

EARLDEAN

(Panicked, she remembers something)

The car was in the water. Jack wouldn't let me go and see. I begged him. "Jack...he's my baby!" I screamed it over and over, but he said...

TOM

Alfie and Ben climbed out the back window, but Thad couldn't get out. I couldn't go after him...I was broken real bad.

EARLDEAN

You? What were you doing there?

TOM

Mama, please...don't make me say it!

EARLDEAN

(Shouting angrily)

Mama?! Who do you think you are?!

TOM

It's me, Mama...I'm Tom. I'm your boy...

He reaches for her. She pulls back violently.

EARLDEAN

(Practically screaming)

You're Tom?! You can't be.



TOM

(Quiet, calm, trying to restore order)

Now, Mama...calm down. I'm just trying...

EARLDEAN

(Interrupting, shouts)

Tom! You killed Thad!

TOM

(Shocked)

What? No, I didn't...is that what you think?

EARLDEAN

It's what I know!