

## Darnell

Darnell: Good morning, First lady.

Bridgette: Were you able to get any sleep last night?

Darnell: Sleep... *(Laughs)* we won by a landslide last night. The people of this city re-elected me for a second term. And just think about it, it's on the day we celebrate our one year anniversary. I think I'll sleep later.

Bridgette: I understand. With everything we've been through these past couple years. I'm glad this election and our anniversary is something that we can celebrate in this home.

Darnell: How do you mean?

Bridgette: Darnell it's been challenging dealing with the lost of our two sons. I can't imagine what you're going through with--

Darnell: Bridgette: Bridgette, I'm always thinking about our sons. However, I have a city to think about too. And right now, I would rather focus on the city than reminisce.

Bridgette: I get it, but maybe talking about it is something we need.

Darnell: *(Insistent on changing the subject)* Look, I've said all I'm going to say about this. Besides, I'm pretty sure Nina has a lot scheduled for me today.

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ALSO...

Jasmine: Hey Daddy.

Darnell: Jasmine, how did you get here?

Jasmine: Mom dropped me off.

Darnell: Did you have an appointment with the doctor today?

Jasmine: No. Mom wanted me to come over here to speak with you more about vacationing with us after the storm passes.

Darnell: I don't have time for this ... I told you Jasmine, Bridgette has to be there.

Jasmine: Dad, I really want this to be you and mom, like it use to be.

Darnell: Jasmine it can't be you and mom like it use to be. I'm married to Bridgette. And Bridgette loves you. She treats you as if you're her own daughter.

Jasmine: Dad... you want me to be honest about why I want this?

Darnell: Yes.

Jasmine: Dad I've been feeling neglected since you married Bridgette. And I get it, you guys suffered the lost of two sons. So I understand you two clinging to each other more. But I feel left out.

Darnell: What?

Jasmine: I hardly see you. Bridgette doesn't talk to me. It's like i'm being replaced. Mom sees this so she wants me to spend more time with you.

Darnell: Babygirl I'm so sorry. I know that I've been extra focused on running the city but believe me my intentions were never to neglect you. You are my everything. *(Pauses and Sighs)* Look, I'll speak with Jessica about the trip. Maybe we can work something out.