Chapter 48: Ask Forgiveness

"Daddy, over there!" Lucas' eyes were wide open, his arms stretching to reach for the apple he found. He

Evan blended with the tree leaves to give Lucas his chance to grab the apple. His son was not satisfied

with the apples that were easy to reach. He just had to go with the biggest and the reddest, which was at

Got it! Yay!" He bounced on Evan's shoulder, rejoicing, before taking a bite of that sweet apple. "Mmmmm.

apple farm for them to spend quality time, and Evan thought it was perfect. Lucas had the time of his life.

In the afternoon, Evan took Lucas outside of Warlington. The hotel had recommended an

Evan helped him off his shoulders and onto the ground. Only then did he take a bite of

"There's another big red apple!" Lucas excitedly pointed at another tree. Like the

the farm's restaurant. They served apple- flavored pastries and other goodies.

looked at him, and then he looked at his empty plate. Lucas fell silent.

"Daddy?" Lucas asked, "Why are you and Mommy not together?"

The question took Evan aback. He realized that was why he was staring at the family

Evan saw the disappointment on Lucas' face. His eyes became hooded, and his lips

you thoroughly yet, but the bottom line is, I made a mistake, and I hurt your mommy.

Sometimes, we realize our mistakes too late, and that's what happened to me," Evan

admitted. "I'm sorry, son. It was my fault, but now I am here and trying to make up for

Evan gasped and replied, "I don't know, but I'll try. If your mommy doesn't forgive me,

Evan realized that he and Shantelle still needed to finish their talk. Sure, he had apologized to her at

Lucas' school, but there wasn't enough time to get all the air out. More importantly, he wasn't able to get

that doesn't change the fact that I am your father. I will always be here for you."

us to talk about it," he admitted. "Don't worry, I'll say sorry to your mommy again."

Dead air fell upon them until Evan asked, What about you, Lucas? Do you forgive Daddy?"

Evan saw how Lucas' eyes were watering. He called him over, saying, "Come here."

"I don't know. You did not hurt me, but if you hurt mommy again, I will be mad," Lucas said, his arms

"I won't hurt your mommy again. I have learned my lesson." Evan promised. "I love your mommy, and I

towards Evan, his arms automatically encircling his father. He said, "I love you too, Daddy. It feels good to

return Lucas to Shantelle. Lucas has had two half days with Clara, which was well spent. In between,

They drove to the Scotts' residence after lunch. When they arrived, Shantelle greeted them at the

of apples and some shopping bags. Clara said, "Those are the apples that Lucas

picked for you. Evan bought him some gifts, and you have some too."

ordered the maid to help Lucas to bed before attending to Clara and Evan.

"Ah, right." She smiled at Clara, saying, "I ordered Uncle Erick's discharge tomorrow

suggested, "We don't need to make it difficult for us, Evan. Do we?" She sat on the

Shantelle quickly frowned and asked, "What do you want to talk about, Evan?"

your money, so you can freely give anything to Lucas at your will. As for the custody, I admit I'm

"Shanty," he said. "We did not really get to finish our talk, just between us. I think this is the right

"Shanty, I am so sorry for all I have done in the past. I'm sorry for all the pain I have caused you. I

He searched for her eyes and tried to make eye contact. He described, "I have gone on for years, hating

myself, longing for you, asking the heavens that you would forgive me and come back to me one day."

pull her hand back, he forced it against his chest and implored, "Consider the beating of my heart. You'll

"I'm sorry, Shanty. I'm sorry. And I will say it as many times as I can. until it reaches your heart," he added.

Maintaining to hold her hand against his chest, he asked, "Shanty, will you ever find it in your heart to

From his seat, Evan stood up and walked towards her. The next thing Shantelle knew, Evan was kneeling

afternoon. He can spend time with Lucas. before returning to Rose Hills."

"Oh, no, thank you, Shanty. I would rather attend to your uncle, who is so excited to see more videos of

Lucas," Clara replied. "I shall head back. Evan says he wants to stay for a while and talk to you about

"Have some coffee before leaving, Aunt Clara," Shantelle offered.

Evan proposed, "It's just to plan our co-parenting set-up."

turned downward. He inquired, "Why did you hurt Mommy? Don't you love her?"

next to them. He leaned back and adjusted the buttons on his shirt before admitting, Daddy made a

last, the apple was located on top. "Let's get it, Daddy! I want to give it to my mommy!"

guide chuckling. He was already carrying two full baskets of apples. Evan scratched his head and said,

"Mmmm! I love apples!" Lucas announced. He took a big whiff of the cinnamon apple pancakes and said,

When he returned his attention to his son, he saw Lucas staring at the family of three at another table. He

was sitting on top of Evan's shoulders, leaning closer to the tree.

Sure, they were picking too many apples and might have to give

away a few, but the smile on his face as he grabbed each one was priceless.

"Almost there, daddy. Move closer!" Lucas

of the current apple tree they were at.

Finally picking the apple, Lucas exclaimed,

"It's so yummy, Daddy! Try it! Try it!" Lucas

the apple. He remarked, "Mmmm. This one

He looked behind them and saw the tour

After the adventurous apple picking, the

father and son had a late afternoon snack at

Lucas ate heartily while Evan sent pictures

and videos to Shanty, showing her how their

day went. She did not reply, but Evan

understood that she was busy at the

"What is it, Lucas?" Evan sought.

mistake in the past, Lucas."

He sighed before adding, "I hurt your

"Lucas, there are things I can't explain to

"So that means you won't be together?" Lucas sought.

"Did you say sorry to her, like, seriously?" Lucas asked.

"I have, but it wasn't a convenient time for

"I hope she forgives you," Lucas suggested.

crossed against his chest.

Lucas stood from his chair and walked

Sunday came quickly. It was finally time to

The hotel driver handed the maids a basket

Shantelle smiled at Clara. She turned to Evan

Before Evan could react, Lucas rushed to

Mommy, I miss you." He yawned and added,

"Okay. Go on inside." She directed. Shantelle

and said, "You did not have to."

Shantelle and hugged her. He said,

"I'm tired. I wanna sleep."

Shantelle lifted her brow at Evan.

Clara eventually left with the hotel car

service. Shantelle guided Evan to the study,

opposite chair and suggested, "I don't want

in front of her and holding her arms steady.

"What is it that you want?" Shantelle

distance between them.

regretted everything and

sought, leaning back in her seat, putting

realized how much I love you," he expressed.

Evan held her hand, and while she tried to

know if I am lying or not. I beg you to feel my sincerity." 3

opportunity."

forgive me?"

uncomfortable with you taking him to Rose Hills."

"Shanty, can we talk about something else?" Evan proposed.

where they were to discuss Lucas' care.

When Evan took his seat, Shantelle

something."

Shantelle, updating her about Lucas' daily activities. 1

love you, son."

have a daddy."

Evan called and texted

driveway.

ordered.

the top

It's so yummy!

urged.

"Okay."

"Oh, Mommy would

have loved this too."

hospital.

mommy.'

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her

side.

that mistake."

is definitely a winner."

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