

## LOVE CHILD

MARCUS SIDES

START

EXT. CEMETERY - DAY

MARCUS MONTAGUE, 30, African American attorney walks up towards newly turned soil at a grave.

He looks down with remorse holding back his tears.

He drops the white rose on the ground.

MARCUS  
(quietly)  
I'm sorry mom.

MICHAEL MONTAGUE, 52, African American, attorney and Marcus's father, walks beside Marcus looking down at the turned soil.

MICHAEL  
My son, the esquire, you finally  
showed up.

Marcus is startled as snaps back to reality. He turns to his father and then looks down at the grave.

MARCUS  
How'd you know I'm here?

Marcus and Michael walk towards the car.

MICHAEL  
You weren't at the house. So I  
figured you'd paying your respects to  
your mother.

MARCUS  
I didn't want any fanfare. Just in  
and out and back down to Charlotte.

MICHAEL

Oh yeah! About that.

Michael stops walking and gives Marcus an envelope with a letter in it.

MARCUS

(jokingly)

Well I know it's not a subpoena.

Marcus opens and reads the letter.

MARCUS

(confused)

What is this?

MICHAEL

When the cancer was mesmerizing, your mother wanted to leave a will. She left you and your sister the house and she wants you to sell it. Your sister already knows about it and is waiting for you.

Marcus is still reading the paper.

MARCUS

So I own the house now?

MICHAEL

Co own the house with your sister Tamika. You have to help her sell the house. Once the medical expenses are paid, whatever is left, is going to you and your sister.

Marcus is quiet.

MICHAEL (cont'd)

When is the last time you seen your sister and your nephew?

MARCUS

(getting agitated)

I don't know. Since my brother died  
and I went off on mom on why she  
didn't do anything about his drug  
habit.

MICHAEL

You think it's time to reconcile?  
It's only you, your sister, and your  
nephew now.

MARCUS

Do you think I know that? Did you  
reconcile with your part in this?

Pause.

MICHAEL

You can be mad at me and I deserve  
that. I had an affair with your  
mother who was married with children,  
then left the child to be raised by  
the cuckold husband? I brought her a  
house for her and her kids after her  
husband died. Like it or not I did my  
part.

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MICHAEL (cont'd)

Marcus is frustrated as Michael walks away from Marcus.

MICHAEL (cont'd)

90 days and you can leave them for  
good if you want. And by the way,  
Tamika has this off and on boyfriend  
who I think hits her from what you  
mom told her. He may be a problem.

Marcus looks back at his mothers grave now with anger.

**END**

