"It wasn't just about the divorce, Evan," William said. "You never spoke to me to Eleanor. Weren't we

"All that was thrown away, all because of your marriage. You have to admit it, that arranged marriage

ruined our relationships. "William added. "And now, you are telling me you want my daughter back? After

all the pain you had made her go through? Evan, maybe you and Shanty weren't meant to be together -"

"I didn't suggest that- I wouldn't," William replied. "I love my grandson. He brings joy to our lives. Lucas

temporary. I will be part of Lucas' life. If Shanty would have me, I would make up for all those times I hurt

"I'm sorry, Uncle William. I was blind, and I realized it too late, but please. We can't change the fact that I

"Whether my daughter takes you back is not my decision to make," William responded. But I, for one, am

"And what is this I keep hearing from Lucas about going back to Rose Hills? Evan, we have left Rose Hills

"I know about that, Uncle, and I'm sorry that you made those decisions," Evan cut in. "But I can make it

"Shanty doesn't have to make a name here in Warlington," Evan explained. "From what I understand,

"That skill won't go away. Shanty can practice her profession in Rose Hills. I can buy shares in St.

"When I learned that you left, I bought the property in the hopes that your family would return," Evan

"I know that house means a lot to you and your family, so I bought it. I brought the deed with me today. It's

Again and again, William gasped. From where Evan sat, he saw moments of William smiling, sometimes

Yet again, dead air fell upon them. William uttered, "So you think your money is the answer to everything?"

without Shanty. If anything, I learned that money couldn't buy contentment, but if I can help it, I would use

William did not answer at first. He returned to recheck the photos until he suggested, This still doesn't

Warmth spread through Evan's heart. He knew meeting the Scotts would make his parents happy. Tears

The Scotts were off to Rose Hills, taking a private jet Evan commissioned. They were only visiting for one

They left Warlington at precisely five in the morning and arrived at Rose Hills before seven. They went

It was the longest drive to the old mansion. There wasn't any traffic, but the anticipation kept the Scotts

Their party drove in two SUVs. Shantelle rode with Lucas and her parents while Evan rode in another

In Shantelles' view, everything was the same; the trees, the landscaping, and the roses. She felt they were

the same flowers, but they could not be. With how the seasons change, some must have died over the

roses on one side. She said, "They looked the same as the ones I had last grown. Well done, Evan."

"It is still your home, Shanty, yours and your parents," Evan interrupted. He smiled at her, and she smiled

few seconds, considering. Before deciding, Lucas reached out for Evan's hand and

Lucas smiled at his parents, turning from his mother to his father. He chuckled and

mansion. One by one, they got off the car, studying the lawn and the front of the

"Oh, my," Eleanor said. Her eyes widened in amazement as she walked to the rows of

On the other hand, William kept staring at the front of the mansion. It looked good as

welled in the corners of his eyes, and he replied, "They – they would love to see you. Thank you, Uncle

William. You will unquestionably make my father happy, and my father... deserves to be

"Are we going to see Daddy's home, Mommy?" Lucas asked. He yawned, still

make their journey as quick as possible without sacrificing the comforts of

"Yes, honey. We are, but since your grandpa decided on this trip abruptly, we aren't

tired from waking up at four in the morning the next day.

explained while buckling Lucas' seatbelt. "Only for a day."

going to stay longer, okay?" Shantelle

"Only for a day?" Lucas replied with a full

frown on his face. He looked to the seats

day. Thus, Evan had to

straight to the old Scotts'

estate for their first itinerary.

traveling.

estate.

answered.

behind him, asking, "Daddy, only for a day?"

silent, their hearts beating faster with excitement.

vehicle with Howard, their old family driver.

Soon, they arrived at a familiar community

years. Whoever took care of the house simply

new. He nodded, saying, "You had the house repainted?"

He turned to Shantelle and asked, "Is this our home, Mommy?"

and into the gates of the Scotts' old

planted the same floral blooms.

"I had a lot of help," Evan admitted.

"Over the years, yes, Uncle. Some cracks

developed, but I had those fixed too," Evan

"Wow! So big and so cool!" Lucas exclaimed.

Shantelle held Lucas' hand. She smiled at

him, saying, "This used to be my old home."

hand to Shantelle, saying, "Shall we go

Shantelle looked at his hand and stared for a

expressed, "Mommies and daddies hold

hands all the time. I see it at school."

back. Evan offered his

clasped it with Shantelle's.

inside?"

Evan sucked in a deep breath and revealed, I bought the house twice the price they paid you. They

Dominique Hospital and turn it into a heart center that focuses on heart treatment," Evan began. "And as

Warlington Hospital relies on you and Shanty when it comes to chest surgeries." 1

Evan went to get the documents. Walking past the living room, he met Shantelle's

When Evan returned to the study, he presented William with the title and the deed

teary-eyed. "How did you get the Jones' to agree? I gave them a very good discount."

claimed. He went on and on, declaring what he would do for Shantelle and Lucas.

"And this still doesn't change the fact that it will all boil down to Shanty's decision,"

"I'll keep proving my sincerity," Evan responded with conviction in his tone.

"Despite that, you still want to gift this back to us?" William sought.

Evan nodded firmly, saying, "Willingly, without expecting anything in return."

"I." William looked Evan in the eye, saying, 'I want to see my old house."

He gave her a thumbs up and a smile, suggesting it had not gone disastrous.

for your home, Uncle, you still have a home in Rose Hills. The home you cherished, the

I could give my daughter a new life," William described. "I sacrificed my career, my investments

against it. You say you love my daughter now? That remains to be seen. More than words, Evan. More

am Lucas' father. Let me be that father for him and let me try to win Shanty back," Evan begged.

her. I will treat her as my queen, but I won't be able to show you if you don't give me a chance," Evan

family friends? Wasn't Shanty the same girl you had looked after when you were in high school?"

"It's like saying that Lucas isn't meant to be, "Evan interrupted, making William sigh."

sorry over and over again. Not only that, I will prove it. My being here is not

for good. We gave up on everything – including our familial home so

was not a mistake."

expressed.

than

words."

name."

right. If you let me."

same estate where Shanty grew up, is in my

hoped because I meant to give it back as an

in the car," Evan added. "I can show it to you."

There was silence between them, and it

stretched for almost a minute until William

of sale from the Jones'. He also showed

Evan did not know where the remark came

"Uncle, I was miserable for over seven years

carve the path for my own and my family's

happiness – Lucas's and Shanty's," Evan

convince me of your sincerity towards my daughter, Evan-

from, but he replied, "No, definitely not.

my money wisely to

William reminded.

requested.

happy."

"I understand," Evan acknowledged.

"Right away, sir," Evan confirmed.

"And I'd like to see Erick and Clara," William

pictures of the house on his phone.

gaze on the staircase. She mouthed, 'Everything okay?'

immediately agreed. If they didn't, I would have offered more.".

ordered, "Go get it. Let me see."

"What?" William asked in confusion.

revealed. "I hoped, and I

apology – a gift."

"Uncle William, I was wrong, and I will say

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