

Eleanor's night was restless.

She woke and saw the new day dawning through patio curtain.

She laid in bed and was quiet.

Her mind was running over all the things she had to do. The children's clothes were packed. She and Shirley had to go to the shops to pay the employees.

She thought about the portrait of she and her brothers how someone stole the picture and hung it in Max's house. What does all of this mean. Brenda believe they move all valuables so they could burn the house down.

Eleanor said, "I don't believe they will accomplish nothing."

She thought about how they beat Michael and tried to drown Thomas.

She cried and hugged her pillow and cried in the so no one could hear the pain.

Eleanor spoke out, "Christopher how could you do it. Patrick JR, P.J you would murder my children. Why? I never did anything to you. My babies never did anything to you."

Eleanor wait for about an hour.

She composed herself and said, "God, that my momma and daddy serve, I have seen You many times help them. And if You did not do something they asked of You I know You did something else better and told them why You did not do that thing they asked of You. Help me children please. Don't let them turn to be evil. Help them to know You and show them how to live this life and be happy. Not just to live."

Eleanor begin crying.

She said, "I am not a happy person. I just live and go from day to day doing chores. Joseph helped me to have fun. I love him."

Joseph smiles.

Eleanor said, "I ask You to put a complete end to all of these attacks against from the mob. Ut Max and Josephine in jail and let one of Your children raise up their children so they can have a better life. Show Shirley how to make money with honesty and integrity. Show her how to finance these ball gowns and don't let them not pay her. Reveal who shot up my gift to momma and daddy rest stop. This woman my children were talking about how she was staring at my daddy and momma. Who is she and put ever she is trying to do end it badly for her. I am tired. It seems like I have been trying every since Shirley to get my life back and I have not been able to. I don't want Bruce in my life ever. I will never love nor will I be his best friend again. All though I just live from day to day, I ask You to keep me alive so I can see all of children grow up and be godly woman and men. And maybe one day if You see fit come to You. I know You know why, so I can be with Joseph forever."

Eleanor turned over to lay on her back and Thomas was standing in her room.

She nearly had a heart attack and had a sharp pain in her chest.

She gasped, "Thomas" and started rubbing her chest and fell back on her pillow.

Thomas ran to her and said, "Momma don't die."

Shirley heard Thomas and ran out her room to Eleanor.

Shirley was awake because she did not want to spend her money buying the ball gowns.

She was trying to think of a way for Patrick to buy them and she gets the profit and she wanted her friends, Ginger, Alice and both Marys to attend.

Shirley was already planning a summer garden party in three weeks so she could invite Skip, Jake and some more of their friends so the girls could meet. She was going to invite Josiah and Natalie and Daniel.

Eleanor took a few deep breaths and was able to sit up.

Thomas stood in front of Eleanor and held her hands and cried.

Eleanor took her hands from Thomas and held his head and kissed him and patted his back and hugged him.

Shirley was stunned and stood in the door.

Patrick and Brenda were up early and they prayed.

They were sitting in the sitting area reading some of those letters from Europe when they heard Thomas, then Shirley running.

They walked out the sitting room and stood for a minute.

They did not hear anything.

Patrick swallowed and bite his lips.

He started walking up the staircase.

Brenda stood at the bottom of the staircase.

Shirley was standing in Eleanor's room not moving.

Patrick stopped on the staircase when he saw Eleanor hugging Thomas and her head buried in his chest.