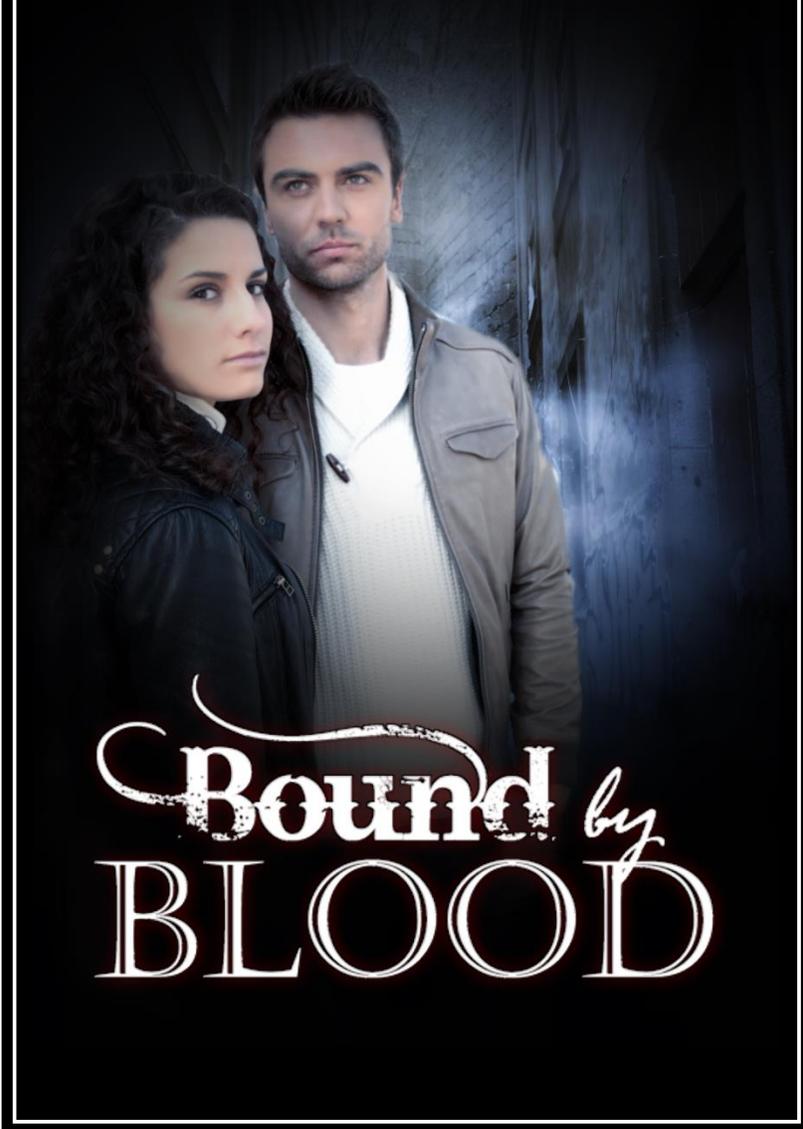


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ABOUT

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EXCERPT

"NO KIDDING. THOSE ARE SOME SERIOUS THUGS.
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MESSING WITH THEM."



Chapter One

Rick Mercado stood in the doorway, his mouth dry from nerves. He forced an easy breath and settled his focus on the man behind the desk, searching his eyes.

The man rocked back in his chair and gave a satisfied smile. He was bald on top with wisps of gray on the sides. His hand swept the room, inviting inspection. "This is it," he said.

Rick scanned the small office as directed: Cluttered desk, leather high-back chair, a window shaded with plastic louvers, everything a little dusty. "It's very nice."

The man puffed out his chest. "Oh, it's not much, but it works."

Rick's lips twitched up toward a smile.

"I built this company on my own, you know. No silver spoon."

"Yes, I know," Rick said. Ben was a self-made man. He had mentioned this several times during the employment interview, which had been coffee at the truck stop. At the end of which, Ben had reached across the table to offer Rick a calloused hand and welcome him aboard Ben Johnson's Concrete Construction.

Ben tilted forward and a spring squeaked. "Close the door." He pointed to the small chair in the corner. "Have a sit. We'll go over your duties."

Rick pulled the chair to the center of the room and faced the desk, but he remained standing. His hands rested on the steel tubing that framed the chair's back and his head nodded with interest while Ben shuffled some papers. Rick had taken an instant liking to the old contractor. The glint in the man's eyes reminded him of ringing door bells and running off. When the waitress had asked his age in a playful way, Ben had said, "I've been ordering from the senior menu for years." Then giving her a wink he had added, "Nobody ever wants to see my driver's license for proof."

Thinking of this, Rick's grin widened. He was going to like working for Ol' Ben Johnson. He had a good feeling.

Except then Ben stiffened up. "What's so funny?"

Rick's lips tightened. He said softly, "Nothing."

The old man studied the young one with a fatherly eye. "Times have been tough out here the last four years while you've been hiding in the books."

"Yes, sir."

Ben showed him the stack of papers. "But business is starting to pick up again."

Rick nodded agreement.

"Been in this business all my life, and it's cyclical. Feast or famine." The old man gave the young one a significant look. "You hungry, Rick?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then wipe that grin off your face. This is serious stuff."

Rick's grip on the chair tightened, but then he caught that glint in the old man's eye. Rick laughed and Ben joined him. "Got you, didn't I."

"Yes, sir. Yes, you sure did." Rick felt his body loosen.

"But seriously, my point is this. If you are going to be running work for me you need to wipe that grin off your face. My crews are all good, but they're roughnecks."

"I can do this," Rick said.

"I know you can, that's why I hired you. Fine, strong young man. Got all the confidence in the world in you, boy. You'll make someone a fine hand someday."

Rick warmed. That's what his dad always said.

"I've got some sidewalk repairs coming up. We're replacing a driveway later this week. But I've got significant jobs to bid on. A couple of restaurants and even a small strip mall on the interstate. I'm sure I'll keep you busy."

"That's great."

"And if not, I suppose you can always do office work for your dad, huh?"

"Sure," Rick said. "But I'd rather make it on my own. When I walk out to take charge of a crew I don't want them whispering *Daddy's Boy*."

Ben's round eyes gleamed. "I respect that, kid. I do. Your dad is a fine contractor and stiff competition. I can't help but feel I'm cheating him a little."

"He's fine with my decision," Rick said evenly.

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Faith-based Publisher Releases Romantic Suspense

Anaiah Press, a digital-first publisher of faith-based books based out of St. Petersburg, Florida, released Bound by Blood by Scott Spring on September 23, 2014. Springer’s novel is a romantic suspense novel written from the heart. Getting involved with drugs invites danger and can destroy the lives of the one’s you love. This is an important drama that strikes a chord of truth because one needs to look no farther than the nearest street corner to find danger and suspense.

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