

Torn Between Two

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Characters

Emma- Female, 24

Sarah- Female, 32

Setting

A small cozy cafe. The decor is warm and inviting, with soft lighting.

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The sisters, SARAH and EMMA, are seated across from each other. There is an underlying tension, but they are making an effort to reconnect.

SARAH

(softly, yet with a hint of nervousness)
I'm glad we could finally do this.

EMMA

(smiling through a guarded edge)
Yeah, it's been too long. I missed you. I missed us.

Suddenly, a loud alert goes off on both of their phones. They both check their screens.

EMMA

(reading)
Hurricane warning. They are saying it could hit in a few minutes.

SARAH

(alarmed, rising from her seat)
I need to get home. Jason's at the apartment. I need to be there before the storm hits.

EMMA

(standing up as well, concerned)
Sarah, wait. You can't go out there, not with a hurricane coming. It's too dangerous.

SARAH

(determined)
I can't leave him alone. He's just a child.

EMMA

(desperate)
But Sarah, what if something happens to you? You can't risk your life for a child that is not...

SARAH

(firmly cutting her off)
Now what? Not my own? He might as well be, Emma. He's a part of my life now, and I am responsible for him.

EMMA

(with a mix of anger and fear)
And what about me, Sarah? I finally get my sister back after all these years, and now you are ready to throw it all away for someone else's child? You are my only family.

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SARAH

(emotionally)

I know, and I have missed you, Emma. I cannot leave him alone, not now.

EMMA

What about his father? Why should you be the one to put your life at risk?

SARAH

Because I am the one who's there for him. I decided to step up for him when his father went to prison.

EMMA

(tearfully)

I wish you stepped up for me when I needed you. You left me alone in that house with mum and her boyfriend.

SARAH

(cries)

I am sorry. I could not take their beatings anymore.

EMMA

They took out all their anger on me after you left. The beatings got worse.

SARAH

(guilt-ridden)

I am sorry. I never wanted that for you. I was just desperate to escape.

EMMA

And now you are leaving me again. Just like before.

SARAH

(reaching out, taking Emma's hands)

I was young. I was scared. I failed you. I know that now.

EMMA

Please, don't leave me.

SARAH

I am never leaving you again.

EMMA

We are going to be sisters again?

SARAH

Yes. Sisters for life.

Emma hugs Sarah in excitement.

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SARAH

(hesitant)

But Jason... he needs me too. He is just a child, and I can't fail him like I failed you. I can't let him feel as we felt as kids. I have made a commitment to him, and I have to see it through.

EMMA

(voice breaking)

So you are choosing him over me?

SARAH

(pain in her voice)

This isn't about choosing between you and Jason. It is about doing what's right. I need to go to him now but that does not mean I'm abandoning you. I want to fix things between us. But I have to protect Jason first.

EMMA

What if something happens to you on your way there?
What if you die?

SARAH

Then you would have gained a guardian angel because I will never abandon you again, not even in death.

The sisters hug and cry.

EMMA

Will you call me as soon as the storm is over?

SARAH

I will.

EMMA

And then we get to hang out everyday?

SARAH

Everyday for the rest of our lives. I promise.

EMMA

Okay. Just be careful. I love you.

SARAH

I will. I love you more.

Exit Sarah.

THE END.