, read a few paragraphs. I need some

Someone posted online about the stories of you and dad! They said you were a homewrecker and a

once as she hurried to grab Roxanne's phone. "It must be Joanna who did this," she said through her gritted teeth. "She must have found someone to do

was a homewrecker who drove Shaun's ex-wife away with babies in her belly. Ha, so what? That old, ugly bitch failed

will Bruce think of me if he reads the news? Dad is

"Don't worry. I will make

this gonna

Chapter 23

Soon, Ingrid and Roxanne arrived at the old Everett Mansion.

It was located on a mountain near the coast.

Although the mansion was old, it was one of the most expensive estates in Greypoint.

The Everett family had countless properties all over the world, but Margaret had always lived in the old mansion.

During the holidays, Bruce would go back here to live with his grandmother.

Ingrid drove along the mountain road, slowly getting into the lush greenery. Even the oxygen here. was abundant and clean.

Greypoint was a very busy city, and the air pollution was also serious. Nevertheless, this place was like an isolated fairyland.

At the gate, the handsome young guard stopped the car and asked warily, "What are your business here?"

Ingrid rolled down the window hastily and gave the young guard a sweet smile. "It's me. I just got off the phone with your butler. I have an appointment with Margaret at ten o'clock!"

"Oh, so you must be Mrs. Haynes!" said the guard and opened the gate..

Ingrid and Roxanne went through two more gates after that.

The car had been driving for more than ten minutes, and finally, they arrived at the front yard of the villa.

"Greetings, Mrs. Haynes, Ms. Haynes," Margaret's butler, Korbin, greeted them.

He had been waiting at the door.

Korbin wore a neat tail coat and gold-rimmed glasses, polite and meticulous.

He had been working here for over 30 years, and he was Margaret's most trusted servant.

"Oh, dear, this place is huge! It's several times bigger than our house," said Ingrid.

Even though she was a rich lady, she still couldn't help but be amazed by the splendid mansion.

Ten minutes later, the butler took Ingrid and Roxanne into the living room.

living room was more like a banquet hall, in Roxanne's opinion. It was so large that it was enough to lady, Margaret Everett, caught

glasses with a chain was placed on her nose, and she was wearing a gown with a silk shawl on her shoulder.

and dignified that it was not hard to tell her beauty when

Mrs. Everett!" Ingrid said. "It's been a long time!" She smiled obsequiously

just sat there without even looking at her.

responding to

please, be seated," said the

quickly handed over the fancy gifts she had bought. "Here, this is our gift for you, Mrs. Everett. A small token of

so kind," said Margaret and turned to speak to the maids aside. "Tea for our guests!"

arms, showing no interest

coffee table. Then

over and poured them

from his business trip?" Ingrid asked

"Yeah, he's not back until tomorrow," she replied

voice.

well... then will

are you here today, Ingrid?" Margaret interrupted her. "Let's just cut to

dryly and answered a little sheepishly, "Nothing important. I just thought I should stop by and visit you.

curl into a faint sneer, and her

make eye contact with Margaret. She merely forced a smile.

like an innocent maiden, she pretended to be sensible, and she even tried to do things as

just did not buy it

rose from her seat, "since you have no important matters, I'll go upstairs

wait a minute! Yeah, um, I do have something to discuss with

perhaps you shouldn't say it at all!"

rather speechless, and on the inside, she could not help cursing ruthlessness.

was still wearing the false smile. "Uh, well... it's about Bruce and Roxy. You see, they've been dating each other for too long. Maybe, it's time for them to get married?"

Margaret said nothing.

fingers nervously, her face scarlet. Here in Greyport, normally, it should be the groom's family taking the initiative to talk

tradition as long as

sheepish smile. "The sooner they get married, the sooner they can have children! Imagine that, Margaret, you will have great-grandchildren!"

as she replied coldly, "You should discuss this with Bruce. I don't have a problem with when don't like to bother themselves with these matters. As their guardians, we have already stood up. "That's enough, Ingrid. I'm tired. Besides, Bruce is not a kid Mrs. Everett, I..."

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Both of them remained silent for quite a while.

Then Bruce finally spoke up first with an angry snort, "Grandma, what's the point of seeing her sons?"

"Oh, you stupid child. Do the math. Those two boys might be your children!"

Bruce's jaw nearly dropped when hearing this. "What? No way! That's... that's impossible! I asked her, and she told me herself that they are not my sons!"

"Alas. you don't understand women at all. She hates you so much, and she might be saying that to simply make you mad!"

"To make me mad?" Bruce blinked stupidly.

But then, it came to him. Indeed, he had been quite awful to her. It made sense.

"Anyhow, bring the boys over first and take a paternity test," said Margaret. "If they are not your sons, so be it However, if they are your kids, they can't wander alone out there without a father!"

"Well, I see..."

After the work of five days, Joanna had finally moved into her new apartment. She had cleaned it up. and they were able to settle down at last.

The apartment was in the city center, and it was quite large.

Apart from the four bedrooms and the sitting rooms, there were also two nannies' rooms.

The rent was 40 thousand dollars a month.

Though Joanna was the current chairwoman of the Haynes Group, she did not have too much cash. She had properties and company shares. If she required a large amount of cash, she had to sell them. And over the years, there was none left of the money that her mother left her with. However, in a city like Greyport, where every square inch counted, it could easily cost people tens of millions to purchase a comfortable apartment.

Therefore, between a comfortable apartment and life, Joanna had to make a choice. She chose the latter.

"Joann, have you read the news?" Jaydon came over and helped Joanna clean up.

with her three children's clothes, replied without looking up. "I'm too busy to think of anything

"Well, have a look then. You'll be

Joanna

I really don't want this to happen! I don't want to fall out with

bad guys, the more they think you're

right. Thank

on. You're always so polite to

That's the least I should say. I don't know what I could do without you," said Joanna.

eyes and asked, "Do you really want to thank

I

her a bright smile. "Then... will

a hint of fluster in

she had no kids and

not good

as he patted her on the shoulder. "Oh, I'm just kidding!"

awkward smile broke on Joanna's pretty face. "Jay, don't make such

me!"

was looking at her gently with a warm smile, but on the inside,

was the thing he had never given to any

Jaydon was going to

moment.

the regret of his

gonna need to take some pictures of you today!" said

"Sure!"

to take Davian and Irvin with you,"

few seconds. But in the end, she

were out in the park.

with her sons. With a click, Jaydon recorded

of Joanna and her sons looked

Haynes' house.

Chapter 25

The public's attention had shifted from Joanna to a popular actress, Carmel Basil.

She was a new star in Jaydon's company, and she won her first best actress award yesterday.

Besides, Carmel just announced she had a boyfriend who was an accomplished actor.

The news instantly rocked the whole Internet.

It caught the public's attention.

Actually, it was a marketing strategy masterminded by Jaydon.

Carmel was not in a relationship with that actor at all. The company hyped such a relationship to attract the public.

Also, they wanted to distract the public's attention from Joanna.

Ingrid had been waiting to see Joanna's scandal.

However, although she had spent a lot of money, it didn't work at all.

"Mom, I told you. It doesn't work."

"Let me figure out another way to deal with her."

Ingrid gnashed her teeth in hatred.

"Roxy, Mr. Everett will be back soon. Get ready to pick him up."

"Remember to further your relationship.

You've been dating for so many years. It's okay to be proactive and bold."

"Are you still a virgin? It's not a bad thing. This would make you more valuable."

“Mom...” Roxanne felt a little embarrassed.

Actually, she was no longer a virgin.)

When she was in college, she once went to a summer camp with her classmates.

It was a crazy night for everyone.

A boy paid special attention to her, and he was also good at flirting.

He was a school hunk who was tall and handsome.

Stimulated by the alcohol, Roxanne failed to control herself and slept with him.

Since she had the first experience, she did it again and again.

The boy was very good at flirting.

She was titillated every time.

Until now, she still contacted that boy every month.

And then she would spend a crazy night with him.

However, that boy was poor.

He could give her nothing but physical pleasure.

Therefore, she would not marry him.

an adult, she had

a pure image before

touch her or let him feel she was not

the physical pleasure without any

be pure for too long, she was

On this side.

had to bite the bullet and ask Joanna for the child.

she was old. He was very filial

matter what she asked him to do, he would try

to see the child, he

the early morning, Bruce directly went

“Where is Joanna?”

Haynes hasn’t been in the office for several

was a

mobile phone to call
he found he didn't
been
disdained saving her number.
her number had already been wiped from
he could still contact her
divorced four years
her in
a message came, he would hope it was from
texted him once.
thought she could
to pester him after the divorce and
him back.
that this
a very proud
face darkened, and he found her Messenger account.
profile photo was still the same as before. It was a picture
that time. Her eyes were like bright stars.
when they saw them.
pity that he couldn't see
for a few minutes and then
time he had reached
was sent, he gave a dry cough to
man. Bruce was unlikely to admit his care
An hour passed.
her reply. His face darkened. Being ignored by Joanna really
this woman
to talk."
a second message in anger.

long time, he

got worse.

completed

was dark and grim. He involuntarily loosened his tie and smoked

will hold a general meeting of

Roger and Mr. Paul came or not. He just wanted to

“Yes, sir.”

her in private, he planned to meet

not miss

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It did not matter. After all, he could find her number anyway as long as he wanted.

“No, thanks. I’ll ask my assistant to inform you if there is something important.” Bruce replied sourly.

Joanna frowned and said in a cold tone, “What is it you want to see me about?”

Bruce cleared his throat with embarrassment and said, “Well, my grandma wants to see the two kids.

So...”

Before Bruce finished speaking, Joanna turned angry.

“Sorry, Mr. Everett.”

“We can talk in the company if you want to discuss anything about work. I don’t think we need to meet in private.”

“Besides, my kids are not obligated to meet strangers.”

“Joanna, grandma is getting old. She just wants to see the kids. She doesn’t have other thoughts.”

“Sorry, they can’t go to see her.”

Joanna refused firmly.

Bruce’s grandma was shrewd.

She wanted to see the kids because she was already wondering if they were Bruce’s kids.

If she saw them, she would surely let Bruce take them to do the paternity test.

By then, it wouldn’t be so easy to get the kids back.

Bruce was angry. He lifted his hand and hit the elevator wall. “Joanna, don’t overdo it...”

“Bruce, that’s what I want to say to you!”

“We made a deal when we got divorced. We have nothing to do with each other from then on. What are you doing now?”

“Whose kids are they?”

“It’s none of your business. They are not yours anyway.”

Bruce sneered, locked her in his arms, and said, “Really?”

“If I know they are my kids, I’ll give you a hard time.”

“You are just insane.”

was pale with fear. She wished she

reached the floor where

first,” Bruce

“Okay.”

lowered her head and hurried

wall with his hands, trying to trap Joanna

and said, “Grandma just wants to see them.

long as you agree

my kids have nothing to do with your family.

they don’t need to see

of me...”

several times in anger.

since he worked

tried her best to push him,

“Bang!”

and pushed her against

be like this, I won’t be

electric shock rod in

the lesson before,

trapped them on

the easy way or the hard way. It’s your

do something, I will do

of me! Bruce, don't

"Ding!"

elevator door opened

Mr. Everett and Miss Haynes.

Mr. Paul

darkened. He released

the elevator

down and also followed him out.

the conference

do you have any announcements for the

with a flattering

just want to see you guys since we haven't met

Roger and Mr. Paul were

I am also reassured. You

Paul

Bruce would hold the shareholders' meeting in person,

and stayed up

for a long time in the

for

now they felt they

"I have nothing to announce. The meeting is over."

Chapter 27

Joanna struggled desperately.

Unfortunately, her resistance brought even greater danger.

"Bruce, don't... Please..."

His kisses were fierce, hard, and aggressive.

Her shirt was torn.

Joanna was completely afraid.

She knew that this imperious man would never be gentle to her.

When they were still married, he had already been so tyrannical.

The harder it was for her to bear, the ruder he was.

“Let go of me...” Joanna couldn’t get rid of him, so she bit him hard.

The smell of blood filled his mouth.

However, it made him fiercer.

She suddenly got some bruises on her neck.

Joanna couldn’t help crying. She beat him feebly.

She hated this terrible man much.

She didn’t know why she had loved him before.

Not only that, she loved him so much.

Her love toward Bruce had made her so humble when facing him.

But this man had never given her a little love or tenderness.

Now, she just hated him as much as how she had loved him before.

Just then, a buzz interrupted them.

Bruce’s cell phone rang.

He ignored it.

The cell phone was still buzzing.

His movements slightly softened. At first, he didn’t want to answer the phone.

grandma that he would take the kids to see her

worried that it was his grandma

for a

to bite him hard..

a nasty

blood rolled from his lips.

his lips and saw

“How dare she bite

to slide down the conference table.

to stand steadily. She had to hold the conference table and tried to be stable. “Bruce, if you do this again, I will call the police!”

you
and picked up his
had been five missed calls on
and finally answered, "Hello."
you get on the plane? I'm going
have come back."
Roxanne asked with disappointment, "So when did you
"Last night."
sadder after hearing that.
last night, why
if you
up the phone immediately and continue to
how about having
have a meeting tonight.
Joanna knew it
Bruce always
she wanted to take revenge on
you should spend more time with
divorced. Leave me
deliberately said in a
of the
also frowned, glaring at
back
she was on
to know that Bruce was staying with her.
Bruce who was haunting her, not she was haunting
up
hung up the phone.
"Beep-beep."

was bitterly disappointed at that moment. Her hand quivered
can't believe you hooked up with Bruce
help

angrier Roxanne was. She directly called that boy.

Gavin. Are

name was Gavin. He was a little flattered

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"Are you alright? Can you tell me what happened?"

Gavin asked more gently.

Roxanne sneered, "What's the point of telling you?

You are just a gigolo."

Hearing that, Gavin grinned. Then, his gestures and postures became more wanton and provocative.

"Oh, G o d. Be gentle..."

"I'm a gigolo. So what?"

Gavin was infuriated by this remark.

His movements became fierce.

Roxanne liked wolf-like men like him. She indulged in it again.

Gavin knew himself. It was true that he could give her nothing materially.

Even the high cost of the sushi bar was far beyond his competence. Roxanne had to pay for it every
time.

However, he had an awareness of his advantages.

So he could serve Roxanne very well every time and let her fully enjoy the pleasure of being a
woman.

He knew what women really wanted.

A woman needed a man who could bring her much physical pleasure.

At least, she couldn't leave him until someone better could replace him.

"Gavin, I don't want to go back today."

"That's great."

Then, they left the sushi bar.

Sitting on the back of Gavin's motorcycle, Roxanne went to Gavin's home with him.

It was a shanty in a slum at the foot of a hill.

Dirty.

Messy.

Smelly.

though the two places were both close to the mountain, their situation could be

rich family,

all her disguise,

They became crazy again.

In the conference room.

I'm gonna ask you

times you ask,

No freaking way!"

Pointing the finger at her, he

Bruce left in a

persuade her,

that Bruce had gone away, Joanna sank into the chair. Her tears

was a close

Roxanne had not called Bruce, she would

"Beep-beep."

help

end of the

was busy in

Carmel was wearing a black silk

bunny ears on her head, she was kneeling on the ground and pleasing

His interest was damped down, and he

to answer it. But hearing it was Joanna calling, he immediately

for

Joanna seldom called him.

Jaydon calmed down and
by him recently and was very
him
hold his breath and
“Hello, what’s the matter?
Joann.”
voice was gentle and
this voice would naturally think that the person on the
The phone was connected.
didn’t know what to
couldn’t tell him what had happened between her and
him, there
I just...want to call
a little surprised. He smiled and asked,
who was kneeling on the ground was certainly jealous. She gave him a scrape with her sharp little
couldn’t help
very low, and
Joanna still heard it at the
take your
weakly pressed the button and hung up the

Chapter 29

Joanna didn’t know what was wrong with her.
Strangely, she suddenly became sensitive again.
After divorcing Bruce, she made a secret vow that she would not fall in love with anyone in this life.
Being in a relationship with someone could only bring her nothing but pain.
But now, only four years later, her mind was in turmoil again because of Bruce.
Joanna frowned, shedding bitter tears.
Then she opened her bag and took out some pills of sertraline and paroxetine.
Without any hesitation, she took the pills.

Then she became a work maniac and buried herself in work again.

She didn't go to the company these days, thus having a lot of business to do.

Today, she would work overtime to get all these things done.

Her work team was starting to roll in.

It was time to get rid of some deadwood in the company.

Half an hour later.

A black Mercedes Benz S600 was parked downstairs.

As soon as the door opened, Jaydon got off in a hurry.

He had numerous luxury cars and drivers.

But he didn't want to show off when he went out alone.

So when he was outside by himself, he drove this car most often.

"Where is Joann?"

Jaydon went to the reception of the company and asked with concern.

"Miss Haynes is having a meeting.

Please take a seat here and wait for a while, Mr. Grimm."

"OK, alright."

Jaydon sat down in the reception room, and Cora poured him a glass of lemonade.

Jaydon was thirsty. He took the lemonade and drank it up.

"Would you like another cup, Mr. Grimm?"

Cora asked with a smile.

"Okay, thank you."

With a meaningful smile, Jaydon blinked at Cora.

He was good at flirting with girls. Many girls were mesmerized by his amorous eyes.

Cora gave him another glass of water and went back to her post.

are in great

didn't

Grimm, please don't make

red at

hot. Although her face was not so attractive, she had a good figure.

She was well-shaped with a slender waist and
her figure was quite
he took more
for girls with big chests
course, Joanna was an
was too thin
stunningly pretty. Her eyes were especially
prettiest eyes he had ever seen in a
One hour later.
meeting was over. Jaydon and
in Messenger and kept each
thing they would do was
Mr. Grimm
Let him in.”
“Yes.”
then went
In the office.
sitting by the computer and seriously
careful, and her face was beautifully made up.
capable, and shrewd.
brought him right back to sobriety and decency.
Take a seat. Give me ten minutes. I have some work to do right now.”
your
the sofa opposite her.
to read the documents.
looked at her without
enjoyed it
different from looking
at other women, there would be a burning desire in

he felt very placid when he was looking
protect her and take care
hung up the phone. He had thought she was angry, so
when he got here, he suddenly felt he didn't need
he often had women around him.
minutes had passed.
She brushed her hair
"Are you done?"
over, and put his hand on
all me
to call you. I wondered if there were any good restaurants
surprised. Being lost for words, he didn't believe her
thought I hadn't had dinner with you in a while. So
know a good restaurant. Let's have dinner there tonight. There is nothing good to eat around here."
I can't go too far. I still have work to do tonight."
me if you want to invite me to
need a reservation?"
am a member
let me pay today. Every time I asked you to dinner, you ended up footing the bill."

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He had a fiery temper, which made him more resemble Bruce.
Just then, lowering his head, he bit the man in black on the wrist.
The sting made the man let out a scream. "Oops. How dare you!"
"Ouch!"
When the man in black was rubbing his wrist, Davian suddenly reached out and punched his eyes.
The man felt it really hurt and had to release Davian.
Davian fell to the ground. Although it was painful, he was not afraid at all.
Getting up quickly, he shouted as he ran to the front, "You let my brother go! Let my brother go!"
"Help! Someone is abducting the children!"

Miranda also threw herself at one of the men in black and clung to his ankle.

The scene was a mess.

Just then, Jaydon and Joanna's cars arrived one behind the other.

Seeing the situation, Joanna soon realized it was Bruce who sent the men to grab the children.

"Stop it!" said she sternly.

Joanna quickly stopped the car and got out without closing the door.

She immediately took an arm-thick electric baton from the trunk.

"Put my kids down!"

The electric baton hissed.

Joanna rushed at them like a maniac with her electric baton.

The baton carried a strong current. A man immediately fainted.

Noticing this, the men in black were shocked. They all stepped back out of fear.

"Put my kids down!" Joanna said again.

But these men were all professional bodyguards.

physical strength and fighting strength could not be underestimated.

one of those men kicked

to the ground at

the car and quickly hurried

boxing since childhood and had won a boxing championship. He can handle these men.

in black wanted to kick Joanna again, Jaydon stopped him immediately.

into a fight

but

even get close

call the

"OK. got it."

ran

in the security

had already set the information of location, address, and so on.

the car would arrive in five minutes.

is kidnapping the
ran out
kidnapping! Someone is abducting
let go of me! Let go of me!”
Irvin had been pulled to the door of the car.
two little boys clung to the
security guards rushed over.
the sound of the police
passers-by also stopped
In another car.
Bruce’s face darkened.
he couldn’t take the
reporters and
said into the pager, “Everybody, get in the car and
wore a headset in
of Bruce, they
the children, get into the car, and drive away
two little boys were still frightened.
Joanna
few steps forward and held the two children close
“Davian! Irvin!
be afraid. Mommy is
if you are
checked the injury of the two children.
arm, and blood was oozing
a finger-long scratch on