

JACKIE

Oh just great. I leave the children with you and what do you do? You hand them off to her. Luke, do you expect her to care for our children? She can't even look after herself let alone two children that are not hers!

LUKE

Jackie, they are both fine. Ben was found. He is fine. There is no problem. Everything worked out fine.

JACKIE

But you didn't consider the possibility of "something" happening, did you? Did you?

LUKE

Jackie, if I thought for one moment...

JACKIE

You listen carefully because I am only going to say this once. That woman has nothing more to do with my children.

LUKE

Our children.

JACKIE

Do you realize what could have happened to your son today? How lucky we are the police found him before some lunatic did? He could have been...

LUKE

But he hasn't. He wandered off. I know it's terrifying. I can imagine how you felt when that call came -- But it happens.

JACKIE

Not to me.

LUKE

Jackie, you've made mistakes -- We all make mistakes --

JACKIE

I'm not gonna wait around to see the next one. I'm not gonna watch my kids fall through the cracks of this arrangement. I'm seeing a lawyer.

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LUKE

Jackie stop. We promised we never go there.

JACKIE

We've broken a lot of promises, haven't we Luke?

LUKE

You haven't done one goddam thing to make any of this easier...

JACKIE

I am not here to make it easier for you. These are my children. They don't want to be around her!

LUKE

Well, maybe they would if they thought it was okay, with you...

JACKIE

A court order is going to say that woman is never alone with my children! Ever again! Do you HEAR that?