

# The Bottom of the Stairs

Nia could not wait to tell Karyn the truth.

She was ready to tell Karyn that she was Will's mother.

She was also ready to tell Karyn that she was happy about the baby.







Nia entered the nail shop. She did not see Karyn.

"Hello! Is anyone here?" Nia called out.

The shop looked empty.

"Why is the front door open when nobody is here?" Nia asked herself.

Nia walked to the back room. She did not see anyone.

She could feel that something was very wrong.

She walked to the back door.

Nia called out again, "Hello! Is anyone here?"

The shop was quiet.

Then Nia saw the open basement door. She walked to it. The basement was dark. Nia heard a moan.

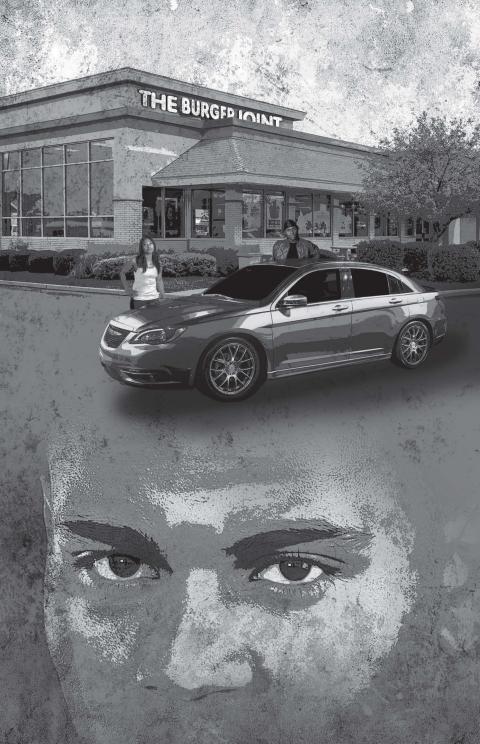
"What was that sound? Hello! Is anyone down there?"

She turned on the light. "Why are there towels here?" she thought.

Then she saw Karyn lying at the bottom of the stairs.

She was not moving.

Nia screamed, "Karyn!"



## The Big Silver Car

Will tried to wait for Karyn to finish work. But he could not wait.

He had to follow the big silver car.

He followed it across town.



The car stopped at the Burger Joint.

Will stopped across the street and waited.

Eve stepped out. She walked into the restaurant.

Will waited.

Eve walked out of the restaurant with Toby.

Will was shocked.

Toby got into the car with Eve. They drove away.

Will followed them to Toby's house.

Will called Toby on his cell phone.

Toby answered.

Will said, "Hey, it's Will. Where are you?"

"I'm with a friend. We are at the mall."

"Okay, I'll talk to you later," Will said. He hung up his cell phone.

Will was very mad. He knew that Toby lied.

Will watched Eve and Toby enter Toby's house.

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## THE TRUTH

A chance encounter brings Will closer to the truth. But at Karyn's urging, he leaves justice to the police. With the lies exposed, Will emerges stronger, bolder, and more confident.



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