

SCENE #1

Context: Amy and her fiancée Robert as well as her son Toby have arrived at the Rarotongan airport. Toby, not wanting to attend the wedding, steals a statue at the gift store in a desperate hope to sell it and buy a plane ticket back to Auckland.

EXT. GIFT SHOP (AIRPORT) - LATER

Amy, Robert, and Etera run up to the entrance to the gift shop. Toby is standing outside. A policeman, RAWIRI, holds Toby by the arm and speaks to the assistant. The assistant is holding up the sculpture for Rawiri to see.

GIFT SHOP ASSISTANT

I was talking to another
customer when I saw him
leave with it.

TOBY

No I didn't!

Amy approaches.

AMY

What's going on?

RAWIRI

Is this your son?

AMY

Yes.

RAWIRI

He was caught stealing
this.

Amy quickly approaches Toby grabs his arm.

AMY

(infuriated
)

Did you steal that?!

TOBY

No I didn't.

GIFT SHOP ASSISTANT
He hid it in his bag.

Amy glares at Toby.

AMY
You little liar!

Amy turns to the assistant.

AMY
I'm terribly sorry for
this. Please, let me pay
for it.

TOBY
I don't want it!

AMY
Then why did you steal it!

Toby says nothing. Amy turns to Rawiri.

AMY
I'm so sorry. He's never
done this before.

Rawiri looks at Amy.

RAWIRI
I'll let it go this time,
but if he steals again I'll
have to report it.

Amy nods. Rawiri stares sternly at Toby.

RAWIRI
Understood?

Toby's face is filled with fear and he nods
quickly.

AMY
I can assure you, it won't
happen again.

(turning to
assistant)
Sorry.

Amy drags Toby away to a quieter spot. Robert and Etera keep their distance.

AMY
Why did you do that?!

TOBY
I wanted to sell it!

AMY
What for?

TOBY
To buy a ticket back home!

Toby looks down at his feet and says nothing.
Amy's anger increases.

AMY
You just want to ruin this
for me don't you!

Toby lashes out.

TOBY
I never wanted to come
here! I don't want to go
to your stupid wedding! I
hate him!

AMY
You haven't even given him
a chance.

TOBY
We don't need him. We're
fine, just the two of us!

Toby remains defiant and brooding. Amy softens
and squats down in front of him.

AMY

Look, I know it hasn't been
easy since your father
died. You know, it's been
really hard for me too.

(beat)

Robert's a good man. He
really likes you and I know
that if you give him a
chance you'll like him too.

TOBY

I hate him!

Toby runs away. Amy watches on helpless.

Scene #2

Context: Toby has stolen the wedding rings in an attempt to sell them and pay for a flight back home. He ran away in the middle of the night and finds himself on a remote beach. His mother, the police, and Robert have split up to find him. Robert finds him first followed by Amy and the policemen.

EXT. REMOTE BEACH - LATER

Robert and Toby turn. Amy is running down the beach with Rawiri and the policemen.

Distraught, Amy kneels down and hugs Toby.

AMY
Promise me that you'll
never run away again!

She hugs him again. He wraps his arms around his mother.

TOBY
I promise.

Rawiri looks at Toby.

RAWIRI
About the matter of the
missing rings.

Toby takes a deep breath and is about to own up.

TOBY
I--

ROBERT
I'd like to apologise. In
the chaos last night I
forgot to check my pockets.

He pulls out the box containing the rings. Toby looks at Robert with renewed admiration. Amy stands and storms towards Robert.

AMY
You made us think that Toby
stole--

TOBY

No!

Everyone stops and turns to Toby. Toby looks at Robert.

TOBY

(affectionately)

You don't need to lie.

Toby looks at everyone. He steels himself and takes a cautious breath ready for the consequences.

TOBY

I stole the rings.

Rawiri turns to Amy and Robert.

RAWIRI

This is now the second time he's stolen. I'm sorry but I have to report it. If you'll all come with me back to the station.

AMY

Wait! Would you be willing to let it go if we promised that we'd take the next flight back to Auckland.

Robert and Toby are shocked.

TOBY

But your wedding!

Amy approaches Toby and kneels down in front of him.

AMY

I'm sorry. I should never have pressured you into coming. You're not ready.
(beat)

You miss your father...
 (begins to
 cry)
I miss him too.

Amy continues crying. Toby moves forward and hugs her.

 TOBY
 (softly)
It's OK Mum. We're going
to be fine...
 (looks up
 at Robert)
The three of us.

Robert is pleasantly surprised. Amy pulls back and looks at Toby.

 AMY
 (softly)
Are you sure? I don't want
you to feel--

 TOBY
I'm sure.

Amy hugs him with tears of joy. Toby hugs her back.