

Reunited

Chapter 1 - The Forgotten past

Johnathan is talking to his best friend, making jokes and having fun, and then;

“Hey, what’s your dream?” his friend asked

“Well.. i don’t know.. Maybe i don’t have one?” Johnathan answered,

“What? Ok how about this, tell me something you want to achieve someday” his friend replies,

“Idk.. i guess it’s to run my family’s winery well i think.. How about you, what’s your dream?” Johnathan asks,

“Well.. I guess its to ~~#####~~” his friend answers,

“Oh, i see.. well then, I’ll make a promise then, I’ll promise you that ~~#####~~..” Johnathan says,

“Yeah sure, I’ll remember that so.. you shouldn’t break it hm?” his friend replied,

“Yea sure, why would i break it” Johnathan answers and they both laugh—

“Why Johnathan? I thought we were best friends..” his friend suddenly said as the atmosphere changes.

“Hey, where are you going?!... I’m sorry.. please come back.. Hey.. I’m sorry so please..!!” Johnathan says and he wakes up from his nightmare.. his heart was pounding fast.

“Ugh, I haven’t been getting good sleep these days.. My memories with him that I have forgotten.. keeps coming back, bringing back the guilt i felt back then.. *sigh* where are you now Dae.. I hope you’re well..” Johnathan thoughts to himself as he picks up his phone,

“I’ve been trying to make amends for my past mistakes, asking for forgiveness, fixing the past’s misunderstandings and relationships.. I guess.. the world is making me remember him to remind me that our relationship needs mending too.. I’ll just ask Toby on what plans he has today.. Maybe it would make me feel a little better if I join them..” he said.

Then he messages his little brother, Tobias, to ask him if he has plans for the day.

Tobias hears the sound of the message’s notification and he checks his phone to see what it was, he sees Johnathan’s message and answers it,

“Hey, good morning, you’re up kinda late, oh and I haven’t asked my Tyson and Elias on what they want to do for today.. They’re cooking right now” Toby replied,

“I see.. just message me if you guys thought of something, I’m gonna cook breakfast now too, bye” John says.

Toby stretched and went down to see his family.

“Good morning, what are you guys cooking?” asked Tobias,

“Good morning, we’re cooking omelettes and sausages” Tyson replied. Tobias smiled and said, “Sounds good, oh and what do you guys want to do today?”

Tyson then replied, “Why don’t we go to the mall? Let’s have Elias explore more so he can be more familiar to public places.”, Elias was thrilled with the idea and asked if they could also eat some ice cream,

“Yes, let’s eat ice cream there for dessert.” Tobias replied and he messaged John on what they’d do. *They went to the mall after they ate and washed the dishes*

A new scene where a guy wakes up from the sound of a phone ringing

The guy takes his phone and answers the call.. ”HELLO?, ARE YOU OK? DID YOUR FLIGHT LAND SAFELY?” a woman over the phone exclaimed, “I HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR 30 MINUTES” The guy was startled over the loud voice and it wakes him up. “Sorry mom, i was sleeping and i didn’t hear my phone ring.. The flight landed at midnight, so I wasn’t able to call you cuz i thought you were sleeping”

“That’s fine”, his mom said “So, where are you right now?”

“I stayed in our hotel” he replied.

“I see.. don’t forget the things on the list i gave you, just get them first before you go to our place. See you later” His mom stated

“Ok, see you” Dae replied and he ends the call.

He gets out of bed and stretches his arms and legs, then he went to the bathroom to take a bath and brush his teeth.

“My name is Daemiel Acre, my family and friends call me ‘Dae’. I’m 28 years old and I just came back from abroad after 8 years, I’m staying at a family owned hotel, close to the airport. Acre is my family name, we own some hotels, different businesses, and many “Acres” of land, and since I am the eldest son, I will need to know on how to manage the business, My dad sent me to there to buy some properties, and to finish my studies there. And now that I’m done, I was finally able to go back home.”

He finished taking a shower and is now preparing some clothes. After 30 minutes, he packs everything and checks the shopping list given to him by his mom, and leaves the hotel. He's on his way to a mall, where he's going to buy the first few items in the list.

Back to Tobias' Family

Tobias parked his car and the family went out Elias was thrilled to eat some ice cream, and so he asked his dads for a challenge on who ever gets to the ice cream shop first.

Elias ran first while Tobias receives a message from Johnathan, "Hey Toby, i might not be able to join you guys for ice cream, something came up. See you some other time k?",

Toby replies to his message and then finally followed Tyson and Elias. Elias is getting close to the ice cream store then.. THUD! He bumps into someone and fell down, "Ow.." Elias said;

The person he bumped into was Dae, they both apologized to each other and Dae asked if Elias was hurt while helping him get up, Elias replied with "No, sorry.. I'm ok" Tobias and Tyson finally reached Elias and asked Dae what he was doing to Elias, then he explained everything. Tobias apologized and followed with, "You look familiar.. Can i ask what your name is?"

Dae answered by telling his name and Tobias replied,

"Hmm.. Acre eh? Hmm.. sounds familiar.. Ah wait, Acre.. from the Acre brand?",

"Uhh yes..? How about you, what's your name?" Dae asked,

"Im Tobias Fretchman" Toby answered.

"Fretchman.. from Fretchman Vintage?" Dae replied, "My dad has a room filled with wine, i remembered always seeing your family's wine in it.. Can i sign up for wine tasting? How much?",

Tobias answered him and checked if there's any available spots to book and gave the winery's phone number to him,

"Here's the available spots, call and tell me when you're available so Tyson and I can meet you there. Oh wait, I haven't introduced my family to you. This is Tyson, my husband, and this is Elias, our son.",

"Hello nice to meet you, Tyson, and Elias, sorry for bumping into you earlier" Dae replied,

"Tyson, Elias, this is Daemiel Acre, his family owns several businesses" Tobias said,

"Hi, nice to meet you too." Tyson and Elias replied.

Dae's Cellphone rings

"Wait, I have to answer this sorry.." Dae says as he answered his phone,

"Hey mom, do you need anything?", Dae asks his mom

"No, not really.. Just asking where you are cuz i'm at the hotel and they said you left an hour ago.."

"Oh, I'm at the mall right now, buying the stuff on the list you gave me" Dae replied,

"Great! I'll meet you there" says his mom.

"Ok, see you soon" *Dae ends the call* "Ok so i have to go now, I still need to buy so much.. oh and I'm gonna go to the wine tasting this Friday, see you there.",

"Bye, good luck with your shopping" Tyson said. "Come, lets eat ice cream."

They ordered ice cream and walked around the mall

"Hey, did you guys already met before?" Tyson asked,

"I feel like i've seen him before.. but maybe it's just in one of their websites i guess..? But anyways, his family is wealthy so they could be really good investors don't you think? If he gets interested in wines, especially in our wines, then that would boost the winery's sales right?" Toby stated.

A new scene where Daemiel's mom picks him up from the mall

"Hey mom, thanks for picking me up. I missed you" Daemiel said while giving her mom a hug,

"I missed you too, when was the last time we saw each other? Was it on your graduation? sorry I had to ask you for a shopping spree, needed to make you explore the new places hehe" his mom replied whilst driving back to their house.

They finally arrived and his parents prepared a feast filled with Daemiel's favorite foods,

"Welcome back, hopefully you learned a lot of things from your stay abroad. Come, tell me everything while we eat",

They spent the rest of the day, celebrating. The day ends and he goes to his old bedroom, as he was exhausted from the day's events and he wants to catch up on sleep.

A few days later

*Daemiel arrives at the winery, and Tobias greeted him in the front desk while Tyson was

waiting inside, sitting on the reserved table*

“Glad you could make it, welcome to our winery.” Tobias said as he welcomed Daemiel,

They sat down and was served with different wines and different dishes.

“Everything’s great! The food was amazing too, I might come back again hehe” Dae said while he was sipping wine,

“Well of course, the food here is served by the chefs of Restaurant Clawing, Tyson’s family.” Toby added,

“Wait really? Well then.. Here’s my number, call me when you guys have food tastings too heh” Dae replied, and then someone arrives..

“Oh hey, you didn’t tell me you were gonna visit the winery today” Johnathan said,

“Hi, I didn’t know that you were gonna be here today too.” Tobias replied,

“So, what brings you guys here?” John asked,

“Oh, we have a guest right now, he wanted to do some wine tasting, that’s why we’re here” Toby answered. “Come, I’ll introduce you, John meet Daemiel Acre.”

Johnathan was surprised to see him, and Daemiel was too, they just stared awkwardly at each other.

“Hello Dae, uhh.. long time no see.. How have you been?” John said and then Daemiel *accidentally* knocks over his glass of wine on to his clothes and said,

“Haha.. nice to meet you Johnathan, please excuse me, i really need to use the washroom” Dae replied nervously. The room was filled with blank stares and an awkward silence,

“Uhh.. What?” Tyson said breaking the silence,

“Do you already know him John?” Toby asked,

“Well.. yes” John answered.

“Oh, ok then.. but-“ Toby said,

“He’s.. an old friend” John said, “And.. I have to do something else.. See ya.”,

“That was.. weird” Tyson said,

“I want to go and ask John right now but i feel like this isn’t the right place to talk about it. Come, lets go to Daemiel and check if he’s ok” Tobias replied.

They go to the washroom Daemiel just finished washing his hands,

“Why did i do that.. ugh I didn’t know ‘he’ would be here.. damn these stains will be so hard to remove” Dae thought to himself,

“Hey Daemiel, you good?” Toby asked,

“Yes, yes. Sorry about that.. I spilled some good wine, I’m very sorry..” Dae answered,

“It’s fine, but uhh.. do you already know my brother?” Toby replied,

“Haha, look at the time, i really need to be going now. The wine was great, the food was too. Now let me just pay for everything and I’ll be on my way.” Dae says as he rushed out the washroom and to the counter to pay.

“Hey, wait-.. I guess no one wants to talk huh..” Toby said,

They followed Daemiel,

“Sorry, i have to go now heh, thanks for tonight, the wine and food were amazing. See ya around” Daemiel said,

“Hey wait! *Sigh..* ok.. see you” Toby replied, and they were left with no answers.

“He gave us his number right? We can check up on him after a few days, its best to leave him be for a while.” Tyson said.

A few days later

Daemiel’s phone rings “Hello, who is this?” Dae asked,

“Hey Daemiel, it’s me Tobias.. how are you doing?” Toby replied,

“Im good.. Thank goodness you called, i wanted to call you before but I didn’t know your number, and now i can save it heh” Dae answered,

“Ahh that’s good to hear.. so, can i ask..?” Toby replied,

“Ok, i’m sorry for what happened the other day, I left without giving any proper answers, so.. I guess it’s better to tell you everything in person. Here, can i invite you and Tyson for dinner? Don’t worry, it’s my treat heh, take it as an apology for what I did the other day..” Dae said.

“Sure, its better to talk in person than over the phone, and I’ll tell Tyson you want to meet up. How about this Saturday?” Toby replied,

“yea, Saturday sounds good. See you there” Daemiel said.

To be continued..

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The Fretchman Family is well known in the wine industry, Johnathan being it's next chairman as the eldest son, while Tobias, his brother, is the next vice chairman. Tobias has husband named Tyson, who came from a family of well-renowned chefs. Daemiel is from a family of successful and wealthy businessmen.