

SECRET LIFE OF BEES

LILY

This is my mother.

AUGUST

I know honey. Your mama was Deborah Fontanelle Owens.

LILY

You've known all this time?

AUGUST

I knew she had a daughter but I thought it couldn't be you. But one look at you, all I can see is Deborah at your age.

LILY

You knew her when she was little?

AUGUST

I took care of her.

LILY

Why didn't you tell me?

AUGUST

Something tells me you weren't ready to know about her yet. Wanted to give you a chance to get on solid ground first.

LILY

T-Ray, he told me that mama - he told me my mother, left me and ran away. I don't have any memory of her but, I know he's lying because some things aren't possible. Children just don't have two parents who refuse to love them.

AUGUST

Is that what made you leave?

LILY

(crying) I know what I did was wrong. I just needed to want the wrong things. I don't mean to be a bad person but I just can't help it. That's why I gotta go. Brought the outside in here. And what happened to Zach - Ms. Mae - if I had never come here, that would never of happened. I wrecked everything.

AUGUST

No baby that wasn't your fault.

LILY

Yes it was. They were fighting and screaming, and she grabbed a gun - he took it away from her and I - I just wanted to give it back to her. I just wanted to help her. And I killed her!