

Hearthville Serial - Book 7 - Episode 29

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FADE IN:

INT. BASEMENT OF LEROY'S HOME, BEDROOM - DAY

TIFFANY LANE is setting on the edge of the bed. ELLEN DUDDLEY is sitting in a chair.

TIFFANY LANE

I feel so much better. I owe so many people thanks for saving me.

WADE ESSY enters the room. He smiles at Ellen. He takes Tiffany's hand to help her stand up. She stands from the edge of the bed.

WADE ESSY

Ellen, are you going to ride with us?

ELLEN DUDDLEY

Steed and Judy went to gas his car up. They will be back for me. I am thinking about telling Steed and Judy about Donny Maxtone.

TIFFANY LANE

Tell them what about Donny?

WADE ESSY

He was the son of Ellen and Arthur Ramsey. Ellen gave him up for adoption.

Tiffany motions for Ellen to stand. Ellen does. Tiffany walks to her and takes her into her arms. She gives Ellen a big hug.

TIFFANY LANE

Giving a baby up for adoption was the hardest thing I ever did. But we must never feel guilty. That does no good.

ELLEN DUDDLEY

Do you know who your baby is?

TIFFANY LANE

It was a private adoption and I picked the parents so yes. But of course I don't interfere. They do allow me to visit him. To him I am just a family friend. He will never know who I am and that is okay.

ELLEN DUDDLEY

Donny knew I was his mother but I all the times I saw him with Victor I never knew he was my son. I never knew that he was Victor's half brother.

TIFFANY LANE

Donny was a good man. He was not perfect, but he was a good man.

ELLEN DUDDLEY

Johnny Bare told us that Lilly stole Donny from you.

TIFFANY LANE

(nods)

That is what I thought. And I was a bitch toward Lilly. But I had no bill of sale on Donny. I loved Donny. But I don't guess he ever loved me.

WADE ESSY

(hugs on Tiffany)

How could anyone not love you?

INT. HEARTHVILLE GARAGE - DAY

HOWARD VELVEE is working on a car while STEED RAMSEY is talking to him.

HOWARD VELVEE

Steed, with the hours you have been working lately I may have to move you to part time and hire another mechanic.

STEED RAMSEY

I am sorry. Are we backed up far.

HOWARD VELVEE

Sam Smith has come over to help me some, so no. With this covid shit and the Hollice Mud Track being shut down things have been slow at the junkyard but things are starting to pick up.

STEED RAMSEY

I promise to put in more hours.

HOWARD VELVEE

I don't understand why. You are rich and I am being honest here, this place sucks.

STEED RAMSEY

I like doing mechanic work.

HOWARD VELVEE

If you say so. How is Judy doing?
(Howard glances out the window at Judy pumping gas)

STEED RAMSEY

Well, you know Victor is missing?

HOWARD VELVEE

That attack on the church was so weird.

STEED RAMSEY

Yeah. Everything to do with that covid shit is weird. You know Tiffany Lane almost died. We managed to get the meds to her to save her life but it was bad.

HOWARD VELVEE

If anything happened to Tiffany I think Wade would lose it.

STEED RAMSEY

Yeah. Wade was right there with her. And Judy's mom Ellen. And Leroy. They even had my cousin Roger Ogleby helping by phone.

HOWARD VELVEE

But no Victor?

STEED RAMSEY

No Victor.

(Looks out the window at
Judy.)

It hardly seems possible but I fear he might be dead.

HOWARD VELVEE

I hope not. Though I will be honest. There have been a few times I could have murdered him myself. I know he is popular and all but there are times he rubs people the wrong way. I mean that at the church could have all been a cover by someone plotting to kill Victor. He has enemies.

STEED RAMSEY

I don't know but how would they know that Victor was going to be there. And it was more like he caught them in the act.

HOWARD VELVEE

I know what you saying. I just have this weird feeling that the attack on the church was a plot against Victor. Anyway. I hope Victor turns up soon.

STEED RAMSEY

Me also. Well. Put the gas on my employee tab.

HOWARD VELVEE

I am fucking busy you asshole. I trust you to do it.

STEED RAMSEY

(laughs)

Okay. Sorry. I will do it.

EXT. DUDDLEY HOME YARD - DAY

ELLIOT DUDDLEY is sitting in a swing and looking at his phone.

ELLIOT DUDDLEY

God damn. Victor. Call me. Let me know that you are alright.

SAM SMITH and his sister SALLY SMITH drive up in a bright yellow pickup truck with huge tires on it. They park. The doors to the truck open.

SALLY SMITH

Fucking hell Sam. I hate this shit. I practically need a ladder to climb out of this truck.

Sally slides down out of the truck. With a big grin Sam hops out of the truck like it is no big deal. Elliot puts his phone in his pocket and stands up. He walks to the truck. Sam and Sally walk to where Elliot comes to stand. They lean up against the truck.

ELLIOT DUDDLEY

We still haven't had word from Victor. We've hired your cousin Johnny Bare to look for him.

SAM SMITH

He talked to us. It is hard to explain where Victor is.

ELLIOT DUDDLEY

But you know?

SALLY SMITH

We know. Let us just say that he is stuck in another country and can not get back to the United States at the moment. He can not communicate with the states right now.

ELLIOT DUDDLEY

I went over to the Hazel Manor that Victor owns. That is one spooky ass place. In the barn I found a spaceship.

SAM SMITH

A spaceship? Probably just some weird prototype car Victor is working on.

ELLIOT DUDDLEY

Liar! I figured out how to open the door. I went inside the spaceship. I looked over the computer system on the ship. I accessed files.

SALLY SMITH

Why did you call Sam a liar? Do you think we know anything about a spaceship? What you are saying about finding a spaceship sounds crazy to us.

ELLIOT DUDDLEY

I don't think so. What happened to the real Victor, Sally, and Sam? Did you space aliens kill them?

SAM SMITH

Elliot, you are talking crazy. It is the real Victor who is missing. Not some space alien.

ELLIOT DUDDLEY

When Victor turned nine, he changed. And from that age he just got more weird. But space alien or not, I love him. God help me. But I do. And I want him to come back.

SALLY SMITH

We are not space aliens. Victor is not a space alien. You are talking crazy.

ELLIOT DUDDLEY

I saw a picture of the three of you when you were around nine standing in front of the spaceship.

SAM SMITH

Space Alien Witches run planet earth but we are not space aliens. Victor is not a space alien. We are earth witches.

ELLIOT DUDDLEY

How do you explain the spaceship?

SAM SMITH

I don't know.

SALLY SMITH

I once had a dream that we stole a spaceship. It was a vivid dream. To this day I remember part of the dream. But it was just a dream.

SAM SMITH

You never told me about the dream.

SALLY SMITH

If you don't believe me, I wrote about the dream in my diary.

SAM SMITH

Why would I not believe you? No. The thing is. I also had a dream about a spaceship when I was nine. Did Victor really convince us to help him steal a spaceship when we were nine?

SALLY SMITH

We know the space alien witches do fuck with our memories. Maybe we did steal the spaceship from Sabian Blackrock.

ELLIOT DUDDLEY

I don't know what to say. How do I know that you aren't space aliens who replaced the real Sam and Sally.

SAM SMITH

(stares hard at Elliot.
he scratches his head)

How do we know that you are the real Elliot. How do we know that Sabian Blackrock hasn't replaced the real Elliot with an imposter.

Sally steps away from the truck and Elliot. She studies him from head to toe. She stares at his hands. There is no wedding ring on his finger.

SALLY SMITH

I remember my father making a joke that you never take your wedding ring off. But you aren't wearing it now.

ELLIOT DUDDLEY

I lost it. I think the cat knocked it somewhere while I was taking a shower.

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ELLIOT DUDDLEY (cont'd)
(Elliot looks at his ring
finger.)

I wish I had not lost my ring.
What if it is an omen that Ellen is
going to leave me.

(Elliot begins walking
away from Sam and
Sally.)

What if Ellen is also a space
alien. And Judy. What if I am the
only human left on earth.

SAM SMITH

Sally, I think Elliot is having a
nervous breakdown.

SALLY SMITH

Sam, I think we need Elliot to show
us where that spaceship is. I want
to see what he saw in its computer
system.

SAM SMITH

He thinks we are space aliens. But
never mind that. I think you are
right.

Sam runs to get Elliot. Elliot throws a punch at Sam. Sam
punches Elliot in the jaw. He then jumps to catch Elliot
from falling. He throws Elliot over his shoulder and
carries him to the truck. He throws Elliot in the back of
the truck.

SAM SMITH

Sally you drive. I better stay in
the back with Elliot.

SALLY SMITH

Okay.