Location

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Staring at the dirty white tiles, trying to ignore the pain in his shoulders and knees, Sean could hear Jenna’s heels clicking as she left. He groaned softly, feeling hot tears slip down his face. Even then, he knew that encounter was the first and last time he would kiss his child; the first and last time he would hold her; likely the first and last time he would see her.

Squeezing his eyes tightly closed, Sean focused all of his attention on cementing Hazel’s beautiful face in his mind. It was the only thing that could keep him sane for the duration of his confinement.

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